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本套丛书之所以受到为考研英语发愁的考生欢迎，是因为首次提出和入木三分地诠释了考研英语的三大“牛顿定律”

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考研竞争愈演愈烈(2010 年人数已达 140 万之多),竞争的核心就是英语,如果你想在考研英语中取胜,有一个成功公式非常适用:毅力 + 方法 = 无坚不摧。鉴于此,我们提出考研英语中的三大“牛顿定律”作为大家参考的方法或者指导思想:

第一,90% 的考生仅有意识地注重总分,却无意忽略了最小得分单位是 0.5 分,因此,引领考生从 0.5 分做起达到 80 分是本套丛书的最高宗旨。

第二,出题只有 20% 的规律,答题却有 80% 的规律,所以,58 种题型及其独特的解题方法为本套丛书的核心,也是傲视鼎考试与辅导高分研究组的贡献和独创。

第三,考试内容的 70% 考查的是语言,30% 考查的是综合能力,故而,有的放矢地训练是本套丛书的根本。

先来举一个简单的例子,一副重 100kg 的担子,一般人是挑不起来的,但是如果把它分成 10 份来挑,人人都能挑得起来。对于考研英语也是这样,谁能不对浩如烟海的词汇、漫无边际的语言领域而或多或少地发愁呢?其实,我们发愁的是英语这门课程,就像这 100kg 的担子,但是对于考试,我们应该换个角度来思考它:首先想到的应该是最小得分单位,即 0.5 分,而不是满分 100 分。有谁能对这 0.5 分望而却步呢?这不是自欺欺人,而是一种轻松上阵、积累自信的学习和思考方法,其实这也适用于其他学科的学习。隐藏在背词典和背语法手册的极端学法的背后就是典型的“硬对硬”地要满分的例子,这种“气吞山河”的学习方法实在不是我们大多数人所应该效仿的。本套丛书的第一或者最高宗旨就是教你从 0.5 分做起,目录的编排就充分体现了这一点:每一章节就是你应该得分的量值。

其次,这 100 分真的能分成 200 个 0.5 分吗?坦白地讲,不能,但是我们可以找出规律,按照规律“各个击破”。经过归纳总结,傲视鼎考试与辅导高分研究组把这 58 种题型贡献给大家:

(一) 段落理解题型

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| 1. 词汇型题 | 2. 态度题型 |
| 3. 推理题型 | 4. 主题题型 |
| 5. 细节——比较题型 | 6. 细节——段意题型 |
| 7. 细节——方式题型 | 8. 细节——概念题型 |
| 9. 细节——根据题型 | 10. 细节——假设题型 |
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30. 译对语法(被动、虚拟、非谓语动词及固定结构)

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47. “虚拟”型题

48. “转折”型题

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49. 题材

50. 格式

51. 内容组织

52. 信息点覆盖

53. 语言准确性

(六) 短文写作

54. 复述所给图表

55. 文章结构

56. 单个句子

57. 句子间连接

58. 语法

如此详细系统地提出这 58 种题型,就是要将 100kg 的负担分成 58 份,便于大家围绕这些规律进行复习。综观考研英语辅导资料的市场,80% 以上的都是赝品,我们深信我们的这 58 种题型属于 20% 之中的精品。

发现问题(规律)只是第一步,解决问题才是根本的,我们提出的 58 种题型的解题方法也是独具创新性的,等你读完本套丛书你会惊叹地说:原来还有这么绝妙的解题和答题方法!

下面仅举几个例子:

1. 阅读推理型题目的得分诀窍:把文章所有段落首句和尾句的关键名词与动词谓语加起来,然后与选项对照,答案就出来了。

2. 阅读主题型题目的得分诀窍:把文章所有段落首句和尾句的名称加起来,就是主题或者中心思想。

3. 阅读细节——比较型题目的得分诀窍:重新组织句子,把两者作为主语,然后分别找出它们的谓语和宾语就可以找出两者的区别或相同点或者互补点。

4. 阅读细节——概念型题目的得分诀窍:概念常常是一个名词,所以寻找主语的同义词就是答案。

5. 阅读细节——例外型题目的得分诀窍:我们称之为“细节之细节”题,是非常耗费时间的题目,没有时间建议你放弃,失分是为了得分。

6. 阅读细节——目的型题目的得分诀窍:找出结论是解题的关键,因为“目的”必然是论据的最后归宿。

7. 配伍型阅读填对段落间句的得分诀窍:第一步,配伍型题目应该先从选项着手,把所有选项的主语、谓语和宾语找出来,第二步,把文章中所有的主语、谓语和宾语找出来;第三步,按照文章的行文顺序进行比对。第四步,段落间句必然是并列、转折或者递进,所以注意引导词的选项。

