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Most dog owners feel that their dogs are their best friends. Almost everyone likes dogs because they try hard to please their owners. One of my favorite stories is about a dog who wanted his owner to please him.

One of my friends has a large German shepherd (牧羊狗) named Jack. Every Sunday afternoon, my friend takes Jack for a walk in the park. Jack likes these long walks very much.

One Sunday afternoon, a young man came to visit my friend. He stayed a long time, and he talked and talked. Soon it was time for my friend to take Jack for his walk, but the visitor didn't leave. Jack became very worried about his walk in the park. He walked around the room several times and then sat down directly in front of the visitor and looked at him. But the visitor paid no attention. He continued talking. Finally, Jack couldn't stand it any longer. He went out of the room and came back a few minutes later. He sat down again in front of the visitor, but this time he held the man's hat in his mouth.

German shepherds aren't the only intelligent dogs. Another intelligent dog is a Seeing Eye dog. This is a special dog which helps blind people walk along the streets and do many other things. We call these dogs Seeing Eye dogs because they are the "eye" of the blind people and they help them to "see". Seeing Eye dogs generally go to special schools for several years to learn to help blind people.

1. The writer tells the story about the dog Jack to show that ____.

- A. it, like many other dogs, always tried to please its owner master
- B. it, unlike many other dogs, always wanted its master to please it
- C. it was more intelligent than many other dogs
- D. it was the most faithful dog of his friend's

2. Jack came to sit in front of the visitor in order to ____.

- A. please him
- B. be pleased
- C. ask him to leave immediately
- D. invite him for a walk

3. The sentence "Finally, Jack couldn't stand it any longer." means ____.

- A. Jack could no longer put up with the visitor
- B. Jack could no longer stand but he might sit down
- C. Jack was very tired and wanted a rest
- D. Jack was very angry with the visitor

4. Which of the following titles would be the best for the passage?

- A. Dogs—A Great Help to People
- B. An Impatient Dog
- C. An Introduction to Dogs
- D. Famous Dogs in Germany

2.

A few years ago it was popular to speak of a generation gap, a disagreement between young people and their elders. Parents said that children did not show them proper respect and obedience (服从), while children complained (抱怨) that their parents did not understand them at all. What had gone wrong? Why had the generation gap suddenly appeared? Actually the generation gap has been around for a long time. Many people argue that a gap is built into the fabric (结构) of our society.

One important cause of the generation gap is the chance that young people have to choose their own ways of life. In more traditional societies, when children grow up, they are expected to live in the same area as their parents, to marry people that their parents know and agree to, and to continue the family occupation (职业). In our society, young people often travel great distances for their education, move out of the family home at an early age, marry or live with people whom their parents have never met, and choose occupations different from those of their parents.

In our easily changing society, parents often expect their children to do better than they did: to find better jobs, to make more money, and to do all the things that they were unable to do. Often, however, the strong desire that parents have for their children are another cause of the disagreement between them. Often, they discover that they have very little in common with each other.

Finally, the speed at which changes take place in our society is another cause of the gap between the generations. In a traditional culture, elderly people are valued for their wisdom, but in our society the knowledge of a lifetime may become out of date overnight. The young and the old seem to live in two very different worlds, separated by different skills and abilities.

No doubt, the generation gap will continue to be a feature (特点) of American life for some time to come. Its causes are rooted in the freedom and changes of our society, and in the rapid speed at which society changes.

5. The main idea of the first paragraph is that ____.

- A. the generation gap suddenly appeared
- B. the generation gap is a feature of modern social life
- C. people can reduce the generation gap
- D. many critics argue over the nature of the generation gap