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【试题】Recording 1

What is radical? It seems today that people are terrified of the term, particularly of having the label attached to them. Accusing individuals or groups of being radical often serves the silence that into submission, thereby maintaining the existing state of affairs and more important, preserving the power of a selected minority who are mostly wealthy white males in western society. (16)

feminism is a perfect example of this phenomenon. The women's movement has been plagued by stereotypes, misrepresentations by the media and accusations of man hating and radicalism when the basic foundation of feminism is simply that women deserve equal rights in all facets of life, when faced with a threat of being labeled radical, women back down from their worthy cause and consequently participate in their own oppression. It has gotten to the point that many women are afraid to call themselves feminists because of the stigma attached to the word if people refuse to be controlled and intimidated by stigmas, the stigmas lose all their power without fear on which to feed such stigmas, can only die.

To me, a radical is simply someone who rebels against the norm, where advocates a change in the existing state of affairs. (17) On closer inspection, it becomes clear that the norm is constantly evolving, and therefore is not a constant entity.

So why there is deviation from the present situation, such a threat when the state of affairs itself is unstable and subject to relentless transformation, it all goes back to maintaining the power of those who have it and preventing the rise of those who don't. In fact, when we look at the word radical in a historical context, nearly every figure we now hold up as a hero was considered a radical in his or her time. Radicals are people who affect change. They are the people about whom history is written. Abolitionists were radicals, civil rights activists were radicals, even the founders of our country. (18) In their fight to win independence from England were radicals. Their presence in history has changed the way our society functions, mainly by shifting the balance of power that previously existed.

Of course, there are some radicals who have made a negative impact on humanity, but undeniably, there would simply be no progress without radicals that being said, next time someone calls me a radical, I will accept that label with pride.

Q16. What usually happens when people are accused of being radical?

Q17. What is the speaker's definition of a radical?

Q18. What does the speaker think of most radicals in the American history?

【答案】

(见上文划线部分)

【解析】

Q16. 根据听力问题中的关键词“usually happens”和“accused of being radical”可知，本题是对主题 radical 所带来的结果的考查。答案在文章的开头部分就出现了。

Q17. 根据文中的关键词“definition of radical”，我们不难看出，该题是对于概念的考查，大部分概念题，尤其是对于全文关键词的概念考查的题，基本会出现在首段，但本题出现在了中间段，以“to me, radical is ...”作为开头，但答案句中的 norm 和 rebel 可能会对考生们的理解造成障碍。

Q18. 该题难度相比前两题难度稍大，问题中出现的关键词“American”在原文中并没有出现明显的表达，不如 US 或者 America 等，而只能通过考生们对于美国历史常识的积累和对于错误选项的排除判断出是“civil rights”

【听力述评】

该讲座主要是对于“being radical”的论述，整体难度较高。这题听力文章中举了很多例子在推进作者想表达的观点，比如女性和女权主义者，历史上“radical”的事件等。从词汇和短语方面来看，有一些关键词可能是学生们的障碍，比如 submissions, feminism 等。难度比较大的是 Question 18，信号词没有很明显，再加上文章长度较长，考生们可能抓不住重点。