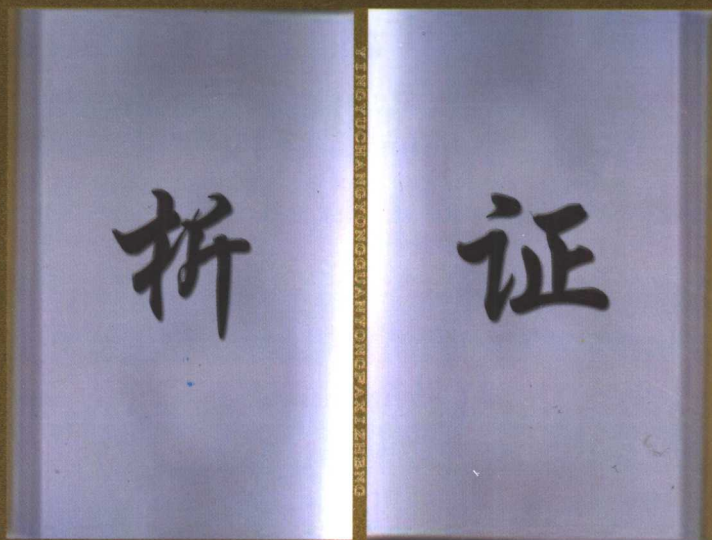


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# 前言

许多高考模拟题集的封面上标有“名师”“权威”“经典”或“必读”的招牌,真是叫人心动。但翻开一本,都会发现一些与其他书相同或大同小异的练习项目。有的来自历年高考试题,有的是广为流传的“经典”题。高三学生不仅要面临“题海”,还要提防“暗礁”。由于命题人的种种原因,有些高考试题不严谨,没有客观反映某些语法现象和词汇的用法,导致学生的理解片面。问题最多的是各类模拟试题和某些参考书,错误类型也是五花八门。糟糕的句子、错误的解释和自作聪明的怪题不仅起误导作用,也增添学生的困惑。此外,练习题中不断出现一些几乎无人使用的结构或句型,使其泛滥成灾。本书中的名题点评部分意图就是探讨某些题的合理性,提出作者的个人观点,并非试图提供所谓的“标准答案”,而是做到“仁者见仁,智者见智”。

英语学习者常常会遇到这种情况:学了多年英语,单词记了几千甚至上万,语法书也读了好多本,但是说或写出的英语句子却是错误百出,很难与人进行正常的交流。究其原因,是因为在运用英语时不符合英语习惯用法所致。本书中的难点解答部分是从复杂、众多的英语现象中认真筛选出典型试题,并按不同的类别进行了较为详细的讲解和例证,旨在揭示其奥秘,重在掌握其规律,从而突破英语难学的瓶颈。书中所涉及的内容既是英语语言中习惯用法的精华部分、也是中国人学习和运用英语中的重点、难点及最容易出错的地方。书中特别突出了各种惯用搭配,因为惯用搭配是

惯用法中的难中之难。希望这本书能对您英语学习有帮助和启发。

几点说明：

1. 书中被评价、分析、解答的 1100 个句子都摘自各类考试辅导用书。书中提供的例证 90% 以上来自英语本族语者。

2. 语言是约定俗成的，是有生命的。不同的人喜欢不同的用法。许多情况下，不能用正确或错误来解释。从不同的角度看，一个问题往往有不同的答案。有些表达法常见，而有些不常用，但这并不意味着不常用的就错误。在一些英语本族语者看来，书中收录的句子中有的表达法无法接受，荒唐可笑，有的无正确答案或正确的答案不止一个。对此我们应有所反思。

3. 笔者英语水平有限，所以提出的观点或提供的解释仅能供参考，主要目的是激发英语教师进一步探索，避免各类错误的再现。有的外语教师曾说自己知道这样讲解不对，但没办法，考试就这么考，那么责任就在命题人。建议教学管理部门规范英语教学内容，改变传统的测试方法，使教学客观反映英语的变化和使用规律。

4. 对于一些英语的用法，在我国有些根深蒂固的观念；而现在需要与时俱进，以实际使用情况为根据。学生应接触有生命力的、地道的句子，而不是为考试而编造的“一相情愿”的句子。

