



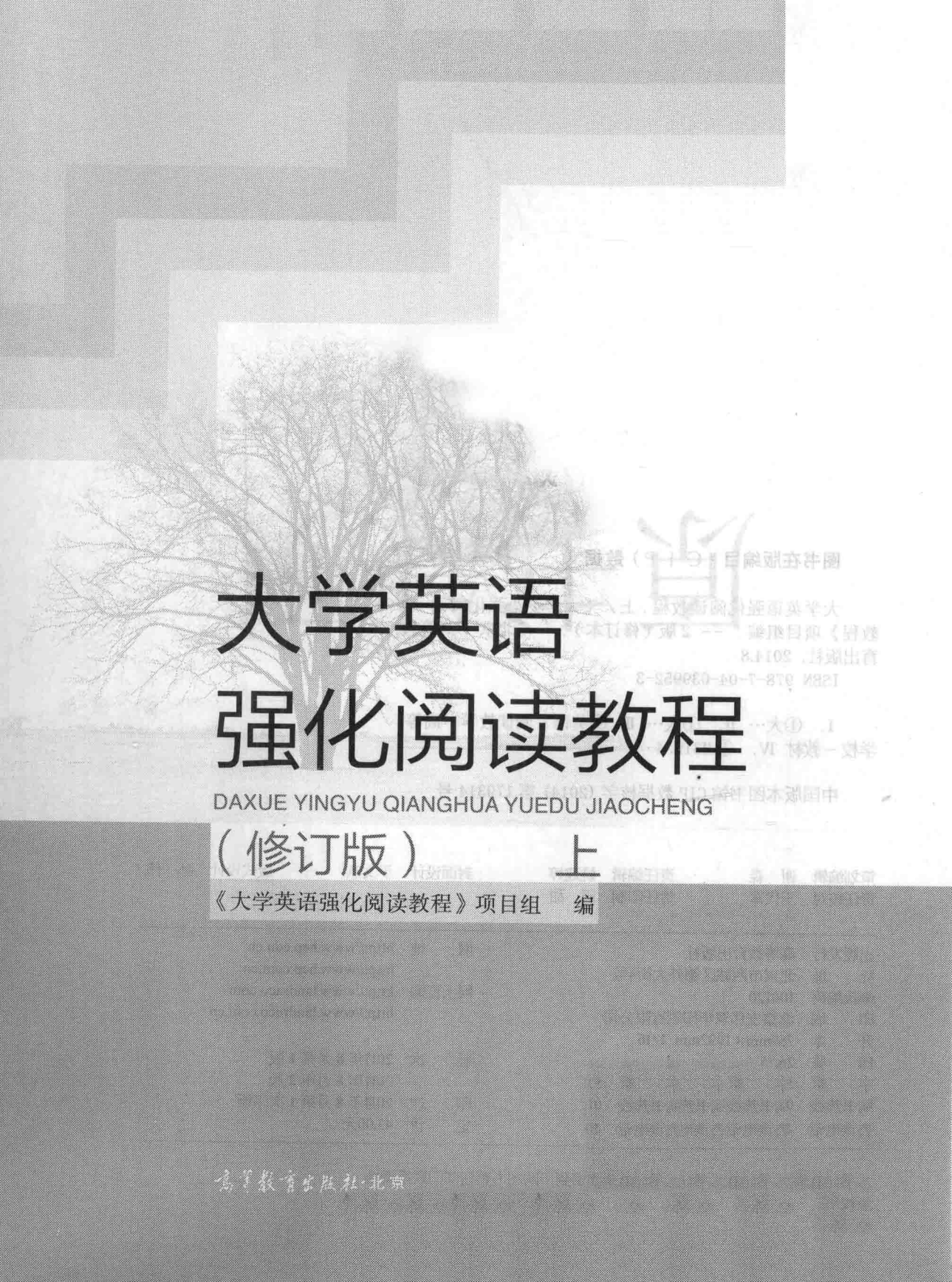
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# 前言

在当今信息时代，我们需要通过阅读实践来获取信息，增长知识，充盈智慧。而阅读能力历来就是衡量一个人文化水平的重要尺度。英语阅读能力的培养是大学英语教学的重要目标之一。准确地从阅读材料中获取所需信息是每位英语学习者应该具备的英语技能之一；帮助学生培养阅读英文的习惯，并通过实际阅读训练准确地获取所需的信息，是我们英语教师所关注的问题，也是时代赋予我们的重任。

《大学英语强化阅读教程》正是顺应这种需求，并根据教育部2007年7月颁布的《大学英语课程教学要求》编写的。

《大学英语强化阅读教程》出版以来得到了使用者的充分肯定和赞许。编者进一步理解领会教育部的《大学英语课程教学要求》，结合实际使用情况，经过近三年的认真仔细的调研，听取使用中的反馈意见，对第一版进行了修订和完善，推出《大学英语强化阅读教程》（修订版），以适应新形势下大学英语教学的需要。

