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# (A] 89/07 编者的话

外语是专业学习的工具,掌握一种外语就是掌握打开一个知识宝库的钥匙。对于需要广阔视野的教育科学研究来说,外语的意义和作用是无需多说什么了。

编辑这本文选的目的有二:

其一,是为读者提供学习教育专业英语的阅读材料。在掌握一定的英语语法和词汇基础以后,阅读技能的形成和提高全靠大量的阅读实践,而这种实践又需要有文字难易适当、内容切合专业的语言材料。编者在力所能及的范围内浏览英语教育文献,将其中若干论述编集成册,首先的考虑就是想使更多的人有学习教育专业英语的读物,借以巩固已有的语法知识,扩大专业词汇,熟悉专业英语文体,从而增进阅读英语教育书刊的能力。

其二,是为读者了解国外教育现状和教育科学概貌提供若干第一手资料。语言的形式总是依附于一定的内容,如果在学习语法形式的同时能摄取新的专业信息,语言的学习就会更有意义,而且会更加有效。编者希望这些材料能有助于开阔读者的视野,使我们对于某些教育学科研究的起点有更多更新的认识。如果说一切有成就的学者都是因为"站在巨人的肩上"才比常人看得更远,那就愿此书能成为使读者站得更高一点的垫脚石。

编入书中的文章和节录大多选自七、八十年代英美和联合国 教科文组织出版的教育书刊。文字是规范的当代英语,或浅近而 流畅,或虽多长句而不艰涩,一般比较好读。内容上考虑到读者 的不同需要,涉及的面较广,也许失之庞杂。无论如何,一本书 勺容量总是极其有限的,这里所撷取的只能是 万千 书 林 中 的一 页,想来读者是不会苛求于编者的挂一漏万的。

这本文选只是一种语言学习的"读物",编者无意让它作什么"阅读教材",对于资产阶级教育思想希望读者注意辨别、批判,编者不多作说明。所作注释和参考译文,也只是个人浅见,若有不妥,欢迎读者指正。

编者相信诚实的劳动,相信知识的价值。在一块不是贫瘠的 土地上,只要辛勤耕耘,汗水终会带来收获的。如果读者在"为 中华崛起而读书"的时候,能从这本书中获得有益的知识,获得 语言学习的乐趣,编者也就能因笨拙的劳动得到报偿而自慰了。

编者虽有良好的心愿,但因才疏学浅,选文必有失当之处, 真诚地期待读者的批评指正。

这本教育英语文选的出版,应该归功于很多人的努力。编者感谢北京图书馆、中央教育科学研究所图书馆、中国联合国教科文组织全国委员会秘书处资料室、教育部科技局情报处等单位的同志为编辑本书提供了很多方便,感谢章咸、马燕生、张学忠等同志为本书提供了不少最新的资料,感谢陈友松和滕大春两位前辈的热情鼓励和审读。感谢中央教育科学研究所诸多同事的鼓励和支持。感谢黄小燕同志为本书部分文稿打字。编者将记住为本书的印行付出了劳动的每一个人。

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  - 6. 原文中表示强调或着重的斜体字, 仍排成斜体。
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#### Part I

#### 1. EDUCATION

I

Education can mean many different things. Anything that you learn is a part of your education, even though you may not have learned it in school. You learn from books, magazines, newspapers, pictures, maps, television, and radio. You learn from talking with other people. Education that you get in school is called *formal education*<sup>1</sup>. Learning outside of the classroom is called *informal education*<sup>2</sup>.

From the time of the cavemen human beings<sup>3</sup> have always taught what they knew to their young. If they had not, no child would have survived.<sup>4</sup> He would not have known which animals were dangerous, which plants were good to eat, or how to make a fire to keep warm.

After many centuries man learned to write down what he knew. In this way he could save up more knowledge and pass it on to 5 his children and grandchildren.

All through history people have had many different ideas about how to teach students and what to teach them. Some have thought that the main purpose of education was to preserve the great things from the past, such as classical languages and literature. Some have thought that the aim of education was to give the student the manners and graces of the ruling classes. Others have cared most about teaching their religious beliefs to the next generation, as the Puritan schools taught the Bible.

Some teachers have been most concerned with 6 the students' learning facts. Others have tried to teach the students to have

open, inquiring minds, as Socrates and the Greek philosophers did. Some have taught skills more than thinking.

