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## 前 言

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本书编写过程中承蒙南京大学外文系刘志谟教授、张柏然副教授、河海大学外语系郭坤教授提出很多指导意见,给我们很大帮助,特在此表示感谢。

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## 一、词汇部分

### 单 词 表 1

#### abase-allegory

**abase** [əˈbeɪs] *v.* lower; humiliate. 使降低地位(或身份), 使谦卑

His refusal to *abase* himself in the eyes of his followers irritated the king who wanted to humiliate the proud leader. *abasement* *n.*

**abash** [əˈbæʃ] *v.* embarrass. 使窘迫, 使羞愧

He was not at all *abashed* by her open admiration.

**abdicate** [ˈæbdɪkeɪt] *v.* renounce; give up. 退位, 放弃(职位、权力等)

When Edward VIII *abdicated* the British throne, he surprised the entire world.

**abettor** [əˈbetə] *n.* encourager. 唆使者, 煽动者

He was accused of being an aider and *abettor* of the criminal. *abet* *v.*

**abeyance** [əˈbeɪəns] *n.* suspended action. 中止, 暂搁

The deal was held in *abeyance* until his arrival.

**abhor** [əbˈhɔː] *v.* detest; hate. 憎恶, 厌恶

He *abhorred* all forms of bigotry. *abhorrence* *n.*

**abjure** [əbˈdʒʊə] *v.* renounce upon oath. 发誓断绝

He *abjured* his allegiance to the king. *abjuration* *n.*

**ablution** [əˈbluːʃən] *n.* washing. 沐浴

His daily *ablutions* were accompanied by loud noises which he humorously labeled "Opera in the Bath."

**abominate** [ə'bəmineit] *v.* loathe; hate. 厌恶, 憎恨

Moses scolded the idol worshippers in the tribe because he *abominated* the custom.

**aboriginal** [æbə'ridʒənəl] *adj.* being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native. 原始的, 土著的, 本土的

His studies of the primitive art forms of the *aboriginal* Indians were widely reported in the scientific journals. *aborigines. n.*

**abortive** [ə'bo:tiv] *adj.* unsuccessful; fruitless. 流产的, 失败的, 夭折的

We had to abandon our *abortive* attempts.

**abrade** [ə'breid] *v.* wear away by friction; erode. 擦伤 (皮肤等); 磨掉; 磨

The skin of his leg was *abraded* by the sharp rocks. *abrasion n.*

**abrogate** [ə'brougeit] *v.* abolish. 取消, 废除 (法令、条约、习惯等)

He intended to *abrogate* the decree issued by his predecessor.

**abscond** [əb'skɒnd] *v.* depart secretly and hide. (为躲避罪责、债务) 潜逃

The teller *absconded* with the bonds and was not found.

**absolve** [əb'zɒlv] *v.* pardon (an offense). 赦免, 宽恕

The father confessor *absolved* him of his sins.

*absolution n.*

**astemious** [æb'sti:mjəs] *adj.* temperate; sparing in

drink, etc. 有节制的; 饮食有度的, (饮食) 节约的

The drunkards mocked him because of his *abstemious* habits.

**abstinence** [əˈbɪstɪnəns] *n.* restraint from eating or drinking. 节食, 戒酒, 禁欲

The doctor recommended total *abstinence* from alcoholic beverages.

**abstruse** [əbˈstru:s] *adj.* obscure; profound; difficult to understand. 难解的, 晦涩的, 深奥的

He read *abstruse* works in philosophy.

**accelerate** [ækˈseləreɪt] *v.* move faster. 加速, 加快; 促进

In our science class, we learn how falling bodies *accelerate*.  
**acceleration** *n.*

**accessory** [ækˈsesəri] *n.* additional object; useful but not essential thing. 附件, 附属品

The *accessories* she bought cost more than the dress. also  
*adj.*

**acclivity** [əˈklɪvɪti] *n.* sharp upslope of a hill. 斜坡, 上坡

The car could not go up the *acclivity* in high gear.

