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前言

道生之, 德蓄之, 物形之, 势成之。

----孤子兵法

你想要的未来并不会由于你向往得很厉害而自动实现。它要求你现在就做出决策,现在就承担风险,现在就分配各种资源,对于个人学习而言尤其是时间资源。做一个决定很容易,难的是承受决定所带来的压力。现在就进行工作和学习,将自己的目标有序地划分,通过合理的战略部署逐一实现。这不仅仅需要热情,毅力和耐力也是举足轻重的。本书从形、知、度、变、致几个方面对雅思口语考试进行有序的规划,为考生提供了一套科学详细的战略部署和方案,无疑是雅思口语对战的利器。

"形"——考生必须了解交流礼仪的重要性,再好的语言都要通过具体形式表现出来,从某种意义上讲,态度形式决定了考试的成败。力以"形"而显。

"知"——考生应随时了解考试的动态要素, "知"才能对症下药, 正确决策。本书将雅思口语考试的内容有序地划分为三大章节, 其中三个战略回合容纳现行雅思口语考试题库当中的

所有重点话题。每道题目都配有详尽的样本答案,便于考生参考学习。此外,考生还可以从雅思考试的权威预测网站www.youenglish.com了解更多内容,正所谓"知己知彼,百战不殆"。

"意"——任何进攻应把握"度"的平衡,保持谈话态度的稳定,过快或过慢、过于夸张或过于严肃都会破坏谈话的和谐,要顺其自然,"道法自然"。

"变"——话题的表述应当力求创新,切忌固守成规、老生常谈。正所谓"兵无常势,水无常形",新意识、新思维的出现更容易引起考官的好感。

"致"——主动性, "致人而不致于人", 要把握谈话的权, 因势利导, 避免受制于人, 且不能盲目去抢去夺, 应"用心"而"非力"。

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第一章 战事背景

第一节 雅思口语介绍

一、什么是雅思

IELTS考试(The International English Language Testing System)由剑桥大学考试委员会、英国文化委员会和澳大利亚高校国际开发署共同举办并管理,音译为:雅思考试。它分两种类型:学术类(Academic Module),目前去英国、澳大利亚、新西兰、加拿大等英联邦国家和新加坡留学需要参加雅思此类考试,它用于测试应试者是否准备好在英语环境中就读大学本科或研究生课程;移民类(General Module),侧重评估在广泛社会教育环境下的生存技能,适用于去英语国家完成中等教育、获取工作经历或参加非学历培训的应试者,申请技术移民加拿大、澳大利亚和新西兰也需要参加雅思移民类的考试。两种模式的听力和口语一样,阅读完全不同,写作的第一题不同,第二道题风格一致但内容不同。大致来说移民类阅读和写作部分要求比学术模式相对低些。

二、考试背景

如今,雅思成为考试一族的新宠。那么雅思考试的魅力之源究竟在哪里呢?根本原因还是在于雅思考试作为一种英语水平测试更具科学性和可信度。雅思由久负盛名的英国剑桥大学考试委员会命题,考试不拘泥于苛求语法的精确而更加强调考生对语言的实际运用,比起其他出国英语水平测试的考试,雅思更具说服力。

三、雅思考试的程序

雅思口语考试分三个部分:

第一部分 介绍和问答

考官介绍他/她自己并确认考生的身份。考官就熟悉的话题向考生提问,约4~5分钟。



第二部分 个人长谈

考官请考生根据卡片上的书面内容提示就某一特定话题发表1~2分钟的谈话,随后考官追问一两个问题,约3~4分钟(包括1分钟准备时间)。

第三部分 双向讨论

考官通过提问请考生讨论与第二阶段主题相关的更加抽象的话题,约4~5分钟。

第二节 雅思口语战略方案

一、表情和悦

口语考试当中,第一印象非常重要,除了语言要流利,考生还应做到始终保持 友好态度。首先面对面的交流是一场心理的较量,这时表情的控制和应用会很好的 给予你的听众强烈的心理暗示,你是自信的、坦率的、友好的,还是胆怯的、盲目的、尴尬的。

