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Personality is to large extent inherent. A-type parents usually bring A-type offspring. But the environment must also have a profound effect, since if competition is important to the parents, it is likely to become a major factor in the lives of their children. One place where children soak up A characteristics is school, which is, by its very nature, a highly competitive institution. Too many schools adopt the “ win at all costs ” moral standard and measure their success by sporting achievements. The current passion for making children compete against their classmates or against the clock produces a two-layer system, in which competitive A types seem in some way better than their type B fellows. Being too keen to win can have dangerous consequences: remember that Pheidippides, the first marathon runner, 0dropped dead seconds after saying: “ Rejoice, we conquer! ” By far the worst form of competition in schools is the disproportionate emphasis on examinations. It is a rare school that allows pupils to concentrate on those things they do well. The merits of competition by examination are somewhat questionable, but competition in the certain knowledge of failure is positively harmful. Obviously, it is neither practical nor desirable that all A youngsters change into B ’ s. The world needs types, and schools have an important duty to try to fit a child ’ s personality to hide possible future employment. It is top management. If the preoccupation of

schools with academic work was lessened, more time might be spent teaching children surer values. Perhaps selection for the caring professions, especially medicine, could be made less by good grades in chemistry and more by such considerations as sensitivity and sympathy. It is surely a mistake to choose our doctors exclusively from A type stock. B ' s are important and should be encouraged.

1. In Paragraph 2, Line 2, the word " institution " refers to ____.
A. establishment B. social custom C. law D. school

2. According to the passage, A-type individuals are in most cases ____.
A. impatient B. considerate C. aggressive D. agreeable

3. The author strongly objects to the practice of examination at schools because ____.
A. the pressure is too great on the students. B. some students are bound to fail.
C. failure rates are too high. D. the results of examinations are doubtful.

4. The selection of medical professionals is currently based on ____.
A. candidates ' sensitivity B. academic achievements
C. competitive spirit D. surer values

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5. From the passage we can draw the conclusion that ____.
A. the personality of a child is well established at birth. B. family influence dominates the shaping of one ' s characteristics.
C. the development of one ' s personality is due to multiple factors, D. B-type characteristics can find no place in a competitive society.

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