**accolade** [ˈækəleɪd] *n.* award of merit. 授奖

In Hollywood, an "Oscar" is the highest *accolade*.

**accomplice** [əˈkɒmplɪs] *n.* partner in crime. 同谋, 同犯, 帮凶

Because he had provided the criminal with the lethal weapon, he was arrested as an *accomplice* in the murder.

**accord** [əˈkɔ:d] *n.* agreement. 一致, 调和, 符合

He was in complete *accord* with the verdict.

**accost** [ə'kɒst] *v.* approach and speak first to a person.

走上前去讲话

When the two young men *accosted* me, I was frightened because I thought they were going to attack me.

**accoutre** [ə'ku:tə] *v.* equip. 装备

The fisherman was *accoutred* with the best that the sporting goods store could supply. *accoutrements*, *n.*

**accretion** [æk'kri:ʃən] *n.* growth; increase. 生长, 增大

The *accretion* of wealth marked the family's rise in power.

**accrue** [ə'kru:] *v.* come about by addition. 自然增长

You must pay the interest which has *accrued* on your debt as well as the principal sum. *accrual*, *n.*

**acetic** [ə'si:tik] *adj.* vinegary. 醋的, 醋酸的

The salad had an exceedingly *acetic* flavor.

**acidulous** [ə'sidjʊləs] *adj.* slightly sour; sharp, caustic. 微酸的, 带酸味的; 尖刻的

The spinster spurned him with an *acidulous* retort.

**acknowledge** [ək'nɒlɪdʒ] *v.* recognize; admit. 承认, 公认

When pressed for an answer, he *acknowledged* the existence of another motive for the crime.

**acme** [ækmi] *n.* top; pinnacle. 顶点, 极度

His success in this role marked his *acme* as an actor.

**acoustics** [ə'ku:stiks] *n.* science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in. 声学, 音响效果

Carnegie Hall is liked by music lovers because of its fine *acoustics*.

**acquiescent** [ækwi'esent] *adj.* accepting passively. 默认为

His *acquiescent* manner did not indicate the extent of his reluctance to join the group. *acquiesce*, *v.*

**acquittal** [ə'kwɪtl] *n.* deliverance from a charge. 宣判  
无罪

His *acquittal* by the jury surprised those who had thought him guilty.

**acrid** ['ækrid] *adj.* sharp; bitterly pungent. 辛辣的; 刻  
毒的

The *acrid* odor of burnt gunpowder filled the room after the pistol had been fired.

**acrimonious** [ækri'munjəs] *adj.* stinging; caustic.  
讥讽的, 苛刻的

His tendency to utter *acrimonious* remarks alienated his audience. *acrimony*, *n.*

**actuarial** [æktʃu'æriəl] *adj.* calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics. 计算的; 保险统计的

According to recent *actuarial* tables, life expectancy is greater today than it was a century ago.

**actuate** ['æktʃueɪt] *v.* motivate. 驱使, 激励

I fail to understand what *actuated* you to reply to this letter so nastily.

**acumen** [ə'kju:men] *n.* mental keenness. 敏锐, 聪明

His business *acumen* helped him to succeed where others had failed.

**adage** ['ædɪdʒ] *n.* wise saying; proverb. 谚语; 格言

There is much truth in the old *adage* about fools and their money.

**adamant** ['ædəmənt] *adj.* hard; inflexible. 坚硬的, 坚  
强的



He was *adamant* in his determination to punish the wrong-doer. *adamantine*, *adj.*

**adapt** [ə'dæpt] *v.* alter; modify. 改变, 使适应, 改写

Some species of animals have become extinct because they could not *adapt* to a changing environment.

**addiction** [ə'dikʃən] *n.* compulsive, habitual need. 吸毒成瘾, 沉溺

His *addiction* to drugs caused his friends much grief.

