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前 言

随着我国经济文化与世界的接轨,英语交流变得越来越重要,如何熟练掌握和运用英语,早已成为众多英语学习者迫切希望解决的问题,尤其是对于广大青少年学生,常感到学英语无从下手。其实,学习任何一种语言,最重要、最关键的一环就是阅读,英语也不例外。在每年一度的高考中,阅读理解所占的比重已高达30%以上,因此提高阅读理解能力不容忽视。但是由于各方面的原因,许多读者一时很难找到适合自己的英文读物,或是没有足够的时间去阅读大量复杂繁长的英文著作。针对这种情况,我们策划编写了这套《世界名著英文阅读与精练丛书》。希望这套丛书能使读者在最短的时间内获得最显著的学习效果,快速提高阅读理解能力,扩大知识面,增强语感。

当然,阅读作品必须精选,只有选读高质量的作品才能收到高质量的效果,而这套(世界名著英文阅读与精练丛书)收录了8种近年来在国内普遍受欢迎的国外经典英文著作简易本,其中有《简·爱》、《远大前程》、《双城记》、《名利场》、《格林童话》、《伊索寓言》、《天方夜谭》、《希腊神话精选》等。该丛书浅显易懂,语言精美,每册每章都配备一定的练习题,使读者在阅读时不感到吃力、乏味,也不像读消遣读物那样浪费时间,令读者在轻松的环境中领略经典著作的魅力,在不知不觉中提高阅读理解能力。相信读者在读过、练过之后,定会对自己突飞猛进的英语阅读理解水平大感惊异!

本(丛书)主要是为广大在校的青少年学生以及有中等水平的

英语学习者设计编写的,是广大青少年学生提高阅读能力,拓宽知识面的最佳课外读物。此外,本《丛书》也可供中学教师作为课外阅读辅导材料。对于大学生或研究生来说,也不失为一套极佳的英文读物。

编 者 2001年12月

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CHAPTER 1 Minerva House

ne sunny morning in June, about the year 1813, there drove up to the gate of Miss Pinkerton's school for young ladies, a large family coach, with two fat horses, driven by a fat coachman. As a servant got down and rang the bell, at least twenty young heads were seen gazing out of the narrow windows of the old brick house.

"It is Mrs. Sedley's coach, sister," said gentle Miss Jemima, in the head-mistress's room.

"Have you completed all the necessary preparations for Miss Sedley's departure?" asked the great Miss Pinkerton herself.

"The girls were up at four this morning, packing her trunks, sister," replied Miss Jemima.

"And I trust you have made a copy

①with 引导的短语作伴随 状语,其中 driven...是 过去分词,修饰 horses, 作 horses 的定语.

②这句可以改写成: people saw at least twenty young heads gazing out of the narrow windows of the old brick house. (至少有二十来个单轻人从这幢旧砖房秩窄的曹口探出头来,向外菜税。)

of Miss Sedley's account. Ninety-three pounds, four shillings. Be kind enough to address it to John Sedley, Esquire, and to seal this letter that I have written to his lady."

The letter was as follows³:

Minerva House, June 15th.

Madam.

After her six years' stay under my care[®], I have the honour and happiness of presenting Miss Amelia Sedley to her parents as a young lady worthy of occupying[®] a position in well-bred society.

Her good work and obedience have pleased her teachers, and her delightful sweetness of temper has charmed all her companions.

In music, dancing, spelling, and every kind of needlework she has made excellent progress. In geography there is still much to be desired. In the principles of religion and right conduct, Miss Sedley will be found worthy of the good name of Minerva House.

In leaving Minerva House, Miss Amelia carries with her the hearts of her companions and the affectionate wishes ③as follows 指"如下",一般用来列举事例。 如:The answers are as follows: 答案如下:

- ④首先辨认 care, 在这里它是名词,有"关心/关怀"之意。under one's care 就是"在……关怀/ 关心下"的意思。
 - 如: I finally passed the exam under my teacher's care.
 在老师的关怀下, 我最终通过了考试。
- ⑤ worthy of sth 一般指 "(某物)值……的",由 此想到 worth doing sth,它的意思是"值得 做某事"。
 - か:The old car was worthy of 500 dollars. 这柄旧车位 500 美 え。

This film was worth seeing.