8. 翻译主语的得分诀窍:主语的位置不定(可以在句子的开始、中间或者结尾),找出主语是翻译的关键。

9. 英语知识应用“比较”型题的得分诀窍:碰到比较型的题目,首先想到 against,其他的方位用词一般都是干扰项。

10. 英语知识应用“代词”型题的得分诀窍:代词要从文章的“上游”寻找,忽略“下游”。

11. 英语知识应用“方式”型题的得分诀窍:出现方式的时候先看选项是否有 with 和 by。如果是动名词,一

般用 by;如果是名词,一般用 with。

12. 短文写作复述所给图表的得分诀窍:首先应该把题干所给的词汇(中文、英文)准确地写出来,然后找出它们的同义词和反义词,以便成文的时候能够运用。其次是提炼出文章的①总的主题=文章的题目;②三个分主题=三个论点。

整套丛书的每一章(或节)分五个部分进行:

1. 【规律透视】 对 58 种题型进行鞭辟入里的分析。
2. 【得分诀窍】 提出解决该类型题目独特的解题方法。
3. 【真题验证】 从历年真题中感受、巩固并记忆该规律。
4. 【实战演练】 提供有的放矢的练习题和答案以备实战。
5. 【扫荡词汇】 把全部的大纲词汇分到各个章,便于各个击破,尤其是傲视鼎独特的记忆词汇方法更使学习变得有趣而简单。

综上所述,本套丛书的特点:

1. 对看似没有规律的考点进行细化和分析,一切都是以“分”为中心,符合考研英语的规律。
2. 围绕一个考点进行系统的分析,找出规律和应付的方法。
3. 根据考点设计大量的练习题,在巩固中提高应试能力。
4. 中间穿插大纲词汇的记忆方法,增强考生的“根基”,两本书能够覆盖全部大纲所要求的词汇。
5. 全部覆盖历年考研英语真题,并巧妙地利用。

因此,《2011 考研英语 80 分之路·英语知识应用和写作》和《2011 考研英语 80 分之路·阅读篇(段落、配伍和翻译)》,以其全新的辅导形式,调动一切资源,围绕答对、答好每一道题,必将像傲视鼎的其他六个考试系列一样一枝独秀,受到广大考生的欢迎。

如有问题和建议请访问我们的网站:<http://www.mekang.com>,或者我的博客 <http://blog.sina.com.cn/mekangbbs>,E-mail:guru11071@sina.com。

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第1章 夺取词汇型题目的6分

【规律透视】

历年考研英语真题所有出现过的有关词汇或者词组的问题:

1. In line 8, paragraph 1, "the desire of individuals to maximize their incomes" means _____. (51/1994 Passage 1)
2. The phrase "ring up sales" (Line 2, Paragraph 2) most probably means "_____". (57/1994 Passage 2)
3. The word "dormant" in the third paragraph most probably means _____. (66/1994 Passage 4)
4. The phrase "march to a different drummer" (the last line of the passage) suggests that highly creative individuals are _____. (70/1994 Passage 5)
5. When the author says "a new way of being" (Line 3, Paragraph 3) he is referring to _____. (57/1995 Passage 2)
6. The word "it" (Line 3, Paragraph 2) most probably refers to _____. (59/1995 Passage 3)
7. What do the elders mean when they say "it's not what you want in this world, but what you get"? (51/1996 Passage 1)
8. The BBC's "royal charter" (Line 4, Paragraph 4) stands for _____. (57/1996 Passage 2)
9. "Creationism" in the passage refers to _____. (67/1996 Passage 5)
10. The word "pervasive" (Line 1, Paragraph 2) might mean _____. (60/1997 Passage 3)
11. "Substances abuse" (Line 5, Paragraph 1) is preferable to "drug abuse" in that _____. (59/1997 Passage 3)
12. The sentence "This is no flash in the pan" (Line 5, Paragraph 3) means that _____. (69/1997 Passage 5)
13. In paragraph 5, "the powerless" probably refers to _____. (52/1998 Passage 1)
14. The author raises the question "what about pain without gain?" because _____. (57/1998 Passage 2)
15. The word "schism" (Line 3, Paragraph 1) in the context probably means _____. (59/1998 Passage 3)
16. The word "demographers" (Line 1, Paragraph 7) most probably means _____. (66/1998 Passage 4)
17. "Juggling one's life" probably means living a life characterized by _____. (69/2001 Passage 5)
18. The word "gizmos" (Line 1, Paragraph 2) most probably means _____. (47/2002 Text 2)
19. Which of the following best defines the word "aggressive" (Line 4, Paragraph 7)? (59/2002 Text 4)
20. The phrase "making the biggest splash" (Line 1, Paragraph 3) most probably means _____. (43/2003 Text 1)
21. The word "arbiters" (Line 7, Paragraph 4) most probably refers to those _____. (54/2003 Text 3)
22. The expression "tip service" (Line 4, Paragraph 3) most probably means _____. (43/2004 Passage 1)
23. What does the author mean by "most people are literally having a ZZZ" (Lines 2-3, Paragraph 5)? (49/2004 Passage 2)
24. Why can many people see "silver linings" to the economic slowdown? (54/2004 Passage 3)
25. By "Ellen Spero isn't biting her nails just yet" (Line 1, Paragraph 1), the author means _____. (51/2004 Passage 3)
26. When mentioning "the \$ 4 million to \$ 10 million range" (Lines 3-4, Paragraph 3), the author is talking about _____. (53/2004 Passage 3)

