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## 说 明

清华大学外语教研室所编高等学校理工科通用教材《英语教程》从第二册至第四册均配有《快速阅读》附册，供学生在课堂上作快速阅读练习使用。《快速阅读》旨在训练学生的阅读速度及在较短时间内理解和记忆文章大意的能力。文章均选自近年出版的原文书刊，题材较广，内容生动有趣，多为有故事情节的短文，以便于阅读。

本附册为配合课本的12课课文，共汇编12篇短文。考虑到学生的不同水平，还编排了8篇补充材料以供选用。文章词数大约各在150~280个之间。

每篇按10%+

题，约10题，每题

本练回。使用

发给学生，用毕收

1. 要求每篇快读文章及练习题在课堂上由教师指导于限定时间内完成(如：每篇文章及练习题可各限2~3分钟完成)；

2. 阅读前不预练习；

3. 不要查阅词典。文中少量生词已有注释，其他生词要求通过上下文的联系推断其词义；

4. 每次练习后要按阅读时间、速度、理解准确度的统计记录：

a) 所用时间——以分秒计 (READING TIME—STARTING TIME)

b) 阅读速度——计每分钟词数 (WORDS PER MINUTE)

c) 理解准确度——计百分比 (% COMPREHENSION)

为便于统计,文章每行末标有词的累计数。

5. 阅读时精力要集中,边阅读边记忆文章主要情节,做练习时不能再翻阅所读文章。

每学期末可利用附录的记录总表(Record Sheet)作一速度比较统计,以了解阅读速度和理解准确度的提高情况。

“快速阅读法”在国外已使用多年,是训练和提高阅读速度的一种比较有效的方法,近年来在我国外语教学中正逐渐开始采用,效果较好,较受学生欢迎。由于缺乏经验和水平所限,书中一定有许多不完善之处,欢迎批评指正,以便改进提高。

本练习册经清华大学李相崇教授审阅。参加本书编写工作的还有:王维霞、方天心、李晓明、张连仲。

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# Exercise 1

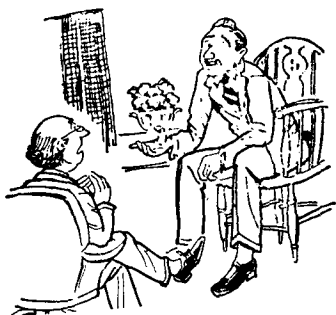
STARTING TIME \_\_\_\_

## Jack and His Examinations

### WORDS

Jack had gone to the university to study history, 8  
but at the end of his first year, his history 18  
professor failed (使…不及格) him in his examina- 24  
tions, and he was told that he would have to 32  
leave the university. However, his father decided 39  
that he would go to see the professor to urge 47  
(极力要求) him to let Jack continue his studies 53  
the following year. 56

‘He’s a good boy,’ 61  
said Jack’s father, 64  
‘and if you let him 69  
pass this time, I’m 74  
sure he’ll improve a 79  
lot next year and pass 84  
the examinations at the 88  
end of it really well.’ 93



‘No, no, that’s quite impossible!’ replied the 101  
professor immediately. ‘Do you know, last month 109  
I asked him when Napoléon had died, and he 117  
didn’t know!’ 120

‘Please, sir, give him another chance,’ said 127

Jack's father. 'You see, I'm afraid we don't take	138
any newspapers in our house, so none of us even	148
knew that Napoleon was ill.'	153

## FINISHING TIME —



*A Multiple choice:*

1. Jack \_\_\_\_ his examinations at the end of his first year.  
A. passed  
B. succeeded in  
C. failed in
2. He was told that he would have to \_\_\_\_ the university.  
A. leave  
B. leave for  
C. leave off
3. His father went \_\_\_\_ the professor to ask him to let Jack continue his studies.  
A. to look at  
B. to see  
C. to send for
4. The history professor thought it would be \_\_\_\_ for Jack to improve a lot and pass the examinations the following year.  
A. possible  
B. unnecessary  
C. impossible
5. Jack didn't know when Napoleon had died, because  
A. he rarely read newspapers.  
B. none of his family knew when Napoleon was ill.  
C. he didn't study very hard.
6. The professor \_\_\_\_ Jack's father's request.

