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本书侧重于阅读理解能力的训练。所选材料既覆盖了当今机械行业的大多数领域,又反映了其发展趋势。本书除用作教材外,还可供有一定英文基础的工程技术人员参考使用。

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前言

本教材系按中国电子工业部的工科电子类专业教材 1991~1995 年编审出版规划,由电子工业部中等专业学校教 材编审委员会工模具专业编审小组征稿,并推荐出版。责任编 委丁振明。

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本教材适用于为工科机械专业的大学生和中专生开设的专业英语课,参考教学时数约为34学时。学生在基础英语阶段应已接受过读、听、写、译、说等语言技能的初步训练,并经过机械专业基本技能实习,对机械加工、工程材料、加工工具、机床等有一定的感性认识。

本教材在材料选择及编写的过程中力求重点突出,有所创新,具体表现在:

- 1. 侧重阅读理解能力的训练;
- 2. 着重课文中的语言难点、要点的理解及练习;
- 3. 对英文科技文章中较为集中的语言现象作专题分析;
- 4. 全书突出机械专业英语的特点,所选材料既覆盖了当 今机械行业的大多数领域,又反映了其发展趋势。

本教材由伍忠杰编写第 1、2、3、5、6、7、8 单元,张宪立编写第 4 单元。在编写的过程中,丁振明、许晓阳、刘瑛提出了许多宝贵的意见,在此表示诚挚的感谢。限于编者的水平和经验,书中难免有一些缺陷和不足,殷切希望广大读者批评指正。

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Unit One

Passage A

Engineering Materials

- [1] All products that come out of industry consist of at least one—and often many—types of materials. The most obvious example is the automobile. A car contains a wide variety of materials, ranging from glass to steel to rubber, plus numerous other metals and plastics.
- [2] The number of materials which are available to the engineer in industry is almost infinite. The various compositions of steel alone run into the thousands. It has been said that there are more than 10,000 varieties of glass, and the numbers of plastics are equally great. In addition, several hundred new varieties of materials appear on the market each month. This means that individual engineers and technicians cannot hope to be familiar with all the properties of all types of materials in their numerous forms. All he can do is try to learn some principles to guide him in the selection

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and processing of materials.

- [3] The properties of a material originates from the internal structure of that material. This is analogous to saying that the operation of a TV set depends on the components and circuits within that set. The internal structures of materials involve atoms, and the way atoms are associated with their neighbors into crystals, molecules, and microstructures.
- [4] It is convenient to divide materials into three main types: (1) metals, (2) plastics or polymers and (3) ceramics.
- [5] Characteristically, metals are opaque, ductile, and good conductors of heat and electricity. Plastics (or polymers), which usually contain light elements, and therefore have relatively low density, are generally insulators, and are flexible and formable at relatively low temperatures. Ceramics, which contain compounds of both metallic and non-metallic elements, are usually relatively resistant to severe mechanical, thermal, and chemical conditions.
- [6] Metals are divided into ferrous and non-ferrous metals. The former contain iron and the latter do not contain

iron. Certain elements can improve the properties of steel and are therefore added to it. For example, chromium may be included to resist corrosion and tungsten to increase hardness. Aluminum, copper, and the alloys, bronze and brass, are common non-ferrous metals.

[7] Plastics and ceramics are non-metals; however, plastics may be machined like metals. Plastics are classified into two types—thermoplastics and thermosets. Thermoplastics can be shaped and reshaped by heat and pressure but thermosets cannot be reshaped because they undergo chemical changes as they harden. Ceramics are often employed by engineers when materials which can withstand high temperatures are needed.

Vocabulary

variety a different form; kinds; sort n. infinite adi. very many; without limits a mixture of substances 合成(物) composition property n. the main characteristics of a substance 性能 principle n. a basic rule, explaining how things act come into being; arise originate vi. internal adi. coming from within the thing itself analogous adi. alike component n. a part

crystal n. 晶体,石英

molecule n. 分子, 微小颗粒

microstructure n. the structure seen under a microscope 微结构

convenient adj. easy; handy

polymer n. a substance consisting of two or more polymeric compounds 聚合物

ceramics n. pottery, earthenware, porcelain, etc. 陶瓷 characteristically adv. in a way that shows the special characters

