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Reading comprehension

Some of the world ' s most accommodating businessmen specialize in getting you what you what you want at a fair market price. But they are businessmen with a difference-they are smugglers who deal only in what is illegal. A smuggling operation is complex, so it has to be business like. It has managers who plan trips, make deals, and arrange for purchases and pickups. It has travelers who deliver the goods, and specialists who recruit and train them. In fact, smugglers frequently have legitimate businesses on the side. A travel agency is helpful because the modern smuggler is a world traveler. When a gold smuggler was arrested recently, he had airline tickets from Geneva to Bangkok by way of Frankfurt, Istanbul, Beirut, Vancouver, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Manila, and Jakarta. The best places for smuggling operations are border cities and seaports. In one such city, annual sales at local stores amounted to \$6,900 for every person in town. But the average person only made \$3,575 per year. A tiny seaport is the world ' s third largest importer of Swiss watches-every year, it buys 50 watches to every person in the city. obviously, the people in these cities are not buying all this merchandises-it is being bought by smugglers. As one exporter wrote, " the ingenuity of the smuggler ' s mind is virtually limitless.

” In addition to carrying goods, there are other types of smuggling equipment. A diplomat was arrested in London with 298 watches sewn into his coat lining. British officials discovered a car with a special gas tank containing 2,581 illegal watches. But some smugglers don ’ t need special equipment. A good diamond smuggler can hide two to three small diamonds in his mouth and still carry on a normal conversation. What makes people smuggle? profit is definitely a motive. over \$1.5 billion in illegal gold alone is smuggled every year, not to mention a multimillion dollar art smuggling trade and a thriving business in illegal diamonds. But many smugglers love excitement as much as profit. As one said, ” you don ’ t feel happy unless you have a line open and somebody making a run for you. ”

1. Smugglers are called businessmen because \_\_\_\_\_. A. they specialize in illegal business B. they follow a certain operation and management system C. they receive training in business management D. they do some legitimate business

A. Careful training is required to teach animals to perform tricks involving numbers.

2. A smuggling operation is likely to succeed if \_\_\_\_\_. A. it is carried out in small cities B. it is helped by people doing legitimate business C. the smuggled goods are carried to faraway places D. the smuggled goods are hidden in the smuggler ’ s clothes

3. According to one expert, smugglers \_\_\_\_\_. A. would always like to use some kind of equipment B. can provide you with anything you want C. are often government officials D. always invent new ways of doing things

4. We can learn from the paragraph that \_\_\_\_\_. A. the most important thing for smugglers is to make money B. some smugglers only seek excitement

C. gold, art works and diamonds are the most often smuggled goods  
D. smugglers always ask other people to do illegal businesses for them

5. The best title for the passage would be \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. A twisted international business  
B. A efficient international business  
C. A complex international business  
D. A modern international business

解析：1. B A smuggling operation is complex, so it has to be business like. It has managers who plan trips, make deals, and arrange for purchases and pickups. It has travelers who deliver the goods, and specialists who recruit and train them. 走私的过程也是有组织有系统的，在这一点上，和真正的商业有相似之处。  
2. B In fact, smugglers frequently have legitimate businesses on the side. A travel agency is helpful because the modern smuggler is a world traveler.走私是需要一些合法的商业帮助和掩护的，比如旅行社。  
3. D As one exporter wrote, " the ingenuity of the smuggler ' s mind is virtually limitless. " 走私者的智慧是无穷的，然后作者有举了好多例子走私者是如何偷运的，比如衣衬，油桶甚至是在嘴里。  
4. A What makes people smuggle? profit is definitely a motive.尽管有些人从中得到刺激，但无疑利润仍然是最重要的因素。  
5. A 用排除法我们可以选出正确答案。我们从词义的褒贬中可以排除efficient，modern。在twisted complex中，“变形的，扭曲的，不正常的”应该是最佳答案。  
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