- A. refused
- B. accepted
- C. agreed to

**B** Put the number of the correct sentence under the correct picture:

1. At the end of the year Jack did his examinations.
2. His father went to ask his professor to give him another chance.
3. But the professor refused.
4. When he looked at the notice-board, he saw that he had failed.



a



b



c



d

WORDS PER MINUTE \_\_\_\_

% COMPREHENSION \_\_\_\_

## Exercise 2

STARTING TIME \_\_\_\_

Henry Ford

### WORDS



Henry Ford was the first	5
person to build cars which	9
were cheap, strong, and	13
fast. He was able to sell	18
millions of models because	21
he 'mass-produced'	24
them; that is, he made a	30
great many cars of exactly	35
the same type. Ford's	39
father hoped that his son	44
would become a farmer, but the young man did	53
not like the idea and he went to Detroit where	63
he worked as a mechanic (技工). By the age of	72
29, in 1892, he had built his first car. However,	82
the first 'mass-produced' car in the world, the	90
famous 'Model T', did not appear until 1908 —	98
five years after Ford had started his great Motor	107
Company (公司). This car proved to be so popular	114
(受欢迎的) that it remained unchanged for twenty	120
years. Since Ford's time, mass-production methods	126
have become common in industry and have reduced	134

(降低) the price (价格) of many articles which	140
would otherwise (否则) be very expensive.	145

## FINISHING TIME —

*A True or False:*

1. Henry Ford was a well-known American motor-car inventor at Detroit.
2. Ford was able to sell a great many models because his cars were 'mass-produced'.
3. The famous 'Model T' was so popular that its design was introduced to all the motor companies in the U.S.A.
4. Ford's 'Model T', which appeared in 1892, was the first car built by the mass-production method.
5. The mass-production method, first used by Ford in motor-car building, has become common in industry.

*B Choose among A, B, and C:*

1. Henry Ford was the first person to build cars which were
  - A. light, safe, and noiseless.
  - B. cheap, strong, and fast.
  - C. small, beautiful, and comfortable.
2. Ford's father wanted his son to be
  - A. a farmer.
  - B. a doctor.
  - C. a mechanic.
3. Henry Ford did not like his father's idea and went to
  - A. New York.
  - B. San Francisco.
  - C. Detroit.
4. Ford started his great Motor Company

- A. in 1908.
  - B. in 1903.
  - C. in 1913.
5. He called the world's first mass-produced car
- A. 'Model T'.
  - B. 'Motor F'.
  - C. 'Ford I'.

**WORDS PER MINUTE —**

**% COMPREHENSION —**

## Exercise 3

### STARTING TIME —

#### A Potato (马铃薯) Farmer

#### WORDS

A potato farmer was sent to prison (监狱) just	8
at the time when he should have been digging (挖)	17
the ground for planting the new crop of potatoes.	26
He knew that his wife would not be strong enough	36
to do the digging by herself, but that she could	45
manage (对付) to do the planting; and he also	52
knew that he did not have any friends or neigh-	62
bours who would be willing to do the digging	69
for him. So he wrote a letter to his wife which	80
said, 'Please do not dig the potato field. I hid	90
the money and the gun there.'	96



Ten days later he got a letter from his wife.	106
It said, 'I think somebody is reading your letters	115
before they go out of the prison. Some policemen	124
arrived here two days ago and dug up the whole	134
potato field. What shall I do now?'	141
The prisoner wrote back at once, 'Plant the	149
potatoes, of course.'	152

## FINISHING TIME —



*A True or False:*

1. The potato farmer was sent to prison when he was digging the ground for planting.
2. His wife was not strong enough to do the planting by herself.
3. Some of the neighbours came to do the digging for the farmer.
4. The prisoner knew that somebody would read the letter before it got out of the prison.
5. The farmer's letter was read by the policemen.
6. The prisoner hid the money and the gun under the ground before he went to prison.

*B Choose among A, B, and C:*

1. It was \_\_\_\_ for the potato farmer to go to prison.  
A. a good time  
B. a very bad time  
C. a proper time
2. Why didn't the farmer ask his friends to dig the potato field?  
A. Because he knew none of his friends would be willing to do the digging for him.  
B. Because he was afraid that his friends would find his money and the gun.  
C. Because he thought his friends were too weak to do the digging.
3. Some policemen came to the farmer's house and dug up the whole potato field  
A. to help the woman.