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内 容 简 介

《大学英语分级阅读教程》分为三个篇章——初级篇、中级篇、高级篇，每个篇章由 6 个单元组成，每个单元含 2~3 篇阅读材料，后面辅以针对英语应用能力考试 A、B 级和大学英语四级考试的阅读理解练习。初级篇、中级篇、高级篇文章由易到难，初级篇文章较容易，适合 B 级水平的学生阅读学习；中级篇难度有所提高，适合 A 级水平的学生阅读学习；高级篇为提高篇，水平由 A 级向大学英语四级过渡，为学生通过大学英语四级考试打好基础。

《大学英语分级阅读教程》以国家教育部颁布的《高职高专英语课程教学基本要求》为指导精神，针对高职以及音、体、美专业英语基础相对比较薄弱的本科生阅读教学的现状而编写。文章选材新颖，趣味性强，并兼顾实用性，为高职及音、体、美专业学生提供了良好的阅读学习素材。学生通过学习《大学英语分级阅读教程》可以掌握基本词汇、短语、句法等，能有效地提高阅读理解能力和语言综合应用能力，为顺利通过英语应用能力考试打好基础。同时本书也可作为英语初中级读物，供具有一定基础的英语爱好者参考使用。

前言

英国文艺复兴时期伟大的哲学家弗朗西斯·培根曾说：“阅读使人充实，会谈使人敏捷，写作使人精确。”阅读可以使我们开阔视野，增长知识，培养良好的学习能力和阅读能力。《大学英语分级阅读教程》的编写主要结合目前高职院校阅读教学的现状，针对音、体、美专业本科生英语基础相对比较薄弱、阅读能力较差的特点，为学生提供了难度适中的阅读材料，弥补了当今高职英语阅读教材和音乐类、体育类、美术类专业大学英语阅读教材贫乏的现状。本书内容由易到难，丰富多彩，覆盖面广，选文突出了实用性和可读性，主要反映当前的热点话题。教程中每个单元一个主题，并附有相关阅读练习。通过学习本书，学生可以提高英语学习的多方面能力，逐步提高英语阅读能力，为顺利通过英语应用能力考试和大学英语四级考试打下基础。

◆ 通过学习阅读教程增加词汇量。通过阅读来扩大词汇量要比强化词汇教学更为有效。因此，阅读是积累词汇量的最好办法。本书每篇文章都提供了生词表，并注意了核心词汇的重现率，通过在阅读中反复出现，帮助学生克服英语学习过程中的遗忘现象，改变靠死记硬背记单词的方法。

◆ 通过学习阅读教程提高句法运用能力。在阅读过程中，通过接触大量的语言材料，学生可以逐步熟悉英语的句法结构和一些特有表达方式。

◆ 通过学习阅读教程提高语感，锻炼英语应用和思维能力，进而为提高听、说、写、译等能力打下基础。

◆ 通过学习阅读教程培养综合能力。在阅读过程中，有利于发挥学生的积极主动性。在阅读中去思考、学习，这样就增加了学生的信息量，拓宽了学生的知识面，同时也让学生养成了良好的学习习惯。

◆ 通过学习阅读教程激发学习兴趣。学习兴趣不是灌输的，而是要去培养的。学生在阅读过程中不仅可以学习作品的内容、结构、体裁、写作手法等，而且能慢慢培养出学习英语的兴趣，从而积极主动地去学习。

◆ 通过学习阅读教程为顺利通过英语应用能力考试和大学英语四级考试打下基础。每单元的习题与英语应用能力考试和大学英语四级考试的阅读试题完全接轨，针对性强，习题量适中，具有较强的可操作性。

全书共 18 个单元，分为初级篇、中级篇、高级篇三个篇章。全书的总编工作由天津轻工职业技术学院王娟老师担任。初级篇第 1、2 单元，中级篇第 1 单元，高级篇第 1 单元由天津轻工职业技术学院王娟老师编写；初级篇第 3、4 单元，中级篇第 2、3 单元由天津轻工职业技术学院李悦老师编写；初级篇第 5、6 单元，中级篇第 4、5 单元由天津轻工职业技术学院林兆娟老师编写；中级篇第 6 单元，高级篇第 2、3、4、5、6 单元及答案部分由天津体育学院刘坤娜老师编写。

