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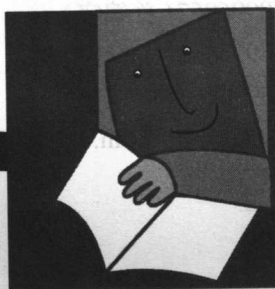
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前 言

阅读理解在高等学校英语应用能力考试中占据着举足轻重的地位,是A、B级考试的“半壁江山”。但英语阅读又往往是众多学习者和考生的弱项,其中一个重要原因就是缺乏阅读量。马克思曾说过,“批判的武器代替不了武器的批判”,即理论代替不了实践。英语实践性极强,阅读尤为如此。突破英语阅读必须有针对性地做一定量的阅读练习,以战养战。对广大考生而言,这是必由之路。

阅读理解涉及五个层次能力的运用,包括词汇认知、语法结构、阅读速度、理解能力、阅读技巧。本书融合了这五个层次的能力的拔高,讲解部分给出了提高理解能力的方法和技巧,并针对B级的考试内容和特点给出了解题技巧。试题部分补充了词汇拓展和语法认知,在帮助大家提高能力的同时夯实基础。相信大家在经过了这本阅读分册的“洗礼”后,应该对最后一役握有胜算了。

本书具体特色如下:

1. 最新真题自测。开篇的两套真题自测让读者切身感受实考试题,了解自己的阅读理解水平,找出薄弱环节,确保心中有数。

2. 阅读能力突破。本书的第二章为阅读能力突破,本章中给出了大量有效、可行的提高阅读能力的方法和技巧。讲解结合了经典例题,使得讲解更加透彻、易懂。

3. 阅读题型突破。本书的第三章为阅读题型突破,本章对B级阅读理解的四大题型进行了深刻的剖析,帮助考生领悟阅读理解的出题思路及破解技巧,并且每个题型后都配有专项训练。

4. 八套模拟试题。八套模拟试题仿真度极高,并且解析详尽,配有疑难词汇注释和长难句点拨,是考生在提高阶段磨练思路、熟悉题型、扩充词汇、巩固句法的最佳选择。

本书的使用方法:

1. 吃透讲解,活学活用

书中的讲解部分都是资深老师的经典之作,读者做题的时候一定要学会应用这些阅读方法和解题技巧,还有一些好的习惯。刚开始可能有些不适应,但一旦习惯了,就会发现它们很实用,这就是所谓的“贵在坚持”。

2. 精读与泛读结合,准确与速度并重

对于书中的练习题,读者可以根据自己的水平选择一部分精读,要把文章吃透,掌握文中的词汇和句法,分析篇章结构,找出试题的命题规律。利用这些规律去尝试对其他文章进行快速阅读,提高阅读速度和正确率。

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真题自测

2006 年 6 月试题

建议用时 40 分钟

实际用时 _____

Task 1

Directions: After reading the following passage, you will find 5 questions or unfinished statements, numbered 36 through 40. For each question or statement there are 4 choices marked A, B, C and D. You should make the correct choice and mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

Unlike Britain, the US does not have a national health care service. The government does help pay for some medical care for people who are on low incomes and for old people, but most people buy insurance (保险) to help pay for medical care. The problems of those who cannot afford insurance are an important political subject.

In Britain, when people are ill, they usually go to a family doctor first. However, people in America sometimes go straight to an expert without seeing their family doctor first. Children are usually taken to a doctor who is an expert in the treatment (治疗) of children. In Britain, if a patient needs to see a specialist doctor, their family doctor will usually recommend a specialist.

Doctors do not go to people's homes when they are ill. People always make appointments to see the doctor in the doctor's office. In a serious situation, people call for an ambulance (救护车). In America, hospitals must treat all seriously ill patients, even if they do not have medical insurance. The government will then help pay for some of the cost of the medical care.

36. Some medical care is paid by the U. S. government for _____.
A. people living in the country B. non-government officials
C. people with insurance D. the poor and the old
37. Most people in the United States buy insurance _____.
A. to pay for their own medical care
B. to help to live on their low incomes
C. to improve the national health care service
D. to solve one of the important political problems
38. What do British people usually do when they are ill?

