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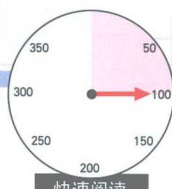
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第1步

确定大纲要求阅读速度：

快速阅读 100词/分钟
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第2步

计算个人阅读速度：

$$\frac{783}{\text{单词}} \div \frac{\text{分钟}}{\text{每分钟单词数}} = \text{阅读速度}$$



第3步

根据阅读速度设定阅读目标

每天阅读N小时! ❌

每天阅读N篇! ✅

完成篇数代替时间限制, 更能达成阅读目标! ✌️

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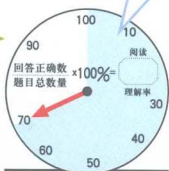
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60%以下: 要加油! 😞

第4步

理解水平计量表:

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理解水平计量表

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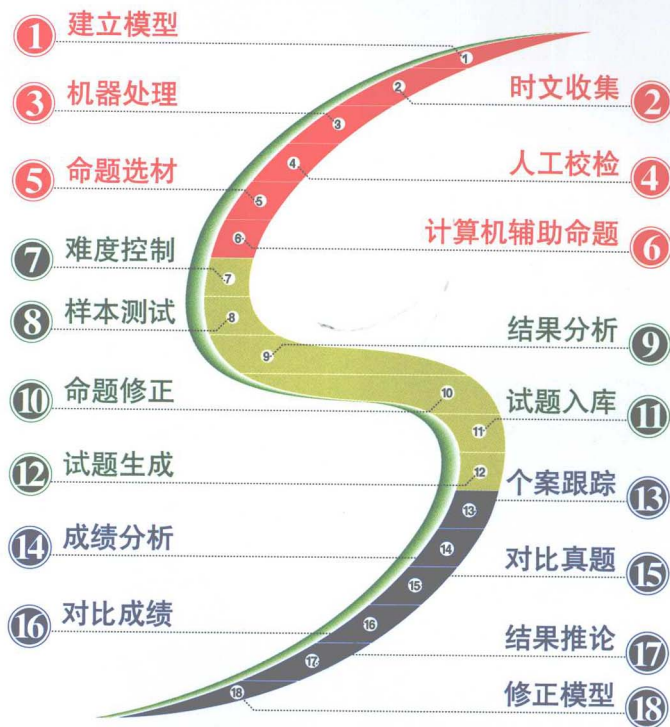
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- 2) 有意识地扩充词汇, 在开始几周, 背词汇可以说是让人非常痛苦的事情, 但是随后就会变得越来越简单;
- 3) 回答问题时不要被那些有趣的但是不重要的信息分散注意力, 出题人选择这些内容的目的就是为了误导您!

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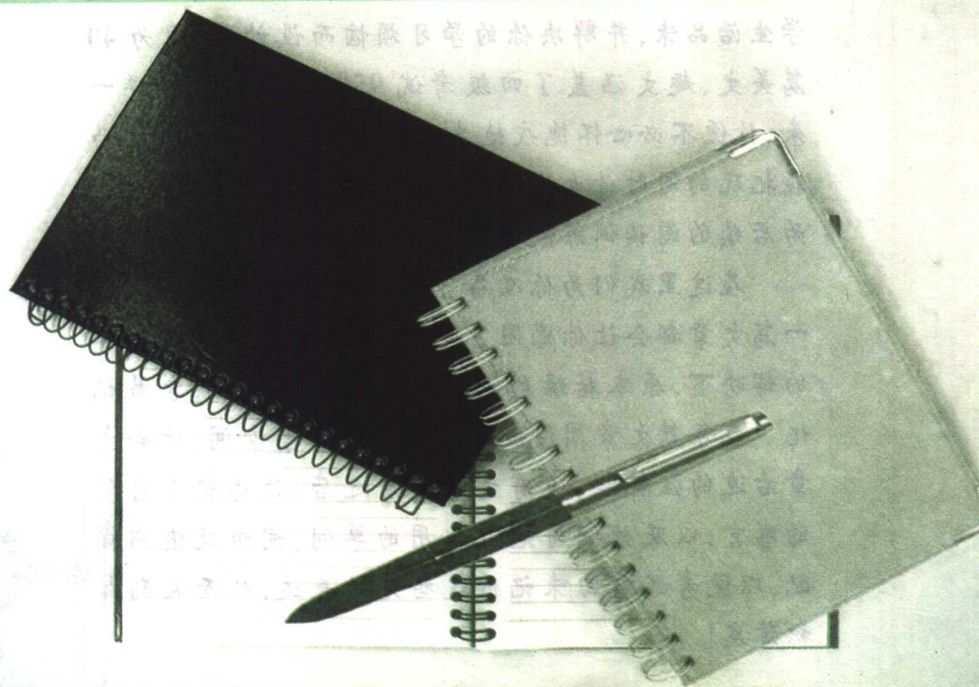
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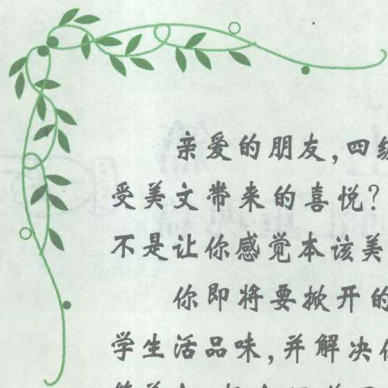
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亲爱的朋友，四级考试的压力是不是让你无法享受美文带来的喜悦？厚厚的词汇书，枯燥的例句，是不是让你感觉本该美好的大学生生活却变得乏味无比？