5. 为了确保高分，学生们自然以传统答案为准，这样做不是学生的错。学生阶段是英语学习的关键时期。如何提

高英语学习的效率是每一个教师关心的话题。学生把大量时间用在一些有问题的或不符常理的句子，这将是最大的浪费。如果命题人和练习编者能加强自身的素质，增强题目的合理性，广大学生无疑是最大的受益者。

本书适合于初、中级英语学习者，适合于高中英语教师和学生，特别是与高考有关的师生。由于作者水平所限，书中肯定有许多不令人满意或受到质疑的解释，恳请各位同仁不吝赐教。

《英语常用惯用法析证》的第1页至第117页由军事医学科学院鲁显生编写（14.8万字），第118页至第169页由七台河职业学院刘金英编写（6.58万字），第170页至第436页由绥化学院于连顺编写（33.8万字），第437页至第515页由哈尔滨师范大学阿城学院张金科编写（10万字），第516页至第568页由黑龙江工商职业技术学院郭小川编写（6.7万字）。全书由于连顺统稿。美籍教师 Stephen Decatur; Anthony F. Fellela 和加拿大籍教师 Richard Underwood 还有澳大利亚籍教师 Jonathan 给予大量的帮助，特别是军事医学科学院鲁显生先生作了大量的修改、校对工作，特此感谢。

在编写此书的过程中，参考了国内外最新的有关报纸、书刊和著作，在此一并表示感谢！

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## 第一章 情态动词与助动词

## 名题点评

【问题 1】If a man \_\_\_\_\_ succeed, he must work as hard as he can. (1995 上海)

A. will            B. is to            C. is going to            D. should

【析证】此类考题比较常见,但命题人似乎不了解 be going to 也可用在状语从句中。虽然 be to 比 be going to 更流行,但意义不同,而且后者也可接受。甚至 will 的意义为“决心,愿意”时不是也可以用在状语从句中吗?理论上讲,四个答案都可以。这种观点也得到外教们的支持。由 if 引导的状语从句中使用 be going to 的现象很多,尤其是口语中。The American Heritage Book of English Usage 是本比较权威的英语用法参考书,在 38 页有:

He would always call her from the office if he was going to be late for dinner.

以下例证均使用 be going to, 首先看摘自 Hillary 所著 Living History 的句子:

1. "If you're going to keep looking at me, and I'm going to keep looking back, we might as well be introduced. I'm Hillary Rodham."
2. These physical and staff changes were important if I was going to be involved in working on Bill's agenda, particularly as it related to issues affecting women, children and families.
3. If I was going to grow as a person, I knew it was time for me to paraphrase Eleanor Roosevelt to do what I was most afraid to do.
4. Still I had never given much thought to savings or investments until I realized that if our growing family were going to have any financial cushion, it would be mostly my responsibility.



然后看摘自 Clinton 所著 My Life 中的句子 5 - 12:

5.It was clear to me that, if we were going to get out of this fix, I had to focus the state's attention, and mine on education and employment. (p305)

6.But if we were going to raise taxes to increase teacher pay, and if the standards were going to work for the kids, the teachers had to be able to teach them. (p311)

7.If I was going to run for Congress, I'd have to pay a courtesy call on him sooner or later. (p211)

8.Besides, if we were going to soak the rich, the bond market wanted us to spray the middle class with a little bit of pain. (p535)

9.If they were going to vote for a balanced budget amendment, they should say how they proposed to balance the budget... (p640)

10. "If they're going to spend my tax dollars, they need stronger evidence."

11.If we were going to make peace in the Middle East, I knew I would have to close the deal.

12.After all my efforts, if Arafat wasn't going to makepeace, he owed it to me to tell me... (p929)

13.If you are going to give, do your homework before December 31. (Business News)

14.China must shut down pirate music factories and jail the perpetrators if it is going to keep its promise to address the \$250 billion-a-year problem, according to a top music industry trade group. (Reuters)

15.But the waterway needs more support from the federal and provincial governments if it is going to survive. (North Rewfrew Times)

16.North Greensland coach Graham Murray says his side needs to show the form it displayed to beat the Melbourne Storm last week if it is going to

overcome Parramatta this weekend. (ABS News)

17.If you are going to wield the pen of the journalist, you have to have thick skin.

