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美国 AT&T 国际语言研究中心、英国剑桥国际语言研究院等国内外十多所英语教育研究机构积极参与,北京四中、黄冈中学、华东师大附中、清华大学附中等国内几十所重点中学鼎力协助,一百多位英语教育专家及知名特高级教师联手缔造……魔法英语,已悄然走在中学英语教辅的最前沿,成为一个全新的中学英语教辅品牌!一个真正由专家打造的具有国际品质的中学英语教辅品牌!

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Preface

前言

阅读理解是高考英语的重头戏,能否顺利通过此关将对英语成绩的提高有着举足轻重的影响。而提高阅读理解应试水平也绝非一蹴而就,要经过长时间有计划、有目的、大量的阅读实践,只有在大量的阅读中,才能建立语感,掌握正确的阅读方法,提高阅读技能。

为此,我们力邀全国重点名校数十位经验丰富的特高级教师精心编写了这套《魔法英语征服高考阅读理解》丛书,旨在通过精选大量最新、最优美和最具有代表性的阅读材料,透彻分析阅读理解文章的题型特点和解题技巧,帮助大家强化达标训练,最终征服高考阅读理解,获取理想的英语高分。

本套丛书按照高考中常见的热点题材归类,分为《文化教育》、《时事新闻》、《历史地理》、《文学艺术》、《风俗习惯》、《体育休闲》、《名人轶事》、《政治经济》八册,最大限度地覆盖了高考阅读中的各类题材,集指导性、方向性与能力培养为一体,与最新高中英语教材相配套,是广大中学生朋友课外阅读、高考备考的理想用书。

本套丛书具有如下鲜明的特色:

主旨明确:旨在帮助读者轻松愉快且迅速高效地掌握阅读技能,提高阅读速度和答题准确率。

难度适当:所选的文章和题目的难度等于或略高于高考阅读理解全真试题的难度。





Preface

前言

题材广泛：涉及诸多领域，文化教育、时事新闻、历史地理、文学艺术、风俗习惯、体育休闲、名人轶事、政治经济八大类，几乎囊括了阅读理解的各类题材。

内容新颖：内容均选自国内外最新出版的英文报刊、杂志，紧跟社会热点、焦点，鲜活的材料体现出强烈的时代感。

信息量大：紧密联系生活实际，800篇300—500词的短文，完全突破高中阶段的阅读数量。

英语阅读能力的提高并非难事，只要方法对路，背下功夫，广猎素材，注重积累，就一定能跨越这一难关——《魔法英语征服高考阅读理解》丛书将是你的最佳选择！

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Unit 1

UNIT 1

Passage 1

难度等级

New York, September 15. During a heavy rainfall last night a bus carrying 42 passengers slipped off the road on Highway 28, killing 36 of the passengers and the driver.

A spokesman for the Highway Patrol (巡逻队) which arrived at the scene shortly after 11:30 P. M. estimated (估计) that the accident had happened about half an hour before. The injured and the dead were sent to the nearest town of Valley View.

At the point where the accident happened the road has a three-lane (三条行车线的) highway with many curves (弯路). Cause of the accident has not been fully found out.

1. It was very likely that the accident happened _____.
☐ A after 11:30 P. M. ☐ B in the city of New York
☐ C at or about 11 P. M. ☐ D in the town of Valley View
2. How many people died in the accident?
☐ A 42 ☐ B 37 ☐ C 36 ☐ D 43
3. In consideration of what caused the accident, one should pay attention to _____.
☐ A the steep off ☐ B the nearest town of valley view
☐ C highway 28 ☐ D the road with many curves
4. The cause of the accident was _____.
☐ A that the road was too crowded



- B that there was something wrong with the road
- C the driver drank too much that day
- D not certain

Passage 2

难度等级 ★★

LONDON (Reuters)—Organic fruit, delivered right to the doorstep. That is what Gabriel Gold prefers, and he is willing to pay for it. If this is not possible, the 26-year-old computer technician will spend the extra money at the supermarket to buy organic food.

"Organic produce is always better," Gold said. "The food is free of pesticides, and you are generally supporting family farms instead of large farms. And more often than not it is locally grown and seasonal, so it is more tasty." Gold is one of a growing number of shoppers buying into the organic trend, and supermarkets across Britain are counting on more like him as they grow their organic food business. But how many shoppers really know what they are getting, and why are they willing to pay a higher price for organic produce? Market research shows that Gold and others who buy organic food can generally give clear reasons for their preferences—but their knowledge of organic food is far from complete. For example, small amounts of pesticides can be used on organic products. And about three quarters of organic food in Britain is not local but imported to meet growing demand. "The demand for organic food is increasing by about one third every year, so it is a very fast-growing market," said Sue Flock, a specialist in this line of business.

