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## 出版说明

阅读训练在初中英语教学和学生英语学习过程中具有极其重要的意义。

首先，初中英语教学大纲指出：起始阶段以后，在继续发展听说能力的同时，要重视读写能力；英语教学必须增加语言实践的量，使学生获得充分语言实践的机会，获得为交际运用英语的能力，提高英语教学质量。

其次，我们必须关注这样的一个现实：近年来，在全国各省和地市的中、高考英语测试中，都十分注重对学生阅读能力的考查，语篇阅读量在试题中所占比例高达30%~55%。

再则，我们应当看到，在日常生活中，人们除日常见面通过听、说、会话了解信息外，更多的信息则是通过阅读各类书籍、报刊等文字材料而得到的。在信息时代，更是如此，如网络上的大量有用的信息是需要我们通过阅读来获取的。

最后，在学习英语过程中，阅读训练是提高英语水平的一个重要手段。阅读不仅丰富着学习的内容，增强学习的趣味，同时，与听、说、写、译等语言能力有着密不可分的联系。阅读可以帮助我们培养语感，拓宽视野，扩大词汇量，巩固与扩展所学知识。阅读不过关，其他能力的发展是难以想像的。只有阅读能力提高了，才能为其他能力的发展打下坚实的基础。

由此可见，一个人英语阅读能力的高低，不仅是衡量其英语水平和整体素质的重要尺度，而且对其一生的发展起着重要

的作用。

然而，在课堂教学中毕竟课时不多、阅读量有限，仅靠课本中有限的课文阅读材料来提高阅读能力是不现实的。鉴此，我们根据初中英语教学大纲的精神和对各年级学生阅读能力的要求，特组织编写了这套《中学英语阅读训练》。

《中学英语阅读训练》共分8册，每册供一学期使用。本册是第6册，可供初中三年级下学期使用。在选材方面，该书力图融思想性、知识性、趣味性、科学性于一体，激发学生的学习兴趣 and 语言能力。每篇阅读材料分阅读、注解和训练三个部分。可与现行初中英语教材配套使用，以丰富和扩充知识，也可单独使用，或作为课外自学教材及阅读书籍。

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## Passage 1

### A Rich Father

John D. Rockefeller, the well-known millionaire, gave away millions, but he himself was very mean about small sums of money. One day, he went to stay at a hotel in New York and asked for the cheapest room in it. He said, "I am staying here alone and only need a small room."

The manager showed him into a room and said, "This is our smallest and cheapest room," and added, "but why do you choose a poor room like this? When your son stays here, he always has our expensive room; yours is our cheapest."

"Oh! Yes," said Rockefeller, "but his father is a rich man; mine isn't."

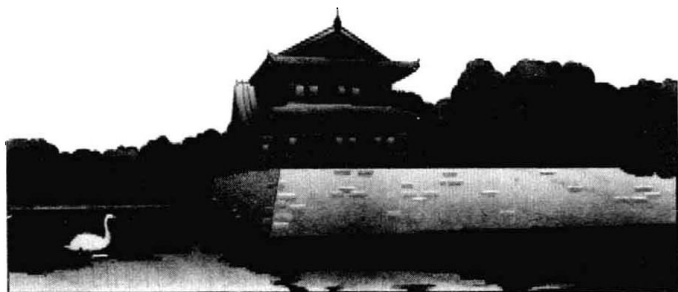
#### Notes

1. give away 赠送, 捐赠。
2. mean [mi:n] adj. 小气的, 吝啬的, 刻薄的。
3. expensive [ik'spensiv] a. 昂贵的。
4. ... his father is a rich man; mine isn't. 他的父亲是富翁, 但我的父亲不是富翁。

## ***Exercises***

**Fill in the blanks with T for true or F for false:**

- ( ) 1. Though Mr. Rockefeller is a rich man, he is mean about small sums of money.
- ( ) 2. The millionaire asked for a big room.
- ( ) 3. Rockefeller's son often asked for the most expensive room.
- ( ) 4. Rockefeller's father is a rich man too.



## Passage 2

### Fires in Washington College

Fire is always a danger. There was a big fire at Washington College in 1985. The administration building burned down. The fire destroyed many of the student records. Now the college has its own fire department. There are two fire trucks and an ambulance in a building on campus. There are always firefighters on duty.

Last month there was a fire in the dormitory. It started in a wastebasket. The firefighters put that fire out in a couple of minutes. Then last night there was a fire in the cafeteria kitchen. The fire truck arrived in five minutes. There was a lot of smoke but not much fire. It was out after fifteen minutes. The students cheered the firefighters.