在本书编写过程中，编者参考了许多书刊和网络的内容，在此表示衷心的感谢。由于编者水平有限，书中不妥之处在所难免，诚请同行、专家和广大读者不吝指正。

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初 级 篇

Unit One Stories

Passage A

Things Aren't Always What They Seem

- 1 Two traveling angels stopped to spend the night in the home of a **wealthy** family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the **mansion's** **guestroom**. Instead the angels were given a small space in the cold **basement**. As they made their bed in the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it. When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, "Things aren't always what they seem."
- 2 The next night the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor, but very **hospitable** farmer and his wife. After sharing the little food they had, the couple let the angels sleep in their bed where they could have a good night's rest. When the sun came up the next morning the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears. Their only cow, whose milk had been their **sole** income, lay dead in the field. The younger angel was **infuriated** and asked the older angel how he could have let this happen. "The first man had everything, yet you helped him," he **accused**. "The second family had little but was willing to share everything, and you let the cow die."
- 3 "Things aren't always what they seem," the older angel replied. "When we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in that hole in the wall. Since the owner **was** so **obsessed with greed** and **unwilling** to share his good fortune, I **sealed** the wall so he wouldn't find it."
- 4 "Then last night as we slept in the farmer's bed, the angel of death came for his wife. I gave him the cow instead. Things aren't always what they seem."

Words and phrases to know

accuse (+of) v. 指控, 控告
angel of death 死神
basement n. 地下室
be obsessed with 着迷于
fortune n. 财产, 财富, 好运
greed (+for) n. 贪心, 贪婪
guestroom=guest room n. 客房

hospitable adj. 好客的, 招待周到的
infuriate v. 使大怒
mansion n. 大厦, 公馆
seal v. 封, 密封
sole adj. 单独的, 唯一的
unwilling (+to) adj. 不愿意的, 勉强的
wealthy adj. 富裕的

I. Read the following statements. If a statement is true, write *T* on the line. If it is false, write *F*.

- _____ 1. The two traveling angels went to a very poor family at the first night.
- _____ 2. The wealthy family was unfriendly to the two traveling angels.
- _____ 3. The older angel was kind to help the wealthy family to repair the wall.
- _____ 4. The poor couple let the two traveling angels sleep in their bed.
- _____ 5. The younger angel was infuriated by the wealthy family.
- _____ 6. The older angel helped the wealthy family and let the poor family's cow die instead.
- _____ 7. Actually the older angel saved the life of the farmer's wife.

II. Put the following words into the correct sentences and change the forms of the words when necessary.

greed	be obsessed with	sole	mansion	unwilling	accuse
Wealthy	guestroom	infuriated	basement	hospitable	fortune

- 1. Such conversations _____ her so much that she couldn't speak.
- 2. _____ men are not always happy.
- 3. She is possessed of a large _____.
- 4. There were bright lights in that _____ all the night.
- 5. Some people _____ them of doing good things only for the positive publicity.
- 6. George showed me to the _____ which, he said, was rarely used.
- 7. My husband used to _____ watching sports 24 hours a day.
- 8. We store our wine in the _____.
- 9. _____ is the parent of many evils.
- 10. Americans have the reputation of being very _____ people.
- 11. Walking is my _____ exercise.
- 12. My impression is that she is _____ to help me.

III. Translate the following paragraph into Chinese (A dictionary is allowed).

"Things aren't always what they seem," the older angel replied. "When we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in that hole in the wall. Since the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he wouldn't find it." "Then last night as we slept in the farmer's bed, the angel of death came for his wife. I gave him the cow instead. Things aren't always what they seem."

Passage B

The Neighbors' Dog

- 1 Jerry Dawson had a beautiful lawn. His neighbors, the Shaws, had a big, strong dog. Their dog liked to dig holes with his long claws.
- 2 One Saturday morning, Jerry Dawson was cutting his lawn. He saw a big hole in the lawn near the fence. Jerry Dawson shouted across the fence to Bob Shaw. "Your dog has made an awful hole in my lawn again. He crawled under the fence. I can see his claw marks."
- 3 Bob Shaw came to the fence. He saw why Jerry Dawson was so angry. "I'm awfully sorry," Bob said. "But what can I do? He's a strong dog. He can dig a hole under my fence with his long claws."
- 4 "Being sorry isn't good enough," said Jerry. "Tie him up. That's the law. You know the law of this town as well as I do. It's against the law to let a dog run free."
- 5 "I don't let my dog run free on the streets," said Bob. "The law says a dog doesn't have to be tied up if you have a fence around your land. I don't want to tie my dog up. I need him as a watchdog."
- 6 "I'm sorry, but this has been going on long enough," said Jerry. "You'll have to fix the fence so your dog can't crawl under it. He had better not dig any more holes in my lawn, or I'll report you to the police." By that time, Bob was awfully angry, too. Both men were shouting across the fence.
- 7 A few nights later, the sound of a dog barking woke Jerry up. The Shaws' dog was barking and barking. Jerry crawled out of bed and looked out of the window. Just then, the lights came on in Bob's house. Both men saw someone running across Jerry's lawn and down the street.
- 8 Bob helped Jerry check his house. In the kitchen, they found a broken window. "Your dog is a good watchdog. I'm glad to have him as a neighbor," Jerry said. "But I still don't want him digging holes in my lawn. I'll help you make the fence stronger."