1. More and more people in Britain are buying organic food because ____.
- A they are getting richer
 - B they can get the food anywhere
 - C they consider the food free of pollution
 - D they like home-grown fruit



2. Which of the following statements is true to the facts about most organic produce sold in Britain?

A It grows indoors all year round.	B It is produced outside Britain.
C It is grown on family farms.	D It is produce in large farms.
3. What is the meaning of "the organic trend" as the words are used in the text?

A growing interest in organic food	B better quality of organic food
C rising market of organic food	D higher prices of organic food
4. What is the best title for this news story?

A Organic food—Healthy, or Just for the Wealthy?	B The Making of Organic Food in Britain
C Organic Food—to Import or not?	D Good Qualities of Organic Food

Passage 3

难度等级 ★★

News from China Daily in February, 1989

China recorded fewer traffic accidents in 1988 than in 1987 and lowered trend continued for January this year.

The traffic accidents in 1988 totaled 270,000, 20,000 fewer than 1987.

But the death toll for 1988 was 54,000, an increase of 1,000 from the previous year. The increase was not as slow as that in recent years.

The ministry spokesman said in Beijing yesterday that 3,821 persons were killed in highway traffic accidents last month, a drop of 14.68 percent from January 1987. He also said there were 21,201 traffic accidents in the first month of the year, 10.1 percent fewer than January last year and 11,700 people injured.

The traffic accidents involved an economic lost worth 27.32 million Yuan (about 7 million).



Economic Daily said 170,000 persons were injured in traffic accidents in 1988, 10,000 fewer than in 1987.

- The total of the traffic accidents in 1987 was .
 A 270,000 B 20,000
 C 21,201 D 290,000
- There were persons died in the traffic accidents in 1987.
 A 55,000 B 54,000
 C 3,827 D 53,000
- According to the spokesman's saying persons were killed in highway traffic accidents in January of 1989.
 A 4,382 B 3,821
 C 54,000 D 53,000
- The number of traffic injured in 1987 was .
 A 170,000 B 180,000
 C 11,700 D 21,201
- The best title for the passage is .
 A More Traffic Accidents in 1988
 B Drop of Number of Death in Traffic Accidents in 1988
 C 1988 Road Accidents Up; Deaths Down
 D 1988 Road Accidents Down; Deaths Up

Passage 4

难度等级 ★★

The subject of this year's Kunming International Expo(博览会) is "man and nature walking hand in hand into the 21st Century". When the UK was asked to take part, it seemed natural to build a garden. Now the British Gar-



den will be a central part when Expo opens on May 1.

David Patterson, the Curator (馆长) of the Department of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh, is leading the team now putting the finishing touches to the garden. The Royal Botanic Gardens were chosen for a very good reason. They have the largest collection of Chinese plants in the world outside China.

"Ever since people in Britain started gardening for pleasure they have used Chinese plants," Patterson told English Corner. "There are probably Chinese flowers in nearly every garden in Britain. This is a good chance to give something back."

The garden has been carefully designed to mix traditional British skills with the local Chinese environment. David Patterson describes the garden as "formal but gentle". It contains a raised flower bed, a summer house and a lot of local trees. The garden is contained behind a wall of local, yellow stone. It is intended to be a place of serious thinking and quiet enjoyment.

"You could say that we've painted a picture," said David Patterson. "And we have designed the garden to continue for a long time, so that the people of Kunming will be able to enjoy it long after the Expo is over."

1. Visitors to the Kunming International Expo will most probably feel _____.
☐ A man is the master of nature
☐ B man quite agrees with nature
☐ C nature is a helping hand to man
☐ D China has a long history of gardening
2. The underlined expression "putting the finishing touches to the garden" here means _____.
☐ A starting building the garden
☐ B examining the main body of the garden
☐ C doing the last part of the work to the garden
☐ D completing the design of the garden
3. In the British Garden you will feel _____.
☐ A nothing familiar

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3. Everything British
C excited and noisy
D quiet and happy
4. The passage is mainly _____.
A an introduction to the British Garden
B an explanation of the design of the British Garden
C a high praise for the Chinese gardening
D a short talk on this year's Kunming International Expo

Passage 5

难度等级 ★★★★★

Kingsley Football Club went to Bali, Indonesia, to celebrate the end of a successful season. Only half the team returned alive.

