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前言

《现代大学英语(精读)》(外语教学与研究出版社)是由北京外国语大学英语系编写的一套供大学英语专业学生使用的精读教材。在使用过程中,广大师生普遍反映起点高、难度大。为了帮助广大师生及英语自学者更好地学习和理解这套教材,我们组织了6所高校具有丰富教学经验的教师精心编写了这套《现代大学英语(精读)全程辅导》(1~6册)。

本套书的编写是在透彻理解和准确把握国家教育部最新颁布的《高校英语专业教学大纲》和《高校英语专业四、八级考试大纲》精神的基础上进行的,全套书力求全方位、多角度、大容量地诠释《现代大学英语》教材的词汇、句型、课文、练习等内容。本套书讲解细致、透彻、准确,设计科学、合理,使用方便,助考得力。

本套辅导与教材同步,每课由 Text A 和 Text B 两部分组成。Text A 包括以下五部分:

一、课文导读

(一) 内容梗概:从全局的角度简洁概述 Text A 的课文大意,剖析作者的观点和写作目的,以帮助学生学习和理解课文。

(二) 背景知识:介绍与课文相关的典型背景知识,帮助学生透过语言材料了解与课文有关的人物、事件、地理、文化、政治、社会等知识,拓展知识面。

二、词汇与短语

(一) 词汇:注有音标、词性、英汉释义、重要词语的同义词、反义词、派生词,以帮助学生更好地理解词义。对于重要词汇列出其常用的词义,并在每个义项后配以例句及译文。

(二) 短语:对课文中出现的重要短语给以英汉释义及例句,以帮助学生加深对短语要点的理解。

三、课文注释

对课文中出现的语言要点加以英汉解释;对典型语言点加以归纳总结;对语言理论加以简洁、实效的介绍;对难句加以结构分析,解决对语言背景、修辞手段、写作意图、写作风格等理解的问题。

四、课文译文

给出课文的参考译文,便于学生理解文章、认清结构、明确主题,从中学到语言知识,提高理解与运用的能力。

五、练习答案及详解

对阅读、理解、词汇、语法等进行准确的详解、总结及示例,帮助学生准确掌握知识,突破难点。

Text B 包括课文译文及同步测试两部分:课文译文便于学生从宏观角度分析篇章结构,同步测试从主旨、词汇、细节、理解等多方面加深学生对课文的理解。

在本套书的编写中,我们得到了有关专家的热情指导和大力帮助,美国专家 Bob. M. Livingston 审阅了书中的英文部分,在此我们深表谢意。

我们相信,本套书对学生准确把握教材内容,提高自身英语素养并顺利通过英语专业四、八级考试会大有裨益,希望本套书能成为广大师生的良师益友,也希望广大读者提出宝贵的意见和建议。

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Lesson One

Text A

Thinking as a Hobby



一、课文导读

(一) 内容梗概

这是英国著名寓言小说家、1983年诺贝尔文学奖获得者威廉·戈尔丁所写的一篇随笔。

作者结合自身思维习惯的养成过程,将思维分成三个等级,认为一级思维是一种理想的完整的思维方式,然而曲高和寡,因为真理有时掌握在少数人的手里;二级思维指那些缺乏主见的人云亦云者;而三级思维则讥讽那些高谈阔论、口是心非者,并对形形色色的伪善者进行无情地鞭挞,文中提及的霍顿先生便属此类。

作者文笔洗练,语言辛辣、犀利,讽刺性极强。作者在文中还积极探索了人与社会的关系。该文无论是在知识性、思维性,还是语言技巧的应用上都别具一格。

(二) 背景知识

1. Venus statue

The ancient Venus statue is also known as the Aphrodite goddess. The original goddess Venus statue can be found in Paris at the Louvre Museum. Venus De Milo Aphrodite was carved by the sculptor of Antioch on the Maeander River at about 150 BC and it was only later rediscovered. In the goddess Aphrodite's son was named Eros in Greek Mythology for the Greeks and Cupid, the god of love and sexual desire and the messenger of love, in Roman Mythology. To this day the Venus statue remains a sculptural masterpiece with few equals.

