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前　　言

　　由国家教育部 99 年度推出的全国公共英语等级考试(Public English Test System)(PETS)为中国英语考试社会化拉开一道全新的序幕,它使每个有志在英语学习上进阶、努力的人有了奋斗的目标。它打破了只有在校生才能获取一张英文水平等级证书的局面。中国也不再是只有大学英语四、六级考试一统天下的格局。PETS 考试为更多的有志者提供了方便和可能性,它更注重测定学生英语的实际应用能力。实在是可喜可庆之事。

　　国家教育部考试中心推出的 PETS 考试共分五级,大致为:一级相当于初中毕业生参加中考的英语水平;二级相当于高考的英语水平;三、四级相当于大学英语四、六级考试水平,拟替代成人英语自学考试;五级拟替代国家公派出国留学英语水平考试。本丛书作为 PETS 考试的同步辅导书,一~三级每级分别有"必备词汇"、"必备语法"、"阅读技巧"、"听力会话"和"考试自测";四、五级分别为"语法、阅读解析"、"考试模拟自测"。

　　全套行家辅导 PETS 系列丛书均由熟悉 PETS 的行家执笔编写。它的特点是新、快、准。所谓"新"就是思路新,练习新;"快"是指学生使用时,上手快、掌握快;"准"是针对考试切题准。

　　《全国公共英语等级考试一级阅读技巧》一书是依据全国公共英语等级考试(PETS)大纲的要求而编写的。本书的阅读理解材料选自最新的国内外书刊,内容新颖,集知识性与娱乐性于一体,反映了现代社会中人们普通关注的热点问题。本书特编有导读部分,介绍文章的相关背景知识,或某种阅读技巧。文章的编排遵循由浅入深的原则,对超出大纲的生词和词组,均作了注释。

　　此书有助于广大一级考生提高阅读理解能力,扩大知识面,同时也可作为广大在校初中毕业生中考英语的阅读辅导书。

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Unit One

News

新 闻 报 道

　　新闻作为人类生活的一部分，其内容涉及到三百六十行。新闻力求简明扼要，对外语初学者是很有帮助的。

　　在本单元中，我们将看到五篇新闻报道，请大家仔细阅读下列短文，并从中选择一个正确答案。

Passage One   Mobile Phones

> 手机现已成为一种时尚。本篇主要谈论用户数量的变化。

More and more people like to use mobile phones, or hand phones. The mobile phone users in China are expected to increase to about 200 million in the next ten years from about 26 million now, said by a Chinese official in Geneva on Sunday.

Notes:

1. more and more: 越来越多的
   More and more Chinese students come back to motherland.
2. are expected (to): 预料
   The American teacher is expected to arrive at ten.
3. to...from:与 from...to 相同,表示"由……到……"
   They managed to come back to the earth from the moon.

1. What does "increase" mean?
   [A] to become more
   [B] to become less
   [C] to become the same

2. In 2010, how many people will use hand phones?
   [A] about 26 million

[B] about 174 million

[C] about 200 million

3. What's the meaning of "mobile phones"?

[A] 移动电话

[B] 对讲机

[C] 传呼机

Passage Two   Taxis With Beepers

DA ZHONG Transportation began using its new beeper system on Thursday by co-operating with GUO MAI Telecommunications. GUO MAI will provide DA ZHONG with errorless services. About 12,000 Da Zhong taxi drivers will have beepers and the taxi company promises it will give a 100 percent response to customers.

出租车是我们生活中必不可少的交通工具。本文主要讲述大众和国脉两家公司极极联手的事情。请注意合作的内容和其影响。

Notes:

1. began using:开始使用 Begin doing sth. 开始……

2. provide sb. with sth. :提供(某人,某物)
   Who will provide us with gas?

3. GuoMai will provide DaZhong with errorless services. 国

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脉公司提供大众准确的服务。

4. promise:承诺　一般结构为 promise to do sth. 或 prom-
ise that + sentence.

I promised to finish the job by the end of this month.

I promised that the job would be finished by the end of
this month.

1. What has DAZHONG done according to the news?
   [A] It has bought many beepers.
   [B] It has received beepers from GUOMAI.
   [C] It has trained new drivers.

2. If you call DAZHONG TAXI, _____ .
   [A] you will have to wait for a long time
   [B] you will get the full reply
   [C] The telephone line is busy

Passage Three　　　6 College Students Dead in Texas Crash

Six college students on their way
to a party were killed early on Sunday
when the driver of a pick up truck(货
车) apparently(明显) fell asleep at the
wheel(方向盘) and ran them over,
police said.

The students were walking along a
highway near the campus of Texas
A&M University when the accident ha-

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ppened.

Blood tests showed the driver had not been drinking before the accident. "He volunteered (to do something without being asked) and went to the hospital and got a blood test. we don't think there's alcohol(酒精) involved (涉及) in it. I think he just fell asleep at the wheel." A policeman told reporters.

Notes :

1. on one's way to...: 去……的路上
   on my way to school/Shanghai
2. fell asleep:fall asleep 的过去式
3. ran them over: 压过去
4. The students were walking... when the accident happened.学生走在……的时候,事故就发生了。
   I was reading the book when he knocked at my door.
   Who knows what he was doing when it happened.

