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内容提要

ACT 全称“American College Testing”,中文名称为“美国大学入学考试”,是美国大学本科的入学条件之一,也是奖学金发放的重要依据之一。本书系“澜大出国系列丛书”之一,由澜大教育 ACT 核心团队编制完成。书中收录了 ACT 考试真题中的阅读、科学、数学词汇。其中,阅读词汇分为常见词汇与偏门词汇,便于读者阅读与学习。本书的读者主要是参加 ACT 考试的考生。

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前言

在同学们对 SAT 考试趋之若鹜的当下,ACT 考试则被大家撂在一旁,寂寞难耐。同样作为美国大学本科的入学考试,ACT 在大洋彼岸的参加人数早已超过了 SAT,可在中国却水土不服,陷于“舅舅不疼,姥姥不爱”的尴尬境地。

其实,自打 2010 年开始,我便每年往香港跑,参加 ACT 和 SAT 这两门美国大学的升学考试。当时不比现在,现在每次考试会把学生和老师分开,极其严格。早年间的考试,我竟然是坐在学生堆中,和他们一起考试的。非常好玩,好多次,我教过的学生恰巧坐在我后面,惊讶地发现“啊,老师!你怎么在这里?!”或是中间休息时在洗手间不期而遇:“老……老师?!”我则异常冷漠:“嗯,好好考试!”时过境迁,如今再也没有这样的机会了。

在编写本书时,我脑海中总会浮现出学生们在考场上的神情,或泰然自若,或手足无措,更多的则是不置可否却也只能硬着头皮动笔。目前,市面上大多数 ACT 词汇书在针对性上有所欠缺,大多是收录了一些同类考试中的常见词汇,如 scoff、jeopardize 之类;而在本书中,我们尽量还原真实考试中的场景和心态,所摘取的全部是历年真题中的单词。所以,大家还能看见像“roll with the punches”(表面意思指“随着孔滚动”,引申为以灵活的方式克服困难、兵来将挡)这样的词组,因为它就真真实实地出现在了 ACT 的考卷上——我们希望还原 ACT 原貌,让大家更为公正、理性地去看待这个考试。看得清澈了,选择也就明朗了。

归根结底,ACT 求的是速度和稳定性。相比 SAT,ACT 的“阅读”部分不求推理,不求思想深度,不玩文字,没有类比,只求能在茫茫的文字中多看了正确选项那么一眼,读懂字面即彪悍。但令人望而生畏的是 4 篇分别有 700 多词的阅读文章,且风格类型完全不同,要求同学们在 35 分钟内完成 40 道题,可见速度至上才是王道。至于“科学”部分,如

果具备了比较常识性的理科知识之后,便不是在考察科学中的公式计算之类的,而是在考察同学们的表格解读、实验报告分析、观点之间的考量、数据之间的差异和相关性等,时间仍然是个中重头,在纷繁芜杂的数据和图表中能够迅速找出关键数据和量化关系,直切要害。

本书收录了历次 ACT 考试真题中的阅读、科学、数学词汇。其中,阅读词汇分成了较为常见的词汇和比较偏门(仅理解中文含义即可)的词汇,常见词汇需要牢牢记住,因为这些词汇它们哪怕不在 ACT 考试中出现,也会是日常英文文献的常客;而那些偏门词汇多为专有名词,也被一并收入,望愿意下功夫的同学一视同仁地对待,而可能有些偷懒的同学也能对这些单词混个眼熟。

本书的阅读部分单词按照真题编号进行了归整,方便同学们刷题复习。另外要感谢宋杰老师,耗费了大量时间对本书进行了整齐划一的排版工作。

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Words For Reading



Prose Fiction

1. rummage v. /'rʌmɪdʒ/	【中】翻查 【英】searching for sth hurriedly 【例】rummaging through (the contents of) a drawer for a pair of socks
2. jam-packed adj. /ɪdʒæm'pækt/	【中】塞紧的,拥挤不堪的 【英】full of people or things that are pushed closely together 【例】The place was jam-packed with tourists.
3. scatter v. /'skætə/	【中】(使)分散 【英】to (cause to) move far apart in different directions 【例】The police scattered the crowd.
4. scoff v. /skɒf/	【中】嘲弄 【英】to laugh and speak about a person or idea in a way that shows that you think they are stupid or silly 【例】scoff at other people's beliefs
5. flop v. /flɒp/	【中】猛然倒下 【英】to fall or drop heavily 【例】He flopped down onto the bed.
6. sham n. /ʃæm/	【中】赝品 【英】not real 【例】The elections were a complete sham.
7. puffy adj. /'pʌfɪ/	【中】膨胀的 【英】round and swollen 【例】Her eyes were puffy from crying.

