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编纂与使用说明

一、本教材以国家教委考试管理中心颁布的《全国普通高等院校统一考试英语科说明》中对阅读理解所作的说明为编写原则。材料的人选与问题的编制力求与MET试题中阅读理解试题的测试角度与风格相吻合。

二、本教材分三个部分。FAST READING I 包括不同题材的文章二十篇，由浅入深。每篇又含六个问题，从主观与客观两个方面考查学生的阅读理解能力。文章（包括问题）选自伦敦Macmillan Press出版的Improve Your Reading。FAST READING II 包括12组套题，每组套题约含4篇文章，20个问题。文章（含问题）绝大部分选自英文原文Reading Laboratory。FAST READING III 包括含图阅读理解10篇，以期使学生对这类阅读题能有一定的感受。

三、本册后面附有供教师参考的 Passages 1—4 的答案纸设计。教师可自制答案纸，而能够重复使用课文部分。

四、建议学生平均每分钟阅读量起点为50个字，在答对70%以上的阅读理解问题的基础上逐渐增加阅读速度，争取达到每分钟80字。

五、建议教师在指导学生阅读之前，根据文章字数，将时间按间隔15秒钟，即1:00, 1:15, 1:30, 1:45, 2:00, 2:15……写在黑板上，在阅读开始后，随着时间，依次擦去，以利学生实际计算所需时间。

六、在学生阅读活动结束后，教师可依照下列定式计算出每个学生的阅读效率的高低。

定式一：全篇字数（W）除以阅读时间（M）= 阅读速度WPM

定式二：阅读速度 乘以 答对问题的 百分比 = 阅读效率
Efficiency

七、本教程既适合于作高一、高二年级快速阅读用书，也适用于高三英语总复习。

八、我们希望读者把使用本书的意见反馈给我们。

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FAST READING I

1. Mr Perkin's New Car

Mr Perkin stood at the bus-stop and watched the cars go by. Many of the cars were new Beta 400s, and most of them were yellow. Mr Perkin always wore the same clothes as other men, ate the same food as other people, and did the same things after work, and at the end of the week. Mr Perkin did not like to be different.

The following week, Mr Perkin bought a new, bright yellow Beta 400. He was very pleased with it, and drove to work in it the very next day. He was even more pleased with his new car, when he saw all the other Beta 400s, in front, behind, and on both sides of him.

Mr Perkin parked his car in a big car-park near his office, and walked the rest of the way. But when he came back at five o'clock there were so many bright yellow Beta 400s in the car-park, that Mr Perkin did not know which car was his. He tried his key in some of the cars, but people passing by gave him a look he did not like. So he stopped.

Poor Mr Perkin had to wait nearly two hours

until his was the only yellow Beta 400 in the car-park.

210 words

Comprehension exercise,

1. Mr Perkin wanted a new yellow Beta 400, because_____.
 - A. the bus did not come
 - B. he liked new clothes, food and cars
 - C. he liked to do the same as other people
 - D. he liked to be different from others
2. He drove to work in his new car_____.
 - A. the day after he bought it
 - B. the day he bought it
 - C. a week after he bought it
 - D. on the day he first watched the car passing
3. He was pleased with his new car, because_____.
 - A. no-one else had a yellow one
 - B. it was the same as cars all around him
 - C. he was in front of all the other cars
 - D. other cars were not as bright as his
4. At five o'clock, Mr Perkin_____.
 - A. walked home
 - B. drove his car out of the car-park
 - C. came back to the car-park
 - D. did not know which was his car-park

5. People gave him a look in the car-park because_____.
- A. he had a nice new car
 - B. he could not open the door of his car
 - C. he was in the wrong car-park
 - D. he was trying to open more than one car
6. Mr Perkin had to wait until_____.
- A. there was only one yellow Beta 400 in the car-park
 - B. there was only one car in the car-park
 - C. there were no bright yellow cars in the car-park
 - D. there was no one about to look at him.

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2. Webster Toys Ltd.

You have heard of Webster Toys. Webster's have made good, safe, interesting toys for more than a hundred years. Now, we sell them, and children play with them, in countries from New Zealand to Norway, and from Japan to Brazil. We are looking for someone to sell our toys in the Far East. He (or she) will be between the ages of thirty and forty. He will already have some years of selling in world markets behind him. He will speak good English, and at least one other language of the Far East.

The people we are looking for will live in Singapore, and work in our office there, but he will travel for up to six months in any one year. He will know the Far East quite well already. He will know how to sell in old markets, and where to find new ones. He will understand money, and make more than ever before, for himself, and for Webster Toys.

Webster's want someone who can stand on his own feet. If you think you are the person we are looking for, write to Mr J. Sloman at our Head

Office.