27. What does the author mean by "paralysis by analysis"? (28/2005 Passage 2)
28. The word "talking" means _____. (37/2005 Passage 4)
29. "Paper plates" is to "china" means _____. (40/2005 Passage 4)
30. The word "homogenizing" (Line 2, Paragraph 1) most probably means _____. (21/2006 Text 1)
31. The word "bummer" (Line 5, Paragraph 5) most probably means something _____. (37/2006 Text 4)
32. The word "mania" (Line 4, Paragraph 2) most probably means _____. (22/2007 Text 1)
33. The statement: "It never rains but it pours" is used to introduce _____. (36/2007 Text 4)
34. "ruts" (in Line 1, Paragraph 3) has closest meaning to _____. (23/2009 Text 1)
35. about-face (28/2010 Text 2)
36. on the wrong planet (39/2010 Text 4)

【得分诀窍】

从文章中找出题目所问的单词或者句子,然后从上下句子推断意思,一定不要根据大纲或者常识来答题而正中出题者的圈套。

【真题验证】

原文 (Text 2 /2010) Over the past decade, thousands of patents have been granted for what are called business methods. Amazon.com received one for its "one-click" online payment system. Merrill Lynch got legal protection for an asset allocation strategy. One inventor patented a technique for lifting a box.

Now the nation's top patent court appears completely ready to scale back on business-method patents, which have been controversial ever since they were first authorized 10 years ago. In a move that has intellectual-property lawyers abuzz the U.S. court of Appeals for the federal circuit said it would use a particular case to conduct a broad review of business-method patents. In the *Bilski*, as the case is known, is "a very big deal", says Dennis D. Crouch of the University of Missouri School of law. It "has the potential to eliminate an entire class of patents."

Curbs on business-method claims would be a dramatic about-face, because it was the federal circuit itself that introduced such patents with its 1998 decision in the so-called *State Street Bank* case, approving a patent on a way of pooling mutual-fund assets. That ruling produced an explosion in business-method patent filings, initially by emerging internet companies trying to stake out exclusive rights to specific types of online transactions. Later, more established companies raced to add such patents to their files, if only as a defensive move against rivals that might bent them to the punch. In 2005, IBM noted in a court filing that it had been issued more than 300 business-method patents despite the fact that it questioned the legal basis for granting them. Similarly, some Wall Street investment firms armed themselves with patents for financial products, even as they took positions in court cases opposing the practice.

The *Bilski* case involves a claimed patent on a method for hedging risk in the energy market. The Federal circuit issued an unusual order stating that the case would be heard by all 12 of the court's judges, rather than a typical panel of three, and that one issue it wants to evaluate is whether it should "reconsider" its *State Street Bank* ruling.

The Federal Circuit's action comes in the wake of a series of recent decisions by the supreme Court that has narrowed the scope of protections for patent holders. Last April, for example the justices signaled that too many patents were being upheld for "inventions" that are obvious. The judges on the Federal circuit are "reacting to the anti-patent trend at the supreme court", says Harold C. Wegner, a patent attorney and professor at George Washington University Law School.

问题 28. The word "about-face" (Line 1, Para 3) most probably means

- (A) loss of good will (B) increase of hostility
(C) change of attitude (D) enhancement of destiny

28. (C)。词汇短语题。含有该词的句子起到承前启后作用,解答本题应结合第二段主旨及第三段 because 后的句意来解题,第二段提及“国家最高专利法庭准备对商业方法专利进行缩减”,而第三段提及 introduced such patents..., approving a patent..., 由此可知,宣称对商业方法的控制将会有巨大的态度转变,故 C 正确。此题

容易, 不管从词语的意思, 还是从文章的上下文, 都容易锁定正确答案 C, 彻底改变之意, 态度 180 度转弯。

原文 (Text 4 / 2010) Bankers have been blaming themselves for their troubles in public. Behind the scenes, they have been taking aim at someone else; the accounting standard-setters. Their rules, moan the banks, have forced them to report enormous losses, and it's just not fair. These rules say they must value some assets at the price a third party would pay, not the price managers and regulators would like them to fetch.

Unfortunately, banks' lobbying now seems to be working. The details may be unknowable, but the independence of standard-setters, essential to the proper functioning of capital markets, is being compromised. And, unless banks carry toxic assets at prices that attract buyers, reviving the banking system will be difficult.

After a bruising encounter with Congress, America's Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) rushed through rule changes. These gave banks more freedom to use models to value illiquid assets and more flexibility in recognizing losses on long-term assets in their income statement. Bob Herz, the FASB's chairman, cried out against those who "question our motives." Yet bank shares rose and the changes enhance what one lobby group politely calls "the use of judgment by management."

European ministers instantly demanded that the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) do likewise. The IASB says it does not want to act without overall planning, but the pressure to fold when it completes its reconstruction of rules later this year is strong. Charlie McCreevy, a European commissioner, warned the IASB that it did "not live in a political vacuum" but "in the real world" and that Europe could yet develop different rules.

