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英语作为一种交际工具,越来越受到人们的普遍重视。同时,如何提高英语阅读能力一直是中学英语教学的一个重要环节。多年来,各级英语教研人员和一线的英语教师始终在探索促进英语教学的行之有效的方法。本丛书为读者精心制订了系统的学习方法和流程,目的在于:(1)让读者通过阶段化的学习,循序渐进地掌握英语思维方式,尽可能地避免各种语言学习的误区;(2)让读者对英语中的核心词汇和语法结构有清晰的了解;(3)让读者深刻了解英美文化背景,消除文化障碍;(4)让读者形成适合自己的学习方法与模式,全面提高英语能力。

本书是根据《普通高中英语课程标准》七级的要求,以《英国语文》、《美国语文》、《加拿大语文》和《澳大利亚语文》的材料为主,另加一些经典阅读材料和时新英语材料。阅读材料内容经典,有丰厚的文化积淀和人性内涵,富有持久的影响力,并且文字优美;选材广泛,包括文化、文学、自然、科学、历史、政治、哲学等;趣味性强,体现时代性,关注学生的兴趣。每篇阅读材料的前面都有"阅读导语",以引起读者阅读兴趣。材料后面为读者设置了三个栏目:

栏目一:[Word bank]部分为您扫除阅读障碍。

栏目二:[Notes]部分与您共同赏析文中美句。

栏目三:[Practice]部分供您一试身手,让您体验足够的成就感。这部分共设三个大题。

- 1. Comprehension 采用选择题和开放性问题两种形式,让读者进一步理解文章内容。·
  - 2. Word check 采用选择或者词汇配伍的形式,帮助读者在语境中正确判断词义。
- 3. Writing practice 内容围绕选文主题,能够启发读者思考,激发写作兴趣,使读者有话可说。

#### 本从书独到之处:

- 1. 方法科学。本丛书结构设置合理,让读者循序渐进地掌握学习和运用英语的方法,稳步前进,为今后的英语学习打好坚实的基础。
- 2. 实用性强。我们编写此丛书的初衷,就是帮助英语学习者跳出枯燥的语法学习误区,大胆地通过情景交流和地道篇章学会应用语言,突出"活"学"活"用英语这个英语学习的最终目的。
- 3. 讲解精辟。丛书均配有详细的解说,形成学习上的互动和指导,助广大英语学习者一臂之力。

本书经过编者半年来的多次修改,终于可以呈现给读者了。我们希望通过这本书,为读者提供一个学习语言和体验语言的环境,使读者充分体会阅读的乐趣。我们编写此书的初衷就是要给广大初中学生提供最新、最经典的英语阅读理解训练题,让考生在最短的时间内提升英语阅读理解能力,从而取得阅读理解的最高分。

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### The Pleasure of Reading

### Guidance

Have you ever got the pleasure of reading? Let's get closer to books to get the peace of inner heart in the noisy world. Being lost in books is happy. 你享受过阅读的乐趣吗?让我们在这个喧嚣的世界中,不为外物所滞而沉静于心,与书结缘。沉迷于书中是一种难得的幸福。

- All the wisdom of the times, all the stories that have delighted mankind for centuries, are easily and cheaply available to all of us within the covers of books but we must know how to avail ourselves of this treasure and how to get the most of it. <sup>①</sup> The most unfortunate people in the world are those who have never discovered how satisfying it is to read good books.
  - I'm most interested in people, in them and finding out about them. Some of the most **remarkable** people existed only in a writer's **imagination**, then on the pages of his book, and then, again, in my imagination. I've found in books new friends, new societies, new worlds.
- If I am interested in people, others are interested not so much in who as in how. Who in the books includes everybody from science to science fiction superman two hundred centuries in the future all the way back to the first figures in history. How covers everything from the explanations of Sherlock Holmes to the discoveries of science and ways of teaching manners to children.
  - Reading is pleasure of the mind, which means that it is a little like a sport: your eagerness

and knowledge and quickness make you a good reader. Reading is fun, not because the writer is telling you something, but because it makes your mind work. Your own imagination works along with the writer's or even goes beyond his. Your experience, compared with his, brings you to the same or different conclusions, and your ideas develop as you understand his.

Every book stands by itself, like a one-family house, but books in a library are like houses in a city. Although they are separate, together they all add up to something, they are connected with each other and with other cities. The same ideas, or related ones, appear in different places; the human problems that repeat themselves in life repeat themselves in books, but with different solutions according to different writings at different times. Books influence each other; they link the past, the present and the future and have their own generations, like families. Wherever you start reading, you connect yourself with one of the families of ideas, and in the long run, you not only find out about the world and the people in it, you find out about yourself, too.