18.If you are going to be in the Park City, Utah area next weekend, you don't want to miss the Roxy Chicken Jam.

19.But if the Egyptians were going to bribe or bully the Sudanese into unity they would soon, I believed, be taught a sharp lesson. (Anthony Eden)

20.If you are going to make a deal with Sauron, consult your lawyer first.

21.If you are going to be my girlfriend please don't dump after I like you.

22.If you are going to say Microsoft has poor security, don't criticize them for taking action about security.

23.If you're going to be a female, please don't be an airhead.

24.If the injury is not going to be salvageable, we do a rapid amputation, and there have been a fair number of those. (Associated Press)

25.If care will be needed for a month or two, they're whisked directly to Water Reed or Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

26.“No, I'm getting' up. If I'm gonna die, I'd rather be on my feet than in bed.” (Floyd Stokes)

27.As with any foreign market, there are strict rules to be obeyed if one is going to succeed.

28.If one is going to succeed at running a magazine targeted specifically at women or men it has to satiate perceived gender insecurities.

29.But that is the same guideline that has to be met, the same condition that has to be met, if one is going to succeed with xenotransplantation.

30.The game takes time in some places, and even feels downright impossible in others, but one has to be methodical if one is going to succeed.

31. That was a risk he took one of many he says are important to take if one is going to succeed in the field.

32. But if anyone is going to snatch and grab and try to pocket what really belongs to the world, the result will be an impoverishment for all ...  
(Anthony Eden 于 56 年 8 月向全国发表的广播讲话)

33. "If we're going to confront people who are willing to die, we have to take our training to the next level." (Bill Spalding)

下面是摘自近年几期 Reader's Digest 的句子:

1. Entrance fees to most parks are good for seven days, so if you're only going to hit one park this year for no longer than a week, the annual pass won't be a cost-cutter. (Jennifer Mulrean)

2. "This was a very, very sick boy," says Dr. Pui, "and he was a bad age. If you are going to get ALL, it's best to get it between the ages of one and ten."

3. I knew then that I was going to need help from someone much bigger than me if I was ever going to get back in the water. (Bethany Hamilton)

4. If we're going to respect the good that comes from green laws, then the government needs to quit enforcing them at the expense of innocent people and businesses. (Michael Crowley)

5. But it's ridiculous to suggest that they would suppress things willy-nilly, because if a drug is going to cause severe side effects, it's not in their best interest to hide that. (Irene S. Levine)

6. If I'm going to survive this anyway, I might as well keep pulling and see if I can get farther around the loop, farther from the crowd. (Gregory Freeman)

7. "I'm damned if I'm going to say up all night replanting some guy's hand if he's going to turn around and wreck it all by smoking," Matt had said on more than one occasion.

8. "If you're going to spend your life coaching football, you have to be smart enough to do it well and dumb enough to think it matters." (Kirk Varnedoe)

9. Although it has come a long way since it was "shop class," career and technical education (CTE) needs new attention if the United States is going to maintain its place in the world. (Jacob Young)

10. And you didn't say, "If you're not going to eat that, I'll take it"? (Alanna Nash)

11. Somebody else has to do it, because if you're going to have dinner in the wilderness at six o'clock, you've got to be working on it at four in the afternoon. (Tom Hanks)

12. "no, I'm getting' up. If I'm gonna die, I'd rather on my feet than in bed. (Floyd Stokes)

13. I learned that if you are going to be in the woods for a couple of days, take frosted flakes. (Dave Barry)

14. He kept working. If it's going to happen, it might as well happen here. (Anita Bartholomew)

以上例证有力地证明了 be going to 可用于 if 引导的从句中。

类似的练习题是：

If you \_\_\_\_\_ be in time for the early bus, be sure to get up before five o'clock in the morning.

A. are to      B. are about to      C. are going to      D. are due to

【问题 2】Naturally, after I told her what to do, my daughter \_\_\_\_\_ go and do the opposite!

