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阅读理解新增文章（共3篇）第八篇 The State of Marriage Today

Is there something seriously wrong with marriage today? During the past 50 years, the rate of divorce in the United States has exploded: almost 50% of marriages end in divorce now, and the evidence suggests it is going to get worse. If this trend continues, it will lead to the breakup of the family, according to a spokesperson for the National Family Association. Some futurists predict that in 100 years, the average American will marry at least four times, and extramarital affairs will be even more common than they are now.

But what are the reasons for this, and is the picture really so gloomy? The answer to the first question is really quite simple

: marriage is no longer the necessity it once was. The institution of marriage has been based for years partly on economic need. Women used to be economically dependent on their husbands as they usually didn't have jobs outside the home. But with the rising number of women in well-paying jobs, this is no longer the case, so they don't feel that they need to stay in a failing marriage.来源

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may not be as pessimistic as it seems. While the rate of divorce has risen , the rate of couples marrying has never actually fallen very much , so marriage is still quite popular. In addition to this , many couples now cohabit and don ' t bother to marry. These couples are effectively married , but they do not appear in either the marriage or divorce statistics. In fact , more than 50%of first marriages survive. The statistics are deceptive because there is a higher number of divorces in second and third marriages than in first marriages. So is marriage really an outdated institution? The fact that most people still get married indicates that it isnt. And it is also true that married couples have a healthier life than single people : they suffer less from stress and its consequences , such as heart problems , and married men generally consider themselves more contented than their single counterparts. Perhaps the key is to find out what makes a successful marriage and apply it to all of our relationships!

词汇 : divorce n.离婚 cohabit v.同居 evidence n.证据 , 迹象 effectively ad.实际上 futurist n.未来主义者 statistics n.统计 , 统计资料 explode v.激增 , 迅速扩大 deceptive adj.迷惑的 , 骗人的 predict v.预言 , 预料 , 预报 outdated adj.旧式的 , 过时的 extramarital adj.婚外的 indicate v.表明 , 暗示 gloomy adj.阴暗的.令人沮丧的 consequence n.结果 , 后果 institution n.制度 , 习俗 contented adj.满足的 , 满意的 outlook n.展望 , 前景 counterpart n.对应的人(或物) pessimistic adj.悲观的 注释 : National Family Association : 美国国家家庭联合会 练习 : 来源 : www.100test.com

1.Which is true about the problem of marriage in the United States today? A)Divorce leads to the breakup of the

family. B) Half of the married couples get divorced. C) American people marry more than four times. D) More and more people are getting divorced.

2. What does “ this is no longer the case ” in paragraph two mean? A ) It is not necessary to get married any more. B) Women do not need a husband any longer. C) Women are not economically dependant any more. D) Many wives do well-paying jobs outside home now.

3. Why may the outlook of marriage not be as gloomy as it appears? A) Many people still like to get married. B) The rate of divorce has actually decreased. C) Over 50% of the marriages continue to exist. D) The statistics of divorce is not quite true.

4. How do people usually feel in their marriage life? A) They are much healthier. B) They feel no longer single. C) They are more satisfied. D) They suffer a lot less.

5. Which of the following about marriage is NOT mentioned in the passage? A) There will be more relationships outside marriage. B) Many people try to get married again after divorce. C) Marriage has long been partly an economical need. D) It is a fact that most people choose to get married.

答案与题解： 1. D 从第一段里可以了解到选项A与C都是预计将来会发生的，而不是如今的情况。 B选项与第一段第二句“ almost 50% of the marriages end in divorce ” 不符。 第一段第二句里的“ the rate of divorce in the United States has exploded ” “ the evidence suggests it is going to get worse ” 话语正好说明了D选项的情况。 2. C 第二段第四句、第五句说得很清楚，妇女们如今在外工作在经济上不再依赖她们的丈夫，因此觉得无需维持行将失败的婚姻。 3. A 从第二段里可以了解到离婚率并没有下降而是上升了，因此B选项不对。 而C选项与第三段里

“ In fact , more than 50%of first marriages survive ” 所说不符 , 该选项没有提到是第一次婚姻。同样 , D选项在文中也没有说到 , 文中第三段的最后一句只是说统计数据具有欺骗性 , 而没有说数据失实。 4. C 文中第四段第三句的后半句说得很清楚 , 结了婚的人比单身的人更满足。 A , D选项提到的是实际情况而不是婚后人们的感受 , 因此不对。文中并没有提到选项B所说的情况。 5. B A选项在第一段最后一句里提到了 , C选项和D选项分别在第二段、第四段里提到了 , 而B选项却没有哪一段具体提到

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