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professor at North Carolina State University. “ Language is never about language, ” he says. According to the 2000 US Census Bureau report, of 209 million Americans over 18 years old, 172 million speak only English at home. About 37 million speak languages other than English. Among them, 6.5 million speak poor English and 3.1 million don ’ t speak English at all.31. What are the two declarations concerned with?A. The status of the English language.B. The protection of new languages.C. The rights to speak one ’ s mother tongue.D. The improvement of the English language.32. Who suggested in the 18th century that English should be protected?A. Walt Wolfram.B. John Adams.C. Royalists.D. Dick Tucker.33. Which of the following is the current debate NOT related to?A. The immigration issues.B. The changing demography.C. The worry about the new languages.D. The US ’ s military strength.34. Which statement is true according to the 2000 US Census Bureau report?A. 172 million Americans speak only English in their work places.B. 37 million Americans speak English.C. 209 million Americans are above the age of 18.D. 6.5 million Americans speak good English.35. The phrase “ kicked around ” (paragraph 4) could be best replaced byA. “ invented ” .B. “ formed ” .C. “ shaped ” .D. “ discussed ” .

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