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题目阅读理解：第二篇：Road Trip Vacations来源：考试大 It
's summer. In the United States, it 's the season of swimming
pools, barbeques, camping and road trips. Road trip vacations where
the car journey is part of the fun are especially popular with college
students, who like to explore the country on wheels. These budget
trips are ideal for students who often have plenty of free time but little
money. "Ever since I went to college, I 've been traveling around a
lot, exploring the country," said Austin Hawkins, a 19-year-old
college student from New York. This summer, Hawkins and his
friends have spent weekends traveling in New England. The best part
about car trips, said Hawkins, is that you can be spontaneous. "On a
road trip, if you get interested in things you see along the way you
can stop and explore." Matt Roberts, a 20-year-old student from
Ohio who drove to Montreal, Canada, agrees. "With road trips you
don 't have to plan in advance, you can just get into a car and
drive." Even with high gas prices, driving with friends is cheaper than
flying. Roberts paid about 40 dollars for gas, but a round trip plane
ticket would have cost nearly 400 dollars. Driving trips first became
popular in the 1920s. Newly paved roads and improved, cars made it
possible to travel longer distances. Motels started appearing outside
cities. By the 1950s, car ownership became the norm. Construction
of the US interstate highway system began in 1956 and motel and

restaurant chains popped up¹ everywhere making long distance trips easier. 本文来源:百考试题网 Today, the US has the highest car ownership rate in the world. Only 8 percent of American homes have no car, according to the most recent US census. Though many college students don't own a car, most have access to one. ² On many of Hawkins' trips, they used a borrowed van. Hawkins' most memorable road trip took place over spring break. He and two friends drove from New York to New Orleans to volunteer, helping rebuild the city after Hurricane Katrina hit it last July. They crossed the country in two days and slept in their car in church parking lots. Roberts' road trip to Canada last winter was even more eventful. Upon arriving in Montreal, they were lost in a blizzard and shivering in the -25 ° cold. To find their hotel, they turned on a laptop and drove around in circles until they found a spot with wireless Internet coverage.³ "I know we should have planned better, but we're young. Now, when I see those guys I always say: 'Remember when we were lost in the snow storm!' I'll never forget that." 36. Which of the following statements is NOT true of American college students? A They have little money. B They like traveling by bike. C They like to explore the country. D They often have plenty of free time. 37. What will Hawkins do when he sees something interesting on a road trip? A He will turn back. B He will drive around. C He will stop to explore. D He will stop exploring. 38. When did motels suddenly appear? A After the work to build the interstate highway system started. B When driving trips became popular. C After many roads were paved. D After new cars were made. 39. Which of the

following words can best describe Hawkins ' trip to New Orlands?
A Eventful. B Colourful. C Delightful. D Unforgettable. 40. The
word blizzard in paragraph 12 can be replaced by A snowstorm. B
hurricane. C mist. D fog. 编辑推荐：为帮助广大学员有效备考
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