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内 容 简 介

《国家英语课程标准》的颁布被称为“我国英语的革命”，是我国今后较长时期内英语教学的指导性纲领，其中对中学英语词汇量和阅读能力的培养也提出了更高的要求。

根据这一精神，我们编写了《中学英语美文诵读》，旨在激发学生兴趣，培养语感，帮助学生打好英语知识基础，强化提高英语阅读技能。本书有以下主要特点：

- 一、着眼中考，培养能力
- 二、题材广泛，时代感强
- 三、体例恰当，使用方便
- 四、循序渐进，梯级上升
- 五、设计新颖，知识的复现率高

科学技术文献出版社是国家科学技术部系统惟一一家中央级综合性科技出版机构，我们所有的努力都是为了使您增长知识和才干。

英语学习并不是一件容易的事。阅读理解更是英语学习中的重点和难点。不少面临中考的同学总希望找到尽快提高成绩的方法或窍门,其实,学习英语是没有什么捷径可走的,阅读更是如此。阅读能力的培养是一个日积月累、循序渐进的过程,仅仅靠阅读教材上的文章是远远不够的,而且,新课程标准对中学生“读”的能力提出了更高的要求。为此,我们特地为中学生精心打造了《中学英语美文诵读》丛书,既可贯穿于日常学习训练之用,又可作为考试复习和备考的辅助材料。

本套丛书遵循新大纲、新课程标准的要求,版块设计独特新颖,内容翔实。具体表现为如下亮点:

(一) 循序渐进,由浅入深

每个单元层层递进,难度逐渐加大,由浅入深,使学生在这种阶梯性的阅读训练中逐步提高自己的阅读理解能力。

(二) 最新时文,寓教于乐

精选最新时文,时效性强,并且生动有趣、贴近生活、贴近中考,寓教于乐,融知识性与趣味性为一体,便于理解,扩大了学生的知识面。

(三) 知识全面,讲解精辟

知识归纳系统全面,语言流畅精辟。本着精练精讲的原则,对每道题都进行了细致深入的分析和讲解,切合学生的实际需要。

阅读理解能力的提高并非一朝一夕之事,贵在坚持。“Perseverance is the only road to success.”(百折不挠是通向成功的惟一道路。)



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Unit 1

Passage 1

The Benefits of Potatoes

Do you know the benefits of potatoes? It is nearly the king of all vegetables and all foods.

As we know potatoes were first grown in Africa. Africa is the hometown of potatoes. Later potatoes were grown all over the world. First people only ate them uncooked. As the time passed, people learned to cook them delicious.

Now potatoes have become delicious food or cooked vegetable at table. Men and women, young and old enjoy eating them very much. It is said that potatoes can be cooked into 400 kinds of cooked vegetables.

In the past, some people thought they could make people fat and were afraid of eating them too often. But in fact, they do not make people fat but keep people thin. So you can enjoy them as often as possible if you like.

根据短文内容选择最佳答案。

1. _____ are the king of the food and the vegetables.
A. Tomatoes B. Potatoes
C. Fish D. Milk
2. _____ is the hometown of potatoes.
A. Asia B. Europe
C. America D. Africa
3. It is said that potatoes can be cooked into _____ kinds of cooked vegetables.



- A. 100
C. 300
- B. 200
D. 400
4. In fact, potatoes cannot make people _____ but keep people _____.
A. fat; poor
C. healthy; die
B. thin; bad
D. fat; thin
5. Which of the following is TRUE?
A. Potatoes were first grown in Africa.
B. Potatoes can make people fat.
C. Potatoes can make people sad.
D. First people ate potatoes cooked.



美文导读

本文是一篇记叙文,讲述了土豆的发展历史。土豆是百食之王,也是百菜之王,它包含丰富的营养成分。早期在非洲种植,后传入世界各地。它被做成400多种菜肴呢!



美文点睛

1 注释:

- ①benefit *n.* 利益;好处 ②in fact 事实上

2 Men and women, young and old enjoy eating them very much.

男人和女人,年轻人和老年人都非常喜欢吃它们。



样题解析

1. B 语境判断题。从短文第一段第二句话 It is nearly the king of all vegetables and all foods. 可以了解到:土豆是百食之王、百菜之王。故答案应选 B。
2. D 语境判断题。从短文第二段第二句 Africa is the hometown of potatoes. 可以看出:非洲是土豆的故乡。故答案应选 D。
3. D 细节考查题。从短文第三段最后一句话 It is said that potatoes can be





3. The famous clock tower Big Ben is in _____.
A. England
B. America
C. Canada
D. China
4. Clocks with bells were made for _____.
A. the old people
B. every one
C. the people unable to see the clock
D. the rich man
5. Alarm clock can help people _____ on time.
A. work hard
B. wake up
C. see the time
D. go to school



美文导读

钟表已有 500 多年的历史。开始钟表只有时针,后来的钟表又大又重,然后钟表越来越小。塔钟在欧洲一些古老的地方依然存在,最著名的是英国的大本钟。现在人们多使用闹钟。



美文点睛

① 注释：

- ①servant *n.* 仆人 ②lower *n.* 塔
③clock *n.* 时钟

2 make 的用法

make 意为“做,制造”,可跟双宾语。用作使役动词时表示“使(做某事)”,后面可跟形容词、名词,省略 to 的动词不定式作宾语补足语。

I'll make her stay at home today.