2. Leopard statue

The lonely leopard statue is near Hout Bay, which is located on the western side of the Cape Peninsula. The famous *bronze leopard statue* stands on the rocky outcrop at the foot of Chapman's Peak Drive, facing the mouth of Hout Bay harbour. It commemorates these animals that freely roamed the Hout Bay Mountains as recently as the 1930s. It was a gift to the people of Hout Bay from sculptor Ivan Midford-Barberton, the statue has been guarding the bay and facing the elements since March 1963.

3. Rodin's Thinker

It is the most famous piece of art by the French sculptor August Rodin in 1917. It is said to be the statue that most clearly shows the abstract idea of thought or thinking. "The Thinker" is pondering so intensely that even his toes are tightly clutching the ground. Rodin often portrayed strong contrasts, as is shown by this sculpture, such as the finished figure combined with the unfinished marble on which he

is seated. The original is now on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



Goddess Venus statue



Leopard statue



Rodin's Thinker

二、词汇与短语

(一) 词汇

- ① acquaintance /ə'kweɪntəns/ *n.*
someone you know but not a close friend 相识的人; 泛泛之交 【反义】 stranger
—He has a wide circle of acquaintances. 他交际极广。
- ② alas /ə'læs/ *adv.*
(*fml*) unfortunately 不幸地; 令人遗憾地 【同义】 sadly; unfortunately 【反义】 fortunately
—There was, alas, no shortage of assassinations. 很不幸, 暗杀事件从未断过。
- ③ anguish /'æŋɡwɪʃ/ *n.*
mental or physical suffering caused by extreme pain or worry (肉体的或精神的) 极度痛苦
【派生】 anguished *adj.* 感到痛苦的; 表现痛苦的
- ④ atheist /'eɪθɪst/ *n.*
a person who does not believe that God exists 无神论者 【同义】 agnostic 【反义】 believer
- ⑤ Buddhist /'bʊdɪst/ *n.*
a person who believes in Buddhism and follows its teachings 佛教徒
【派生】 Buddhism *n.* 佛教
- ⑥ bulge /bʌldʒ/ *v.*
to stick out in a rounded shape because something is very full or tight 凸出; 鼓起 【同义】 swell; protrude 【反义】 hollow; sunken
—Guns bulged on their hips. 枪在他们的臀部鼓了出来。
【派生】 bulging *adj.* 鼓起的; 凸出的
- ⑦ centralized /'sentʃəlaɪzd/ *adj.*
controlled by a central group 集中的; 集权的 【同义】 organized
—We believe in a strong centralized state. 我们崇尚强大的中央集权国家。
- ⑧ compensation /,kɒmpen'seɪʃən/ *n.*
something you get that makes a sad or unpleasant situation better or happier 补偿 【同义】 reward
—Compensation of injured workers has cost the company a lot. 公司花了一大笔钱赔偿受伤的工人。

⑩ compulsive /kəm'pʌlsɪv/ *adj.*

unable to resist; uncontrollable; compelling 无法抗拒的; 强制的
—a compulsive gambler 嗜赌成癖的赌徒; a compulsive liar 说谎成性的人
【派生】compulsively *adv.* 引人入胜; 强制地

⑪ confer /kən'fɜ:(r)/ *v.*

to officially give; to award; to bestow 授予; 赠予 【同义】bestow
—The Queen conferred knighthoods on several distinguished men. 女王将爵士头衔授予几位杰出人士。

【派生】conferment *n.* (学位、荣誉等的)授予

⑫ confront /kən'frʌnt/ *v.*

to oppose defiantly 正视; 勇敢地面对 【同义】face
—I don't understand your refusal to confront reality. 我不理解你为什么不肯正视现实。
【派生】confrontation *n.* 正视; 面对

⑬ contemplate /'kɒntemplant/ *v.*

to think seriously about something for a long time 沉思; 慎重思考 【同义】consider; think
—He sat there and contemplated. 他坐在那儿沉思默想。
【派生】contemplation *n.* 沉思; 深思熟虑

⑭ contempt /kən'tempt/ *n.*

scorn; a feeling that someone or something is not important and does not deserve any respect 轻蔑; 蔑视 【同义】scorn 【反义】respect
【派生】contemptuous *adj.* 鄙视的

⑮ contradiction /,kɒntrə'dɪkʃən/ *n.*

(noun of *contradict*) a difference between two statements, beliefs, or ideas about something that means that they cannot both be true 矛盾 【同义】inconsistency 【反义】similarity

