**Text4**

①“The Heart of the Matter,” the just-released report by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS), deserves praise for affirming the importance of the humanities and social sciences to the prosperity and security of liberal democracy in America. ②Regrettably, however, the report’s failure to address the true nature of the crisis facing liberal education may cause more harm than good.

“问题的核心”确认了人类和社会学对于自由民主的繁荣和安全的重要性，应该受到赞扬。遗憾的是，报告没能指出面对自由教育可能造成的伤害比溢出多这场危机的真正本质。

affirm 确认

prosperity 繁荣

①In 2010, leading congressional Democrats and Republicans sent letters to the AAAS asking that it identify actions that could be taken by “federal, state and local governments, universities, foundations, educators, individual benefactors and others” to “maintain national excellence in humanities and social scientific scholarship and education.” ②In response, the American Academy formed the Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences. ③Among the commission’s 51 members are top-tier-university presidents, scholars, lawyers, judges, and business executives, as well as prominent figures from diplomacy, filmmaking, music and journalism.

2010年，民主党和共和党领导人大会给AAAS写了一封信，要求它明确能够让被“联邦、州政府、当地政府、大学、基层组织、从事教育的人、利益相关的个体和其他人”去“使人文社会科学的科研和教育处于领先水平”的行动。作为回应，AAAS成立了人文和社会科学委员会。51个委员会成员中有顶尖大学主席、学者、律师、判官、行业总裁、也有外界、电影制作、音乐和新闻行业的杰出人物。

congressional 代表大会

①The goals identified in the report are generally admirable. ②Because representative government presupposes an informed citizenry, the report supports full literacy; stresses the study of history and government, particularly American history and American government; and encourages the use of new digital technologies. ③To encourage innovation and competition, the report calls for increased investment in research, the crafting of coherent curricula that improve students’ ability to solve problems and communicate effectively in the 21st century, increased funding for teachers and the encouragement of scholars to bring their learning to bear on the great challenges of the day. ④The report also advocates greater study of foreign languages, international affairs and the expansion of study abroad programs.

在报告中指出的目标是令人钦佩的。因为有代表性的政府预先假公民有见识，这个报告支持全民教育；加强学习历史和政府，特别是美国历史和美国政府；鼓励用新数字技术。鼓励创新和竞争，报告要求增加研究透则，精细雕琢课程的平衡提高学生解决问题的能力在21世纪高效交流，增加教师的基金，鼓励学者去运用它们的知识处理日常中的巨大挑战。

admirable 令人钦佩的

coherent 协调的

bear 忍受？支持、承受？应对

①Unfortunately, despite 2½ years in the making, “The Heart of the Matter” never gets to the heart of the matter: the illiberal nature of liberal education at our leading colleges and universities. ②The commission ignores that for several decades America’s colleges and universities have produced graduates who don’t know the content and character of liberal education and are thus deprived of its benefits. ③Sadly, the spirit of inquiry once at home on campus has been replaced by the use of the humanities and social sciences as vehicles for publicizing “progressive,” or left-liberal propaganda.

不幸的是，尽管用了两年半，“问题的核心”没能达到问题的核心：大学的民主教育的非民主的本质。委员会忽略了几十年美国大学的毕业生不知道民主教育的内容，因此无法从中受益。令人悲伤的是，曾经在家里在学校的探寻精神被把人文社会科学当作传播“革新”和“左派自由”的工具所替代。

deprived of its benefits无法从中受益

vehicles 工具；汽车

publicizing 宣传

①Today, professors routinely treat the progressive interpretation of history and progressive public policy as the proper subject of study while portraying conservative or classical liberal ideas —such as free markets and self-reliance—as falling outside the boundaries of routine, and sometimes legitimate, intellectual investigation.

今天，专家通常将“对历史的激进解释和基金的公共政策”看作适合学习的项目，而将“描绘保守和古典自由”看作超出传统的边界甚至正常的学术研究。

intellectual investigation 学术研究

①The AAAS displays great enthusiasm for liberal education. ②Yet its report may well set back reform by obscuring the depth and breadth of the challenge that Congress asked it to illuminate.

AAAS展现了强烈的对自由教育的热情。然而他的报告模糊了国会让他阐述的挑战的深度和广度，从阻碍了改革。

36. According to Paragraph 1, what is the author’s attitude toward the AAAS’s report?

[A] Critical. [B] Appreciative.

[C] Contemptuous. [D] Tolerant.

37. Influential figures in the Congress required that the AAAS report on how to

[A] safeguard individuals’ rights to education.

[B] define the government’s role in education.

[C] retain people’s interest in liberal education.

[D] keep a leading position in liberal education.

38. According to Paragraph 3, the report suggests

[A] an exclusive study of American history.

[B] a greater emphasis on theoretical subjects.

[C] the application of emerging technologies.

[D] funding for the study of foreign languages.

39. The author implies in Paragraph 5 that professors are

[A] supportive of free markets.

[B] biased against classical liberal ideas.

[C] cautious about intellectual investigation.

[D] conservative about public policy.

40. Which of the following would be the best title for the text?

[A] Illiberal Education and “The Heart of the Matter”

[B] The AAAS’s Contribution to Liberal Education

[C] Ways to Grasp “The Heart of the Matter”

[D] Progressive Policy vs. Liberal Education