A. may      B. can      C. must      D. should

【析证】提供的答案是 C。有本书上标明该题是某市 2003 年春季高考试题，但笔者没找到有关源头的证据。虽然 must 可以用于表示过去

的情况,但用于此句显得十分不自然。看到状语从句,我们会想到 would。有的外教认为答案 would, may 和 can 都可以,但不能用 must,理由是 must 往往表示“命令”,而不是“肯定”或“一定”。请教的几位美国人和加拿大人无一选择 must。看来对于此题的合适选项存在争议。

【问题 3】I \_\_\_\_\_ pay Tracy a visit, but I'm not sure whether I will have time Next Sunday. (2004 浙江)

A. should              B. might              C. would              D. could

【析证】许多试题编者热衷于考察 should 和 shall 两个词的不常见用法,似乎就忽视了其他情态动词的存在与合理性。无论从语法上,还是语义上讲,这四个选项理论上都可以,其中 might 最佳,理由是后面的句子暗示可能性不是很大。一位加拿大教授认为 should might could 都可以,而且 equally good。两位美国留学生还当场表演一番,认为四个选项都可以,只是侧重点不同。不知命题人有何依据。

【问题 4】— I heard they went skiing in the mountains last winter. (2002 北京)

— It \_\_\_\_\_ true because there was little snow there.

A. may not be      B. won't be      C. couldn't be      D. mustn't be

【析证】所给答案是 C。相比较而言,是最合适的答案。但在此场景,最好用 that 代替 it。如果是对过去的情况推测,应为 could not have been, could 本身不能表示过去。考虑到 true 这个词,该句是对这种说法予以否定,结合后半句最好是 can't, 表示“不可能”,也可以用 could not(表明对方有可能说谎)或 may not, 表示“可能不是”,把握性不大,尤其是上句里有 I heard(表示不一定是事实)。所以,如果说 couldn't 可以,那么 may not 就不错。我们常见到 it could be true(现在时),却不常听说 it couldn't be true。一位加拿大人和一位美国人都选

may not be. may not 接 because 的句子也有很多, 如: “You would assume that if more people get their diploma then more people would go to college,” he said. “But this may not be true because many people don’t want to go to college…” (Charles Payne) 所以, 笔者认为提供的答案不能令人信服。

【问题 5】- When can I come for the photos? I need them tomorrow afternoon. (1998 NMET)

- They \_\_\_\_\_ be ready by 12.00

A. can

B. should

C. might

D. need

【析证】should 无疑是很好的选择, 表示没问题, 但此时其意义是 express what is probable or expected, 也就是最大的可能性, 但不能否定其他选项的合理性, 如: can 和 might。有的外教只认为 should 合理, 而另一位认为用 should 没有任何意义。加拿大老师选择 should 和 can。所以, 此情景可选择不同的词, 用 will 也完全可以, 如下面这段场景与考题接近的描述:

You Can’t Win

It was the Monday after a national holiday when I stopped at the drugstore to drop off film. The clerk asked if I wanted next-day or one-hour service. I told her next-day.

“They’ll be ready Friday,” she said.

“What?” I exclaimed, wondering if I’d heard wrong. Then she explained that there was a backup because of the holiday.

I couldn’t wait that long, so I told her I’d take the one-hour service. “Okay,” she replied. “They’ll be ready tomorrow.” Roger Thompson (Reader’s Digest December 2000)

还有:

The engines have yet to pass flight certification, but officials believe they

will be ready by summer. (Paul Recer)

【问题 6】— Can I help you? (1996 NMET)

— Yes, I bought this radio yesterday, but it \_\_\_\_\_.

A. didn't work    B. won't work    C. can't work    D. doesn't work

【析证】提供的答案是 D, 该答案反映的用法确实最流行, 但也有用 won't work 的句子, 如:《研究生英语听说教程》(中国人民大学出版社)38 页有关于电扇的对话:

Andrew: ...It's about the electric fan my wife bought in this morning.

Service Dept: No, no. That's fine. And what's exactly wrong with it

Andrew: Well, it just won't work. You switch it on and nothing happens.

Service Dept: It could be the plug. Do you use a fuse plug?

