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The past several centuries have __1__ pronounced increases in the height of populations all around the world. Houses built in New England 300 years ago seem quaint today because of the diminutive size of everything, particularly the __2__ of doorways. In 1920 the average student at Harvard University was one and a quarter inches taller and 10 pounds heavier than the average student had been a generation earlier.

Scientists still have not pinpointed the exact __3__ of this accelerated growth. Environmental changes such as improvements in public health, __4__ and child care are unquestionably responsible to some degree, but there seem to be __5__ factors at work too. For instance, __6__ expansion takes relatively inbred country people and transports them to cities, where they intermarry. Apparently the __7__ of genetic stocks tends to produce bigger children. Therefore, industrialization and increases in the __8__ of human beings seem to go hand in hand. A full __9__ of the long-term trend to greater height, however, will undoubtedly disclose other __10__ that are still unknown.

1. a. enjoyed	b. witnessed	c. caused	d. reported
2. a. height	b. shape	c. width	d. structure
3. a. importance	b. consequence	c. amount	d. cause
4. a. housing	b. education	c. science	d. nutrition
5. a. environmental	b. natural	c. hereditary	d. revolutionary
6. a. industrial	b. medical	c. biological	d. educational
7. a. substitution	b. removal	c. mixing	d. division
8. a food	b. size	c. income	d. number
9. a. explanation	b. motivation	c. result	d. impact
10. a. advantages	b. problems	c. improvements	d. factors

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