《大学英语强化阅读教程》（修订版）共两册。每册分16个单元，涵盖了英语语言、教育、科技、体育与健康、文化冲突、婚姻家庭等广泛领域，涉及叙事、议论、说明等多种体裁。每单元包括三篇短文，每篇短文由Pre-reading Questions、Text、Exercises 和Notes 四个部分组成。作为热身练习，Pre-reading Questions 部分的两个开放性问题言简意赅地引出文章的中心话题。Text部分为长度在300至650个单词左右的文章，难易度为《大学英语课程教学要求》规定的“一般要求”层次。Exercises 部分包括阅读理解（Multiple Choice, True or False）和词汇练习（Blank Filling, Word Replacing, Word Building），有针对性地训练学生的阅读能力。通过阅读理解练习培养学生把握文章中心思想和掌握相关细节的能力，再通过语篇词汇练习提高词汇的覆盖率和积极词汇的重现率，突出重点词汇的操练，达到扩大学生词汇量并分类建立“词库”的目的。Notes部分对语篇中出现的相关文化背景进行注释，既能让学生更深入地了解文章，又能进一步深化文章主题，扩大学

生的视野,培养学生对英语学习的兴趣。书后附有练习答案和详解,便于自学。

《大学英语强化阅读教程》(修订版)在文章体裁、编写体例、内容信息等方面具有以下三个特点:

一、题材广泛,知识丰富:本教材在选材时注重题材的丰富性、文体的多样性、文章的时效性、内容的启迪性和语言表达的纯正性;

二、形式独特,注重强化:教材从不同角度对学生进行阅读技能、阅读理解、语篇分析、批判理解和词库构建等各方面的强化训练。

三、内容充实,信息量大:每单元除贴近大学生学习生活的文章与话题外,另附有针对性词汇、句型和文章中心思想的各类习题、超纲词汇的中文释义、参考答案和释义以及相关专有名词的注释等信息。

《大学英语强化阅读教程》(修订版)供本科大学英语教学使用,也可供各类英语提高辅导班及感兴趣的读者自学使用。

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尽管我们已尽了最大的努力,但由于编者水平有限,教材中难免有不足与疏漏之处。恳请广大读者、专家、同行不吝赐教。

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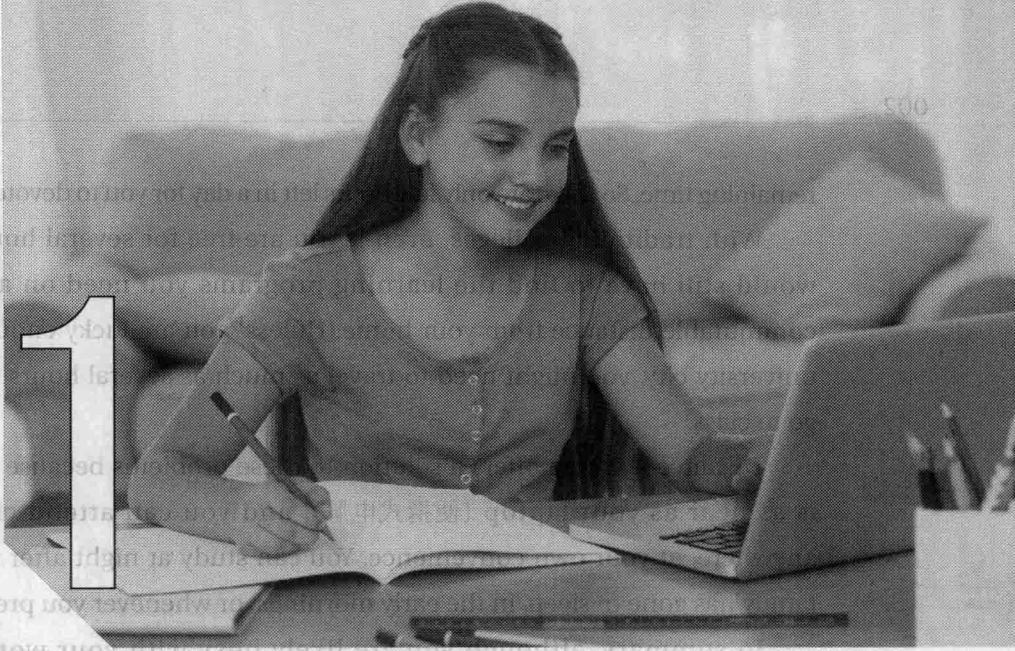
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## Passage A

### Pre-reading Questions

- 1 What do you know about online education?
- 2 Are you interested in learning online? Why or why not?

Online education is an effective way of learning for busy people, whether you're aiming for a promotion or career move that requires further education, or you just want to learn something new.

