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comprehension part a read the following four texts. answer the
questions below each text by choosing a, b, c or d. mark your
answers on answer sheet 1. text it was 3:45 in the morning when the
vote was finally taken. after six months of arguing and a final 16
hours of hot parliamentary debates, australia's northern territory
became the first legal authority in the world to allow doctors to take
the lives of incurably ill patients who wish to die. the measure was
passed by the convincing vote of 15 to 10. almost immediately word
flashed on the internet and was picked up, half a world away, by john
hofsess, executive director of the right to die society of canada. he
sent it on via the groups on-line service, death net. says hofsess: "we
posted bulletins all day long, because of course this isn't just
something that happened in australia. it's world history." the full
import may take a while to sink in. the nt rights of the terminally ill
law has left physicians and citizens alike trying to deal with its moral
and practical implications. some have breathed sighs of relief. others,
including churches, right-to-life groups and the australian medical
association, bitterly attacked the bill and the haste of its passage. but
the tide is unlikely to turn back. in australia? where an aging
population, life-extending technology and changing community
attitudes have all played their part? other states are going to consider
making a similar law to deal with euthanasia. in the u.s. and canada,

where the right-to-die movement is gathering strength, observers are waiting for the dominoes to start falling. under the new northern territory law, an adult patient can request death ? probably by a deadly injection or pill ? to put an end to suffering. the patient must be diagnosed as terminally ill by two doctors. after a "cooling off" period of seven days, the patient can sign a certificate of request. after 48 hours the wish for death can be met. . for lloyd nickson, a 54-year-old darwin resident suffering from lung cancer, the nt rights of terminally ill law means he can get on with living without the haunting fear of his suffering: a terrifying death from his breathing condition. "im not afraid of dying from a spiritual point of view, but what i was afraid of was how id go, because ive watched people die in the hospital fighting for oxygen and clawing at their masks," he says.

1. from the second paragraph we learn that[a] the objection to euthanasia is diminishing in some countries.[b] physicians and citizens have the same view on euthanasia.[c] technological changes are chiefly responsible for the new law.[d] it takes time to appreciate the significance of laws passed. 2. by saying that "observers are waiting for the dominoes to start falling", the authormeans that[a] observers are taking a wait-and-see attitude towards the future of euthanasia.[b] there is a possibility of similar bills being passed in the u.s. and canada.[c] observers are waiting to see the movement end up in failure.[d] the process of the bill taking effect may finally come to a stop. 3. when lloyd nickson is close to death, he will[a] undergo a cooling off period of seven days.[b] experience the suffering of a lung cancer patient.[c] have an intense fear of terrible suffering.[d]

face his death with the calm characteristic of euthanasia.4. what is the author's attitude towards euthanasia? [a] hostile. [b] suspicious. [c] approving. [d] indifferent.5. we can infer from the text that the author believes the success of the right-to-die movement is [a] only a matter of time. [b] far from certain. [c] just an illusion. [d] a shattered hope.

part bread the following text carefully and then translate the underlined segments into chinese. your translation should be written clearly on answer sheet 2.

do animals have rights? this is how the question is usually put. it sounds like a useful, ground-clearing way to start. 61) actually, it isn't, because it assumes that there is an agreed account of human rights, which is something the world does not have. on one view of rights, to be sure, it necessarily follows that animals have none. 62) some philosophers argue that rights exist only within a social contract, as part of an exchange of duties and entitlements. therefore, animals cannot have rights. the idea of punishing a tiger that kills somebody is absurd. for exactly the same reason, so is the idea that tigers have rights. however, this is only one account, and by no means an uncontested one. it denies rights not only to animals but also to some people? for instance, to infants, the mentally incapable and future generations. in addition, it is unclear what force a contract can have for people who never consented to it: how do you reply to somebody who says "i don't like this contract"? the point is this: without agreement on the rights of people, arguing about the rights of animals is fruitless. 63) it leads the discussion to extremes at the outset: it invites you to think that animals should be treated either with the consideration humans

extend to other humans, or with no consideration at all. this is a false choice. better to start with another, more fundamental, question: is the way we treat animals a moral issue at all?many deny it. 64) arguing from the view that humans are different from animals in every relevant respect, extremists of this kind think that animals lie outside the area of moral choice. any regard for the suffering of animals is seen as a mistake ? a sentimental displacement of feeling that should properly be directed to other humans.this view, which holds that torturing a monkey is morally equivalent to chopping wood, may seem bravely "logical". in fact it is simply shallow: the confused center is right to reject it. the most elementary form of moral reasoning ? the ethical equivalent of learning to crawl ? is to weigh others interests against ones own. this in turn requires sympathy and imagination: without which there is no capacity for moral thought. to see an animal in pain is enough, for most, to engage sympathy. 65) when that happens, it is not a mistake: it is mankind's instinct for moral reasoning in action, an instinct that should be encouraged rather than laughed at. section iv writingwidespread tobacco consumption has led to grave consequences, yet the tobacco companies are still claiming that they make a valuable contribution to the world economy.write an essay 1) criticizing their view and 2) justifying your stand.in your essay, make full use of the information provided in the pictures printed below.you should write approximately 160 ? 200 words on answer sheet 2. 更多信息请访问 : #0000ff>百考试题外语站点