It was banks that were on the wrong planet, with accounts that vastly overvalued assets. Today they argue that market prices overstate losses, because they largely reflect the temporary illiquidity of markets, not the likely extent of bad debts. The truth will not be known for years. But bank's shares trade below their book value, suggesting that investors are skeptical. And dead markets partly reflect the paralysis of banks which will not sell assets for fear of booking losses, yet are reluctant to buy all those supposed bargains.

To get the system working again, losses must be recognized and dealt with. America's new plan to buy up toxic assets will not work unless banks mark assets to levels which buyers find attractive. Successful markets require independent and even combative standard-setters. The FASB and IASB have been exactly that, cleaning up rules on stock options and pensions, for example, against hostility from special interests. But by giving in to critics now they are inviting pressure to make more concessions.

问题 39. The author thinks the banks were "on the wrong planet" in that they ____

- (A) misinterpreted market price indicators.
- (B) exaggerated the real value of their assets.
- (C) neglected the likely existence of bad debts.
- (D) denied booking losses in their sale of assets.

39. (B). 句意题。on the wrong planet 相当于中文的“吃错药”。作者为什么认为是银行吃错药了呢? 解题的钥匙就在这一段, 也就是第 4 段。我们来把这一段好好理解一下: 银行吃错药了, 其账上存在极大高估的资产。今天, 他们认为, 市场价格夸大了损失, 因为它们(各种市场价格)很大程度上反映了暂时的市场流动性问题, 而不是可能的坏账损失程度。真实情况几年内将并不可知。但银行股份低于其账面价值交易, 表明投资者是持怀疑态度的(也即不认同银行的判断)。沉寂的市场(交易不活跃, 就是没有什么金融买卖)部分反映了银行的困境, 其担心账面损失不愿变卖资产(所指是不良资产), 然而又不愿意购买这些假定的便宜货。意思是, 银行对自己的不良资产, 一方面, 怕出现账面损失, 不愿出售, 因为如果要出售的话, 那得打折低价出售, 而对这个折扣价, 银行从心里是不愿意接受的, 他们认为其不良资产价值不至于这么低, 而是被现在的市场行情严重低估了; 同时, 既然这些不良资产价值被严重低估, 那你趁低吸纳呀, 买别人的不挺好? 可又没银行愿意买。这样的话, 这类不良资产的交易就很清淡了啊, 而这种市场交易的清淡就能部分地反映银行目前的困局。所以正确答案明显是 B, 高估了、夸大了其资产价值。A 不对, 误读市场价格指标? 银行确实认为其资产价值被市场低估, 但若把这个说成是银行误解市场价格, 还是有些牵强, 因为作者可能也认为目前资产价格偏低, 只不过作者坚持要按市场价格来计价而已。C 错, 忽略了可能存在的坏账? 这个银行肯定没有忽略, 银行只是对坏账的程度判断有误: the likely extent of bad debts, 是程度, 不是坏账本身, 金融危机之下, 银行对自身的坏账的存在那肯

定不可能忽视的。D 错。在出售资产的时候否认账面损失? 银行出售不良资产了吗? 否认损失了吗? 这些都没有明确文字来支持。至于某些机构选择的选项 C neglected the likely existence of bad debts, 来源是 they largely reflect the temporary illiquidity of markets, not the likely extent of bad debts, 不过 neglect 与原文中的 reflect, existence 与原文中的 extent 偷换概念, 是大不一样的, 绝对不能入选。Today they argue that market prices overstate losses, because they largely reflect the temporary illiquidity of markets, not the likely extent of bad debts. 句子大意为: 如今, 银行认为市场价格夸大了损失, 这是因为市场价格在很大程度上反映了市场暂时的流动性不足, 而不是可能的坏账幅度。并没有说明银行忽视了可能存在坏账。

原文 (21—25/2009 Text1) Habits are a funny thing. We reach for them mindlessly, setting our brains on auto-pilot and relaxing into the unconscious comfort of familiar routine. “Not choice, but habit rules the unreflecting herd,” William Wordsworth said in the 19th century. In the ever-changing 21st century, even the word “habit” carries a negative connotation.

So it seems antithetical to talk about habits in the same context as creativity and innovation. But brain researchers have discovered that when we consciously develop new habits, we create parallel synaptic paths, and even entirely new brain cells, that can jump our trains of thought onto new, innovative tracks.

But don't bother trying to kill off old habits; once those ruts of procedure are worn into the hippocampus, they're there to stay. Instead, the new habits we deliberately ingrain into ourselves create parallel pathways that can bypass those old roads.

“The first thing needed for innovation is a fascination with wonder,” says Dawna Markova, author of “The Open Mind” and an executive change consultant for Professional Thinking Partners. “But we are taught instead to ‘decide,’ just as our president calls himself ‘the Decider.’” She adds, however, that “to decide is to kill off all possibilities but one. A good innovational thinker is always exploring the many other possibilities.”