Webster Toys Ltd.
Church Mill, Watford
Herts. WD3 6HE

191 words

Comprehension exercise

1. Children play with Webster toys _____.
 - A. only in countries a long way from each other
 - B. in countries all over the world
 - C. in only four countries of the world
 - D. only in New Zealand, Norway, Japan and Brazil
2. The person Webster's are looking for, will be _____.
 - A. thirty years of age
 - B. forty years of age
 - C. less than forty years of age
 - D. between thirty and forty years of age
3. "He will already have some years of selling in world markets behind him" means _____.
 - A. he has already sold things in different parts of the world.
 - B. he has sold toys for some years

- C. he has already sold toys all over the world
D. he has already sold things for some years
4. The person will speak_____.
- A. English and only one other language
B. English or any other language
C. English or any other Far Eastern language
D. English and a Far Eastern language
5. He will live in Singapore_____.
- A. for at least 6 months in any one year
B. all through the year
C. for less than six months a year
D. for up to six months
6. "Someone who can stand on his own feet" means_____.
- A. someone who does not stand on other people's feet
B. someone who can understand money
C. someone who can work by himself
D. someone who understands many languages

FAST READING I

3. The Dry Dinner

Ben and his wife Susan were on their way to have dinner with their friends, Ian and Betty. It was a dark, windy night, and they did not know the road very well. They drove through Cookstown, until they found what they thought was the road to Dorling, where Ian and Betty lived. But it soon became clear that they were not on the road to Dorling at all. The road that they were on was getting narrower, and there were no other cars on it. The wind was blowing harder with every minute that passed.

They came to a small village. They drove past a church, and then two houses without lights on. There was nobody about to tell them where they were, or where the road went. Just then, Ben saw a telephone-box, fifty metres or so further on. While he walked back along the road to see if there was a name outside the church, Susan telephoned Ian and Betty to tell them that they were still on their way.

Betty was just saying that the dinner was already rather dry, when Ben came back to the

telephone-box, his head down against the wind. He said that there was a tree lying across the road, and that the telephone lines were down. Susan heard nothing more from Betty about the dinner.

224 words

Comprehension exercise

1. Ben and Susan were on their way to _____.
 - A. have dinner with Ian and Betty in Dorling
 - B. have dinner with friends in Cookstown
 - C. find a telephone-box, to telephone Ian and Betty
 - D. eat with friends at a hotel on the Dorling road
2. They knew they were on the wrong road _____.
 - A. as they were driving through Cookstown
 - B. when they arrived in the small village of Dorling
 - C. as the road became narrower, and they were alone on it
 - D. because it rained heavily, and the wind blew harder
3. In the village that they came to _____.
 - A. there was a church with a telephone-box outside

- B. there were lights on in the houses, but not
in the church
- C. the people could not tell them where they were
- D. there was nobody to tell them where they
were
4. While Ben walked back along the road, _____.
A. Betty telephoned Susan to say that the
dinner was dry
B. Susan went to see if there was a name
outside the church
C. Susan telephoned Betty to explain why they
were late
D. his wife telephoned Betty to ask what was
happening
5. It was hard for Ben to walk along, because
_____.
A. a very strong wind was blowing
B. there was nobody about to tell him the way
C. he did not have any lights on
D. the road was getting narrower and narrower
6. When Ben returned to the telephone box,
_____.
A. he took the telephone lines down
B. he took Susan's place at the telephone
C. Betty told him that the dinner was dry
D. he said that the telephone lines were down

FAST READING I

4. An Airline Advertisement

When you fly, fly with Bel Air

People who travel a lot fly with Bel Air, because they know they will get what they want.

They want to go quickly, and safely, across the country, across the sea, or right across the world—and they know Bel Air will take them where they want to go, when they want to go. Bel Air flies all the newest, and fastest aeroplanes, to more towns and cities, in more countries of the world, than any other airline.

Do you want to go to Paris, Washington, Tokyo? Bel Air will take you there, at all times of the day or night, right through the week. But Bel Air flies not only to the big cities, in the rich countries—we fly two or three times a week to towns and cities in the very heart of Asia, Africa and South America.

People who travel a lot fly with Bel Air, because they know they will leave on time, and arrive on time. They know that the food they will receive, and the films they will watch, will be of the very best.

Bel Air is second to none.

When you fly, fly with Bel Air

202 words

Comprehension exercise

1. People who fly with Bel Air _____.
 - A. know they will travel a lot
 - B. get what they want quickly and safely
 - C. know that everything will be just right
 - D. always travel right across the world
2. Bel Air's aeroplanes _____.
 - A. are fast, but not safe
 - B. fly quickly, but not very fast
 - C. are only safe because they are new
 - D. fly fast and fly safely
3. The airline flies aeroplanes to cities like Paris _____.
 - A. day and night, right through the week
 - B. two or three times a week
 - C. at any time of the day, but not at night
 - D. right through the day, two or three times a week
4. It flies aeroplanes to towns and cities in Asia _____.
 - A. at all times of the day and night
 - B. at all times, right through the week