二、态度积极

在第二次世界大战中,艾森豪威尔将军有一句脍炙人口的名言: "没有乐观精神,胜利只是昙花一现。"积极主动地回答问题,表现出你乐意与人交谈,并能积极地表达自己的意愿。用放松友好的方式展示出自信,谈话过程中适当表现自己幽默风趣的一面,并应尽量讲有意思和有趣的话题。微笑,因为微笑能让你更加快乐。在微笑的过程中,面部肌肉的运动会给人脑传递一些信号,以改善谈话双方的情绪或心态。那些长寿的人,大都是经常微笑的人。面试官通常更加信任喜欢微笑的考生,微笑代表了开放的心态和积极的态度。

三、肢体语言

据研究调查所得,一个旁观者在看着另外两个人说话时,他得到的印象有65% 是来自"非语言信号",因为人们多半更相信眼睛看到的东西。因此,不仅是面试,在一切严肃而庄重的场合,你都必须严格控制你的表情和身体,传达出最恰如其分的信息。请注意:

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- 1. 目光不定或眼神呆滞会令人觉得你不定性不成熟。视线集中在对方的倒三角部位最少五秒,以示精神集中。
 - 2. 动作夸张只会让人怀疑你不善控制情绪。
- 3. "脚踏实地"十分重要。走路的良好姿势是步伐坚定有目标,不能一脸茫然的模样。
- 4. 良好的坐姿是自信的表现。挺直腰身能帮助你保持警觉性和控制性。坐时双脚落地,不要跷腿,以免显得倨傲或刻意与对方保持距离。与对方最适当的距离是保持一臂之遥,而初次见面,握手的力度应掌握在与对方大致相当,显示你的稳重与友善。
 - 5. 头微昂加上一个诚恳的浅笑,表示你正期待正面的答复。 谈吐举止三大忌: 1.摸脸: 2.双手环抱胸前: 3.躲避对方视线。

好的肢体语言可以帮助我们表达,放松自己,但也不要显得太轻松,在这一点上要注意:过多的肢体语言,如过于夸张的表情、双手抱胸或频繁看表都会令人感到不舒服。在平时练习时,我们就可以找一个听众让他指出我们讲话时是否在语态姿势等方面有什么不妥之处,并加以改正。

四、语法准确

恰如其分表现自己对英语语法的掌握是表现英语水平的重要指标。简单准确而 流利的言语往往更容易引起考官的好感。

五、语音语调

再有趣和有意思的话题都必须要让人容易听得懂。英语的表达很着重语调和高低音,例如,一味的升调会让人感觉你是在刻意讨好,而一味的降调又会让人感到你无意继续谈话。

六、内容丰富

答问题时千万不要只回答"Yes"或"No"。记着这个测验的目的是让你有机会说话,你要放开心情说话。面试官的角色是负责引导你说话,在整个面试过程中你说话时间的比例至少要有75%至80%(This is your time)。你要在回答问题时表

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现正面的态度。例如在谈到中国的节日春节时,不要总是用什么无聊、乏味、没有新意之类的词来形容,这样的回答对创造一个和谐融洽的谈话氛围十分不利,试想没有人会愿意同一个总在抱怨的人交谈,西方有句谚语"If you are not interesting, nothing will be interesting."。考生通常应该诚实地回答所有问题,因为"If you don't tell lies, you don't need to remember your answers."。但有一些问题,回答的时候还是应该保持比较正面。例如问你对澳洲的印象,就算你真的认为非常不堪,也不应说出口。答案一定要清晰详细(use complete sentence)。千万不要刻意用一些深奥或复杂的字来解释事情。不要以为这样可以加深面试官的印象,一个简洁易懂的答案绝对比一个复杂难懂的答案好。简单的答案不代表短答案,短答案会使整个面试有太多停顿,而面试官也要大伤脑筋多想问题。



第二章 战事正酣

第一节 首回合——并战计

一、背景探源

雅思战场上硝烟骤起的第一阶段主要是热身,作为面试的序幕,初步展示考生的英文口头表达能力(talking basically and giving simple information)。其特点是试探性,考官会用不同的方式问同样的内容(different ways asking the same things),问题一般不会太难。

在这一阶段,首先考官做简要的自我介绍,检查考生的身份证,然后就考生熟悉的问题进行提问。考生应注意克服紧张情绪,尽量放松自己。考官一般都会通过轻松的对话来缓解紧张的气氛。在考官介绍自己时考生可以做几下深呼吸,调整情绪。另外,考场录音的目的是检查考官的工作而不是检查考生的表现,因此,不必放在心上。