All of us work through problems in ways of which we're unaware, she says. Researchers in the late 1960s covered that humans are born with the capacity to approach challenges in four primary ways: analytically, procedurally, relationally (or collaboratively) and innovatively. At puberty, however, the brain shuts down half of that capacity, preserving only those modes of thought that have seemed most valuable during the first decade or so of life.

The current emphasis on standardized testing highlights analysis and procedure, meaning that few of us inherently use our innovative and collaborative modes of thought. “This breaks the major rule in the American belief system—that anyone can do anything,” explains M. J. Ryan, author of the 2006 book “This Year I Will...” and Ms. Markova's business partner. “That's a lie that we have perpetuated, and it fosters commonness. Knowing what you're good at and doing even more of it creates excellence.” This is where developing new habits comes in.

问题 21. The view of Wordsworth habit is claimed by being ____.

- (A) casual (B) familiar (C) mechanical (D) changeable

22. The researchers have discovered that the formation of habit can be ____.

- (A) predicted (B) regulated (C) traced (D) guided

23. “ruts” (in line one, Paragraph 3) has closest meaning to ____.

- (A) tracks (B) series (C) characteristics (D) connections

24. Ms. Markova's comments suggest that the practice of standard testing ?

- (A) prevents new habits from being formed
(B) no longer emphasizes commonness
(C) maintains the inherent American thinking model
(D) complies with the American belief system

25. Ryan most probably agree that ____.

- (A) ideas are born of a relaxing mind.
(B) innovativeness could be taught
(C) decisiveness derives from fantastic ideas
(D) curiosity activates creative minds

解析 21. 答案:(C)。事实细节题。意为: Wordsworth 认为以何种方式便能获得。文章第二句中提到 We reach for them mindlessly, setting our brains on auto—pilot and relaxing into the unconscious comfort of familiar routine. 我们在无意识的状态下就能行成,使人们的头脑处于自动导航,放松地进入一种无意识的惯性当中。从这个表述中可以看出习惯的形成过程完全是一种无意状态下的机械活动。

22. 答案:(D)。事实细节题。意为:研究者发现习惯的形成可以被。第二段第二句中指出当人们有意识的培养新的习惯时,我们就创造出一种相关的轨迹,甚至是全新的脑细胞,这可以使我们的思想进入一个创新的轨道上。由此可见研究人员认为习惯的形成是可以被引导的。

23. 答案:(A)。词义句义题。意为:“ruts”的意思最贴近于:(A) 痕迹、(B) 系列、(C) 特点、(D) 联系。原文提到:不要试图摆脱你的旧习惯;一旦这个过程进入大脑,它们就会留在脑中。根据上下文逻辑最合上下文语境的为(A) 选项。

24. 答案:(A)。事实细节题。

25. 答案:(A)。事实细节题。

原文 (51/1994 Passage 1) The American economic system is organized around a basically private-enterprise, market-oriented economy in which consumers largely determine what shall be produced by spending their money in the marketplace for those goods and services that they want most. Private businessmen, striving to make profits, produce these goods and services other businessmen; and the profit motive, operating under competitive pressures, largely in competition with determines how these goods and services are produced. Thus, in the American economic system it is the demand of individual consumers, coupled with the desire of businessmen to maximize profits and the desire of individuals to maximize their incomes, that together determine what shall be produced and how resources are used to produce it.

An important factor in a market-oriented economy is the mechanism by which consumer demands can be expressed and responded to by producers. In the American economy, this mechanism is provided by a price system, a process in which prices rise and fall in response to relative demands of consumers and supplies offered by seller-producers. If the products is in short supply relative to the demand, the price will be bid up and some consumers will be eliminated from the market. If, on the other hand, producing more of a commodity results in reducing its cost, this will tend to increase the supply offered by seller-producers, which in turn will lower the price and permit more consumers to buy the product. Thus, price is the regulating mechanism in the American economic system.

The important factor in a private-enterprise economy is that individuals are allowed to own productive resources (private property), and they are permitted to hire labor gain control over natural resources, and produce goods and services for sale at a profit. In the American economy, the concept of private property embraces not only the ownership of productive resources but also certain rights, including the right to determine the price of a product or to make a free contract with another private individual.

问题 51. In Line 8, Paragraph 1, “the desire of individuals to maximize their incomes” means ____.

- (A) Americans are never satisfied with their incomes
- (B) Americans tend to overstate their incomes
- (C) Americans want to have their incomes increased
- (D) Americans want to increase the purchasing power of their incomes

解析 51. 答案:(D)。该选择项意为:美国人想增加其收入的购买力。文章第1段最后一句是从生产者与消费者两方的愿望对照来说的,而且,该段第一句也首先陈述了该文所要谈的内容。(A),(C)的意思是:美国人想增加其收入。这与本文的主旨不相符合,因为,工资关系反映的是劳资双方的关系,而不是反映生产者与消费者的关系。(B)中 overstate 意为“夸大、夸张”,这个选择项的语义与文章的内容不相干。在做这一题时,将 maximize 一词的意思置入文章的上下文中考查极其重要。

原文 (57/1994 Passage 2) One hundred and thirteen million Americans have at least one bank-issued credit card. They give their owners automatic credit in stores, restaurants, and hotels, at home, across the country, and even abroad, and they make many banking services available as well. More and more of these credit cards can be read automatically, making it possible to withdraw or deposit money in scattered locations, whether or not the local branch bank

is open. For many of us, the “cashless society” is not on the horizon—it’s already here.