Some educators believe that schools should help each person to grow and learn all that he can *for his own sake* <sup>7</sup>. Some believe that the main purpose of education is to give the student an understanding of the world *he lives in* <sup>8</sup> and to encourage him to work toward solving his world's problems.

In the progressive idea of education the teacher begins with the natural abilities of each child. The child is taught basic skills in a way that has meaning for him. What the child studies is kept within the scope of his understanding. It is related to his own experience, so that he will want to learn.

Child-centered education began with *Rousseau and Pestalozzi*<sup>9</sup>. It was developed further in the United States by John . Dewey. In the United States it was called progressive education.

(Arthur W. Foshay)
— from THE NEW BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE, Grolier Inc., 1978

#### 【注 释】

1.正规教育 2.非正规教育 3.人 4.如果他们没有(教育后代)的话, 那就没有(一个)儿童能生存下来 5.把它传给 6.关心; 很重视 7.为自己 8.即 in which he lives, 他生活(在其中)的(世界) 9.卢梭(1712—1778)和斐斯泰洛齐(1746—1827)

П

While 1 there can be no question of considering education in isolation from 2 science, technology, culture and information,

as 3 a social practice that may involve all the members of society in one way or another, education has its own characteristics which call for 4 specific forms and actions, the establishment and development of special structures and institutions, the constant improvement and renewal of its content, methods and forms, the enrichment and updating of its concepts, and indeed, the elaboration of new concepts.

While 5 education is determined by society, it none the less exerts a great influence itself on the way in which society evolves. The lines of force and the scope of that influence depend upon the role which a given society attributes to education, on the percentage of the population which enjoys its benefits, and on its objectives, content and methods.

- from Unesco Medium-Term Plan (1977-1982)

#### 【注 释】

1.连词,此处意为 "尽管,虽然",引导让步状语从句。 全旬的语法结构为 {While there can be no question of considering . . . . . (as a . . . . . practice \forall \foral

#### Ш

In its broadest meaning, education is any process by which

an individual gains knowledge or insight, or develops attitudes or skills. Formal education is acquired through organized study or instruction, as in a school or college. Informal education arises from day-to-day experiences or through relatively unplanned or undirected contacts with communications media, such as books, periodicals, motion pictures, radio, or television.

The function of education is both social and individual. Its social function is to help each individual become a more effective member of society by passing along to him the collective experience of the past and present. Its individual function is to enable him to lead a more satisfying and productive life by preparing him to handle new experiences successfully.

"Education" is also the name given to that science or branch of study that deals historically and contemporaneously with the principles and practices of teaching and learning.

- from ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA, 1980

#### IV

Education can be viewed as the transmission of the values and accumulated knowledge of a society. In this sense, it is equivalent to what 1 social scientists term socialization or enculturation. A child — whether conceived 2 among the African Bushmen, the Renaissance Florentines, or the middle classes of Manhattan—is born without culture. Education is designed to guide him in learning a culture, molding his behaviour in the ways of adulthood, and guiding him toward his eventual role in society. In the most primitive cultures, there is often little formal learning, little of what one would ordinarily call school or teachers; for, frequently, the entire environment and all ac-

tivities are school, and many or all adults are teachers. As societies grow more complex, however, the quantity of knowledge to be passed on from one generation to the next becomes more than any one person can know; and hence there must evolve more selective and efficient means of cultural transmission. The outcome is formal education — the school and the specialist called the teacher.

As society becomes ever more complex and schools become ever more institutionalized, educational experience becomes less directly related to daily life, less a matter of showing and learning in the context of the workaday world, and more abstracted from practice, more a matter of distilling, telling, and learning things out of context<sup>3</sup>. This concentration of learning in a formal atmosphere allows the child to learn far more of his culture than he could by merely observing and imitating. As society gradually attaches more and more importance to education, it also tries to formulate the overall objectives, content, organization, and strategies of education.

- from The New ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA, 1980

#### 【注 释】

1.what 在这里为关系代词,引导名词从句,作前置词宾语。从句中的谓语动词为term ("把…称作…,叫…")。 2.即 whether it is conceived 3.为前边动名词的状语。 意为"离开具体环境或条件"。

V

The whole enterprise of education is, perhaps, mankind's most ambitious effort. On the one hand, the institutions estab-