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前言

耗时五年之久写出《包法利夫人》的法国著名作家福楼拜(1821—1880)曾经说:“在所有的表现中间,所有的形体中间,所有的样式中间,只有一个表现、一个形体、一个样式能表现我的思想。”我国古人恒言:“吟安一个字,捻断数茎须。”贾岛曰:“两句三年得,一吟双泪流。”如此云云,足见写作之艰辛。

英语写作历来是众多大学生头痛的事情。每当属文,他们就不知所措,甚至望而却步、谈虎色变。究其原因,主要是受平时英语课时所限,同学们没有足够的时间或机会进行系统的写作训练,因而未掌握系统的写作知识与技能技巧,进而在量上未获得满足,在质上没得到提高。为了弥补上述的不足并满足广大同学的需要,为了帮助同学们提高英语写作水平和应试能力,我们特编写了这套丛书,希望她能给同学们的英语写作指点迷津,并能博得同学们的青睐,因为我们的目标是:帮助同学们在尽可能短的时间内轻松地掌握英语写作的理论、方法和技巧,并能在考试的实践中立于不败之地。

本着创新的原则,这套丛书的编写主要突出一个“新”字(体系新、方法新和材料新),并遵循以下编写原则:从学生的英语实际水平出发,以学生为中心;主要针对大学英语四、六级考试的写作;力求融科学性、知识性、趣味性以及实用性为一体;理论、方法与实践紧密结合;讲练结合,由浅入深,由易到难;取材丰富(囊括科学、政治、历史、地理、文化等方面的内容)、材料新颖。这套丛书共三部,它们既相互联系,有共同的主题,但又自成体系。可以说,这“三部曲”是目前国内有关大学英语写作范围最广、内容最详、体系最新的书。

第一部《大学英语写作·技能技巧》:本册以对话体的形式(学生与老师之间的对话)主要讲解英语写作的基本技能和技巧。所覆盖的内容非常广泛,包括句、段、篇的写作,常用文体的写作,写作中常用的修辞格以及文体风格的适当选择等内容。书中既要有讲解,也要有实例,同时配以相关的练习,并附有参考答案。

第二部《大学英语写作·实战范例》:本册的重点是针对近年来大学英语四、六级写作考试的八种题型,归纳总结出各种题型的写作技巧与应试对策。所选范文内容新颖、体裁丰富,并附有精湛的点评。因此,特别具有四、六级写作考试的针对性。

第三部《大学英语写作·改错改进》:本册重点是通过正误对比,利用改错与改

进的方法帮助学生进一步掌握英语写作的方法、技能与技巧,以及词汇、语法结构的正确运用,并结合准确、详实的分析与讲解来帮助学生提高英语写作水平与应试能力。

本丛书的作者共八人,其中四人为英语专业博士,四人为硕士。他们从事英语写作教学多年,有丰富的写作经验与较高的应试策略。在繁忙的工作和学习之余,他们彼此切磋、相互帮助,终于在预期的时间内完成了书稿。从拟定提纲到完成书稿可以说经过了三种不同的境界:理想的追求,即写出满意的书;艰苦的写作历程;完成书稿之后的快乐。正如国学大师王国维在《人间词话》中所言:“古今之成大事业大学问者,必经过三种之境界。‘昨夜西风凋碧树,独上高楼,望尽天涯路’,此第一境也。‘衣带渐宽终不悔,为伊消得人憔悴’,此第二境也。‘众里寻他千百度,回头蓦见,那人正在灯火阑珊处’,此第三境也。王公国维之第一境即追求理想的向往之情;第二境:追求理想的艰苦历程;第三境:理想实现后的喜悦。这套丛书的编写竣工了,能否收到作者预期的效果还有待于读者去评价。在酝酿和编写本丛书的过程中,我们自始至终得到了责任编辑张领和郎冰两位贤兄的鼎力相助。此外,辽宁教育出版社也给予了我们大力支持。在此,我们对他们表示衷心的感谢。最后,我们还要感谢北京外国语大学的丁往道教授,他为本套丛书的编写提出了宝贵的建议。

