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As cultural symbols go, the American car is quite young. The Model T Ford was built at the Piquette Plant in Michigan a century ago, with the first rolling off the assembly line(装配线) on September 27, 1908. Only eleven cars were produced the next month. But eventually Henry Ford would build fifteen million of them.

Modern America was born on the road, behind a wheel. The car shaped some of the most lasting aspects of American culture: the roadside diner, the billboard, the motel, even the hamburger. For most of the last century, the car represented what it meant to be American—going forward at high speed to find new worlds. The road novel, the road movie, these are the most typical American ideas, born of abundant petrol, cheap cars and a never-ending interstate highway system, the largest public works project in history.

In 1928 Herbert Hoover imagined an America with “ a chicken in every pot and a car in every garage. ” Since then, this society has moved onward, never looking back, as the car transformed America from a farm-based society into an industrial power.

The cars that drove the American Dream have helped to create a global ecological disaster. In America the demand for oil has grown by 22 percent since 1990.

The problems of excessive(过度的) energy consumption, climate change and population growth have been described in a book by the American writer Thomas L. Friedman. He fears the worst, but hopes for the best.

Friedman points out that the green economy(经济) is a chance to keep American strength. “ The ability to design, build and export green technologies for producing clean water, clean air and healthy and abundant food is going to be the currency of power in the new century. ”

28. Why is hamburger mentioned in paragraph 2?

- A. To explain Americans' love for travelling by car.
- B. To show the influence of cars on American culture.
- C. To stress the popularity of fast food with Americans.

D. To praise the effectiveness of America ' s road system.

29. What has the use of cars in America led to?

A. Decline of economy. B. Environmental problems.

C. A shortage of oil supply. D. A farm-based society.

30. What is Friedman ' s attitude towards America ' s future?

A. Ambiguous. B. Doubtful. C. Hopeful. D. Tolerant.

答案解析：

28. B。第二段中提到汽车塑造了一些美国文化中最持久的特点，例如路边餐厅、广告牌、汽车旅馆，甚至汉堡包。这里提到汉堡包是为了展示汽车对美国文化的影响，因此B选项展示汽车对美国文化的影响”是正确的。

解析：文章第二段讲述了汽车如何塑造了美国文化的一些方面，汉堡包作为美国文化的一个典型代表，其提及是为了说明汽车对文化的影响。

29. B。第四段提到，推动美国梦的汽车帮助创造了一场全球生态灾难。这表明汽车的使用导致了环境问题，因此B选项环境问题”是正确的。

解析：文章第四段明确指出，汽车的普及和使用导致了全球生态灾难，这与环境问题直接相关。

30. C。最后一段中，弗里德曼指出，绿色经济是保持美国力量的机会，他认为设计、建造和出口绿色技术将是新世纪的权力货币。这表明他对美国的未来持乐观态度，因此C选项乐观的”是正确的。

解析：文章最后一段弗里德曼提到了绿色经济是美国力量的机会，并且他对最坏的情况感到恐惧，但仍然抱有最好的希望，这表明他对未来持有希望。