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## 前 言

由于阅读理解能力是衡量英语水平的重要标准，加上近几年此项题型在中、高考中所占分数的比例越来越大，因此它在英语教学中占有十分重要的地位。提高阅读理解能力绝非一日之功，必须要长期训练、持之以恒。要在不断扩大词汇与提高阅读速度的基础上，多读、多想、多提问，以增强自己的语感。

我们将我校初三学生所做的或将做的阅读练习汇集成册，旨在向广大初三学生、教师及英语爱好者提供一些内容新颖、语言地道、题材多样、难度适中的阅读材料，以解英语教学之需，并希望对提高初三学生的英语阅读能力有裨益。

就题型来讲，本书的内容实际上由两部分组成：一是阅读理解；二是完形填空。这两者虽然在题型上有所不同，但目的均是考查学生的阅读理解能力。

参加本书编选工作的还有红霞、文平与晓琳三位老师。

由于我们能力有限，难免书中存在不足之处，希望广大英语爱好者批评、指正。

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## 阅读理解110篇

### 1

Once upon a time the queen of a distant land called the wise men of her kingdom into her presence.

"Needless to say, I'm grateful for your boundless (无限的) wisdom," she said with a cheerful smile. "Seldom has your excellent judgment failed to be of assistance (帮助于) to me. I want to find out who is the most clever among you. I have here a simple balance and six coins. Five coins are pure gold of the same weight. One coin, the same in appearance, is not gold. It weighs a bit less than the others. You cannot tell which one is different by lifting them. You will need the balance to find it."

The wise men present were silent for a moment.

"You can weigh one coin against the others," the queen said. "But then you would use the balance three times. I'm hopeful that you can find it by using the balance only twice."

In an instant (瞬息), one man broke the breathless silence.

"I can!" he cried.

How did he do it?

Answer the following questions.

1) When did the queen of a distant land call the wise men of her kingdom into her presence?

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2) Who wanted to find out who was the most clever among the wisemen?

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3) How many coins and balance did the queen have?

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4) Were the six coins alike in weight and appearance?

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5) Did the queen forbid (禁止) the men to use the balance twice?

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2

"Well, Ethan," said Richard Macklin, "those are the problems we had at school while you were absent. And here are the library books I got you this morning."

"I declare (宣布), Richard," said Ethan's mother, "You are a kind person to spend your Saturday mornings helping Ethan. I think you'd rather be playing hockey (曲棍球). I hear you're the best player on your team. I am afraid that Ethan will be out two more weeks."

Richard blushed (脸红) and put his hands in his jacket pocket. He did regret missing the hockey games. But Ethan was his friend.

"I'm glad to help, ma'am (夫人)," he said. "I'll be back without fail (失败) next Saturday. I give you my word."

But the next Saturday, just as Richard was starting across the street, his teammates (队员) came by. "Come on,

Rich, "they cried. "we're playing the Rockets this morning. We need you. It's no secret(秘密的)that we can't win this last big contest(比赛)without you. Come on!"

What did Richard do? What would you have done if you were Richard?

Answer the following questions.

1) Did Richard and his classmates have problems while Ethan was absent?

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2) Was Richard a kind person to spend Saturday mornings helping Ethan?

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3) Do you think that Richard is the best player on his team?

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4) Did Richard regret missing the hockey games?

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5) Was Richard ready to help Ethan? What did he say?

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6) What did Richard do? What would you have done if you were Richard?

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3

Two sailors who had just finished a long voyage(航海) went home to their village and decided to have a few drinks in the bar there. When they had enough, they came out into the street to look for something amusing(引起乐趣的)to do, but it was a very quiet place, and no-

thing interesting ever happened there, so they could not find anything.

But at last, while they were standing in the market-place outside the bar, they saw a village boy coming slowly towards them. He was leading a donkey by a rope, so the sailors decided that they would have a joke with him.

"Hello," one of the sailors said to the boy. "Why does your brother have to have a rope round his neck when he goes for a walk with you?"

"To stop him joining the navy (海军)," the boy answered at once.

I. Answer the following questions.

1) Where was the bar which the sailors had some drinks in?

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2) Why couldn't they find anything amusing to do at first?

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3) What was the boy who appeared at last doing?

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4) Who had a rope round his neck?

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5) Why did the boy say, "To stop him joining the navy", and not "the army" or "the air force"?

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II. Which of the answers to these questions are right?

( ) 1) Where did the two sailors live?

