

高二英语第十九期·选词填空自测

注意：限时 8 分钟

Section B

Directions: Complete the following passage by using the words in the box. Each word can only be used once. Note that there is one word more than you need.

A. costly	B. innovation	C. restrictive	D. authorized	E. liberalizing
F. tempting	G. grounds	H. excessive	I. opponents	J. ethically
K. identified				

All around the world, lawyers generate more hostility than the members of any other profession—with the possible exception of journalism. But there are few places where clients have more __1__ for complaint than America.

During the decade before the economic crisis, spending on legal services in America grew twice as fast as inflation. The best lawyers made skyscrapers-full of money, __2__ ever more students to pile into law schools. But most law graduates never get a big-firm job. Many of them instead become the kind of nuisance-lawsuit filer that makes the tort system a __3__ nightmare.

There are many reasons for this. One is the __4__ costs of a legal education. There is just one path for a lawyer in most American states: a four-year undergraduate degree in some unrelated subject, then a three-year law degree at one of 200 law schools __5__ by the American Bar Association and an expensive preparation for the bar exam. This leaves today's average law-school graduate with \$100,000 of debt on top of undergraduate debts. Law-school debt means that many cannot afford to go into government or non-profit work, and that they have to work fearsomely hard.

The other reason why costs are so high is the __6__ guild-like ownership structure of the business. Except in the District of Columbia, non-lawyers may not own any share of a law firm. This keeps fees high and __7__ slow. There is pressure for change from within the profession, but __8__ of change among the regulators insist that keeping outsiders out of a law firm isolates lawyers from the pressure to make money rather than serve clients __9__.

In fact, allowing non-lawyers to own shares in law firms would reduce costs and improve services to customers, by encouraging law firms to use technology and to employ professional managers to focus on improving firms' efficiency. After all, other countries, such as Australia and Britain, have started __10__ their legal professions. America should follow.

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高二英语第十八期语法填空答案：

- 1.that 2. which 3. hidden 4. like 5. being restored
6. ourselves 7. no matter who 8. while 9. it 10 As

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