Reading can only be fun if you expect it to be. If you <u>concentrate on</u> books somebody tells you "ought" to read, you probably won't have fun. But if you put down a book you don't like and try another till you find one that means something to you, and then relax with it, you will almost certainly have a good time—and if you become, as a result of reading, better, wiser, kinder, or more gentle, you won't suffer during the process. <sup>②</sup>

(487 words)

#### Word bank

available adj. 可获得的;可用的 avail oneself of 利用 fiction n. 小说;虚构 link vt. 连接;挽住,勾住



## Notes

① All the wisdom of the times, all the stories that have delighted mankind for centuries, are easily and cheaply available to all of us within the covers of books but we must know how to avail ourselves of this treasure and how to get the most of it. 人类世世代代的聪明才

智,千百年来令人陶醉的故事,我们都可以轻而易举地从书籍中获取而又无须耗费许多钱财。不过,我们必须懂得如何利用这笔财富并从中获得最大的收益。avail oneself of 相当于 to make use of 利用 例如: You should avail yourself of every chance to improve your spoken English. 你应当利用一切机会提高英语口语水平。

② ...if you become, as a result of reading, better, wiser, kinder, or more gentle, you won't suffer during the process. ……假如你由于阅读而变得更为高尚、聪慧、仁慈、文雅, 你就不会觉得读书是一种负担了。



#### I. Comprehension

- 1. Which of the following ideas may the writer agree with?
  - A. You will get much delight from any book that you are told to read.
  - B. You think actively instead of getting facts passively when reading.
  - C. You can relax yourself by reading because it involves little thinking.
- 2. Which of the following is NOT about "how" in Paragraph 3?
  - A. Discovery of science.
  - B. Superman in science fiction.
  - C. The explanation of Sherlock Holmes.
- 3. What can we learn from Paragraph 5?
  - A. We can often find something connected with ourselves in books.
  - B. Different writings at different times share the same characteristics.
  - C. The same problems will appear in different books with similar solutions.
- 4. What's the writer's purpose of writing this article?
  - A. To advise us to enjoy ourselves by reading.
  - B. To encourage us to make full use of libraries.
  - C. To encourage us to find out solutions in books.

#### II. Word check

Match the words with their meanings.

- 1. remarkable
- A. a way of solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation
- 2. imagination
- B. in the long term

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3. in the long run

C. to give all your attention to sth. and not think about anything else

4. solution

D. the ability to create pictures in your mind

5. concentrate on

E. unusual or surprising in a way that causes people to take notice

#### III. Writing practice

Write a short passage to share your reading experience especially your joys of reading.



### Nobel Couple Wins

## Guidance

Have you heard a saying that a mix of Jacks and Jills makes a tough job a breeze? In our daily life it really works and the story below is a most suitable proof. 你是否听说过一句俗语:男女搭配,干活不累? 在我们的日常生活中它真的在起作用,下面的这个故事是一个很好的例证。



May-Britt Moser, 51, and Edvard Moser, 52, won the Nobel Prize in Medicine on Oct 6.

There's a saying that a mix of Jacks and Jills makes a tough job a breeze. That might be why boys and girls have a good chance of becoming study partners. But the Nobel Prize may

have made the saying go further—a couple makes a tough job a breeze.

- Husband-and-wife Norwegian scientists Edvard Moser, 52, and May-Britt Moser, 51, along with British-US citizen John O'Keefe, 75, received this year's Nobel Prize in Medicine on Oct. 6, 2014 and shared the \$1.1 million (6.75 million yuan) prize money.
- They found that the brain has a GPS-like function that allows people to produce mental maps and navigate the world.
- The findings unlock the secrets to how we figure out a **shortcut** to work when there's a traffic jam. And they may further help cure diseases like Alzheimer's, whose victims lose their **spatial** memory and get easily lost, AP reported.
- Admittedly, intelligence and hard work are largely behind their success, yet many, including May-Britt Moser, believe spending time with like-minded people may have also **propelled** them toward the prize, <sup>②</sup> according to AFP.
- "It's impossible to do everything on one's own. You have to have partners who you can trust and share the same **passion** with you," said May-Britt Moser. The Mosers work at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. Born into families without academic traditions, they went to the same high school, but it was at university in Oslo that they fell in love and decided to do research in **neuroscience** together.
- "We have the same **vision** and we **maintain** that by talking to each other, talking to other people, and then trying to address the questions we are interested in, <sup>®</sup> said May-Britt Moser.
- Being friends and families also allows them to **bounce** ideas back and forth on the spot.
  - They have "breakfast meetings" and "night talks" every day, said Nature magazine. They talk about brains when they are shopping and cooking. They even turned a family dinner at a **fancy** restaurant this summer into a discussion about how their own brains know where they are.
- "We can inspire one another inside and outside the lab. That's good because the best ideas don't necessarily come when you're sitting in the lab," said Edvard Moser.
- The Mosers are the fifth couple to win a Nobel Prize since it began in 1901, AFP reported. The most famous couple is French scientist Marie Curie and her husband Pierre (1903, physics prize).
- As the new Nobel couple, the Mosers will carry on with their work. "They say the lab is their third child," Isabel, one of the couple's two daughters, told AFP.

(452 words)