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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/646/2021_2022_2011_E5_B9_B4_E5_9C_A8_c70_646586.htm My new home was a long way from the centre of London but it was becoming essential to find a job, so finally I spent a whole morning getting to town and putting my name down to be considered by London Transport for a job on the tube. They were looking for guards, not drivers. This suited me. I couldn't drive a car but thought that I could probably guard a train, and perhaps continue to write my poems between stations. The writers Keats and Chekhov had been doctors. T. S. Eliot had worked in a bank and Wallace Stevens for an insurance company. I would be a tube guard. I could see myself being cheerful, useful, a good man in a crisis. Obviously I would be overqualified but I was willing to forget about that in return for a steady income and travel privileges those being particularly welcome to someone living a long way from the city centre. The next day I sat down, with almost a hundred other candidates, for the intelligence test, I must have done all right because after half an hour's wait I was sent into another room for a psychological test. This time there were only about fifty candidates. The examiner sat at a desk. You were signaled forward to occupy the seat opposite him when the previous occupant had been dismissed, after a greater or shorter time. Obviously the long interviews were the more successful ones. Some of the interviews were as short as five minutes. Mine was the only one that lasted a minute and a half. I can remember the questions now: " Why did you leave your last job? "

“ Why did you leave your job before that? ” “ And the one before that? ” I can ’ t recall my answers, except that they were short at first and grew progressively shorter. His closing statement, I thought, revealed a lack of sensitivity which helped to explain why as a psychologist, he had risen no higher than the underground railway.

“ You have failed the psychological test and we are unable to offer you a position. ” Failing to get that job was my low point. Or so I thought, believing that the work was easy. Actually, such jobs being a postman is another one I still desire demand exactly the sort of elementary yet responsible awareness that the habitual dreamer is least qualified to give. But I was still far short of full

self-understanding. I was also short of cash. 1 . The writer applied for the job because_____. A . he could no longer afford to live without one B . he wanted to work in the centre of London C . he had received suitable training D . he was not interested in any other available job 2 . The writer thought he was overqualified for the job because_____. A . he had written many poems B . he often traveled underground C . he had worked in an insurance company D . he could deal with difficult situations 3 . The length of his interview meant that_____. A . he had not done well in the intelligence test B . he was not going to be offered the job C . he had little work experience to talk about D . he did not like the examiner 4 . What was the writer ’ s opinion of the psychologist? A . He was inefficient at his job. B . He was unsympathetic. C . He was unhappy with his job. D . He was very aggressive. 5 . What does the writer realize now that he did not realize then? A . How difficult

it can be to get a job. B . How unpleasant ordinary jobs can be. C . How badly he did in the interview. D . How unsuitable he was for the job. 答案解析：1 . A。第一段中提到作者不得不找工作，否则他无法继续生活下去，即使是地铁乘警的工作，他都很愿意接受。故答案为A。2 . D。从第一段的“ I could see myself being cheerful, useful, a good man in a crisis. ”可知，他认为自己在危机出现时会表现得很厉害的，因此自认为他的资历足以应付这份工作，故答案为B。3 . B。通过第二段中的“ Obviously the long interviews were the more successful ones. ”可知，时间越长代表成功可能性越大，因此我们可以推断出面试时间很短表示招聘方对作者不感兴趣，即别人不会给他提供工作。故答案为B。4 . B。第三段中作者提到a lack of sensitivity，表示那位心理学家没有什么同情心及敏感性。故答案为B。5 . D。第四段倒数第二句“ But I was still far short of full self-understanding. ”表明作者对于自己的了解不够。对于什么样的工作适合自己不是很清楚。故答案为D。特别推荐：

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