⑯ conversion /kən'vɜ:ʃən/ *n.*

(noun of *convert*) the act or process of converting or changing something from one form or system into another 转变, 转化 【同义】change

⑰ current affairs

important political or other social events that are happening now 时事
—the BBC's current affairs programmes 英国广播公司的时事节目

⑱ deficiency /dɪ'fɪjənsɪ/ *n.*

a weakness or fault in sth. 缺点; 缺陷

⑲ delinquent /dɪ'lɪŋkwənt/ *adj.*

(person) behaving in a way that society does not approve 做错事的或失职的(人)

⑳ detestation /,dɪtɪs'teɪʃən/ *n.*

(noun of *detest*) strong hatred 厌恶; 憎恶 【同义】loathing 【反义】love

㉑ disintegrate /dɪs'ɪntɪɡreɪt/ *v.*

to fall apart; to fall into pieces; to separate into components (Note: This word is not used here in its normal sense. The author uses it for humor.) 分裂; 粉碎 【同义】collapse 【反义】fuse
—Both ships simply seemed to disintegrate. 两条船看上去简直都破碎了。

【派生】disintegration *n.* 碎裂, 分裂

④ disinterested /dis'ɪntrɪstɪd/ *adj.*

free from bias and self-interest and therefore objective and impartial (指人)公正的;无私的

【同义】impartial 【反义】biased

—So you can see I'm a disinterested observer. 因此你可以看出来,我是个公正的旁观者。

⑤ draught /draʊt; dræft/ *n.*

(AmE draft) a current of cold air flowing through a room 通风;气流 【同义】air

【派生】draughty *adj.* 通风的

⑥ ego /'egəʊ, i:/ *n.*

self-love; self-importance; vanity 自我;自我主义;自负;自尊心

【派生】egoism *n.* 利己主义;自我中心主义

⑦ exalted /ɪg'zɔ:ltɪd/ *adj.*

(fml) filled with a great feeling of joy 得意洋洋的;兴高采烈的 【同义】exultant

—I spread my arms wide and felt joyous and exalted and free. 我大大张开双臂,感到高兴、得意和自由。

⑧ flee /fli:/ *v.*

(fled, fled) to leave quickly in order to escape from danger 逃离;逃走 【同义】escape

—Local tribesmen fled in fear. 当地的部落居民惊恐地逃走了。

⑨ gloom /glʊm/ *n.*

a feeling of great sadness 忧伤;悲伤 【同义】desolation

【派生】gloomy *adj.* 忧伤的;昏暗的

⑩ heady /'hedɪ/ *adj.*

exciting; intoxicating; thrilling; tending to upset the balance of the senses of mental faculties 令人兴奋的;令人陶醉的 【同义】exhilarating

—Working in Fleet Street was a heady experience for the young journalist. 对于年轻的报界人士来说,在舰队街(伦敦报馆集中的地方)工作是很令人兴奋的。

⑪ hideous /'hɪdɪəs/ *adj.*

extremely unpleasant or ugly 令人极度厌恶的;极丑的 【同义】ghastly 【反义】pleasant

【派生】hideously *adv.* 可怕地;丑陋地

⑫ high-minded /,haɪ'maɪndɪd/ *adj.*

having very high moral standards or principles 严格崇尚道德原则的 【同义】principled

—Only the high-minded Evening Post published the letter. 只有格调高尚的《晚邮报》刊登了这封信。

⑬ hindquarters /,haɪnd'kwɔ:təz/ *n.*

the back part of an animal including the back legs(四肢动物的)包括后腿的半部身体

⑭ hustle /'hʌsl/ *v.*

to make someone move very quickly, especially by pushing them roughly 猛推 【同义】bundle

—He hustled Fanny through the door. 他一把抓着芬妮推出门外。

⑮ hypocrisy /hɪ'pɒkrəsi/ *n.*

a way of behaving in which you pretend to have better moral principles than you actually do 伪善

【同义】falseness 【反义】sincerity

—Many people have dismissed his criticism as hypocrisy. 许多人把他的批评看作是伪善而不予理睬。

⑯ impediment /ɪm'pedɪmənt/ *n.*

obstruction; obstacle; barrier 妨碍;阻碍

—The new taxes were a major impediment to economic growth. 新设的税项是经济发展的主要障碍。

③4 indignant /in'dignənt/ *adj.*

expressing anger and surprise because you feel insulted or unfairly treated 愤怒的;愤慨的