opaque adj. not allowing light to pass through

ductile adj. (of metals) that can be stretched,

drawn, or hammered thin without breaking 有韧性的

conductor n. a substance which passes on heat, sound, or electricity 导体

insulator n. a substance which prevents the passage of heat, sound or electricity 绝缘体

flexible adj. that can be easily bent

formable adj. that can be easily made into a shape 易成型的

compound n. a substance formed by the chemical combination of two or more substances 化合物

metallic adj. of like, or containing a metal or metals

thermal adj. having to do with heat 热(性)的

ferrous adj. containing iron

chromium n. 铬

corrosion n. the process of wearing away the surface of a solid by rusting 腐蚀

tungsten n. 钨

aluminum n. 铝

thermo- [构词成分] heat

Phrases and Expressions

consist of 由 ······组成

range from … to [范围]从……至

run into 多达

associate with 与…相关

the former …, the latter … 前者……,后者……

ANALYSES

A. Vocabulary Study

- 1. 名词定义与动词定义的比较
 - 1) machine
 - n. 机器;机械
 - v. 机械加工
 - e. g. Plastics may be machined like metals.
 - 2) shape
 - n. 形状;外形

- v. 使成形;刨削
- e.g. Thermoplastics can be *shaped* and reshaped by heat and pressure.

2. 普遍词义与专业词义的比较

1) composition n.

普通词义:作文;作曲

专业词义:合成(物)

e.g. Every student is required to write a short composition (作文) within 30 minutes in the test.

The various compositions (合成) of steel along run into the thousands.

2) conductor n

普通词义:(公共汽车)售票员;(乐队)指挥;(影/ 剧院)领座员;列车员

专业词义:导体

e.g. There is no *conductor* (售票员) on the bus. The driver sells tickets.

Metals are good *conductors* (导体) of heat and electricity.

3) flexible adj.

普通词义:灵活的

专业词义:易弯曲的;柔性的

e.g. Some companies have adopted *flexible* (灵活的) work time so that their employees do not have to go to work during the rush hour.

Plastics are *flexible* (易弯的;柔软的) and formable at relatively low temperatures.

B. Structural Study

Read and study the sentences below from the text. Pay attention to the underlined parts:

- 1. The number of materials which are available to the engineer in industry is almost infinite. (Para. 2)
- 2. All he can do is try to learn some principles to guide him in the selection and processing of materials.

 (Para. 2)
- 3. Plastics (or polymers), which usually contain light elements, and therefore have relatively low density, are generally insulators, and are flexible and formable at relatively low temperatures. (Para. 5)

- 4. Ceramics, which contain compounds of both metallic and nonmetallic elements, are usually relatively resistant to severe mechanical, thermal, and chemical conditions. (Para. 5)
- 5. Ceramics are often employed by engineers when materials which can withstand high temperatures are needed. (Para. 7)

以上句子的划线部分为定语从句。定语从句主要用来修饰名词,如第1句的 materials,第2句的 all,第3句的 plastics (or polymers),第4句的 ceramics,第5句的 materials等。定语从句可用 which, that, who, whose, when, where, why, as 等连词引出,有进也可省略。另外,"介词+which"在科技英语中使用较为频繁,例:

The internal structure on which properties of materials are strongly dependent is not constant, but can vary greatly.

EXERCISES

A. Comprehension questions.

- 1. A car serves as an example because
 - a. it used to be made of glass, then of steel, and now is made of rubber
 - b. it is made of materials other than glass, steel and rub-

ber

- c. it is made of many materials including glass, steel and rubber
- d. it is obviously made of plastics
- 2. There are varieties of glass and plastics.
 - a. hundreds of
- b. more than 10,000
- c. thousands of
- d. more than 20,000
- 3. There are about as many varieties of plastics as those of
 - a. steel
- b. glass
- c. materials
- d. rubber
- 4. Which of the following is not a material?
 - a. Metal. b. Plastics
 - b. Plastics. c. Automobile.
- d. Glass.
- 5. A material has certain properties because of its
 - a. components
- b. circuits
- c. neighbors
- d. internal structure
- 6. According to the passage, materials are divided into three main types of .
 - a. ceramics, polymers or plastics, and metals
 - b. atoms, crystals or molecules, and microstructures
 - c. metals, plastics or ceramics, and polymers