- A. They go to see their family doctor first.
 - B. They go to see a specialist doctor first.
 - C. They call for a specialist doctor.
 - D. They call for a family doctor.
39. In America, seriously ill patients will _____.
- A. be treated if they have an insurance
 - B. make an appointment with a specialist only
 - C. receive treatment even without insurance
 - D. normally go to see an expert for treatment
40. Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?
- A. Types of Doctors in the United States
 - B. Health Care in the United States and Britain
 - C. Treatment of Sick Children in the United States
 - D. Medical Insurance in the United States and Britain

Task 2

Directions: This task is the same as Task 1. The 5 questions or unfinished statements are numbered 41 through 45.

The MDC Company was established in 2001 and in four short years has become one of the most successful companies in the market place. For this, we are pleased, proud and grateful.

We are pleased because our customers have confirmed our belief that if the products we offer are new, exciting, innovative (有创意的) and of excellent quality, they will be purchased.

We are proud because we know we are a company that keeps its word to its customers; that guarantees that any product can be returned within 30 days if it proves to be unsatisfactory in any way; and that always lets our customers know if there is to be a delay in delivery.

We are grateful to customers like you, because you confirm our beliefs that good service and quality result in satisfied customers. Without you, there would be no reason for us to be pleased or proud. We thank you for your orders and for giving us the opportunity to be of service to you.

Our special summer catalogue (商品目录) is at the printers and should be in your home soon. We hope that you will be pleased with the new selections.

Yours faithfully
John Brown

41. From the passage we can learn that MDC Company always _____.

- A. keeps its promise B. provides the same products
C. sells its products at a low price D. delivers its products without delay
42. MDC Company believes that its customers are satisfied because the company _____.
A. gives them opportunities to order B. provides good service and quality
C. guarantees the quickest delivery D. sends new catalogues to them
43. The customers will be informed if _____.
A. the product can't be delivered on time
B. the product is out-of-date and unsatisfactory
C. the company doesn't accept the returned product
D. the company can't send a new catalogue on time
44. The purpose of this letter is to _____.
A. tell the customers about the quality of their products
B. express the company's thanks to the customers
C. prove the excellent service of the company
D. inform the customers of a new catalogue
45. What can we learn about the company?
A. It has the largest number of customers.
B. It is grateful for its employees' efforts.
C. It is successful in the market place.
D. It charges the least for its services.

Task 3

Directions: The following is a part of the Guide for a transit system: Metro. After reading it, you should complete the information by filling in the blanks marked 46 through 50 in the table below. For each blank, you should write no more than 3 words.

Thanks for using Metro (地铁)

Clean. Modern. Safe. And easy to use. No wonder Metro is considered the nation's finest transit (公交) system. This guide tells how to use Metro, and the color-coded map on the inside will help you use Metro to get all around the Nation's Capital.

Metro-rail fares

- Each passenger needs a fare-card. (Up to two children under 5 may travel free with a paying customer.)
- Fares are based on when and how far you ride. Pay regular fares on weekdays 5:30 – 9:30 a. m. and 3:00 – 7:00 p. m. Pay reduced fares at all other times.
- Large maps in each station show fares and travel times. Please ask the station manager if you have any questions.

- Fare-card machines are in every station. Bring small banknotes because there are no change machines in the stations and fare-card machines only provide up to \$ 5 in change (in coins). Some machines accept credit cards (信用卡).

A Transit System Metro

Features of the system: 1) 46 ,

2) modern ,

3) safe , and

4) 47

Fares for weekends: 48 fares

Place showing fares and travel times: large maps in 49

Change provided by fare-card machines: up to \$ 50

Task 4

Directions: The following is a list of signs for public attention. After reading it, you are required to find the items equivalent to (与...等同) those given in Chinese in the table below. Then you should put the corresponding letters in the brackets on the Answer Sheet, numbered 51 through 55.

A—Buses only

B—No Parking

C—No Standing

D—Police Cars Only

E—No U-Turn

F—No Admittance

G—No Entry By This Door

H—One Way Street

I—One Lane Bridge

J—Admission By Ticket Only

K—Admission Free

L—Keep Away

M—House To Let

N—Keep Order

O—Wet Paint

P—Line Up For Tickets

Q—No Posting of Signs

R—Seat By Number

S—Wheelchairs Only

Example: (Q) 请勿张贴

(C) 禁止停车候客

51. () 禁止停车

() 禁止掉头

52. () 此门不通

() 不得入内

53. () 房屋出租

() 单行道

54. () 排队购票

() 凭票入场

55. () 公交专用道

() 对号入座

Task 5

Directions: *There are two business letters here. After reading them, you are required to complete the answers that follow the questions (No. 56 to No. 60). You should write your answers in no more than 3 words on the Answer Sheet correspondingly.*

Letter 1

June 10, 2006

Dear Sir or Madam,

Last night the central heating system that you installed (安装) in our factory exploded. The explosion caused a great deal of damage and our stock of fashion clothes has been completely ruined.