While computers offer these conveniences to consumers, they have many advantages for sellers too. Electronic cash registers can do much more than simply ring up sales. They can keep a wide range of records, including who sold what, when, and to whom. This information allows businessmen to keep track of their list of goods by showing which items are being sold and how fast they are moving. Decisions to reorder or return goods to suppliers can then be made. At the same time these computers record which hours are busiest and which employees are the most efficient, allowing personnel and staffing assignments to be made accordingly. And they also identify preferred customers for promotional campaigns. Computers are relied on by manufacturers for similar reasons. Computer-analyzed marketing reports can help to decide which products to emphasize now, which to develop for the future, and which to drop. Computers keep track of goods in stock, of raw materials on hand, and even of the production process itself.

Numerous other commercial enterprises, from theaters to magazine publishers, from gas and electric utilities to milk processors, bring better and more efficient services to consumers through the use of computers.

问题 57. The phrase “ring up sales” (Line 2, Paragraph 2) most probably means “_____”.

- (A) make an order of goods (B) record sales on a cash register
(C) call the sales manager (D) keep track of the goods in stock

解析 57. 答案:(B)。register(计数器,记录器)。原句中 ring up 意为:将……记录在计数器内,sales(销售额)。同一段后文指出:除了记录销售额以外,计算机在商业上还有更广泛的用途,而记录销售额是电子收款机最基本的功能。(A),(C)都不正确。(D)意为:跟踪记录现存货物。

原文 (66/1994 Passage 4) “I have great confidence that by the end of the decade we’ll know in vast detail how cancer cells arise,” says microbiologist Robert Weinberg, an expert on cancer. “But,” he cautions, “some people have the idea that once one understands the causes, the cure will rapidly follow. Consider Pasteur. He discovered the causes of many kinds of infections, but it was fifty or sixty years before cures were available.”

This year, 50 percent of the 910 000 people who suffer from cancer will survive at least five years. In the year 2000, the National Cancer Institute estimates, that figure will be 75 percent. For some skin cancers, the five-year survival rate is as high as 90 percent. But other survival statistics are still discouraging—13 percent for lung cancer, and 2 percent for cancer of the pancreas.

With as many as 120 varieties in existence, discovering how cancer works is not easy. The researchers made great progress in the early 1970s, when they discovered that oncogenes, which are cancer-causing genes, are inactive in normal cells. Anything from cosmic rays to radiation to diet may activate a dormant oncogene, but how remains unknown. If several oncogenes are driven into action, the cell, unable to turn them off, becomes cancerous.

The exact mechanisms involved are still mysterious, but the likelihood that many cancers are initiated at the level of genes suggests that we will never prevent all cancers. “Changes are a normal part of the evolutionary process,” says oncologist William Hayward. Environmental factors can never be totally eliminated; as Hayward points out, “We can’t prepare a medicine against cosmic rays.”

The prospects for cure, though still distant, are brighter.

“First, we need to understand how the normal cell controls itself. Second, we have to determine whether there are a limited number of genes in cells which are always responsible for at least part of the trouble. If we can understand how cancer works, we can counteract its action.”

问题 66. The word “dormant” in the third paragraph most probably means _____.

- (A) dead (B) ever-present
(C) inactive (D) potential

解析 66. 答案:(C)。dormant(潜伏的),与第3段第二句中 inactive 一词是同义。(A) dead 的意思不对。(B) ever-present(无时无处不在)也不对。(D) potential(潜在的),与同一句中 activate(make... active)的意思不搭配。

原文 (70/1994 Passage 5) Discoveries in science and technology are thought by “untaught minds” to come in blinding flashes or as the result of dramatic accidents. Sir Alexander Fleming did not, as legend would have it, look at

the mold on a piece of cheese and get the idea for penicillin there and then. He experimented with antibacterial substances for nine years before he made his discovery. Inventions and innovations almost always come out of laborious trial and error. Innovation is like soccer; even the best players miss the goal and have their shots blocked much more frequently than they score.

The point is that the players who score most are the ones who take the most shots at the goal—and so it goes with innovation in any field of activity. The prime difference between innovators and others is one of approach. Everybody gets ideas, but innovators work consciously on theirs, and they follow them through until they prove practicable or otherwise. What ordinary people see as fanciful abstractions, professional innovators see as solid possibilities.

“Creative thinking may mean simply the realization that there’s no particular virtue in doing things the way they have always been done,” wrote Rudolph Flesch, a language authority. This accounts for our reaction to seemingly simple innovations like plastic garbage bags and suitcases on wheels that make life more convenient; “How come nobody thought of that before?”