你即将要掀开的上篇是我们专门为提高你的大学生活品味，并解决你的学习烦恼而设计的，因为40篇美文、趣文涵盖了四级考试95%的词汇。这样一来，你便不必心怀愧疚地去欣赏把玩美文、趣文，因为在把玩的同时你也潜移默化地学习巩固了四级词汇，为后续的阅读训练做了热身。

在这里我们为你准备了营养美味的美文盛宴，每一篇文章都会让你感同身受、回味无穷…在感人文字的辉映下，原本枯燥的词汇也变得地道纯正，容易记忆。在每篇文章周围我们都预设了一些空间（比如文章右边的注释栏，还有文章大意之后）让你记下当时的感言，以及你觉得地道实用的单词、词组及惯用搭配，以便考试前回味记住这些纯正表达，从而做到厚积薄发！



Unit 1

The King's Four Wives

Once upon a time there was a rich king who had four wives in a flourishing kingdom. He loved his fourth wife the most and *adorned her with riches*.^① He also loved his third wife and was always showing her off to neighboring kingdoms. However, he always feared that she would leave him. His second wife was kind and considerate and he trusted this female friend and advisor in difficult times. *Wife number one*^② was devoted and loyal and although she loved him deeply, he was not so interested and tended to ignore her.

One day, the king fell ill with cancer;^③ *despite the diverse therapies he received and the many vitamins and medicinal compounds he took*^④ at regular intervals to supplement his daily diet, the invisible virus of the disease had invaded the vital organs in his body and all efforts to restore his health had failed. The king reckoned he was doomed. He thought of his luxurious life and feared being alone when he died. He removed the crown from his head and asked his fourth wife in a most serious tone, "I have loved you the most and provided you with the finest clothing and showered great care over you. Now that I'm dying, *will you follow me and keep me company*?"^⑤ "No way!" she replied and walked away without another word. The sad king then asked the third wife, "I have loved you all my life. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?" "No!" she replied. "Life is too good! When you die, I'm going to remarry!"

He then asked the second wife, "I have always turned to you for help and you've always been there for me. When I die, will you follow me and keep me company?" "I'm sorry, I can't help you out this time!" she replied. "*At the very most*"^⑥, I can help with your funeral."



- ① 把她打扮得珠光宝气。
- ② 第一位妻子，同时有双关之意，表示很重要的。
- ③ 有一天，国王因患癌症病倒了。
- ④ despite 后接两个并列名词短语，其后各接定语从句。
- ⑤ 你愿意随我而去，与我作伴吗？
- ⑥ 顶多，充其量不过...

Then a voice called out to the king in his sadness: "I'll leave with you and follow you no matter where you go." The king looked up and there was his first wife who was kneeling down. She was so skinny and undernourished. Greatly grieved, the king said, "I should have taken much better care of you when I had the chance!"

In truth, we all have four wives in our lives. Our fourth wife is our body. *No matter how much time and effort we use* in making it look good, it'll leave us when we die. Our third wife is our possessions, status and wealth. When we die, it'll all go to others. Our second wife is our family and friends. No matter how much they have been there for us, the furthest they can stay by us is up to the grave. *And our first wife is our soul, often neglected in pursuit of wealth, power and pleasure.* However, our soul is the only thing that will follow us wherever we go.

The moral: Look after your body and keep it healthy so you can live life to its fullest. Enjoy your possessions and the comfort they provide. Cherish your friends and family and the love they provide. But don't forget to nourish your soul—it is the source of all your life and your most faithful friend.