Seven members of the team from Australia were dead, murdered in a terrorist bomb attack that killed around 200 people and injured another 300.

The world suffered another "September 11" on October 12, when terrorists left bombs outside two busy nightclubs in the resort of Kuta Beach, Bali.

After the bombs exploded, flames rushed through the buildings, pulling legs, arms and heads off the people who lay in its path. Many of the people in the club that night now lie under plastic sheets in Bali, black and unidentifiable even to their closest family members.

After news of the attack reached them, many parents flew out to Bali to look for their loved ones. One British girl was only identifiable to her parents because they recognized her belt buckle.

Bomb survivor, Richard Hechnier, a 29-year-old Australian said: "I saw people on fire, people carrying others. Most were bleeding. It was chaos. It was dark except for the flames."

The victims were mainly Westerners and many of them were Australians. For many young people in Australia, a trip to Bali is the first place they would



visit without their parents, either after their school exams or in the case of Kingsley, to celebrate the end of the sporting season.

France, Germany, Britain, America, Sweden, South Korea, Singapore and New Zealand as well as Australia and Indonesia have all lost some citizens.

Two British Rugby players from China's Hong Kong were confirmed dead. Another five members of the Hong Kong team and two supporters are missing.

And people from Japan, Finland and China have been hurt in the attack.

An international team of investigators are hunting for clues and questioning suspects responsible for the explosion. US President George W. Bush and Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri agreed to work together to find those behind the attack. The US believes the bombing was the work of a local terrorist group linked to the al Qaeda network. Not only have the terrorists killed and hurt several hundred people, they have also frightened tourists away from the tropical islands of Indonesia. Thousands of tourists have already left the island and many more have cancelled planned holidays.

- Many people killed in Bali on October 12 were difficult to confirm because _____.
☐ A they were covered by plastic sheets
☐ B terrorists were responsible for the bomb attack
☐ C their bodies were incomplete and destroyed seriously
☐ D their hands were cut off during the bomb attack
- The passage doesn't say but implies that _____.
☐ A Bali used to belong to the country—Indonesia
☐ B the terrorist bomb attack in Bali has great influence on the Islands' tourism
☐ C anyone who provides clues for the explosion is sure to be awarded
☐ D George W. Bush plays an important part in keeping peace of the world
- The disaster happened _____.
☐ A when people were having supper
☐ B when people were enjoying themselves
☐ C on the early morning of October 12
☐ D when tourists were having a sun bath
- After news of the attack reached them, many parents flew out to Bali because _____.



- A they cared more about the safety of their children
- B they wanted to show mercy to the victims
- C they wanted to find what had happened
- D they hoped to make use of the chance to make a journey on the beautiful islands

答案与解析

Passage 1

1. C 理解认定类试题。从本文第二段中: A spokesman for the Highway Patrol which arrived at the scene shortly after 11:30 P. M estimated that the accident had happened about half an hour before. (巡逻队在十一点半刚过就到达了现场,并说此时故事发生在大约半小时之前),故由此推定时间应是 11 时左右。
2. B 基于数据计算的理解认定类试题。从本文首段 During a heavy rainfall last night a bus carrying 42 passengers slipped off the road on Highway 28, killing 36 of the passengers and the driver. 36 名乘客和 1 名司机死亡,共计 37 人。
3. D 概括归纳类试题。从本报道最后一段的内容: At the point where the accident happened the road has a three-lane highway with many curves. (出事地点位于三条行车道交会处,并有很多处弯路),我们自然会总结出这样的结论:人们行车至此时要高度警惕。因此,此题的正确答案只能是 D。而 A 选项实属荒唐之词,不符情理。B、C 两项则仅针对此事故本身,而非带有概括的“警示性”话语。
4. D 理解认定类试题。阅读题干后,读者较容易将重读信息集中于本文最后一段的语句: Cause of the accident has not been fully found out. (事故的原因尚未查明)。

Passage 2

1. C 理解认定类试题,即考查我们对短文中具体信息的了解与掌握情况,同时本小题也兼有推理判断的性质。事实上本文中 Gold 是英国普通消费者的代言人,其话语中“The food is free of pesticides...”,实质上就已经明确交待了 they consider the food free of pollution. 另外,根据报道中后半部分 Market research shows that Gold and others who buy organic food can generally give clear reasons for their preferences—but their knowledge of organic food is far from complete. 由此我们能够再次推断本题最佳答案为 C。
2. B 理解认定类试题,其设题目的是要考查考生对文章细节或具体信息的捕