二、按语

兵强者, 功其将, 将智者, 伐其情。将弱兵颓, 其势自萎。

一、解读

这部分的问题大多是考生熟悉的话题,考生可以根据问题充分发挥优势,并尽量根据考官的喜好调整自己回答问题的方式,注意观察考官的表情,捕捉考官的兴趣点建立良好的谈话氛围,回答问题时不要跟考官抢话,因为问题往往难度不高,回答时要找个着力点,就像开胃的小菜,点到为止,绝不张扬,却举足轻重。

四、实战演练

Name

1. Good morning, my name is Jake. Could you tell me your full name please?



My full name is Li Jia-bao. You can call me Garbo. That's easy for you to remember.

2. What is the meaning of your name?

Li is my family name. We Chinese people put our family name first. Jiabao means the treasure of my family.

Hometown

1. Where are your from?

I am local here. Xi'an is my hometown.

2. What kind of place is your hometown?

Xi'an, is a wonderful place. It has a long history and brilliant culture. It's the capital of Shaanxi province and it is the cultural and political centre of west China.

3. Could you tell me something about your hometown?

The population's about 8 million and it's famous for its historic sites, especially for the Terracotta Warriors, which is considered to be the eighth wonder in the world. Xi'an used to be the capital of China.

4. What are the main tourist attractions in your hometown?

The Terracotta Warriors is the most famous one, which is actually the mausoleum of the first emperor of united China. The stone forest museum houses hundreds of stone tablets, which make a record of the history of China. Huaqing Palace is an ancient spa for royal people.

5. What are the people like in your hometown?

They're usually very friendly, but a bit conservative. People still hold onto a lot of old customs and traditions, which is what I mean by conservative. But I think people there are very hospitable and kind. If you ask someone for directions, they'll always try to help you out, or find someone else who can.

- 6. What places in your hometown do you like best and tell me why?
- I like the City park most, which lies around the city just like a protection belt of Xi'an.
- 7. Do you like your hometown, and tell me why or why not?

I love my hometown because I am quite familiar with it. Just like an old friend, it has its own down side, but it is part of my life.

8. Do you think your hometown is a good place for a young person to live?

Yes I do, the education system is very complete there. And there are lots of job openings for young people.



9. What disadvantages of living in your hometown?

The cost of living is rather expensive and there are lots of crimes.

Weather

1. What is the climate like in your hometown?

In general, it's pretty dry. We have four distinctive seasons. Summer is short but there is much sunshine, while winter is long and cold. The spring and autumn are both mild and pleasant.

2. What is the difference on north and south?

Northern winters, from December to March, can be extremely cold. During the summer, from May to August, temperatures in my hometown can hit 42 °C. In south China, the summer is a season of typhoons between July and September. Temperatures can rise to around 38 °C. Winters are short, between January and March. It's not as cold as in the north, but you'd better bring warm clothes with you while visiting.

Food questions

1. What kind of food and dishes do people eat in your hometown?

Most people in Xi'an like cubed pancake in mutton soup because it tastes nice and it is nourishing food. To have a big bowl of it in winter, you will feel yourself full of energy.

2. What is the main food in China?

Well, I'd say in south, it's rice, and in north, it's grain. The differences are caused of weather condition. So in north part of China, food is made mainly by grain powder, such as noodle and dumpling.

3. Has the diet of people in your country been changing?

Yes, we have more choices in food now than that of 20 years ago. People pay more attention to healthy diet. In the past, people were satisfied when they had enough to eat. But now they care more about what they are eating.

4. How to keep a healthy eating habit?

First, we should eat great variety of food and eat vegetables and fruits every meal. Second, try to avoid butter, oil, sugar and salt. And then, eat regularly. That's ok.

Festival

1. Tell me what's the biggest traditional festival in your country.

The Spring Festival is the most important festival in China. Beginning the first day of the lunar year, the celebration usually lasts for weeks.

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2. What do people do during the Spring Festival?

There are many activities such as fireworks display, visiting and greeting family and friends, lion and dragon dancing, temple fairs, and many other celebrations of Chinese folklore. Before the event, houses are thoroughly cleaned. Everyone gets a haircut and purchases new clothes. People burn incense at home and in the temples to pay respects to ancestors and to ask the Gods for good health, peace, and luck in the coming year. Red lanterns are hung everywhere.