【同义】outraged, incensed

—The more she talked, the more indignant she became. 她越讲越气愤。

【派生】indignantly *adv.* 愤怒地;愤慨地

③5 integrated /'intɪɡreɪtɪd/ *adj.*

being a part of a harmonious or unified group 综合的;完整的 【反义】disintegrated

—an integrated transport scheme 综合联运计划

③6 irresistible /'ɪrɪ'zɪstəbl/ *adj.*

too strong or powerful to be stopped or prevented 抑制不住的;不能压制的 【同义】overwhelming

—For me the urge to perform is irresistible. 对我来说,想表现的愿望是遏制不住的。

【派生】irresistibly *adv.* 不可抗拒地

③7 irreverent /ɪ'revərənt/ *adj.*

having a lack of respect for certain organizations, beliefs, customs, etc. 不尊重的;无礼的;傲慢的

【同义】disrespectful 【反义】reverent; respectful

【派生】irreverently *adv.* 无理地;傲慢地

③8 lag (behind) /læɡ/ *v.*

to move or develop more slowly than others 落后;延迟 【同义】trail; drag 【反义】surpass

—He set off at a brisk walk, Kate lagging behind. 他箭步出发,凯特落在后面。

③9 leopard /'lepəd/ *n.*

a large animal of the cat family with yellow fur and black spots which lives in Africa and South Asia 豹

④0 lest /lest/ *conj.*

(*fml*) for fear that; in order to make sure that something will not happen (used after fear, be afraid, be anxious, etc.) 惟恐;以免 【同义】in case

—She was afraid lest he might drown. 她担心他会淹死。

④1 libertine /'lɪbətɪn, -tɪn/ *n.*

someone who leads an immoral life 浪子;放荡不羁的人

④2 majesty /'mædʒəsti/ *n.*

(Your/Her/His Majesty) used when talking to or about a king or queen 陛下(对国王或王后的尊称)

—Her Majesty the Queen 王后陛下

④3 masterpiece /'mɑ:stəpi:s; 'mæs-/ *n.*

the best piece of music or writing or the best work of art a certain composer, or writer, or artist has produced(某艺术家、作家、或作曲家的)最杰出的作品;代表作

—*Gulliver's Travel* is Swift's masterpiece. 《格列佛游记》是斯威夫特的代表作。

④4 Methodist /'meθədɪst/ *n.*

a member of the Protestant religious denomination that originated in the teachings of John Wesley (1703—1791) 卫斯理公会教徒;循道宗教徒

④5 modest /'mɒdɪst/ *adj.*

not too big or strong 适度的;适中的 【同义】reasonable; moderate

—He made a modest living by painting. 他靠绘画过着普通人的生活。

【派生】modestly *adv.* 谦虚地; 谦逊地

⑩ monologue /'mɒnələg/ *n.*

(AmE monolog) long speech by one person in a conversation that prevents other people from talking
滔滔不绝的长篇大论 【反义】 conversation

⑪ muscular /'mʌskjʊlə(r)/ *adj.*

having strong large muscles 肌肉结实的; 强壮的 【同义】 brawny

—He was somewhat shorter, stockier, and more muscular than his father. 他比他的父亲稍微矮些, 也稍微粗壮结实些。

⑫ oratory /'ɒrətəri/ *n.*

(art of) public speaking, especially when used skillfully to affect an audience 演讲(术); 雄辩(术)