1. Where were the students killed?
   [A] At school.
   [B] At a shopping center.
   [C] On a highway.

2. How were they killed?
   [A] By a hunter.
   [B] By a robber.
   [C] By a driver.

3. Which statement is not right?
   [A] They were college students.
   [B] The driver fell asleep.
   [C] The driver had drunk a little of beer.

4. What did not the driver do after the accident?
   [A] He ran away.
   [B] He helped the policeman.
   [C] He got a blood test.

5. Who asked the driver to go to the hospital?
   [A] No one but himself.
   [B] The other students.
   [C] Passers-by(过路人).

Passage Four　　　CNN

CNN(Cable News Network) depends on the advertising. It is a cable television network founded in 1980 by American businessman Ted Turner. Its head office is in Atlanta Georgia. CNN was the first 24-hour television network. It only reports ne-

CNN 现已成为世界重要的英语电视节目,论覆盖区域和内容以及信息的传播速度,无一能与其相比。英语学习者将会不可避免地听到或看到 CNN 节目。本文介绍的是 CNN 的历史和日常播放的内容。

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ws to the world. In 1991 the network became well-known when its reporter Peter Arnett remained in Iraqi during the Persian Gulf War to continue his reports. CNN can carries regular programming such as news business and sports news, health issues, and entertainment news. Its sister network, CNN International, can be received in more than 200 countries including the United States. CNN also produces CNN Headline News, a channel running 24-hour television on news programs throughout the day.

Notes :

1. depend on: 依赖于
   Whether he will leave or not depends on the weather.
   Our socialist construction must depend on the Youth.
2. be founded:创建于
   The I&C Foreign Languages School was founded in 1978.
3. head office:总部　branch office:分部。
4. the Persian Gulf War:海湾战争　1991 年伊拉克突袭并占领科威特而引发的现代战争,以多国部队的胜利而告终。
5. such as:如……
   I like the sports very much, such as soccer, car racing and climbing.
6. sister network:姐妹网
7. including:现在分词充当状语　包括

Today there will be many guests, including the chairman, the English teacher and Mr. Babara.

8. a channel running 24-hour: running 为现在分词定语, 修饰 a channel

A man working hard will get more success.

1. CNN was founded by ＿＿＿.
   [A] the government
   [B] a businessman
   [C] the queen of U.K

2. What is the first 24-hour TV network?
   [A] VOA.
   [B] BBC.
   [C] CNN.

3. What made CNN famous in the world?
   [A] President's speech.
   [B] The report in 1991.
   [C] Business news.

4. What does not CNN cover every day?
   [A] Cartoon.
   [B] International news.
   [C] Sports news.

Newspaper are usually published on a daily or weekly basis. Its main function is to report the news. Newspapers also provide remarks on the news, explain different public policies, give special information and advice to readers, and sometimes include features such as cartoons and serialized stories. In nearly all cases and in varying degrees, they depend on publication of commercial and advertising for their income.

报纸作为传统的媒体，现在仍然保留着信息载体中原有的地位。本文介绍报纸的功能、种类、主要报纸、发行量，最后作者展望报纸的未来。

With the development of radio broadcasting in the 1920s, and of television in the 1940s, newspapers still remain a major source of information on matters ranging from details of important news events to human-interest items.

In the U.S.A., for example, about 1700 daily newspapers print a total of 63 million copies, and almost every copy is read by at least two persons. Some 6800 weekly newspapers are also published with about 40 million copies. Newspaper publishers in the U.S.A. think that nearly 8 out of 10 adult Americans read a newspaper every day.

Throughout the world, newspapers can inform peo-

ple and help to have their own opinion. In Britain and Western Europe, major newspapers such as _the TIME of London_ and _the JOUNAL DE GENEVE of Geneva_ have managed to maintain a long tradition of press freedom.

Newspaper publishers are now trying to use computers and televisions to send news, advertising, and other information directly into homes. Some people believe that the newspaper of the future will not be printed but will be an electronic information service instantly available in every home.

Notes :

1. main function:主要功能
2. is to report the news:不定式结构 to do 作表语
   Mr. President is to visit Shanghai next week.
3. Newspapers provide..., explain..., give..., and sometimes include....
   该句主语是 Newspapers, 谓语是 provide, explain, give, include,是并列句。
4. features:(新闻,杂志的)特别报道,主要作品
5. with the development of radio..., and of television
   of television 前面的 with the development 省略了
6. weekly:每周,-ly 是形容词后缀,一般接在时间名词后面, 如 daily, monthly, yearly 等

1. How many kinds of newspapers can we read according to the

first paragraph?

[A] 1.

[B] 2.

[C] 3.

2. What is not the function of newspapers?

[A] To report the news.

[B] To explain different public policies.

[C] To make more money.

3. Which one is false?

[A] Newspapers depend on the advertisement for their income.

[B] Newspapers came to lose its status.

[C] About 80% of Americans read a newspaper every day.

Unit Two

Language

语言探源

根据文章的上下文来确定词义是一种非常有用的阅读技能,获得这种技能之后,人们在阅读时可以不断学习新的词汇。猜测词义,可以通过上下文也可通过语法关系进行分析。比如第三篇短文中 dolphin 一词,通过句子 like bees, dolphins, live in seas, also can tell..., 可以推测出 dolphin 是一种海洋动物,而且比较聪明。

本单元共有四篇短文,请大家仔细阅读下列短文,并从中选择一个正确答案。