本丛书适应于各类大学生(专业英语或非专业英语的大学生)、研究生、大学教师以及所有欲提高自己英语写作水平的广大英语爱好者。由于作者水平有限,时间较为仓促,书中不当之处在所难免,谨请同行方家和广大读者不吝珠玉。

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第一章

大学英语写作的命题形式

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我们先来看最新修订的《英语四、六级考试大纲》对英语写作能力的要求。具体规定如下：

1. 基本要求（四级）：能就与课文难度相仿的阅读材料做笔记，写提纲和回答问题，能就一定的话题和给定的提纲写短文，能写段信和便条。表达意思清楚，无重大语言错误。能在半小时内写出 120 ~ 150 词的短文。

2. 较高要求（六级）：能就与课文难度相仿的阅读材料回答问题，写提纲和摘要；能就一定的话题和给定的提纲、表格或图示写短文，能写日常应用文（如信函、简历）等。内容完整，条理清楚，文理通顺。能在半小时内写出 150 ~ 180 词的短文。

从上面的规定，我们可以看出大学英语四、六级考试中写作的基本题型包括以下几种：

关键词作文，段首句作文，提纲式作文，情景作文，改写式作文，图表式作文，看图式作文和命题作文等。本书就是按照上面八种作文题型进行编写的。

下面我们分别举出大学英语四、六级考试的作文样卷进行评析。

下面五篇作文是 2000 年 12 月全国大学英语四级考试的样卷，五篇分别代表五个档次。

Directions: For this part, you are allowed thirty minutes to write a composition on the topic **How to succeed in a job interview**. You should write at least 100 words and you should base your composition on the outline (given in Chinese) below:

1. 面试在求职过程中的作用。
2. 取得面试成功的因素：仪表、举止、谈吐、能力、专业知识、自信、实事求是……

【SAMPLE 1】

得 2 分——条理不清，不成篇章。除个别句子外，内容基本无法理解，语言错误严重而且数量多。

How to succeed in a job interview

Interview importance for job. It promotion understand two parties. We know, job are not easy finding. each people want to find job must pay attention of interviewe.

There be some factor can effection job interview. For eaxample, appearances, good

manner, polite, self-confident, major knowledge and so so. In opinions, confident are very importance in interview. An applying, one must shows his or her confident on his abilities, this manner, perhaps he will successful. In same time, also major knowledge is key in interviewee. Much people like the person have major knowledge. What more importance, person like a job to make good use of his major knowledge. In word, he should be confidence and exist major knowledge in interviewee.

[SAMPLE 2]

得 5 分——基本切题，连贯性差，意思表达不清，有不少严重的词汇和语法错误。

How to succeed in a job interview

Interview are importance for job. They promotion the understand of two parties. Apply job are not easy, people must pay attention of interviewee.

There be some factors can effect job interview. The factor include appearance, good manner, polite, self-confident, major knowledge and so on. In my opinions, self-confident are very importance in job interview. As an appliance, one must show his or her self-confident, this way, perhaps he will enrolled. Also major knowledge is key in interviewee. Boss like the person have major knowledge. What more, person like a place to make usefull of his major knowledge. In concludes, he should be care in interviewee.

[SAMPLE 3]

得 8 分——基本切题，有些地方表达不够清楚，而且欠连贯，语言错误相当多，其中有些是严重错误。

How to succeed in a job interview

An interview are important for a job. Since it promotions the understandings between the two parties. To Apply job is not easy, people must pay attention of interviewee.

There be some factors effecting a job interview. The factors includes appearance, good manner, polite, self-confident, major knowledge and so forth. In my minds, appearance are very importance in a job interview, for some jobs, for example, public relation personnels, demand that a person is beautiful and elegant. Also, one must show his or her self-confidence in an interview. In this way, he will perhaps enrolled. Boss like the person

is self-confident. And such a person can create profits for his boss. In a word, he should be beautiful and self-confident in interviewee.