8. convivial <i>n.</i> /kənɪˈvɪvɪˈæliːtɪ/	【中】欢乐 【英】friendly and making you feel happy and welcome 【例】a convivial atmosphere
9. ruse <i>n.</i> /ruːz/	【中】诡计 【英】a trick intended to deceive someone 【例】Agnes tried to think of a ruse to get Paul out of the house.
10. tiptoe <i>n.</i> /'tiptəʊ/	【中】踮着脚走 【英】walk very quietly without putting heels on the floor 【例】She stood on tiptoe to kiss him.
11. literally <i>adv.</i> /'lɪtərəli/	【中】差不多,简直(用于加强语气) 【英】You use literally to emphasize that what you are saying is true, even though it seems exaggerated or surprising. 【例】He was literally bowled over by the news.
12. creak <i>v.</i> /kriːk/	【中】嘎吱响声 【英】short, high-pitched sound 【例】The floorboards creaked as she walked across the room.
13. scrape <i>v.</i> /skreɪp/	【中】擦,刮 【英】pull a sharp object over the surface or rub against, cause noise or slight damage 【例】The earth was scraped away to uncover a trap door.
14. curl <i>v.</i> /kɜːl/	【中】(使)卷曲;盘旋 【英】form tight curve and spirals 【例】Mary was busy curling her hair.
15. sneaky <i>adj.</i> /'sniːki/	【中】鬼祟的,卑鄙的 【英】doing things in a secret and unfair way 【例】It is a sneaky and underhand way of doing business.
16. mothball <i>n.</i> /'mɒθbɔːl/	【中】樟脑球 【英】a small ball made of a strong-smelling chemical, used for keeping moths away from clothes 【例】A mothball is a small ball.
17. cardigan <i>n.</i> /'kɑːdɪgən/	【中】羊毛背心
18. pullover <i>n.</i> /'pʊləʊvə/	【中】套衫
19. bead <i>n.</i> /biːd/	【中】有孔小珠,露珠

20. mohair <i>n.</i> /'məʊheər/	【中】马海毛
21. kilt <i>n.</i> /kɪlt/	【中】苏格兰褶裥短裙
22. pin <i>n.</i> /pɪn/	【中】别针
23. kink <i>n.</i> /kɪŋk/	【中】(绳、头发等的扭)结
24. grin <i>v. /n.</i> /ɡrɪn/	【中】露齿笑 【英】a wide smile 【例】an evil grin
25. crescent <i>n.</i> /'kresənt/	【中】新月
26. whisker <i>n.</i> /'wɪskər/	【中】连鬓胡子
Social Science	
1. cult <i>n.</i> /kʌlt/	【中】(尤指)膜拜仪式 【英】very popular among a particular group; a religious group 【例】the mysterious nature-worship cults of these ancient peoples
2. cunning <i>adj.</i> /'kʌnɪŋ/	【中】善于骗人的 【英】clever at deceiving people 【例】a cunning liar
3. enrage <i>v.</i> /ɪn'reɪdʒ/	【中】使(某人)非常愤怒;激怒;触怒 【英】make (sb) very angry 【例】His arrogance enraged her.
4. insidious <i>adj.</i> /ɪn'sɪdɪəs/	【中】隐伏的 【英】unpleasant or dangerous, developing without being noticed 【例】an insidious disease
5. misgiving <i>n.</i> /mɪs'ɡɪvɪŋ/	【中】疑虑、不安 【英】If you have misgivings about sth that is being suggested or done, you feel that it is not quite right, and are worried that it may have unwanted results. 【例】I have serious misgivings about taking the job.

6. presuppose <i>v.</i> /ˌpri:sə'pəʊz/	<p>【中】需要以……为先决条件</p> <p>【英】If one thing presupposes another, the first thing cannot be true or exist unless the second thing is true or exists.</p> <p>【例】We cannot presuppose the truth of his statements.</p>
7. sacred <i>adj.</i> /'seɪkrɪd/	<p>【中】神圣的</p> <p>【英】holy, having special connection with God</p> <p>【例】a sacred rite, place, image</p>
8. devious <i>adj.</i> /'di:vɪəs/	<p>【中】迂回的</p>
9. inurement <i>n.</i> /ɪ'njuəmənt/	<p>【中】使自己(某人)习惯于(通常指厌恶的事物)</p>
10. javelin <i>n.</i> /'dʒævlɪn/	<p>【中】标枪</p>
11. kinsmen <i>n.</i> /'kɪnzməŋ/	<p>【中】同族人</p>
12. plead <i>v.</i> /pli:d/	<p>【中】恳求</p>
13. slay <i>v.</i> /sleɪ/	<p>【中】杀害</p>
14. totemic <i>adj.</i> /'təʊtemɪk/	<p>【中】图腾的</p>
Humanities	
1. anthology <i>n.</i> /æn'θɒlədʒɪ/	<p>【中】(同一主题或同一作者的)诗集,文集,选集</p> <p>【英】collection of poems or pieces of prose on the same subject or by the same writer</p> <p>【例】an anthology of love poetry</p>
2. courtier <i>n.</i> /'kɔ:tɪə/	<p>【中】侍臣</p> <p>【英】companion or assistant of a sovereign at court</p> <p>【例】the King and his courtiers</p>
3. elegy <i>n.</i> /'elɪdʒɪ/	<p>【中】挽歌</p> <p>【英】poem or song expressing sorrow, esp for the dead; lament</p> <p>【例】Gray's "Elegy in a Country Churchyard" is a famous English poem.</p>