Online education has many advantages. One of the biggest is that you are able to set your own learning schedule. If you have too little time to attend regular classes, you are no longer required to follow an academic schedule as you did when you were in school.

Many people face problems finding enough time to continue their education, especially those who have gotten married and started families. Normally, work takes up the major part of your daytime hours. If you have kids, taking them to and from activities such as football practice and dancing will occupy a large part of your

remaining time. So there are only few hours left in a day for you to devote to education.

With traditional colleges, even if you are free for several hours a day, you would still have to find the learning programs you need on a campus at a commutable distance from your home. Unless<sup>1</sup> you are lucky enough to live in a university city, you might need to travel as much as several hours each time you go to class.

Distance learning offers a solution to these problems because the classroom is as near as your laptop (便携式电脑), and you can attend class anytime, anywhere, at your own convenience. You can study at night after the rest of the family has gone to sleep, in the early mornings, or whenever you prefer.

In summary, although you are likely busy with your work and family obligations, online education can be a great way to obtain additional knowledge and skills to promote your career and personal goals.

( 304 words )



## Reading Comprehension

### I. Multiple Choice

**Directions:** *In this section, there are five questions or incomplete statements followed by four possible answers marked A, B, C and D. You are to choose the best answer to each of the questions or statements.*

1. What does the passage mainly talk about?
  - A. Advantages of online learning.
  - B. The importance of online education.
  - C. Ways of managing time effectively.
  - D. Features of online learning.
2. The article mentions all of the following things learners can do through online education, EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. setting their own learning schedule
  - B. choosing their preferred learning location

- C. consulting tutors at any time
- D. obtaining additional knowledge and skills
- 3. Why is online education an effective way of learning for busy people?
  - A. Because they can learn wherever and whenever it is convenient for them.
  - B. Because it can help them attend regularly-scheduled classes.
  - C. Because it can help them reduce time spent with their families.
  - D. Because it can help them find new learning programs.
- 4. The writer says that spending time on additional education is difficult for those who have children because much of their spare time will be spent \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. doing housework
  - B. traveling with children
  - C. working
  - D. accompanying kids to activities
- 5. What is the author's attitude towards online education?
  - A. Positive.
  - B. Negative.
  - C. Neutral.
  - D. Not clear.

## II. True or False

**Directions:** There are five statements in this section. Decide whether the statements are true or false. Put T (for true) or F (for false) before each of the statements.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Online education could be a good choice if you want to learn something new.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. People with kids often lack time to continue their education.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. People who have started families typically spend most of their time on housework.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Online learning is a type of distance learning.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Online education can reduce learners' time spent commuting to campus to attend courses.



## Vocabulary Study

### III. Blank Filling

**Directions:** Fill in each of the following blanks with the best choice from the four choices marked A, B, C and D.

11. Since I have not found a new job yet, I have \_\_\_\_\_ money to spend on new clothes.
  - A. more
  - B. no longer
  - C. anymore
  - D. no more
12. It was after the war was over \_\_\_\_\_ Einstein was able to return to his research work again.
  - A. such
  - B. that
  - C. since
  - D. which
13. If you want others in your company to change, you must set an example for them to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. obey
  - B. think
  - C. follow
  - D. approve
14. The company won't stay afloat \_\_\_\_\_ we can get some loans.
  - A. unless
  - B. if
  - C. since
  - D. when
15. Unfortunately, the construction of the new national security building wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ according to plan.
  - A. excused
  - B. exported
  - C. executed
  - D. exerted

### IV. Word Replacing

**Directions:** Choose the one choice that is the closest in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following sentences.

16. The government has set up a committee to look into the problem of drug abuse.
  - A. built
  - B. established

- C. held D. arranged
17. The impact of human beings on the environment is not determined solely by how much we consume, but also by how much room we take up.  
A. occupy B. arrange  
C. own D. live
18. According to *The Times*, the government is expected to impose an additional tax on us by the end of the year.  
A. amazing B. essential  
C. extra D. useful
19. In many people's ideal world, we would not have to worry about hunger or war.  
A. perfect B. mythical  
C. realistic D. common
20. A weekly schedule may not solve all of your problems, but it will make you more aware of how you spend your time.  
A. budget B. arrangement  
C. timetable D. item

## V. Word Building

**Directions:** Complete each of the following sentences with the proper form of the word given in the bracket.

21. The manager creates a team out of his people through decisions on pay, placement and \_\_\_\_\_, and through his communication with everyone. (promote)
22. As an athlete, she possesses \_\_\_\_\_ skill and ability. (doubt)
23. The Manchester City team had an average \_\_\_\_\_ of only 44,000. (attend)
24. If a person is diligent and determined, he has a chance to realize his dreams no matter how poor, humble or \_\_\_\_\_ he may be. (luck)
25. Overweight is defined as \_\_\_\_\_ or excessive fat accumulation that may harm one's health. (normal)



## Passage B

### Pre-reading Questions

- ① What do you know about different types of education in China?
- ② In what ways can people access education?