**addle** ['ædl] *adj.* rotten; muddled; crazy. 变质腐坏的, 混乱的, 糊涂的

This *addle-headed* plan is so preposterous that it does not deserve any consideration. *also v.*

**adduce** [ə'dju:s] *v.* present as evidence. 引证, 提出理由  
When you *adduce* evidence of this nature, you must be sure of your sources.

**adept** [ə'dept] *adj.* expert at. 熟练的, 内行的

He was *adept* at the fine art of irritating people.

**adhere** [əd'hie] *v.* stick fast to. 坚持, 追随

I will *adhere* to this opinion until proof that I am wrong is presented. *adhesion*, *n.*

**adipose** ['ædipəs] *adj.* fatty. 脂肪质的; 脂肪多的

Excess *adipose* tissue should be avoided by middle-aged people.

**adjuration** [ˌædʒue'reiʃən] *n.* solemn urging. 恳求, 祈求

His *adjuration* to tell the truth did not change the witnesses' testimony. *adjure*, *v.*

**admonish** [əd'monɪʃ] *v.* warn; reprove. 告诫, 劝告

He *admonished* his listeners to change their wicked ways.

*admonition*, *n.*

**adroit** [ə'droit] *adj.* skillful. 灵巧的, 机敏的

His *adroit* handling of the delicate situation pleased his employers.

**adulation** [ˌædju'leɪʃən] *n.* flattery; admiration. 谄媚, 奉承, 拍马屁

He thrived on the *adulation* of his henchmen.

**adulterate** [ə'daltereɪt] *v.* make impure by mixing with baser substances. 掺杂, 掺假

It is a crime to *adulterate* foods without informing the buyer.

**adumbration** [ˌædʌm'breɪʃən] *n.* foreshadowing; outlining. 暗示, 预示; 轮廓

The *adumbration* of the future in science fiction is often extremely fantastic.

**adventitious** [ˌædven'tɪʃəs] *adj.* accidental; casual. 偶然的, 外来的

He found this *adventitious* meeting with his friend extremely fortunate.

**adverse** [ˈædvɜ:s] *adj.* unfavorable; hostile. 不利的, 敌对的, 相反的

*Adverse* circumstances compelled him to close his business.

**adversity** [əd've:sɪti] *n.* poverty; misfortune. 苦难, 不幸

We must learn to meet *adversity* gracefully.

**advocate** [ˈædvəkeɪt] *v.* urge; plead for. 拥护, 提倡

The abolitionists *advocated* freedom for the slaves.

advocate, [ˈædvəkeɪt] *n.*

**aesthetic** [ɪ:s'θetik] *adj.* artistic; dealing with or capable

of appreciation of the beautiful. 艺术的,美学的,审美的

Because of his *aesthetic* nature, he was emotionally disturbed by ugly things. *aesthete*, *n.*

**affected** [ə'fektɪd] *adj.* artificial; pretended. 不自然的, 假装的, 做作的

His *affected* mannerisms irritated many of us who had known him before his promotion. *affectation*, *n.*

**affiliation** [ə,fili'eɪʃən] *n.* joining; associating with. 加入, 交往, 有关

His *affiliation* with the political party was of short duration for he soon disagreed with his colleagues.

**affinity** [ə'fɪnɪti] *n.* kinship. 姻亲关系; 密切关系

He felt an *affinity* with all who suffered; their pains were his pains.

**affirmation** [ˌæfə:'meɪʃən] *n.* solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath. 不经宣誓而作出的正式证词

The Constitution of this country provides for oath or *affirmation* by officeholders.

**affray** [ə'freɪ] *n.* public brawl. 闹事, 打架 (尤指在公共场所)

He was badly mauled by the fighters in the *affray*.

**affluence** ['æfluəns] *n.* abundance; wealth. 丰富, 富裕

Foreigners are amazed by the *affluence* and luxury of the American way of life.

**agape** [ə'geɪp] *adj.* open-mouthed. 张大着嘴的

He stared, *agape*, at the many strange animals in the zoo.

