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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/645/2021_2022_2011_E5_B9_B4pet_c88_645297.htm 2011年下半年全国英语等级考试已经进入到备考冲刺阶段，在此，百考试题公共英语站点编辑为各位参加pets2考试的考生推出了阅读理解每日一练，希望大家能够坚持每天练习。预祝各位考生考试顺利。 阅读下列短文，从每题所给的四个选项(A、B、C和D)中选出最佳选项。

Greek soldiers sent messages by turning their shields(盾)toward the sun. The flashes reflected light could be seen several miles away. The enemy did not know what the flashes meant, but other Greek soldiers could understand the messages. Roman soldiers in some places built long rows of signal towers. When they had a message to send, the soldiers shouted it from tower to tower. If there were enough towers and enough soldiers with loud voices, important news could be sent quickly over distance. In Africa, people learned to send messages by beating on a series of large drums(鼓). Each drum was kept within hearing distance of the next one. The drum beats were sent out in a special way that all the drummers understood. Though the messages were simple, they could be sent at great speed for hundreds of miles. In the eighteenth century, a French engineer found a new way to send short messages. In this way, a person held a flag in each hand and the arms were moved to various positions representing different letters of the alphabet. It was like spelling out words with flags and arms. Over a long period of time, people sent messages by all these different ways. However, not

until the telephone was invented in America in the nineteenth century could people send speech sounds over a great distance in just a few seconds.

1. According to this passage, the Roman way of communication depended very much upon . [A] fine weather [B] high tower [C] the spelling system [D] arm movements

2. Which of the following statements is true? [A] Neither the Greek soldiers nor their enemy could understand the message. [B] African soldiers shouted from tower to tower to pass message. [C] Telephone was invented by a French engineer. [D] Only by using telephone could people send speech sounds quickly.

3. The African way of communication sent messages. [A] in a special way [B] over a very short distance [C] by a musical instrument [D] at a rather slow speed

4. The way of communication made use of visible signs. [A] French [B] Roman [C] African [D] American

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