{SAMPLE 4}

得 11 分——切题，条理清晰，层次分明，文字连贯，有少量语言错误。

How to succeed in a job interview

An interview play very important role in finding good jobs. Through the interview, we can get some detailed information of the future job which we are apply for, decide whether the job are appropriaete for us or not. We can have an opportunit to be selected by our 'boss-to-be'. Hence, we must seriously consider the question about how to succeed in a job interview.

Many factors can result a successful job interview. There factors consist of appearance, self-confidence, ability and professional knowledge, etc. In my mind, self-confidence and professional knowledge are the two most important ones. Self-confidence will earn you the interviewer's good sense. At the same time, a self-confident man is usually competent, and can create economical benefits for our 'boss'. Professional knowledge is the basic requirement in a job interview, for more and more attention is paid to professional knowledge. So, we must be self-confident and show fully our professional knowledge in order to get an ideal job.

{SAMPLE 5}

得 14 分——文字通顺，层次分明，连贯性好，表达清楚，仅有个别错误。

How to succeed in a job interview

An interview plays a very important role in finding a good job. Through the interview, not only can we get some detailed information about the future job we apply for and decide whether the jobs are appropriate for us or not, but also can we obtain a chance to be selected by our future 'bosses'. Therefore, the question about how to succeed in a job interview deserves serious considerations.

There are many factors that lead to a successful job interview such as appearance, self-confidence, ability and professional knowledge, etc, among which, in my opinion, ability and professional knowledge are the most important. Professional knowledge is the ba-

sic requirement, while ability can change this abstract knowledge into realization, and to create economical benefits for our 'boss'. Therefore, in a job interview, we should fully show our competence in our professional knowledge and ability to guarantee that we get an ideal job.

下面是六级作文样卷:

题目: Should Firecrackers Be Banned?

要求: (1) 燃放烟花爆竹的现象普遍存在

(2) 对禁放烟花爆竹的不同态度

(3) 我的态度

[SAMPLE 1]

得 2 分——条理不清, 思想混乱, 语言支离破碎。几乎没有正确的句子。

Many Chinese set off firecrackers when marrying, moving, etc. It is an old culture up date from ancient. Some person think to set off firecrackers is a kind of remember Chinese culture and will bring much fun to people. Some person think it is not a good idea to set off firecrackers.

To set off firecrackers will often bring forth fire or let somebody break. There are too many real facts show that set off firecrackers is not safty and usually make something happy become unhappy.

I think set off firecrackers is not suitable in cities. In a city, there are many people and many buildings. To set off firecrackers will make fire easy and burst people easy. Now we can use other way to instead of set off firecrackers.

Now, in many cities of China, people are prohibit to set off firecrackers. Let firecrackers never banned in cities.

[SAMPLE 2]

得 5 分——基本切题, 表达思想不清楚, 严重的语言错误很多。

Some people are interested in setting off firecrackers. Why? Most of them will say that the firecrackers can inspire one's spirit. But almost all of the children look it as an interesting game.

But some people don't agree to letting off firecrackers. They think the game is dangerous, it always brings fires. It is not worthy of risking, especially to children. Some parents even forbid the children to look the game. They believe it can waste many good

lime, apart from the dangerous.

But I think that the firecrackers can be set off on October 1, January 1, etc. It can bring excitement to people. But set off it by grownups and the children leave it far away. What do you think?

[SAMPLE 3]

得 8 分, 基本切题。有些地方表达不大清楚, 文字勉强连贯, 语言错误相当多, 其中一些是严重错误。

There is much controversy as to ban firecrackers. Some people think that, firecrackers can play a important role in festivals. More happiness can be added to festivals. But others are opposed to it. Firecrackers are regarded as a kind of pollution. And many accidents happened for setting off firecrackers.

The opinions are reasonable in part. We should not go to extreme. Yes, the advantages of firecrackers is conspicuous to us. It's a part of our culture. But it indeed contributes to many wounded arised by it. According to investigation, there are many fires during the festival.

So we must integrate two opposite ideas. In correct place and at correct time, we set off firecrackers for adding happiness. Now, many cities have found many solution to this question.