3. What main food do people eat on the Spring Festival?

Dumpling is the most favourable food on the Spring Festival. It symbolizes reunion and good luck.

Travels and Holiday

1. Do you enjoy travel?

I like travel very much. I think it is the best way to know the world and enjoy nature. But I don't have enough time and money to travel.

2. Is there anywhere you would particularly like to visit?

I want to go to Tibet. Now people can travel there by train. I really hope I could go there as early as possible to enjoy Tibetan antelope, wild donkeys, snow-capped mountains and deep-blue skies.

3. How do you prefer to travel for a long trip?

I prefer taking a train. Travelling by train costs less money. The price of flight tickets is often many times higher than that of train tickets. Besides, it gives a traveler a closer look at the scenery of land. People can have some fantastic view through the train window.

Transportation

1. Which type of transportation do you usually use in your hometown?

I use the bicycle. Bikes are the most convenient for short-distance travel. Consuming no fuel, bikes do not produce noise or waste gas. What they need is only muscle power.

2. What's the traffic situation like in your hometown?

My home town is an old city and there are many old-structure problems. The roads are narrow. You can see traffic jam everywhere during rush hour.

Accommodations

1. Tell me about the kind of accommodations you live in?





I live in an apartment building now. There are two bedrooms, a sitting room, a bathroom and a kitchen. It is a nice place. There are plenty of sunshine in the sitting room and bedrooms. I love it very much.

2. What are the disadvantages of your accommodation?

Since it is an old apartment building, there is no elevator in it. That is the biggest disadvantage. I live on the fifth floor. Sometimes it is tiresome to climb the floor.

3. Do you prefer to live in a flat or a house?

I would like to live in a house, because there would be more private space and it is more suitable for a family to live in a house. But most Chinese people can't afford a house now. The price is too expensive.

Family

1. Can you tell me something about your family?

There are 3 people in my family, my mother, my daughter and I. My daughter is 8 year's old. My mother takes care of her most of the time.

2. What do your family members do for a living?

My mother has retired. She used to be a math teacher in a Normal school. And she teaches my daughter now. My daughter is very quite cute and pretty.

3. Do you prefer big families or small families?

I love big families. Because there would be many people living together and they can help each other. People would not feel lonely.

Studies

1. What is your major?

My major is Computing. I believe it will have a bright future.

2. What do you like most about your studies?

I like solving problems with my classmates. Group discussion is my favourite way of learning.

3. How do you like your life in University?

I like it a lot. I have made many good friends and I enjoy my major. But the competition is very severe. Many of my classmates are worrying their future all the time.

4. What do you think of the training you got in the university?

I think some of my courses are helpful in the future and some are not.

5. How was your high school experience?

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I had a good high school experience because I was at a good school. My teacher liked me a lot.

Work Questions

1. Where do you work?

I work in the main office of New soft international. It's located in the software park, the high-tech development zone in Xi'an. I've been there since 1995.

2. When do you go to work everyday?

I am required to get to work at 9:00 o'clock, but sometimes I get there earlier.

3. How do you get to work?

I go by bus. They are really crowded in the morning. During the time, you will realize how important it is to have population control.

4. What do you do for a living?

I'm a software engineer. But my work involves quite a lot of management. In fact, I'm the team leader of DVR which means digital video recorder.

5. What does your job involve?

Most of the time, I code all day long. At the same time, I have to make detailed work plan to my boss every week.

Hobbies and Spare Time

1. What kind of hobbies do you have?

I am very interested in floral design. I have been making them for a few years. I really enjoy creating things in my free time.

2. What do you do in your spare time?

I like to play video games. Once I play games, I find that time passes very quickly. Sometimes, my friends would say the most flexible part of my body is my fingers.

Sports

1. What is your favourite sport?

I like swimming very much. Swim is an ideal sport for people of all ages. It is a good exercise to muscle as well as our heart and lung.

2. Why do you like it so much?

Swimming is a kind of beautiful and comfortable sport. Moving forward in water like a fish with the skill of swimming is not only challenging but also pleasant.

3. What are the sports facilities like in your hometown?