We must insist that you replace the heating system immediately and pay for our damaged stock, valued at \$400,000.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,
Bill Black
Assistant Manager

Letter 2

Dear Mr. Black,

We are writing in connection with the recent explosion at your factory.

We would like to point out that we have been manufacturing heating systems for over 25 years and we have never had a complaint before. We have asked a surveyor to find out the cause of the explosion.

We are hoping that we can provide you with a satisfactory answer soon.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Miller
Service Manager

56. What happened in the factory last night?

The central heating system _____.

57. What was the damage caused to the factory?

The stock of _____ was ruined.

58. How much was the stock valued at?

It was valued at _____.

59. What did Bill Black demand in his letter?

To replace _____ and pay for the damage.

60. What has been done by the heating system supplier?

_____ has been asked to find out the cause of the accident.

2005 年 12 月试题

建议用时 40 分钟

实际用时 _____

Task 1

Directions: After reading the following passage, you will find 5 questions or unfinished statements, numbered 36 through 40. For each question or statement there are 4 choices marked A, B, C and D. You should make the correct choice and mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

Most people buy a lot of gifts just before Christmas. But some people think they buy too much. They have started a special day called Buy Nothing Day. They don't want anyone to go shopping on that day.

Buy Nothing Day is November 29. It's 25 days before Christmas. The idea for Buy Nothing Day started in Vancouver, British Columbia. Now people all over the United States celebrate Buy Nothing Day. In California, parents and children get together to read stories, sing songs and paint pictures. The children talk about why they don't need a lot of toys.

This year in Albuquerque, New Mexico, high school students wanted to tell other students about Buy Nothing Day. They organized a simple dinner to give people information about Buy Nothing Day. They asked restaurants in the neighborhood to donate (赠送) the food. They made posters (海报) and talked to other students about it. The dinner was a big success, and many students agreed not to buy anything on November 29. The students at the high school liked the idea of this new tradition. Next year, they want to have another dinner to inform more people about Buy Nothing Day!

36. Some people start Buy Nothing Day because they think _____.
 A. people need more time to do other things
 B. people buy too many gifts for Christmas
 C. people can hardly afford to buy a lot of gifts
 D. people waste too much time going shopping
37. The idea for Buy Nothing Day first started in _____.
 A. California
 B. Albuquerque
 C. British Columbia
 D. New Mexico
38. To make Buy Nothing Day more popular, the students in Albuquerque plan to _____.
 A. provide free food to more people
 B. persuade more restaurants to donate food
 C. put up more advertising posters on that day

- D. have another dinner to inform more people of the day
39. According to the passage, which of the following statements is TRUE?
- A. Buy Nothing Day has become popular in the United States.
 - B. Restaurants have a tradition of donating food on holidays.
 - C. Gift shops are expected to be closed on Buy Nothing Day.
 - D. Children like the idea of Buy Nothing Day best.
40. The best title for the passage might be _____.
- A. Buy Nothing Day in the U. S.
 - B. The Future of Buy Nothing Day
 - C. Free Dinners on Buy Nothing Day
 - D. Students' Activities on Buy Nothing Day

Task 2

Directions: This task is the same as Task 1. The 5 questions or unfinished statements are numbered 41 through 45.

December 13th, 2005

Dear Sirs,

I am very happy to apply for the position of secretary, which you advertised in China Daily of December 10, 2005.

I have been working as a secretary at a college office. Because I am the only secretary in the office, it is necessary for me to work quickly and efficiently and to be flexible in my daily work. Professors value my work and my ability to meet their needs.

Although I am happy now, I feel that my promotion (晋升) is limited here, and I would like to have a more challenging job. Therefore, I enrolled (参加) in a program to expand my knowledge of international business affairs. Now, both my English and Chinese have been improved and I am ready to begin working as a bilingual secretary in an international company like yours, and I believe I can be a great help to your firm.