A. In a street outside a bar.

- B. In a village.  
 C. In an interesting town.
- ( ) 2) What was the village like?  
 A. It was quiet. B. It was amusing.  
 C. It was interesting.
- ( ) 3) Why did the sailors speak to the boy?  
 A. Because they wanted him to join the navy.  
 B. Because he had their donkey.  
 C. Because they wanted to have a joke with him

4

During the Second World War, Winston Churchill was the British Prime Minister. One day he had to go to the British Broadcasting Corporation (the BBC) to make an important speech to the nation.

An hour before the time of this speech, he stopped a taxi in the street and asked the driver to take him to the BBC, but the taxi-driver, who did not recognize (认识) him, said he could not take him anywhere just then, because he wanted to go back to his home at the other end of London to hear Churchill make a speech on the radio. Churchill was so pleased when he heard this. Churchill answered that he gave the man a pound, which was worth quite a lot in those days.

"All right, get in," said the driver happily, opening the door of the taxi. "I'll take you, and to hell with (让.....见鬼去) Churchill and his speech!"

I. Answer these questions,

1) Why did Churchill want to go to the BBC?

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2) Why did the taxi-driver not take him?

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3) How did Churchill feel about this?

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I. Choose the best answer,

( ) 1) During the Second World War, Winston Churchill was the\_\_\_\_\_.

A. British Prime Minister

B. American Prime Minister

C. Chinese Prime Minister

( ) 2) An hour before the time of this speech, he stopped a\_\_\_\_\_ in the street and asked the driver to take him to the\_\_\_\_\_.

A. bus/VOA B. taxi/BBC C. taxi/VOA

( ) 3) The taxi-driver wanted to go back to his home\_\_\_\_\_ of London to hear Churchill make a speech \_\_\_\_\_.

A. at the other end/on the radio

B. in the other end/in the radio

C. on the other end/to the radio

5

It is the opinion(见解)of my grandmother, God bless (保佑)her, that all men should work, and at the table, a moment ago, she said to me, "You must learn to do some good work, the making of some thing useful to man, something out of clay(泥土), or out of wood, or metal(金属), or cloth. It is not proper(适合的)for a young man to

know nothing of an honorable craft(手艺). Is there anything you can make? Can you make a simple table, a chair, a plain dish, a rug (地毯), a coffee pot? Is there anything you can do?"

And my grandmother looked at me with anger.

"I know", she said, "you are supposed to be a writer, and I suppose(假定)you are. You certainly smoke enough cigarettes(烟卷) to be anything, and the whole house is full of the smoke, but you must learn to make solid things, things that can be used, that can be seen and touched."

"There was a king of the Persians(波斯人)", said my grandmother, "and he had a son, and this boy fell in love with a shepherd's daughter. He went to his father and he said, 'My love, I love a shepherd's daughter, and I would have her for my wife.' And the king said, 'I am king and you are my son and when I die you shall be king, how can it be that you would marry the daughter of a shepherd?' And the son said, 'My lord, I do not know but I know that I love this girl and would have her for my queen.'"

The king saw that his son's love for the girl was from God, and he said, "I will send a message to her". And he called a messenger to him and he said, "Go to the shepherd's daughter and say that my son loves her and would have her for his wife." And the messenger went to the girl and he said, "The king's son loves you and would have you for his wife." And the girl said, "What work does he do?" And the messenger said, "Why, he is the son

of the king; he does no work. And the girl said, "He must learn to do some work." And the messenger returned to the king and spoke the words of the shepherd's daughter.

The king said to his son, "The shepherd's daughter wishes you to learn some craft. Would you still have her for your wife?" And the son said, "Yes, I will learn to weave straw(稻草)rugs." And the boy was taught to weave rugs of straw, in patterns and in colors and with ornamental designs(装饰的图样) and at the end of three days he was making very fine straw rugs, and the messenger returned to the shepherd's daughter, and he said, "These rugs of straw are the work of the king's son."

And the girl went with the messenger to the king's palace, and she became the wife of the king's son."

"One day," said my grandmother, "the king's son was walking through the streets of Bagdad, and he came upon an eating place which was so clean and cool that he entered it and sat at a table."

