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前言

随着现代社会的发展和科技教育对英语学习的要求的提高，阅读英语文献资料越来越显示出它的重要作用。对于中学生来说，英语阅读理解题在高考英语试卷的卷面和分值中都占有相当大的比重；而且作为信息输入方式之一的英语阅读，基本决定了一个人的英语学习水平和英语运用能力。因此，我们认为，除了阅读英语教材之外，还应该在校外以泛读的形式阅读更多的英语资料，以期在精读英语教科书的同时，逐步扩大阅读量，提高阅读速度，增强语感，从而养成良好的英语阅读习惯。通过阅读学习阅读，不仅是培养阅读能力的唯一方法，而且也是泛读的目的之一。基于上述目的，我们按照新大纲的要求，编写了《无敌英语阶梯阅读训练》丛书。

该书所选文章均出自国外最新出版的英文报刊。内容包括人物传记、社会文化、文史知识、科普小品、幽默故事等。在编写上遵循由浅入深、由易到难、循序渐进的原则；在难度、体裁和题材上基本与课文内容保持一致。短文题材多样，内容涉及面广，融知识性和趣味性于一体，是广大中学生及英语初学者的良好的学习辅助材料。

七级适用于高中二年级上学期：书信、小品、论文、传记、短剧、日记、记叙文、诗歌、谜语故事；内容包括：名人轶事、世界风情录、卫生与健康、媒体与传播、伟人传略、访古问今、环境保护、人类与动物、新闻采访、购物与服务、自然与地理等。

八级适用于高中二年级下学期：书信、小品、论文、传记、短

剧、日记、记叙文、议论文、说明文、诗歌、谜语故事；内容包括：伟人传略、名人轶事、高科技知识及技术（包括卫星等）、环境与保护（包括污水处理、噪音等）、海洋湖泊及其生物、未来憧憬、科学幻想、人物与景物描写、音乐欣赏、著名歌曲、经典小说片断、科技发明与创造、医疗与卫生等。

为检测学生阅读理解的程度，我们在每篇短文后提供短文单词量及总阅读时间，并编写了各种练习，练习后提供阅读理解成绩记录。书后附有阅读理解进步表，以便学生记录自己的阅读能力进展情况。

几种数据的计算方法：

1. 总阅读时间 (Total reading time):

如果结束阅读时间 (Finishing time) 为: 10: 21, 开始阅读时间 (Starting time) 为: 10: 15: 30, 那么总阅读时间 (Total reading time) 为:

	hour	minute	second
Finishing time	10	21	0
Starting time	10	15	30
Total reading time	5	30	

2. 阅读速度: $\frac{\text{单词量 (Length)}}{\text{总阅读时间}}$

3. 根据阅读理解率自我评价表填写阅读理解成绩记录中的 % comprehension. 阅读理解率自我评价表如下:

Errors:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
% Right:	100	88	75	63	50	38	25	13	0

由于编者水平有限，书中疏漏不妥之处在所难免，恳请广大读者及同行们不吝赐教。

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PASSAGE 1

A Careless Driver

Alan Tong was the worst driver in town. He had an accident of some kind almost every week.

Alan lived with his mother. His mother was always worried about him. Every day she worried that the police would turn up to arrest him. This wasn't a foolish worry because they usually called on the Tong household about once a week to deliver a speeding ticket or to serve him notice to appear in court.

Most of his accidents were caused by his carelessness. He drove through red lights. He turned right without signaling. He drove at night without proper lights. He overtook other cars on hills and sharp curves (弯曲的路段). In short, there wasn't a traffic regulation (规则) Alan had not broken, and he had had so many accidents that it was a miracle (奇迹) he was still alive. But luckily for Alan, he had never hurt anyone in his accidents or even gone to the hospital.

Although Alan wasn't popular with the police, he was very popular with his lawyer. Alan's lawyer, Mr. Tsui, had earned a lot of money from Alan's cases and always rubbed his hands expectantly when he saw Alan coming into his office.

One day Alan was working in the garage spray (喷) painting his car when his mother walked in.

"What are you doing?" his mother asked.

"Painting my car," Alan replied.

"I can see that," his mother said, "but why are you painting one side of the car red and the other side blue?"

"Because every time I have to go to court for a traffic offense, there are always two witnesses. 'What colour was the car?' the prosecutor always asks, and the two witnesses always give the same answer. Well, in





the future, one witness will say it was red and the other will say it was blue. Mr. Tsui will then say to the judge, 'Your honour, the witnesses cannot even agree on the colour of the car involved in the accident.' And the judge will have to dismiss the case against me."

Length: 338

Total Reading Time: _____

Question

Answer the following questions without referring to the reading.

1. From the passage we know that Alan's mother's worries were _____.

- A. unbelievable B. quite reasonable
C. silly D. unrelated to his bad driving

2. Alan set an example to other drivers. T F

3. Alan lived alone, but the police called at his house once a week and sent him a film ticket. T F

4. Alan broke every traffic rule there was. T F

5. Alan Tong's car was always breaking down. T F

6. Alan hoped that he would be able to find two witnesses who would agree on the color of his car for his next appearance in court. T F

7. Alan's best friend was a man named Mr. Tsui. T F

8. What does the word **signalling** mean in Chinese in the third paragraph?

- A. 发信号 B. 签字 C. 超速 D. 减速

Words per minute _____

% Comprehension _____

PASSAGE 2

A Housing Problem

Sue and Alan had been dating for many years. Every weekend they went to a movie together on Saturday night. On Sundays they went to the



beach in the summer and to the country in the winter.