4. embed v. /ɪm'bed/	<p>【中】将某物深而牢地固定于(周围的物体中)</p> <p>【英】fix sth deeply and firmly (in a surrounding mass)</p> <p>【例】stones embedded in rock</p>
5. fickle adj. /'fɪkəl/	<p>【中】易变的;无常的</p> <p>【英】changing; not constant</p> <p>【例】fickle weather, fortune</p>
6. hermit n. /'hɜːmɪt/	<p>【中】隐士</p> <p>【英】someone who lives alone and has a simple way of life, usu for religious reasons</p> <p>【例】He became a hermit after he was dismissed from office.</p>
7. imbue v. /ɪm'bjʊː/	<p>【中】使(某人/某事物)充满或激起(感情等)</p> <p>【英】fill or inspire sb/sth with (feelings, etc)</p> <p>【例】imbued with patriotism, ambition, love, etc</p>
8. incense v. /'ɪnsens/	<p>【中】激怒(某人)</p> <p>【英】makes you extremely angry</p> <p>【例】The decision to reduce pay levels incensed the work-force.</p>
9. insulate v. /'ɪnsjʊlət/	<p>【中】使(某事物)隔离或绝缘</p> <p>【英】isolate, shield</p> <p>【例】Children were carefully insulated from harmful experiences.</p>
10. intrigue v. /ɪn'triːg/	<p>【中】搞阴谋诡计</p> <p>【英】secret plans to harm</p> <p>【例】She was intriguing with her sister against her mother.</p>
11. lament v. /lə'ment/	<p>【中】为(某人/某事物)感到悲痛</p> <p>【英】feel or express great sorrow or regret for (sb/sth)</p> <p>【例】lament (for) a dead friend</p>
12. marginal adj. /'mɑːdʒɪnəl/	<p>【中】边缘的;微小的</p> <p>【英】very small in amount or effect</p> <p>【例】The report suggests that there has only been a marginal improvement in women's pay over the past few years.</p>
13. priest n. /'priːst/	<p>【中】牧师</p> <p>【英】someone who is spe trained to perform religious duties and ceremonies in the Christian church</p> <p>【例】An ancient Greek priest interpreted sacred mysteries, esp the priest of the Eleusinian mysteries.</p>
14. ravage v. /'rævɪdʒ/	<p>【中】严重损坏(某物);毁坏</p> <p>【英】damage (sth) badly; destroy</p> <p>【例】forests ravaged by fire</p>

15. seduce <i>v.</i> /sɪ'dju:s/	<p>【中】唆使某人做坏事或不至于做的事(尤指提供好处)</p> <p>【英】persuade sb to do sth wrong, or sth he would not normally do, esp by offering sth desirable as a reward</p> <p>【例】I won't be seduced from my duty.</p>
16. trivial <i>adj.</i> /'trɪvɪəl/	<p>【中】不重要的;琐碎的</p> <p>【英】sth that has little importance</p> <p>【例】a trivial mistake, loss, offence</p>
17. upheaval <i>n.</i> /ʌp'hi:vəl/	<p>【中】激变;剧变;动乱</p> <p>【英】sudden violent change or disturbance</p> <p>【例】political, social upheavals</p>
18. vernacular <i>n. / adj.</i> /və'nækjələ/	<p>【中】本地话,本国的</p> <p>【英】language or dialect spoken in a particular country or region, as compared with a formal or written language</p> <p>【例】a vernacular poet</p>
19. virtue <i>n.</i> /'vɜ:tʃu:/	<p>【中】美德;道德上的优良品性</p> <p>【英】moral goodness or excellence</p> <p>【例】lead a life of virtue</p>
Natural Science	
1. blithe <i>adj.</i> /blaɪð/	<p>【中】快乐无忧的</p> <p>【英】happy and carefree; casual</p> <p>【例】a blithe spirit</p>
2. discernible <i>adj.</i> /dɪ'sɜ:nəbl/	<p>【中】可识别的</p> <p>【英】to be able to see sth by looking carefully</p> <p>【例】Far away the outline of the island is just discernible.</p>
3. flake <i>n.</i> /fleɪk/	<p>【中】小薄片(尤指从物体上剥落下来的);小碎片</p> <p>【英】small thin layer or piece, esp one that has broken off a surface or object; small loose bit</p> <p>【例】Scrape off all the loose flakes of paint before redecorating.</p>
4. flank <i>n.</i> /flæŋk/	<p>【中】侧面</p> <p>【英】side of sth, eg a building or mountain</p> <p>【例】A small group of houses clings to the eastern flank of the mountain.</p>
5. precarious <i>adj.</i> /prɪ'keəriəs/	<p>【中】依靠机会的;不确定的</p> <p>【英】depending on chance; uncertain</p> <p>【例】She makes a rather precarious living as a Prose Fictionist.</p>