[SAMPLE 4]

得 11 分——切题, 表达思想清楚, 但也有少量语言错误。

In the Chinese New Year, we all like to set off firecrackers. But in these years, firecrackers are forbidden in some areas. Some people think that setting off firecrackers is a good thing because in the new year, everyone is happy, so setting off firecrackers will make him more excited. Especially children are more fond of firecrackers. And setting off firecrackers has lasted for hundreds of years, so it should not be banned.

On the other hand, some people think that setting off firecrackers is a bad thing. Because firecrackers are very dangerous. They might cause the fire, make the eyes blind and even kill somebody. So they must be banned.

I think firecrackers needn't be banned, but they must be limited. Firecrackers are good things, but when they make people dangerous they become bad things. So when we are setting off firecrackers, we must pay much attention to safety.

[SAMPLE 5]

得 14 分——切题，表达思想清楚，文字通顺，连贯性较好，基本上无语言错误，仅有个别小错。

People's opinions about whether firecrackers should be banned vary from person to person.

Some people say that it is a good thing to set off firecrackers. To them, letting off firecrackers is a traditional means to celebrate our special days, particularly Spring Festival. If firecrackers were banned, our festivals would become too quiet to enjoy.

Others think firecrackers should be banned. In support to their argument, they list many facts to show that fires are caused by firecrackers, which bring so much damage to people. At the same time, they say, firecrackers make noise and cause air pollution.

Personally, I am no the side of the latter argument. It is true that firecrackers make our festivals more enjoyable, but, I think, we can think out other entertainments. And also, we can appreciate the sound of firecrackers by listening to a tape recorded instead of setting them off. In a word, firecrackers should be banned for the benefit of all people!

近年真题回顾

1996 年 1 月大学英语四级考试作文试题：

Directions: For this part, you are allowed thirty minutes to write a composition on the topic **The Two-day Weekend**. You should write at least 100 words and you should base your composition on the outline(given in Chinese)below:

1. 双休日给大学生带来的好处。
2. 双休日可能给大学生带来的问题。
3. 我应当怎样过好双休日。

The Two-day Weekend

Only for reference:

The Two-day Weekend

With the two-day weekend policy adopted, our life is becoming more and more colorful. During the two days off, for example, we have enough time to visit some friends who live in another town. We can also go on a trip to some well-known holiday resorts, and do a lot of sightseeing there. If we are tired of the hustle and bustle of the city, we might as well camp off in the mountains or at lake, and enjoys the peace and calm there. Then, when we are back from the two-day holidays fresh and energetic, we are likely to set about our study with greater enthusiasm. As a result, we tend to be more efficient in our work.

Every sword has two blades. Problems do exist in some college students' two-day weekend. Some lazy students may spend most of the time sleeping, doing nothing else. Some may be addicted to playing cards, drinking, leaving their home-work far away. Therefore, the two-day weekend can bring nothing useful to them.

As for me, I will make good use of the time to have a rest and develop my own hobbies, such as traveling, reading or listening to music. And I should prepare myself for the next week's study. (206 words)

评

作者紧扣中文纲要，在第一段中，给出了主体句‘双休日会使生活更加丰富多彩’，并且加以扩展，例如，拜访亲朋好友，去名胜地度假，到山上或者湖边野营，回来后以更饱满的精力投入工作，从而使工作的效率更高。在第二段中，作者首先使用一句成语，‘Every sword has two blades’来转向问题的另一个方面，一些学生会睡大觉，玩牌，喝酒等。在第三段中，作者表达了自己的观点：好好利用双休日休息，培养自己的爱好，并且准备下周的学习。整篇文章条理清楚，过渡自然，逻辑性强。成语的使用，为文章增色不少。文中比较好的词语包括：the two days off, go on a trip, be tired of, hustle and bustle, might as well, be likely to, set about, as a result, be addicted to, therefore, as for, make good use of, such as 等。

1996年6月大学英语四级考试作文试题：

Directions: For this part, you are allowed thirty minutes to write a composition on the topic **Global Shortage of Fresh Water**. You should write at least 100 words and you should base your composition on the outline(given in Chinese)below:

1. 人们以为淡水是取之不尽的。(提示：雨水、河水、井水……)