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[https://www.100test.com/kao\\_ti2020/533/2021\\_2022\\_2009\\_E5\\_B9\\_B4\\_E8\\_80\\_83\\_c73\\_533182.htm](https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/533/2021_2022_2009_E5_B9_B4_E8_80_83_c73_533182.htm) Directions : In the following text , some sentences have been removed . For Questions 1-5 , choose the most suitable one from the list A , G to fit into each of the numbered blanks . There are two extra choices , which do not fit in any of the blanks . For the endangered North Atlantic right whale , these are trying times . These leviathans who live and migrate in waters along the East Coast of North America teeter closer to the brink of extinction than perhaps any other whale species . Their population is tiny—less than 350 and continues to shrink . (1) \_\_\_\_\_ . Yet for scientists and conservationists anxious about the future of these creatures , rays of hope are beginning to pierce an otherwise gloomy horizon . Thanks to a surge of scientific research and new tools for conducting it , they expect to learn far more about right whales , their interaction with the environment , and how to better protect them from their biggest threat : man . (2) \_\_\_\_\_ . For the right whales , the leading causes of mortality are collisions with ships and encounters with fishing gear , researchers say . Females appear to have the toughest time surviving the range of human and natural threats . It ' s these challenges scientists hope to address with a growing momentum in right- whale research . (3) . Conservationists are working with governments and the shipping industry to move or control traffic on heavily used sea lanes that ships and whales share . And recent

research is yielding potentially useful insights into the impact of factors ranging from water quality to shifts in climate . “ I ’ m not much of a Pollyanna ; I can be very grumpy about the progress of rightwhale biology and conservation , ” says Scott Kraus , director of research at the New England Aquarium in Boston . But “ in the next couple of years we ’ re going to see a tremendous burst of very creative scientific energy ” applied to fundamental biological and ecological questions surrounding the whales . “ When those questions get answered , we ’ re going to have very specific ideas about what management strategies will reduce mortality and perhaps enhance reproduction , ” he says . (4) \_\_\_\_\_ . In principle, preventing “ two female deaths a year would have a major impact on the prospects for the population , ” says Hal Caswell, a marine zoologist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Woods Hole , Mass. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ . From 1500 to 1600 , Basque whalers decimated right-whale populations in the eastern Atlantic , taking an estimated 25 , 000 to 40 , 000 . In the late 1600s , by some accounts, it would have been possible to walk across Cape Cod Bay on the backs of whales . But by the mid-1700s , New Englanders had taken another 3 , 000 , Mr . Kraus says . By the early 20th century, “ Only a few dozen whales survived in the western North Atlantic . ’ ’ [A]If they can save a population this small , then it could boost hopes of saving other species from the unintended impact of humans on the environment . [B]Yet achieving that means untangling a web of intertwined human and environmental factors that contribute to the whales ’ plight . The one factor that

weighs most heavily is human . [C]In addition , researchers are exploring a number of acoustic approaches to avoiding shipwhale collisions . One technique scientists hope to test later this month involves the use of moored buoys that use passive sonar systems to listen for whales . [D]To an outsider , the goal looks deceptively within reach . The population is so small that it would take only modest pains in saving whales to help turn the situation around . [E] That population had slowly rebuilt . Over the past 20 years , researchers have built an impressive collection of 250 , 000 photos--a catalog of some 460 North Atlantic right whales . Each animal bears unique growths of hardened skin , or callosities , in places where hair would appear on humans . The callosity patterns act as visual tags , allowing researchers to follow the whales ' life history . [F]Later this month , for example , researchers are set to test new approaches to tracking the elusive whales in hopes of alerting ships to their presence . Meanwhile , chemists and engineers are developing whale-friendly commercial-fishing gear . [G]By some estimates , if current population trends hold , the species will vanish within the next 200 years . [645 words]

超纲词汇  
Acoustic 有关声音的 , 声学的 , 音响学的 aquarium n . 养鱼池 , 玻璃缸 , 水族馆 Basque n . 巴斯克人(语) Brink n . (峭岸、崖的)边缘 buoy n . (湖、河等中的)浮标 , 浮筒 , 救生圈 callosity n . 无情 , 冷酷 , 硬结 , 老茧皮 cape n . 海角 , 岬 catalog n . 目录 , 目录册 conservationist n . (天然资源的)保护管理论者 decimate vt . 每十人杀一人 , 大批杀害 elusive 难懂的 , 难捉摸的 , 易忘的 extinction n . 消失 , 消灭 , 废止 , [物]

消光 gear n . 工具 , 用具 grumpy adj . 脾气坏的 , 性情乖戾的  
intertwine v . (使)纠缠 , (使)缠绕 leviathan n . (《圣经》中象征邪恶的)海中怪兽 , 巨物 marine 海的 , 海产的 , 航海的 , 船舶的  
moor 停泊 , 固定 , 系住 mortality n . 死亡率 outsider n . 外来者 , 外人 ; 会外人 , 党外人 plight n . 情况 , 状态 , 困境 , 盟誓(婚姻) Pollyanna ]n . 盲目乐观的人 right whale 咒 . 露脊鲸  
Sonar n . 声呐 , 声波定位仪 surge n . 巨涌 , 汹涌 , 澎湃 teeter 步履蹒跚 , 摇摇欲坠  
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