#### Notes

1. Washington College 华盛顿学院。
2. the administration building 行政楼。
3. record ['rekɔ:d] n. 档案。
4. ambulance ['æmbjuləns] n. 救火车。

5. The students cheered the firefighters: 学生们非常喜欢这些消防队员。

### **Exercises**

**Fill in the blanks with T for true or F for false:**

- ( ) 1. There is a fire at Washington College every year.
- ( ) 2. The college now has its own fire department.
- ( ) 3. The fire started in the student records last month.
- ( ) 4. Last night the fire was out after five minutes.



### Passage 3

## A Winter Vacation

The winter semester has ended. The students have taken their final exams. Now they have a week's vacation before the spring semester. The weather has been very pleasant for the first weekend of the vacation. It's been warm and it hasn't rained much.

Several of the students have gone away for the week. Mike has gone to New York. He wants to have some fun because he's studied very hard this year. He's planning to do a lot of sightseeing in New York.

Bob has also left for the week. He's gone to visit his family again. This time he's invited Jack to come with him. Jack hasn't visited Bob's family before. They'll eat a lot and just rest and have a quiet time.

### Notes

1. vacation [və'keɪʃən] n. 假期。
2. semester [si'mestə] n. 学期。
3. final exam 期末考试。
4. sightseeing n. 观光。

## ***Exercises***

### **Choose the right answer for each blank:**

1. The students have \_\_\_\_\_ vacation before the spring semester.
  - A. a month's
  - B. a week's
  - C. fifteen days'
  - D. two days'
2. The weather \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. is very pleasant
  - B. is warm
  - C. doesn't rain much
  - D. all of the above
3. Which of the following is true?
  - A. All the students have gone away for the week.
  - B. All the students except Mike and Bob have gone away for the week.
  - C. No one has gone away for the week.
  - D. Many students have gone away for the week.
4. Mike \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. has gone to visit his family
  - B. has gone to visit Bob's family
  - C. has gone to New York to do a lot of sightseeing
  - D. will eat a lot and just rest and have a quiet time

## Passage 4

# An Inexpensive Energy Source

Because of the energy crisis, scientists in the oil-consuming nations have become increasingly interested in the potential of solar energy. Some experts estimate that the present supply of fossil fuel will not last until the end of the twentieth century. The problem that solar energy researchers face is how to harness the sun's energy effectively and inexpensively. One of the most popular methods currently being tested uses rooftop solar collectors and underground storage tanks. An advantage of a properly working system of this type is that it will not create any environmental pollution. Another advantage of using solar energy is that the cost of the fuel, the sun's rays, is zero.

### Notes

1. crisis ['kraisɪs] n. 危机。
2. oil-consuming nation 石油消耗量大的国家。
3. solar ['səʊlə] adj. 太阳的。
4. potential [pə'tenʃəl] n. 潜力; 可能性。
5. increasingly adv. 逐渐地。

- 6. fossil fuel 矿物燃料。
- 7. harness ['hɑ:nɪs] vt. 利用; 控制。
- 8. storage tank 贮藏槽。

## Exercises

### Choose the right answer for each blank:

1. One popular solar heating system makes use of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. roof collectors and underground storage tanks
  - B. fossil fuel conversion
  - C. underground oil tanks
  - D. water collection and evaporation
2. Which of the following describes an advantage of using solar energy?
  - A. There is little or no environmental pollution.
  - B. A large percentage of fuel costs can be saved.
  - C. Fossil fuels will become more plentiful.
  - D. The oil-consuming nations will not have to import oil.
3. According to some experts, the supply of fossil fuel will last \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. one more century
  - B. an indeterminable time
  - C. until the end of this century
  - D. indefinitely
4. The cost of using the sun's rays for heating is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. about the same as the cost of fossil fuels
  - B. several hundred dollars per year
  - C. negligible compared with other energy sources.
  - D. determined by the severity of the winter



## Passage 5

### Coffee and Tea

Coffee and tea were not known in Europe two hundred years ago. People were afraid to drink them because they thought coffee or tea would kill a person. One of the Kings decided to find out whether it was true or not.

At that time there were two brothers in prison. They were twins and were much alike. They had committed a crime and were sentenced to death. The King said: "I will let them live but they will drink coffee or tea to the end of their lives. One of them will drink coffee and the other will drink tea every day."

They both lived many years. One of the brothers died when he was eighty-three years old. The other died a few years later. In this way it proved that neither tea nor coffee was harmful to man.

#### Notes

1. twin [twin] n. 孪生子。

2. commit a crime 犯罪。