The creative approach begins with the proposition that nothing is as it appears. Innovators will not accept that there is only one way to do anything. Faced with getting from A to B, the average person will automatically set out on the best-known and apparently simplest route. The innovator will search for alternate courses, which may prove easier in the long run and are bound to be more interesting and challenging even if they lead to dead ends.

Highly creative individuals really do march to a different drummer.

问题 70. The phrase “march to a different drummer” (the last line of the passage) suggests that highly creative individuals are ____.

- (A) diligent in pursuing their goals (B) reluctant to follow common ways of doing things
(C) devoted to the progress of science (D) concerned about the advance of society

解析 70. 答案:(B)。文章中 march to different drummer 是一个比喻。drummer 意为“鼓手”,to 意为“伴着”,整个词组的意思为:伴着一个不同的鼓手所敲出的节奏行进,即不随波逐流,与其他人走的道路或所持的思路不同。这是对文章主旨的一个形象总结。(A)强调的是毅力,而不是方法方面。(C),(D)强调的是责任心,而不是方法方面。

原文 (57/1995 Passage 2) There are two basic ways to see growth; one as a product, the other as a process. People have generally viewed personal growth as an external result or product that can easily be identified and measured. The worker who gets a promotion, the student whose grades improve, the foreigner who learns a new language—all these are examples of people who have measurable results to show for their efforts.

By contrast, the process of personal growth is much more difficult to determine, since by definition it is a journey and not the specific signposts or landmarks along the way. The process is not the road itself, but rather the attitudes and feelings people have, their caution or courage, as they encounter new experiences and unexpected obstacles. In this process, the journey never really ends; there are always new ways to experience the world, new ideas to try, new challenges to accept.

In order to grow, to travel new roads, people need to have a willingness to take risks, to confront the unknown, and to accept the possibility that they may “fail” at first. How we see ourselves as we try a new way of being is essential to our ability to grow. Do we perceive ourselves as quick and curious? If so, then we tend to take more chances and to be more open to unfamiliar experiences. Do we think we’re shy and indecisive? Then our sense of timidity can cause us to hesitate, to move slowly, and not to take a step until we know the ground is safe. Do we think we’re slow to adapt to change or that we’re not smart enough to cope with a new challenge? Then we are likely to take a more passive role or not try at all.

These feelings of insecurity and self-doubt are both unavoidable and necessary if we are to change and grow. If we do not confront and overcome these internal fears and doubts, if we protect ourselves too much, then we cease to grow. We become trapped inside a shell of our own making.

问题 57. When the author says “a new way of being” (Line 3, Paragraph 3) he is referring to ____.

- (A) a new approach to experiencing the world (B) a new way of taking risks

(C) a new method of perceiving ourselves

(D) a new system of adaptation to change

解析 57. 答案:(A)。在该句中,being 在此意为:生存,存在,第3段第二句中指出,当我们用新的方式生存(或体验世界)时,我们对自己的看法对于我们能否发展是至关重要的。下文举了几个例子来阐述这一观点。如果我们认为自己行动敏捷,喜欢刨根问底,在实际的行动上,我们就会倾向于冒险(take more chances),更欢迎(be more open to)新的体验。如果我们自认为天生怯懦并优柔寡断,我们就会遇事犹豫不前,行动迟缓,只有感到安全可靠时才会挪动一步。如果我们自认为适应变化很慢或不够精明,无法对付新的挑战,那么,我们很可能做事被动或干脆不做。由此可见,我们的态度决定了我们的生活方式。(A)意为:体验世界(生活)的新方式(或方法)。(B)意为:新的冒险(take risk)方法。这有些片面。(C)意为:认识自我的新方法。这是指态度方面,而不是指实际行为方面。(D)意为:适应变化的新方法(system)。

原文 (59/1995 Passage 3) In such a changing, complex society formerly simple solutions to informational needs become complicated. Many of life's problems which were solved by asking family members, friends or colleagues are beyond the capability of the extended family to resolve. Where to turn for expert information and how to determine which expert advice to accept are questions facing many people today.

In addition to this, there is the growing mobility of people since World War II. As families move away from their stable community, their friends of many years, their extended family relationships, the informal flow of information is cut off, and with it the confidence that information will be available when needed and will be trustworthy and reliable. The almost unconscious flow of information about the simplest aspects of living can be cut off. Thus, things once learned subconsciously through the casual communications of the extended family must be consciously learned.

Adding to social changes today is an enormous stockpile of information. The individual now has more information available than any generation, and the task of finding that one piece of information relevant to his or her specific problem is complicated, time-consuming and sometimes even overwhelming.

Coupled with the growing quantity of information is the development of technologies which enable the storage and delivery of more information with greater speed to more locations than has ever been possible before. Computer technology makes it possible to store vast amounts of data in machine-readable files, and to program computers to locate specific information. Telecommunications developments enable the sending of messages via television, radio, and very shortly, electronic mail to bombard people with multitudes of messages. Satellites have extended the power of communications to report events at the instant of occurrence. Expertise can be shared world wide through teleconferencing, and problems in dispute can be settled without the participants leaving their homes and/or jobs to travel to a distant conference site. Technology has facilitated the sharing of information and the storage and delivery of information, thus making more information available to more people.