(556 words)



⑦ 无论我们付出多少时间或者多大精力。

⑧ 第一位妻子是我们的灵魂，但却经常在我们追求财富、权力和快乐时被忽视。

WORDS & EXPRESSIONS

cancer ['kænsə] *n.* 癌, 毒瘤

company ['kʌmpəni] *n.* 公司; 陪伴; (一)群,

(一)队, (一)伙; 连, 连队

compound ['kɒmpaʊnd] *n.* 混合物, 化合物

a. 复合的

considerate [kən'sidərit] *a.* 考虑周到的

crown [kraʊn] *n.* 王冠, 花冠 *vt.* 加冕

despite [dis'pait] *prep.* 不管, 尽管, 不论

devote [di'vəʊt] *vt.* 投入于, 献身

devotion [di'vəʊʃən] *n.* 热爱, 投入

diet ['daɪət] *n.* 日常饮食

disease [di'zi:z] *n.* 疾病

diverse [di'vəs, dai'vəs] *a.* 不同的, 变化多的

doom [dʊm] *n.* 厄运, 毁灭, 死亡

faith [feɪθ] *n.* 信任, 信念, 忠实

faithful ['feiθfʊl] *a.* 守信的, 忠实的, 可靠的
n. 信徒

female ['fi:meɪl] *n.* 女性, 女人 *a.* 女性的

flourish ['flʌrɪʃ, 'fla:ɪʃ] *vi.* 繁荣, 茂盛

funeral ['fju:nərəl] *n.* 葬礼, 出殡

grave [greɪv] *n.* 墓穴, 坟墓

grief [gri:f] *n.* 悲痛, 伤心事, 忧伤

grieve ['gri:v] *v.* (使)悲痛, (使)伤心, 忧伤

ignore ['ɪgno:] *vt.* 不理睬, 忽视

interval ['intəvəl] *n.* 间隔, 距离; 幕间休息
invade [in'veid] *vt.* 侵略, 侵袭; 拥挤
invasion [in'veiʒən] *n.* 入侵
invisible [in'vizəbl] *a.* 看不见的, 无形的
irregular [i'regjulə] *a.* 不规则的, 无规律的
kneel [ni:l] *vi.* 跪下
loyal ['lɔɪəl] *a.* 忠诚的, 忠心的
loyalty ['lɔɪəlti] *n.* 忠诚, 忠心
luxurious [lʌg'zjuəriəs] *a.* 奢侈的, 豪华的
luxury ['lʌgzəri, 'lʌkfəri] *n.* 奢侈, 华贵
male [meɪl] *a.* 男性的
neglect [ni'glekt] *n. /v.* 忽视, 疏忽, 漏做
no matter how 不管, 无论
nourish ['nʌrɪʃ] *vt.* 滋养, 使健壮
organ ['ɔ:gən] *n.* 元件; 机构, 机关; 器官
possess [pə'zes] *vt.* 占有, 拥有, 持有
possession [pə'zeʃən] *n.* 拥有, 占有, 所有; 领土, 领地; 财产
provide [prə'vaɪd] *v.* 供应, 供给, 准备
pursue [pə'sju:] *vt.* 追赶, 追踪; 从事

reckon ['rekən] *v.* 认为, 估计; 指望, 想要; 测算
regular ['regjulə] *a.* 规则的; 经常的, 定期的
ad. 经常地
restore ['ri'stɔ:] *vt.* 恢复, 使回复; 归还, 交还; 修复, 重建
skinny ['skini] *a.* 皮的, 似皮的; 膜状的
status ['steɪtəs] *n.* 身份, 地位, 状况
supplement ['sʌplɪmənt] *n.* 补遗, 补充; 附录; 增刊 *v.* 补充
tend [tend] *vi.* 趋向, 往往是 *vt.* 照管, 护理
tendency ['tendənsi] *n.* 趋向, 倾向
therapy ['θerəpi] *n.* 治疗
tone [təʊn] *n.* 音调, 音质, 语调; 语气
undernourished [ʌndə'nʌrɪʃd] *a.* 营养不良的
virus ['vaɪərəs] *n.* 病毒
visible ['vɪzəbl] *a.* 看得见的, 明显的, 显著的
vital ['vaɪtəl] *a.* 生死攸关的, 重大的, 至关重要的
vitamin ['vaɪtəmin, 'vɪtəmin] *n.* 维他命, 维生素