Words and phrases to know

awful adj. 可怕的, 令人讨厌的
bark v. 吠叫, 厉声说出
broken adj. 打碎的, 破碎的
claw n. (动物的) 爪
crawl v. 爬行, 缓慢行进

fence n. 栅栏, 篱笆
fix v. 固定, 修理
lawn n. 草坪, 草地
tie v. (用绳索) 系, 捆
watchdog n. 看家狗

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| _____ 6. tie | f. dog makes a short, loud noise |
| _____ 7. fix | g. the thin, hard, curved nails at the end of its feet |
| _____ 8. bark | h. into pieces |
| _____ 9. broken | i. extremely unpleasant, shocking, or bad |

III. Exercises for increasing reading speed.

A. Read the following passage in phrases, as shown.

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B. Read the following passage in phrases (short phrases or longer phrases). There are several correct possibilities. Separate the phrases with slashes.

Finally, the boy returned after he left for so many years. "Sorry, my boy. But I don't have anything for you anymore. No more apples for you." The tree said. "I don't have teeth to bite." The boy replied. "No more trunk for you to climb on." "I am too old for that now." the boy said. "I really want to give you something...the only thing left is my dying roots." The tree said with tears. "I don't need much now, just a place to rest. I am tired after all these years." The boy replied. "Good! Old tree roots are the best place to lean on and rest. Come here, please sit down with me and have a rest." The boy sat down and the tree was glad and smiled with tears...

Extra Reading Practice

This part is to test your reading ability. There are 5 tasks for you to fulfill. You should read the reading materials carefully and do the tasks as you are instructed.

Task 1

I worked as a manager in a company for a number of years. I liked my job, and was doing well there, but our company was bought by a larger company and most of the managers at our place lost their jobs. That was when I decided to do something I'd always wanted to do—become a freelance (自由撰稿的) writer. Changing professions (职业) has meant that my lifestyle has changed in a number of ways.

The main difference for me now is that I have a much more flexible (灵活的) schedule. I work about as much as I did before—between 45 and 50 hours a week—but my schedule is much less rigid than it used to be. Before, I worked from 8 to 5 every day, with a few extra hours on weekends. Now, however, I work when I feel like it. For instance, sometimes I work until midnight or 2 a.m., then sleep until noon. I really prefer this kind of schedule. It seems more natural to me.

I also decided that it was about time I began to pay more attention to my health. While I was working as a manager, I never exercised. I already felt tired after work, so I just came home in the

evening and watched TV. However, last year I joined a health club and began to do regular exercise. As a result I have lost over 10 pounds and I feel much better. I've also started to eat more healthfully. I used to eat a lot of fast food, but now I do my own shopping. I buy lots of fruits and vegetables and cook them at home.

Of course, not all the changes have been that easy. For example, I don't feel as secure financially as I used to. When I was working as a manager, I never worried much about money. I could always count on getting my paycheck every two weeks. Working freelance, I don't have a regular paycheck. So now I have to make sure there's enough money until the next check arrives.

All in all, I really like my current lifestyle. Of course, that doesn't mean I'll never want to have a "regular" job. But for now, at least, it suits me.

1. Why did the author decide to become a freelance writer?
 - A. He had always liked writing.
 - B. He was dissatisfied with his company.
 - C. He never liked his job as a manager.
 - D. He wanted to change his lifestyle.
2. What is the main difference the job change brought to the author?
 - A. He works fewer hours a week.
 - B. He does not have to work on weekends.
 - C. He can change his schedule as he likes.
 - D. He can work at night and sleep late.
3. Why does the author do his own cooking now?
 - A. He wants to lose weight.
 - B. He has got lots of free time on his hands.
 - C. He no longer feels tired after work.
 - D. He wants to eat more healthfully.
4. What is his chief problem now?
 - A. He cannot count on his paycheck to arrive on time.
 - B. He has no regular work to do.
 - C. He has to find a publisher for his books.
 - D. He has to worry about money.
5. At the end of the passage, the author indicates that _____.
 - A. he is going to find a regular job soon
 - B. he is not going to change his lifestyle in the near future
 - C. he will continue to write for the rest of his life
 - D. he will soon find out whether writing is a good career for him

Task 2

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