这部电影值得一看。

of her headmistress, who has the honour to sign herself $^{\textcircled{6}}$.

Yours faithfully,

Barbara Pinkerton.

P.S. Miss Sharp accompanies Miss Sedley. It is particularly requested that Miss Sharp's stay may not exceed ten days. The family of noble rank which is employing her desires to make use of her services as soon as possible.

This letter completed, Miss Pinkerton began to write her own name and Miss Sedley's on the first page of a Johnson's Dictionary — the interesting work which she always presented to her pupils on their departure.

Miss Jemima, with a timid, hesitating look[®], handed her sister a second copy of the book.

"For whom is this?" said Miss Pinkerton, with awful coldness.

"For Becky Sharp, "answered Jemima, trembling very much, and blushing, "for Becky Sharp: she's going too."

"Miss Jemima!" exclaimed Miss Pinkerton, "are you in your senses[®]? Replace the dictionary in the cupboard, and send Miss Sedley to me."

Miss Sedley's father was a merchant

⑥这是非限制定语从句。 修饰 beadmistress

⑦as soon as possible 的意 思是"尽可能快地", 其 中 as... as possible 是 "尽可能……"的意思。

⑧timid 和 hesitating 是作 定语,修饰 look, look 在 这里是名词"神色"之意。这句意思是:"带着 胆怯,犹豫的神色。"

③ senses 在这里作名词, 其意为"理性"、"理智"。该句直译为:"你 是理智的吗?"但这种译法不太顺,故可意译 为:"你藏了吗?" in London, and a man of some wealth. while Miss Sharp was a studentteacher, for whom Miss Pinkerton thought she had done enough. Without honouring her with the gift of the dictionary.

@student-teacher ま为"宴 习教师"。whom 指代 Miss Sharp.

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After reading the passage carefully, choose the best answer to each of the following questions:

- 1. Who was in charge of the school which Amelia and Sharp studied in?
 - A. Miss Pinkerton

B. Joseph Sedley

C. Miss Jemima

D. Pitt Crawley

- 2. What was Sharp?
 - A. She was a student-teacher B. She was a teacher
 - C. She was a student
- D. She was a servant
- 3. What present did Miss Pinkerton give Miss Sedley?
 - A. A Johnson's Dictionary
- B. A pet
- C. A famous novel
- D. A piece of shirt
- 4. Who was going to give Miss Sharp a dictionary?
 - A. Miss Pinkerton

B. Joseph Sedley

C. Miss Jemima

D. Pitt Crawley

- 5. Why did Miss Pinkerton prevent Miss Jemima from giving Sharp a dictionary?
 - A. Because Miss Pinkerton disliked Sharp
 - B. Because Sharp was only a student-teacher, and was penniless
 - C. Because Miss Pinkerton wanted to give Sharp another present
 - D. Because Sharp didn't accept it

♣ CHAPTER 2 Goodbye to School

Sedlev was a charming young lady, who deserved all that the headmistress had written in her praise[®]. She had such a kind, generous heart, that she won the love of everyone who came near her, and she had half the school as her particular friends. Her face blushed with rosy health, and her lips had the freshest of smiles, and her eves sparkled with bright good-nature, except when they were filled with tears, for she would cry over a dead bird, or over a mouse that the cat had seized, and as for saying an unkind word to her - why, even Miss Pinkerton had given the teachers particular orders to treat her with the greatest gentleness, as severity was harmful to her.

When the day of departure came, between her two customs of laughing and crying, Miss Sedley was greatly puzzled
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①这是一个由 who 引导的非限制性定语从句,其中 that 引导的定语从句修饰 all。注意:凡是由 all 引导的定语从句,只能用 that,不能用which.

② such... that 是表示结果的状语从句,意思是"如此……以致"。 such 后跟名词,而 so 后必须 雖形容词。

man that he is willing to help everyone.

He is so kind that he is willing to help everyone.