超纲词

adorn [ə'dɔ:n] *v.* 装饰
cherish ['tʃerɪʃ] *vt.* 珍爱, 怀抱(希望等)

pursuit [pə'sju:t] *n.* 追击

GENERAL SENSE

国王的四位妻子

本文通过拟人化手法, 将人的身体、财产、家庭及朋友和灵魂比喻为国王的四个妻子, 并通过这几位“妻子”在“国王”大病将逝之时不同的表现说明: 对于身体, 无论我们如何去修饰它, 它都会在我们死亡后弃我们而去; 而财富、地位和所有物均会在我们死亡后为别人所有; 我们的家庭和朋友所能做的, 最多也就是陪伴我们到老; 实际上, 在我们追求财富、权力和快乐时经常被忽视的灵魂才会永远陪伴我们。人类不应忽视自己的灵魂。只有灵魂才是生命的源泉和一个人最忠实的朋友。

Unit 2

Bill Gates in His Boyhood

As a child—and as an adult as well—Bill was untidy. It has been said that in order to **break of** ① this habit, his mother Mary drew up weekly clothing plans for him. On Mondays he might go to school in blue, on Tuesdays in green, on Wednesdays in brown, on Thursdays in black, and so on. He never did his own laundry. Weekend meal schedules were also planned in detail, lest he should starve.

Dinner table discussions in the Gate's family were always lively and educational. "It was a rich environment in which to learn," Bill remembered.

At four, Bill was able to do some simple calculations, such as subtracting and multiplying numbers. Bill's contemporaries, even at the age, recognized that he was a genius. Every year, he and his friends would go to summer camp. Bill especially liked swimming and other sports. One of his summer camp friends recalled, "**He was never the kind of kid you didn't want your team to have.**" ② We all knew Bill was smarter than us. Even back then, when he was nine or ten years old, he talked like an adult and could express himself in ways that none of us understood."

Bill distinguished himself as a boy who had the marvelous faculty to learn things quickly. He strictly followed the **honor code** ③. He was also well ahead of his peers in mathematics and science. He enjoyed debating new ideas and fresh concepts with his classmates. He derived much pleasure from studies. His father, a retired officer, **was convinced that he needed to go to a school that challenged him** ④, then his parents sent him to Lakeside—an all-boys' private school for **exceptional students** ⑤. It was Seattle's most exclusive secondary school with a great reputation and was noted for its



① 改掉(习惯), 戒除(嗜好)

② 他是那种大家都想招到自己队伍中来的孩子。

③ 学生行为准则

④ convinced 后接虚拟语气, school 后接定语从句。

⑤ 一所专门招收智力超常男生的私立中学

rigorous academic demands and discipline, a place where “even the dumb kids were smart”.

Lakeside allowed students to pursue their own interests, to whatever extent they wished. *The school enjoyed a fine reputation and prided itself in furnishing conditions and facilities that would enable all its students to reach their full potential*®. It was the ideal environment to stimulate the growth of someone like Bill Gates, whose academic performance exceeded his tutors and parents' wildest expectations.

In 1968, the school made a decision that had changed thirteen-year-old Bill Gates' life—and that of many of others, too.

*Funds were raised, mainly by parents, that enabled the school to gain access to a computer—a Program Data Processor (PDP)—through a teletype machine.*⑥

Type in a few instructions on the teletype machine and a few seconds later the PDP would type back its response. Bill Gates immediately liked it—so did his best friend at the time, Kent Evans, and another student, Paul Allen, who was two years older than Bill.

Whenever they had free time, and sometimes when they didn't, they would dash over to the computer room to use the machine. The students became so single-minded that they soon overtook their teachers in knowledge about computing and got into a lot of trouble because of their strong interest in computers. They were neglecting their other studies—every piece of work was handed in late. Classes were cut. Computer time was also proving to be very expensive. Within months, the whole budget that had been set aside for the year had been used up.

At fourteen, Bill, in conjunction with his friends, was already writing short programs for the computer to perform. *Early game programs such as Tic-Tac-Toe, or Noughts and Crosses, and Lunar Landing were written in what was to become Bill's second language, BASIC.*⑧

One of the reasons Bill was so good at programming is



⑥ 该校声誉卓著，以能够为全校所有学生提供可助其发挥全部潜能的各种条件和设施为荣。

⑦ 学校主要利用家长们的捐款，并通过一台电传打字机使学校能够连接并使用一台电脑——即程序数据处理器。

⑧ 早期的游戏程序，如井字棋（或称OX棋）以及“登月”游戏就是用BASIC语言编写的——后来，这成为了比尔的第二语言。