The enclosed resume gives further details of my qualifications, and I would appreciate it if you could give me an opportunity to have an interview. I am looking forward to receiving your call at 62428866 or please use the enclosed pre-paid postcard to send me your reply.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Faithfully yours,
Mary Lee

41. The writer wants to change her job because _____.
- A. she has difficulty handling her daily work efficiently

- B. she can hardly get a chance to be promoted
C. she finds her present job too challenging
D. she is tired of her duties at the college
42. In order to prepare herself for a more satisfactory job, the writer _____.
A. has taken part in a special business program
B. tries to get the professors' high praises
C. has worked much harder on her job
D. has to prove herself to be efficient
43. A bilingual secretary (Line 4, Para. 3) differs from other secretaries in that he or she can _____.
A. operate a computer
B. do the job efficiently
C. speak two languages
D. write official documents
44. The writer of the letter enclosed a pre-paid postcard to _____.
A. request a written reply
B. make an appointment
C. get more information
D. express her thanks
45. By sending this letter, the writer expected to _____.
A. draw the attention of the company
B. get an opportunity for an interview
C. apply for a suitable position in China Daily
D. obtain more information about the company

Task 3

Directions: *The following is a report. After reading it, you should complete the information by filling in the blanks marked 46 through 50 in the table below. For each blank, you should write no more than 3 words.*

A Report on New Factory Location

The committee initially (最初) considered three possible locations for the proposed new factory. Of the three cities, Chicago presently seems to the committee to offer the greatest advantages. Here are our observations of the city.

Though not at the geographical center of the United States, Chicago is centrally located in an area that contains more than three quarters of the U. S. population. It is within easy reach of our head office in New York. And it is close to several of our most important suppliers of components (配件) and raw materials—those, for example, in Columbus, Detroit and St. Louis.

The city is served by several major railroads. Except during the winter months when the

Great Lakes are frozen, it is an international seaport. Chicago has two major airports and both home and international air cargo (货物) services are available.

A Report on New Factory Location

Location recommended: 46

Advantages of the location:

- 1) in the 47 part of an area with a huge population;
- 2) within easy reach of the 48 in New York;
- 3) close to the important 49 of components and raw materials;
- 4) convenient in rail, water and 50 cargo transport.

Task 4

Directions: The following is a list of telephone operating instructions. After reading it, you are required to find the items equivalent to (与...等同) those given in Chinese in the table below. Then you should put the corresponding letters in the brackets on the Answer Sheet, numbered 51 through 55.

A—Internet access

B—Open dial-up connection window

C—Enter card number in the “user name” box

D—Enter ID number in the “password” box

E—Enter 17200 in the “phone number” box

F—Connecting

G—Please input your account number

H—Please enter your ID number

I—Please enter the number you wish to call

J—Get current credit

K—Inquire abbreviated number

L—Transfer credit money from other cards to this card

M—Please enter your new ID number

N—Modify the ID number

O—Modify the abbreviated number

P—Account recharge

Example: (E) 在电话号码栏键入 17200

(O) 修改缩位号码

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 51. () 键入呼叫号码 | () 输入账号 |
| 52. () 在密码栏中键入密码 | () 互联网接入 |
| 53. () 修改密码 | () 打开拨号连接窗口 |
| 54. () 在用户名栏中键入本卡卡号 | () 将其他卡上的金额转移到本卡 |
| 55. () 账户充值 | () 连接中 |

Task 5

Directions: *There is an advertisement below. After reading it, you are required to complete the answers that follow the questions (No. 56 to No. 60). You should write your answers in no more than 3 words on the Answer Sheet correspondingly.*

Amway (China) Daily Necessities Company Limited

Amway is a leading international company engaged in daily necessities (必需品) with an annual sale of 16 billion US dollars worldwide. We are looking for qualified personnel to fill the following positions in our Beijing office.

1. Purchasing Manager

- College diploma (文凭) with technical background
- At least 3 years' experience in the field of chemicals and packaging materials
- Able to work independently and to set up purchasing procedures
- Good computer skills
- Excellent negotiation (谈判) techniques
- Fluent in English, but not essential

2. Personnel Manager

- College diploma in Human Resources Management
- At least 2 years' experience in Human Resources Management
- Good computer skills
- Fluent in English

3. Sales Manager

- College diploma
- Knowledge in product sales
- Fluent in English
- Active and hard-working

56. What line of products is Amway engaged in?

57. What skills should a purchasing manager have?

Good _____.

58. What foreign language should the personnel manager speak fluently?

He must be active and