In this world of change and complexity, the need for information is of greatest importance. Those people who have accurate, reliable up-to-date information to solve the day-to-day problems, the critical problems of their business, social and family life, will survive and succeed, "Knowledge is power" may well be the truest saying and access to information may be the most critical requirement of all people.

问题 59. The word "it" (Line 3, Paragraph 2) most probably refers to ____.

(A) the lack of stable communities

(B) the breakdown of informal information channels

(C) the increased mobility of families

(D) the growing number of people moving from place to place

解析 59. 答案:(B)。第2段指出,第二次世界大战以后,人口的流动性(mobility)变大,一个家庭离开了自己原来的居住区,离开了多年的朋友,不再住在大家庭里(extended family 指:三世或四世同堂的家庭),这样,对这个家庭来说,日常的(informal)信息交流没有了(is cut off)。随着日常的信息交流渠道的消失(the breakdown of informal information channels),人们的信心也没有了:他们过去需要时相信总能得到可信、可靠的信息。(A)意为:社会缺乏稳定。(C)意为:家庭增加了流动性。(D)意为:越来越多的人流动不定。可见,(A),(C),(D)表达的内容近似,因此,都不对。而且,如果它们中任何一个正确,那么,原文句中 the confidence 就要从肯定方面理解,即人口的流动性使人们更有信心……这显然与原文第2段表达的内容是相矛盾的。

原文 (51/1996 Passage 1) Tight-lipped elders used to say, "It's not what you want in this world, but what you get."

Psychology teaches that you do get what you want if you know what you want and want the right things.

You can make a mental blueprint of a desire as you would make a blueprint of a house, and each of us is continually making these blueprints in the general routine of everyday living. If we intend to have friends to dinner, we plan the menu, make a shopping list, decide which food to cook first, and such planning is an essential for any type of meal to be served.

Likewise, if you want to find a job, take a sheet of paper, and write a brief account of yourself. In making a blueprint for a job, begin with yourself, for when you know exactly what you have to offer, you can intelligently plan where to sell your services.

This account of yourself is actually a sketch of your working life and should include education, experience and references. Such an account is valuable. It can be referred to in filling out standard application blanks and is extremely helpful in personal interviews. While talking to you, your could-be employer is deciding whether your education, your experience, and other qualifications will pay him to employ you and your "wares" and abilities must be displayed in an orderly and reasonably connected manner.

When you have carefully prepared a blueprint of your abilities and desires, you have something tangible to sell. Then you are ready to hunt for a job. Get all the possible information about your could-be job. Make inquiries as to the details regarding the job and the firm. Keep your eyes and ears open, and use your own judgement. Spend a certain amount of time each day seeking the employment you wish for, and keep in mind: Securing a job is your job now.

问题 51. What do the elders mean when they say, "It's not what you want in this world, but what you get"? ____

- (A) You'll certainly get what you want. (B) It's no use dreaming.
(C) You should be dissatisfied with what you have. (D) It's essential to set a goal for yourself.

解析 51. 答案:(B)。这句话应理解为:It's not what you want in this world that matters, but what you get (that matters). 译成汉语为:重要的不是你在这个世界上需要什么,(重要的)而是你得到什么。文章第2段进一步说明了这句话后半句的含义(同时,这也是全文旨在说明的问题):只要你知道自己所需要的是什麼,并且只要要求合理,你就能得到它。可见,只有梦想是不够的。只有明确自己的所需,你才能制定具体的计划去获得它,理想才能最终转化为现实。(A)意为:你肯定能得到自己想要的东西。(C)意为:你不应满足于自己已有的东西。(D)意为:为自己确立一个目标是极为必要的。确立目标固然重要,但是,如果不制定具体计划实现目标,目标也仅是空想而已。

原文 (57/1996 Passage 2) With the start of BBC World Service Television, millions of viewers in Asia and America can now watch the Corporation's news coverage, as well as listen to it.

And of course in Britain listeners and viewers can tune in to two BBC television channels, five BBC national radio services and dozens of local radio station. They are brought sport, comedy, drama, music, news and current affairs, education, religion, parliamentary coverage, children's programmes and films for an annual licence fee of £ 83 per household.

It is a remarkable record, stretching back over 70 years—yet the BBC's future is now in doubt. The Corporation will survive as a publicly-funded broadcasting organisation, at least for the time being, but its role, its size and its programmes are now the subject of a nation-wide debate in Britain.

The debate was launched by the Government, which invited anyone with an opinion of the BBC—including ordinary listeners and viewers—to say what was good or bad about the Corporation, and even whether they thought it was worth keeping. The reason for its inquiry is that the BBC's royal charter runs out in 1996 and it must decide whether to keep the organisation as it is, or to make changes.

Defenders of the Corporation—of whom there are many—are fond of quoting the American slogan. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." The BBC "ain't broke", they say, by which they mean it is not broken (as distinct from the word "broke", meaning having no money), so why bother to change it?