**agglomeration** [ə,glɒmə'reɪʃən] *n.* collection; heap. 成团, 凝聚

It took weeks to assort the *agglomeration* of miscellaneous

items he had collected on his trip.

**aggrandize** [ə'grændəɪz] *v.* increase or intensify. 增加, 加强

The history of the past quarter century illustrates how a President may *aggrandize* his power to act aggressively in international affairs without considering the wishes of Congress.

**aggregate** ['ægrɪɡɪt] *adj.* sum; total. 聚集的; 合计的

The *aggregate* wealth of this country is staggering to the imagination. *aggregate* ['ægrɪɡeɪt]. *v.*

**aghast** [ə'ɡɑːst] *adj.* horrified. 惊呆的, 吓呆的

He was *aghast* at the nerve of the speaker who had insulted his host.

**agility** [ə'dʒɪlɪti] *n.* nimbleness. 敏捷, 灵活

The *agility* of the acrobat amazed and thrilled the audience.

**agitate** ['ædʒɪteɪt] *v.* stir up; disturb. 鼓动, 煽动; 搅动, 使不安

His fiery remarks *agitated* the already angry mob.

**agnostic** [æɡ'nɒstɪk] *n.* one who is skeptical of the existence or knowability of a god or any ultimate reality. 不可知论者

The *agnostic* demanded proof before he would accept the statement of the minister. also *adj.*

**alacrity** [ə'lekrɪti] *n.* cheerful promptness. 欣然, 轻捷

He demonstrated his eagerness to serve by his *alacrity* in executing the orders of his master.

**albeit** [ə'lbiːɪt] *conj.* although. 尽管, 虽然

*Albeit* fair, she was not sought after.

**alchemy** ['ælkimi] *n.* medieval chemistry. 炼金术

The changing of baser metals into gold was the goal of the students of *alchemy*. alchemist, *n.* 炼金者

**alias** ['eiliəs] *n.* an assumed name. 别名, 化名

John Smith's *alias* was Bob Jones.

**alienate** ['eijəneit] *v.* make hostile; separate. 使疏远, 分离

His attempts to *alienate* the two friends failed because they had complete faith.

**alimentary** [æli'mentəri] *adj.* supplying nourishment. 营养的, 消化的

The *alimentary* canal in our bodies is so named because digestion of foods occurs there.

**alimony** ['æliməni] *n.* payment by a husband to his divorced wife. (离婚后丈夫给妻子的) 赡养费, 生活费

Mrs. Jones was awarded \$200.00 monthly *alimony* by the court when she was divorced from her husband.

**allay** [ə'lei] *v.* calm; pacify. 减轻(痛苦、疼痛、忧虑等)

The crew tried to *allay* the fears of the passengers by announcing that the fire had been controlled.

**allege** [ə'ledʒ] *v.* state without proof. 断言, 宣称(尤指在提不出证明的情况下)

It is *alleged* that he had worked for the enemy.

allegation, *n.*

**allegory** ['æligəri] *n.* story in which characters are used as symbols; fable. 讽寓; 寓言

"Pilgrim's Progress" is an *allegory* of the temptations and victories of man's soul.

单词表 1 测试题——同义词

下面的每个问题中有一个斜体字,其后有五个单词或词组,请从中选出与斜体字意义相近的词或词组:

1. *aborigines* 1 first designs 2 absolutions 3 finales 4 concepts 5 primitive inhabitants
2. *abeyance* 1 obedience 2 discussion 3 excitement 4 suspended action 5 editorial
3. *abjure* 1 discuss 2 renounce 3 run off secretly 4 perjure 5 project
4. *ablution* 1 censure 2 forgiveness 3 mutiny 4 survival 5 washing
5. *abortive* 1 unsuccessful 2 consuming 3 financing 4 familiar 5 fruitful
6. *abasement* 1 incurrence 2 taxation 3 ground floor 4 humility 5 humiliation
7. *abettor* 1 conception 2 one who wagers 3 encourager 4 evidence 5 protection
8. *abstruse* 1 profound 2 irrespective 3 suspended 4 protesting 5 not thorough
9. *acclivity* 1 index 2 report 3 upslope of a hill 4 character 5 negotiator
10. *accoutre* 1 compromise 2 equip 3 revise 4 encounter 5 visit
11. *accrue* 1 come about by addition 2 reach summit 3 create a crisis 4 process 5 educate
12. *accretion* 1 mayonnaise 2 ban 3 increase 4 protection 5 ceremony
13. *acme* 1 pinnace 2 skin disease 3 basement 4 congestion 5 pinnacle