"This place," said my grandmother, "was a place of thieves and murderers, and they took the king's son and placed him in a large dungeon(城堡) where many great men of the city were being held, and the thieves and murderers were killing the fattest of the men and feeding them to the leanest of them, and making sport of it. The king's son was of the leanest of the men, and it was not known that he was the son of the king of the Persians, so his life was spared, and he said to the thieves and murderers "I am a weaver of straw rugs and these rugs have great value." And they brought him straw and asked him to

weave and in three days he weaved three rugs, and he said, "Carry these rugs to the palace of king of the Persians, and for each rug he will give you a hundred gold pieces of money." And the rugs were carried to the palace of the king, and when the king saw the rugs he saw that they were the work of his son and he took the rugs to the shepherd's daughter and he said, "These rugs were brought to the palace and they are the work of my son who is lost." And the shepherd's daughter took each rug and looked at it closely and in the design of each rug she saw in the written language of the Persians a message from her husband, and she told this message to the king."

"And the king," said my grandmother, "sent many soldiers to the place of the thieves and murderers and the soldiers rescued(营救)all the captives(被监禁的人) and killed all the thieves and murderers, and the king's son was returned safely to the palace of his wife, the little shepherd's daughter. And when he went into the palace and saw again his wife, and he said, "My love, it is because of you that I am alive," And the king was greatly pleased with the shepherd's daughter."

"Now," said my grandmother, "do you see why every man should learn an honorable craft?"

"I see very clearly", I said, "and as soon as I earn enough money to buy a saw and a hammer and a piece of lumber I shall do my best to make a simple chair or a shelf for books."

Choose the best answer:

- ( ) 1) It is the opinion of my \_\_\_\_\_, that all men should labour.  
A. grandmother B. father C. mother
- ( ) 2) There was a king of the \_\_\_\_\_, and he had a son, and this boy fell in love with a shepherd's daughter.  
A. Russians B. USA C. Persians
- ( ) 3) The king said that his son's love for the girl was from God, and he said, "I will not send a message to her." \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Yes B. No C. not
- ( ) 4) Who said, "He must learn to do some work." \_\_\_\_\_ did.  
A. The shepherd  
B. The shepherd's daughter  
C. The king
- ( ) 5) The king said to his son, "The shepherd's daughter wishes you to learn some craft. Would you still have her for your wife?" How did the son say?  
A. No, I won't learn anything at all.  
B. Yes, I will learn to weave straw rugs.  
C. Yes, I will learn to be a king.
- ( ) 6) How did the shepherd's daughter do after the son had learned to weave straw rugs?  
A. The girl went with the messenger to the king's palace, and she became the wife of the king's son.  
B. The girl didn't go with the messenger

to the king's palace, and she became the wife of the king's son.

C. The girl didn't go with the messenger to the king's palace, and she didn't become the wife of the king's son.

( ) 7) One day the king's son was walking through the streets of\_\_\_\_\_.

A. Bagdad    B. Beijing    C. London

( ) 8) He came upon an eating place\_\_\_\_\_ that he entered it and sat at a table.

A. which was so clean and cool

B. which was so bright and clean

C. which was so warm and clean

( ) 9) The eating place was a place of\_\_\_\_\_.

A. thieves and murderers

B. many great men of the city

C. the king's boy and girl

( ) 10) Thieves and murderers didn't kill the king's son because\_\_\_\_\_.

A. he was the leanest and it was not known

B. he was the king's son

C. he was the husband of the shepherd's daughter

( ) 11) When the shepherd's daughter took each rug and looked at it closely and in the design of each rug she saw in the written language of the Persians a message from her husband, she\_\_\_\_\_.

A. didn't tell this message to the king

B. reported this message to the king  
C. wrote a letter to her husband

( )12) When the king's son was rescued, how did he do?

He went into the palace and saw again his wife. He said, "My love, it is because of you that I am alive."

A. You B. No

6

The old fruit-grower stood in his orchard(果园)and looked at his trees sadly. He said, "I am getting old. Who will look after my trees when I am dead?"He was very sad.

He had the biggest orchard in that part of the country. He also had three strong sons, but they were lazy. They never helped him at all. "How can I make my sons work in the orchard?"he asked himself.

Early every morning the old man started to work in his orchard. He dug the soil and cut away the useless branches. He picked the fruits when they were ripe. He looked after his trees very well.

One day, the old man became ill. Before long he died. After the sons had buried their father, they read his will.

There was only one sentence in the will. It was this, "The orchard, and the treasure in it, I leave to my three sons."

The sons looked at each other in surprise. "A treasure!"they exclaimed. "We will be rich! Father has hidden his money in the orchard. Isn't that wonderful of him?"