Education has taken many forms over the years preceding the introduction of online education. First, students used slates (石板) to write on, then notebooks, then audio and video cassettes (盒式录音带), and most recently computers and the Internet. Now we can find class materials online rather than in heavy books carried around on our backs. Of course, these changes didn't happen overnight.

One important step in the development of education has been home study. While not as advanced as online education, the introduction of home study still represented important progress towards a more flexible education system. Children who have trouble with their health or other reasons for not attending school can simply use their books and study all the material at home. The exams are often taken at a school or at another place appointed to them. Hiring tutors is optional.

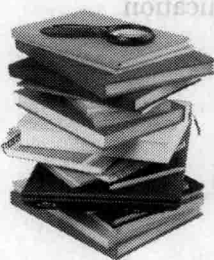
Then came correspondence study (函授学习). The principles were the same as those of home study, but in this case the student was not living in the same city as the school whose syllabus (大纲) was used. The material was sent through the mail, as were the assignments and exams. Students were often assigned a tutor to work with for the duration of their studies. Communication could be through mail or phone. This type of education has all but<sup>2</sup> disappeared, making way for open education and online learning.

A prime example of open education is the Open University in the United Kingdom, which now has several branches in other parts of the world. Anyone can enroll, and attendance is optional. While assignments are turned in via e-mail by a specific deadline, all exams are taken on the university campus.

This brings us to online education. While not everyone is convinced of the validity (有效) of degrees earned online, more and more employers have begun to recognize online courses. For someone who already has a degree from a university

or otherwise and wishes to learn a few extra skills that would help him in his career, this is the easiest method of study as well as the cheapest. Most courses take less than six months to complete. Depending on the institution that offers the classes, degrees can have accreditation (得到认可) from firms like Microsoft, or from colleges and universities.

( 401 words )



## Reading Comprehension

### I. Multiple Choice

**Directions:** In this section, there are five questions or incomplete statements followed by four possible answers marked A, B, C and D. You are to choose the best answer to each of the questions or statements.

- Which is the most appropriate title for this passage?
  - The Development of Forms of Education.
  - The Significance of Online Education.
  - A Comparison between Home Study and Online Education.
  - Disadvantages of Online Education.
- The passage mentions all of the following things home study learners can do, EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.
  - taking exams at places appointed to them
  - hiring tutors if they like
  - learning all the materials at home
  - communicating with teachers through mail
- In what way were exams sent when learners pursued correspondence study?
  - Over the phone.
  - Through tutors.
  - Through the mail.
  - Through schools.

4. Which is the easiest learning method for those who wish to acquire extra skills after receiving a degree?

- A. Correspondence study.
- B. Online learning.
- C. Open education.
- D. Home study.

5. The main purpose of the passage is \_\_\_\_\_.

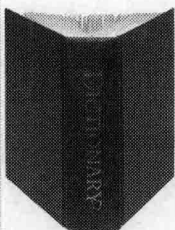
- A. to provide an overview of the development of different forms of education
- B. to compare different forms of education
- C. to introduce different forms of education
- D. to elaborate on the advantages of online learning

## II. True or False

**Directions:** *There are five statements in this section. Decide whether the statements are true or false. Put T (for true) or F (for false) before each of the statements.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. It took a short time for learning to evolve from slates to online education.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Home study requires learners to hire tutors to help them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. It is typically permissible for disabled children to participate in home study.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Correspondence study allowed learners to take courses from schools in other cities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Both correspondence study and open education typically involve taking exams at home.

- A. Over the phone.
- B. Through tutors.
- C. Through the mail.
- D. Through schools.



## Vocabulary Study

### III. Blank Filling

**Directions:** Fill in each of the following blanks with the best choice from the four choices marked A, B, C and D.

11. He is going through the most exciting \_\_\_\_\_ yet of his career as a manager.  
A. phrase                      B. experience  
C. phase                      D. memory
12. After discussion, we have made some progress \_\_\_\_\_ reaching an agreement.  
A. at                          B. towards  
C. to                          D. into
13. Don't take the job now—keep your \_\_\_\_\_ open until you're closer to leaving university.  
A. options                      B. decisions  
C. alternatives                D. rights
14. I admit that there are problems, I don't agree that they can't be solved.  
A. When                      B. Since  
C. As                          D. While
15. On the way to the airport, John and his sister \_\_\_\_\_ a date for their next meeting.  
A. applied                      B. arranged  
C. approved                  D. appreciated

#### IV. Word Replacing

**Directions:** Choose the one choice that is the closest in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following sentences.

16. If that is the case, you'll have to work much harder.
- A. thing                                      B. affair  
C. truth                                        D. example