还有其他例证:

1. Unfortunately, his mother's car wouldn't start. (Bill Clinton My Life p391)

2. The first sentence won't work because...

3. Gellar: 'Buffy' movie wouldn't work.

4. Is there any reason rplayer5.0 wouldn't work with P PP 2.3.5 and kernel 2.2.1?

5. Windows 2000 Repair wouldn't work, so now...

6. When Windows won't work, it's time for a Mac. (David Coursey)

7. When W E P won't work... (James E. Gaskin)

8. I can't make a copy. The photocopier won't work. (Better English Exercises)

9. Why Unicode won't work on the Internet?

10. When my car wouldn't start a few months ago, and it looked like it would have to be towed, another neighbor from Guatemala, a sweet man named Angel who's a gardener, quickly brought out his jumper cables

and got the car started. (Mary A. Fischer)

11. He called my office to tell me that the reason it (the car) wouldn't start was that the gas tank was empty. (Mary Roach)

12. But when McVeigh got behind the wheel, the car didn't start. He tried several times, the engine would not turn over. (Lou Michel)

此外,加拿大老师认为 won't work 和 doesn't work 都可以。

【问题 7】— Alice, you feed the bird today, \_\_\_\_\_? (1999 广东)

— But I fed it yesterday.

A. do you      B. will you      C. didn't you      D. don't you

【析证】提供的答案是 B。命题人把第一句当作祈使句。但笔者本人能力有限,一见此句就发慌,无法迅速做出判断;同时担心有很多学生会“上当”后选择 D。本人征求好几位 native speakers 的意见。他们首先表示困惑,然后开始逐一筛选。没有一人能提供“正确”答案。都觉得此句不正常,怀疑此句符合习惯用法。语言是交流用的,不是为考试而存在。美国外教认为此句子无法接受,建议说“Will you feed the bird today?”更符合情理,而一名加拿大人的建议叫人吃惊,他认为正确的答案应是 won't you。还有人建议把 feed 改为 fed,这样就可以选 C。总之,我们不能说这些美国人语法太差。真难为中学英语老师了。

【问题 8】I feel it is your husband who \_\_\_\_\_ for the spoiled child. (2002 上海)

A. is to blame      B. is going to blame  
C. is to be blamed      D. should blame

类似的题有:

I feel it is you as well as your wife that \_\_\_\_\_ for your son's bad performance at school.

A. are to blame      B. are going to be blamed



C. are to be blamed

D. is to be blamed

(此句中 A 和 B 两个选项都对, 含义可能不同)

【析证】许多模拟题编者特别主观, 认为世界上就存在 be to blame, 不考虑 blame 也是及物动词, 可用于被动形式。be to blame 实际上是个固定表达法, 意义为 be at fault 或 be responsible; 并不意味着 blame 就没有其他表达方式。第 1 句答案 C 完全正确, 可把 is to 理解为“应该”。首先看下面两个使用被动形式的句子:

I liked Kennedy and thought it was best for him to be gracious, so that he wouldn't be blamed if Carter lost. (My Life p281)

In fact, relations between Abdullah and Fahd had become so toxic that Abdullah was blamed for the stroke. (Reader's Digest July 2003 p104)

What I was being blamed for, it turned out, was a newspaper strike which made it necessary to hand-deliver the advertising inserts that are normally included with the Sunday paper. (John Hubbell)

既然 blame 可用于被动句中, 那么 be going to be blamed 为何算错呢? 还有与考题或模拟题相似的句子:

1. When it is Israel that is preventing them from living like humans, it is Israel who will be blamed no matter how just is its cause. (Brian Greenspun editor of the Las Vegas Sun)

2. If the Secretary of Defense is to be blamed for renegade roguery at Abu Ghraib or delays in up-arming Humvees, he is to be praised for the system of getting a mingled Marine to Walter Reed in 36 hours. (Victor Davis Hanson)

3. I think the transportation of live animals across Europe is to be blamed for these diseases. (BBC News)

4. Here is my view. If the whole thing fails, no question that the United States is going to be blamed, but

5. I think probably unfairly. (James Traub New York Times Magazine)