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①The US $3-million Fundamental Physics Prize is indeed an interesting experiment, as Alexander Polyakov said when he accepted this year’s award in March. ②And it is far from the only one of its type. ③As a News Feature article in *Nature* discusses, a string of lucrative awards for researchers have joined the Nobel Prizes in recent years. ④Many, like the Fundamental Physics Prize, are funded from the telephone-number-sized bank accounts of Internet entrepreneurs. ⑤These benefactors have succeeded in their chosen fields, they say, and they want to use their wealth to draw attention to those who have succeeded in science.

基础物理奖确实是有趣的经历，Alexander Polyakov接受这个奖的时候这样说。该奖也远非同类奖中的唯一。最近几年一系列丰厚的奖项加入诺贝尔奖。很多由很有钱的互联网企业家设立。捐助者已经在他们的领域成功，他们想用他们的财富吸引人们的关注力在科学取得成功的人身上。

indeed 当然，确实

benefactors 捐助人

①What’s not to like? ②Quite a lot, according to a handful of scientists quoted in the News Feature. ③You cannot buy class, as the old saying goes, and these upstart entrepreneurs cannot buy their prizes the prestige of the Nobels. ④The new awards are an exercise in self-promotion for those behind them, say scientists. ⑤They could distort the achievement-based system of peer-review-led research. ⑥They could cement the status quo of peer-reviewed research. ⑦They do not fund peer-reviewed research. ⑧They perpetuate the myth of the lone genius.

有什么不喜欢的呢？很多，根据科学家在新闻中所说。你不能买名声，这些优秀的企业家不能买诺贝尔的名誉。科学家说，这些新的奖项是企业家的自我推销。他们会扭曲基于同行评议的成就系统。他们会加固同行评议系统的现状。

class 阶级、等级

distort 扰乱、

status quo 现状

①The goals of the prize-givers seem as scattered as the criticism. ②Some want to shock, others to draw people into science, or to better reward those who have made their careers in research.

发放奖项的目标似乎就像评论一样散落。一些想震惊、其他的想吸引人来的科学，活着奖励那些在研究中作出贡献的人。

①As *Nature* has pointed out before, there are some legitimate concerns about how science prizes—both new and old—are distributed. ②The Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences, launched this year, takes an unrepresentative view of what the life sciences include. ③But the Nobel Foundation’s limit of three recipients per prize, each of whom must still be living, has long been outgrown by the collaborative nature of modern research—as will be demonstrated by the inevitable row over who is ignored when it comes to acknowledging the discovery of the Higgs boson. ④The Nobels were, of course, themselves set up by a very rich individual who had decided what he wanted to do with his own money. ⑤Time, rather than intention, has given them legitimacy.

就像《自然》曾经指出的，关于科学奖项如何分配的合理的担忧。The Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences，作出了一个关于生命科学包括什么的没有代表性的观点。但是诺贝尔奖每个奖项每年只有3个人，而且他们必须活着，这个指标早已被当代合作性质的研究所超过——这可以由Higgs boson引起的关于谁被忽略的争议所证明。这些诺贝尔是被非常富有的个人决定他想要干啥的。世界，而不是意图，给了他们合理性。

legitimate 合理的

①As much as some scientists may complain about the new awards, two things seem clear. ②First, most researchers would accept such a prize if they were offered one. ③Second, it is surely a good thing that the money and attention come to science rather than go elsewhere. ④It is fair to criticize and question the mechanism—that is the culture of research, after all—but it is the prize-givers’ money to do with as they please. ⑤It is wise to take such gifts with gratitude and grace.

随着很多科学奖抱怨新奖项太多，两件事情变得清楚了。第一，大多数研究人员如果被授予这样一个奖项，大多会接受。第二，钱和注意力流向科学而不是其他地方是好事。评论和质疑这个机制是合理的，这个就是研究者的文化，毕竟， 授奖者随意支配的是自己的钱。 感激大方的接受才是明智之举。

31. The Fundamental Physics Prize is seen as

[A] a symbol of the entrepreneurs’ wealth.

[B] a possible replacement of the Nobel Prizes.

[C] a handsome reward for researchers.

[D] an example of bankers’ investments.

32. The critics think that the new awards will most benefit

[A] the profit-oriented scientists.

[B] the founders of the awards.

[C] the achievement-based system.

[D] peer-review-led research.

33. The discovery of the Higgs boson is a typical case which involves

[A] the joint effort of modern researchers.

[B] controversies over the recipients’ status.

[C] the demonstration of research findings.

[D] legitimate concerns over the new prizes.

34. According to Paragraph 4, which of the following is true of the Nobels?

[A] History has never cast doubt on them.

[B] They are the most representative honor.

[C] Their legitimacy has long been in dispute.

[D] Their endurance has done justice to them.

35. The author believes that the new awards are

[A] harmful to the culture of research.

[B] acceptable despite the criticism.

[C] subject to undesirable changes.

[D] unworthy of public attention.