【同义】 rhetoric

—He roused the troops with his oratory. 他以慷慨激昂的演说唤起了部队的激情。

⑬ patriotism /'pætrɪətɪzəm; 'peɪt - / *n.*

love of one's country and readiness to defend it 爱国主义; 爱国心

⑭ penal /'pi:nəl/ *adj.*

punishable by law 应受刑罚的; 处罚的

—a penal offence 刑事罪; penal law reforms 刑法改革

⑮ pious /'pi:əs/ *adj.*

having strong religious beliefs 虔诚地 【同义】 devout; religious

⑯ prewar /'pri:wɔ:(r)/ *adj.*

happening or existing before a war 战前的 【反义】 postwar

⑰ Prime Minister /'praɪm 'mɪnɪstə/

the chief minister and leader of the government in some countries 首相

⑱ proficient /prə'fɪʃənt/ *adj.*

able to do something well or skillfully 精通的; 熟练的 【同义】 competent 【反义】 inefficient

—She is proficient in English. 她精通英语。

⑳ prominent /'prɒmɪnənt/ *adj.*

well-known and important 著名的; 重要的 【同义】 significant 【反义】 unimportant; unknown

—She had access to some very prominent people. 她见到了某些非常知名的人士。

【派生】 prominently *adv.* 突出地; 显著地

㉑ remorselessly /rɪ'mɔ:slɪsli/ *adv.*

mercilessly; having no pity or compassion 无怜悯心地; 无情地; 严酷地 【同义】 ruthlessly

【反义】 remorsefully

—The Press still pursued their victim remorselessly. 各家报纸仍然毫不留情地对他们的抨击对象紧追不放。

㉒ repetition /,repi'tɪʃən/ *n.*

(noun of repeat) 重复; 重复的话 【同义】 recurrence

㉓ restively /'restɪvli/ *adv.*

in a way of impatient or nervous under restriction or delay 焦躁不安的 【同义】 restlessly; uneasily

㉔ Roman Catholics /'rəʊmən/ /'kæθəliks/

someone who belongs to the Catholic Church(罗马)天主教徒

⑩ rotten /'rɒtn/ *adj.*

badly decayed (as of fruit) 腐烂的; 腐朽的 【同义】 decomposed

—A dreadful odor of rotten vegetation came from the room. 屋子里发出草木腐烂的难闻气味。

⑪ rug /rʌg/ *n.*

a piece of thick cloth or wool that is smaller than a carpet and is put on the floor as decoration 小地毯

【同义】 mat

⑫ ruinous /'ru:lnəs/ *adj.*

causing great destruction; catastrophic; disastrous 毁灭性的; 灾难性的

—The heavy frost in late spring was ruinous to the crops. 暮春的浓霜对庄稼危害极大。

【派生】 ruinously *adv.* 毁灭性地; 灾难性地

⑬ solidarity /,sɒlɪ'dærtɪ/ *n.*

loyalty and general agreement between all the people in a group 团结一致

—Their spontaneous show of solidarity had saved us from a real massacre. 他们自发表现出的团结一致使我们免遭了一场大屠杀。

⑭ spectacles /'spektəklz/ *n.*

(*fml*) glasses 眼镜

⑮ stampede /stæm'pi:d/ *v.*

to suddenly start running together because they are frightened (said of animals) 惊逃; 乱窜

—The horses were frightened by the gunfire and stampeded. 马群受炮火惊吓而四下奔逃。

⑯ statuette /,stætju'et/ *n.*

a very small statue for putting on the table or shelf 小雕像

⑰ towel /'taʊəl/ *n.*

a piece of cloth that you use to dry your skin 毛巾

⑱ trifle /'traɪfl/ *n.*

(*old-fashioned*) something unimportant or not useful 小事; 琐事 【同义】 triviality

—They worry over trifles. 他们常为小事发愁。

【派生】 trifling *adj.* 不重要的; 微不足道的

⑲ unaccustomed /,ʌnə'kʌstəmd/ *adj.*

not used to; unfamiliar 不寻常的; 不习惯的; 不熟悉的 【同义】 unused 【反义】 familiar

—They were obviously unaccustomed to wearing suits and ties. 他们显然不习惯穿西服, 打领带。

⑳ undeserved /,ʌndrɪ'zɜ:vd/ *adj.*

unfair because you haven't done anything to deserve this 不该受的; 不应得的

—He thought all the rough treatment that I underwent appeared undeserved. 他认为我所受的一切虐待似乎都是不应受的。

㉑ utterly /'ʌtəli/ *adv.*

completely or totally 完全; 彻底; 绝对地 【同义】 absolutely; totally

—I am utterly convinced of your loyalty to your colleagues. 我完全相信你对自己的同事是忠诚的。

㉒ vanish /'væniʃ/ *v.*

to suddenly disappear 消失; 突然不见 【同义】 disappear

—The car had vanished from sight. 汽车消失不见了。