14. *acidulous* 1 recommended 2 witty 3 realistic 4 slightly  
sour 5 very generous
15. *abstinence* 1 restrained eating or drinking 2 vulgar  
display 3 deportment 4 reluctance 5 population
16. *acrid* 1 sour 2 bitterly pungent 3 sweetish 4 slightly  
acid 5 very hard
17. *adipose* 1 sandy 2 round 3 fatty 4 alkali 5 soft
18. *adventitious* 1 incidental 2 happy 3 courageous 4 acci-  
dental 5 foretelling
19. *affluence* 1 wealth 2 fear 3 persuasion 4 consideration  
5 neglect
20. *allegory* 1 fable 2 poem 3 essay 4 anecdote 5 novel

## 单 词 表 2

### alleviate-apitude

**alleviate** [ə'li:vieit] *v.* relieve. 减轻, 缓和

This should *alleviate* the pain; if it does not, we shall have to use stronger drugs. *alleviation*, *n.*

**allocate** ['ælekeit] *v.* assign. 分配, 分派, 配给

Even though the Red Cross had *allocated* a large sum for the relief of the sufferers of the disaster, many people perished.

**alloy** ['æloi] *n.* a mixture as of metals. 合金

*Alloys* of gold are used more frequently than the pure metal.

**allude** [ə'lju:d] *v.* refer indirectly. 暗指, 间接提到

Try not to *allude* to this matter in his presence because it annoys him to hear of it.

**allusion** [ə'lju:ʒən] *n.* indirect reference. 暗指, 间接提到, 引喻

The *allusions* to mythological characters in Milton's poems bewilder the reader who has not studied Latin.

**alluvial** [ə'lju:vjəl] *adj.* pertaining to soil deposits left by river, etc. 冲积的, 淤积的

The farmers found the *alluvial* deposits at the mouth of the river very fertile.

**aloof** [ə'lu:f] *adj.* apart; reserved. 远离的, 孤零的, 冷



谈的

He remained *aloof* while all the rest conversed.

**altercation** [ˌɔ:lte:'keɪʃən] *n.* wordy quarrel. 争辩, 争吵

Throughout the entire *altercation*, not one sensible word was uttered.

**altruism** ['æltruizəm] *n.* unselfish aid to others; generosity. 利他主义, 慷慨

The philanthropist was noted for his *altruism*.

**amalgamate** [ə'mælgemit] *n.* combine; unite in one body. 使混合, 使合并, 合成一体

The unions will attempt to *amalgamate* their groups into one national body.

**amass** [ə'mæs] *v.* collect. 积累

The miser's aim is to *amass* and hoard as much gold as possible.

**ambiguous** [æm'bigjuəs] *adj.* doubtful in meaning. 意义不明确的, 模棱两可的

His *ambiguous* directions misled us; we did not know which road to take. *ambiguity, n.*

**amble** ['æmbl] *n.* move at an easy pace. 缓驰, 从容轻松地行走, 骑马缓行

When she first mounted the horse; she was afraid to urge the animal to go faster than a gentle *amble*.

**ambrosia** [æm'brouzjə] *n.* food of the gods. 神仙的食物, 美味芳香的食品

*Ambrosia* was supposed to give immortality to any human who ate it.

**ambulatory** ['æmbjuletəri] *adj.* walking. 走动的, 流动的