今天我要使她呆在家里。

make 可接不帶 to 不定式,但在被動詞語態中,不能省略 to。

His little brother is often made to cry.

他的小弟弟经常被弄哭。





- 3 Some rich people had servants to carry the clocks when they were out.
一些有钱人在出门的时候, 让他们的仆人搬着钟。



样题解析

1. C 本题是对第一段第一句话中单词 over 的考查, 这里的 over 相当于 more than, 意思是“超过”。
2. A 从第一段第二句话 The first clock had only one hand—the hour hand. 可以看出: 最早的钟只有一个指针: 时针 (hour hand)。
3. A 如果对地理知识了解较多的话, 就可以直接得出答案了; 同时本文中的 Big Ben in London 也说明大本钟在伦敦, 而伦敦是英国的首都。
4. C 这是对句子综合理解的考查, 答案来源于短文第二段的一、二句 Bells became a part of some large clocks in cities and towns. They were for people unable to see the clock. 将两句合成一句, 答案就出来了。
5. B 文中第三段暗示了闹钟对人们的作用: 叫人们(按时)起床上班或上学。

Passage 3

A Super Pop Music Star

What will you be doing when you are 19? Studying in high school? So is Britney Spears. But she is also super star in the world of pop music. Sweet and lovely, Britney quickly captured many people's hearts!

Britney Facts

Birthday: December 12, 1981

Birth place: Louisiana, LA

Star sign: Sagittarius

Height: 1.7m

Weight: 54kg

Color of eyes: brown

Favorite color: baby blue

Favorite animal: dogs



Favorite drink : Pepsi

Favorite movie: Titanic

Favorite sport: basketball

Favorite actor: Brad Pitt

Biography: Britney Spears' life has changed greatly over the course of the past two years. Since the appearance of her jive record "Baby One More Time", Britney Spears has gone from a star in the making to a super star and the Queen of Teen. In 1999 alone she was named for two Grammys, won the 1999 MTV Europe Awards, brought her stormy live show around the world and appeared on every major televised award show both in America and in Europe.

根据短文内容选择正确答案

1. In the past two years her _____ has changed greatly.
A. family
B. boyfriend
C. study
D. life
2. _____ made her become an outstanding person.
A. The appearance of her jive record "Baby One More Time"
B. The hot dance
C. The sweetest face
D. The most attractive body
3. Now she has been _____.
A. a queen
B. lived everyday well
C. a famous athlete
D. a super star and the Queen of Teen
4. Her favorite movie is _____.
A. Titanic
B. Bridge
C. Mother
D. Brad Pitt
5. Which of the following isn't her favorite?
A. Pepsi.
B. Basketball.
C. Baby blue.
D. Red roses.





美文导读

美国一名19岁的中学生 Britney Spears, 已成为流行音乐界的一位超级明星。本文主要介绍了她的个人详细资料及简历, 其中包括她的生日、出生地、星座、体重、身高和各种爱好等。



美文点睛

1 注释:

①capture *vt.* 赢得

②sagittarius *n.* 人马座

③biography *n.* 个人简历

④jive *n.* 摇摆舞

⑤grammies *n.* 格莱美唱片

⑥live *vt.* 现场直播

2 Studying in high school? So is Britney Spears. 在中学学习? Britney Spears 也是在中学学习。

在前面陈述的肯定情况也适用于另一者时, 常用 so 引导的倒装结构“**So + be/助动词/情态动词 + 主语**”表示“另一者也如此”。在对某人陈述的情况表示赞同时, 常用“**So + 主语 + be/助动词/情态动词**。”表示“的确如此”。例如:

—John can speak Chinese. 约翰会说汉语。

—So can Jane. 简也会说。

—Basketball is a very popular game in America. 篮球在美国是一项很受欢迎的运动。

—So it is. 的确如此。



样题解析

1. D 细节判断题。根据 Britney 个人简历中的 Britney Spears' life has changed greatly over the course of the past two years. 可知, 在过去的两年 Britney 的生活发生了很大的变化, 故选项 D 为本题的正确答案。
2. A 推理判断题。根据 Britney 个人简历中的 Since the appearance of her Jive record “Baby One More Time”, Britney Spears has gone from a star in the making to a super star and the Queen of Teen. 可知, 她的专