Sue knew that Alan wanted to marry her, and she wanted to marry Alan, too. She waited patiently for him to ask her to marry him. However, although he often told her he loved her, he never said anything about marriage. This made Sue unhappy. She was nearly thirty. She believed that if Alan did not marry her soon she might never marry. She did not want to be a **spinster**. She wanted to have a husband and a family of her own.

One evening, as they were walking home after a movie, she said, "Alan, don't you think it is time you asked me something?"

Alan thought for a moment. He knew what she was thinking about. At last he said, "I'm sorry, Sue, but I don't think I have anything to ask you at this time."

"Then I will have to ask you, Alan," Sue said. "I cannot wait any longer. I'm getting old."

She stopped walking and looked at him.

"Alan," she said, "we've known each other for ten years. I love you and you love me. Will you marry me?"

Alan took hold of Sue's hand.

"Sue," he said, "I want to marry you, but we cannot get married yet. We have nowhere to live. I do not have much money and neither do you. We cannot buy a place of our own."

"That isn't important," Sue said. "We can live with your parents."

Alan shook his head.

"I'm sorry but that isn't possible."

"Why not?" Sue asked.

"Because my parents are still living with their parents," he explained.

Length : 301

Total Reading Time : _____

Question

Answer the following questions without referring to the reading:

1. From the passage we know that Sue and Alan couldn't get married because _____.

- A. they had no money B. they had nowhere to live
C. they were busy D. they had no time

2. Alan and Sue went to a movie on Sunday nights. T F

3. Sue and Alan had been dating for seven years. T F

4. Sue thought that Alan didn't love her. T F

5. Alan lived in a apartment on his own. T F

6. Sue and Alan did not have enough money to buy a place of their own. T F

7. What does the word **dating** mean in Chinese in the first paragraph?

- A. 订婚 B. 约会 C. 结婚 D. 认识

8. What does the word **spinster** mean in Chinese in the second paragraph?

- A. 老处女 B. 少女 C. 牧师 D. 妻子

Words per minute _____

% Comprehension _____

PASSAGE 3

A Faithful Dog

The U. K. (or United Kingdom) is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. There are many mountains in Wales. Not long ago there were wild animals in the forests. Sometimes wolves attacked people and killed them.

More than 700 years ago, the Prince of Wales had a very big dog. Its name was Gelert and it was very brave. It often went hunting with the Prince. One day the Prince left his dog at home and told it to look after his baby son, who was sleeping in a small wooden bed.

Several hours later, when the Prince returned, Gelert ran out to meet his master. Suddenly the Prince saw blood on Gelert's jaws and head.



"What have you been doing?" the Prince said in alarm. He rushed into his room and saw the small bed lying on its side on the floor. There was blood on his son's clothes.

"So you have killed my son!" the Prince shouted angrily. "You unfaithful dog!" He took out his sword and killed the dog with one blow. Just then the Prince heard a baby crying.

The Prince ran out of the house and saw his son lying on the ground unhurt. Near him was a dead wolf, which had tried to steal the baby from the bed. Then the Prince realized that Gelert had defeated the wolf in order to save his son. The Prince ran back into the house but he was too late. The brave Gelert was dead. Tears ran down the Prince's face when he realized that he had killed his faithful friend. He carried Gelert's body to the top of a mountain and buried him there.

Every morning, he walked up the mountain so that he could stand by the dog's grave for a few minutes.

If you go to Mount Snowdon in Wales, people will show you where Gelert is buried. It reminds people of a brave and faithful dog. It also reminds us all not to jump to a conclusion without knowing the full facts.

Length: 342

Total Reading Time: _____

Question

Answer the following questions without referring to the reading:

- What is the point of the paragraph?
 - We should never draw a conclusion before knowing the full facts.
 - We should never kill a good dog.
 - The Prince was very cruel to the dog.
 - The dog killed the Prince's baby.
- The United Kingdom is made up of England, Scotland and Wales.

T F
- Gelert was the Prince's baby.

T F
- There was blood on the dog's jaws and head because it had killed the Prince's baby.

T F



5. The dog killed the wolf, but the Prince killed the dog. T F
 6. The Prince was sorry to have killed his faithful dog. T F
 7. What does the word unhurt mean in the last paragraph but one?
 A. wounded B. not hurt C. dead D. dying
 8. What does the word grave mean in Chinese in the last paragraph but one?

- A. 住所 B. 坟墓 C. 洞穴 D. 床

Words per minute

% Comprehension

PASSAGE 4

Basketball

Basketball is one sport perhaps the only sport—whose exact origin can safely be stated. During the winter of 1891—1892, Dr. James Naismith, a college instructor in Springfield, Massachusetts, invented the game of basketball in order to provide exercise for the students between the closing of the football season and the opening of the baseball season. He attached fruit baskets overhead on the walls at opposite ends of the gymnasium, and, using a soccer ball, organized nine-man teams to play his new game in which the purpose was to toss the ball into one basket and attempt to keep the opposing team from tossing the ball into the other basket. Although there have since been many changes in the rules (such as the reduction of the number of players on a team from nine to five), the game is basically the same today. United States soldiers introduced it to the Philippines in 1900 and to Europe during The First World War, and, being adopted by foreign nations it soon became a world-wide sport. It is interesting that although basketball was created as an indoor game, in countries other than the United States it is now played almost entirely outdoors.

Length: 200

Total Reading Time: