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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/501/2021_2022__E5_A4_A7_E5_AD_A6_E8_8B_B1_E8_c82_501275.htm The field of medicine has always attracted its share of quacks (江湖医生) and charlatans (庸医) that is, disreputable (名声不佳的) women and men with little or no medical knowledge who promise quick cures at cheap prices. The reasons why quackery thrives even in modern times are not hard to find. To begin with, pain seems to be a chronic (长期的) human conditions. A person whose body or mind “ hurts ” will often pay any amount of money for the promise of relief. Second, even the best medical treatment can not cure all the ills that beset men and women. People who mistrust or dislike the truths that their physicians tell them often turn to more sympathetic ears. Many people lack the training necessary to evaluate medical claims. Given the choice between (A) a reputable physician who says a cure for cancer will be long, difficult, expensive, and may not work at all, and (b) a salesperson who says that five bottles of a secret formula “ snake oil ” will cure not only cancer, but tuberculosis, and bad breath as well, some individuals will opt for the bottle of snake oil. Many “ snake oil ” remedies are highly laced with alcohol or narcotic drugs. Anyone who drinks them may get so drunk that they drown their pains in the rising tide of pleasant intoxication. Little wonder that it is a popular cure-all for minor aches and hurts! But let there be no misunderstandings. A very few “ home remedies ” actually work. However, most remedies sold by quacks are not only

useless, but often can be harmful to the users as well. (264 words)

Multiple Choice Questions:1. All of the following are reasons why quacks continue to do business EXCEPT that _____.A) people are often willing to pay any amount of money for the promise of reliefB) many people are not in a position to evaluate medical claims and diagnosesC) many “ snake oil ” remedies will not do harm to the patient, even if they do not actually workD) quacks, apparently sympathetic, can easily coax patients into believing that they can help them recover2. According to the passage, the author would probably agree that _____.A) sometimes people do get some help from charlatansB) doctors should not lie to their patientsC) quacks and charlatans are motivated by the desire to help mankindD) only poorly educated people seek quacks ’ advice3. The phrase “ opt for ” (line 5, paragraph 3) can best be replaced by _____.A) “ choose ” B) “ decide on ” C) “ pick up ” D) “ accept ” 4. According to the author, which of the following is true?A) Most home remedies are effectiveB) “ Snake oil ” remedies are a popular cure-all for minor aches and painsC) “ Snake oil ” remedies can help a patient psychologically, but not physicallyD) “ Snake oil ” remedies are alcohol or narcotic drugs pure and simple5. Using context clues, we may infer that the word “ intoxication ” means “ the condition of being _____. ” A) poisoned B) unconscious C) asleep D) drunk 100Test 下载频道开通 , 各类考试题目直接下载。 详细请访问 www.100test.com