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编者的话

① 这套丛书最主要的特色是什么？

编者：这套书最大的特点是属于教学一线骨干教师的合力之作。由北京市海淀区教师进修学校教研员领衔、10余所中学骨干教师设计、编写，系统地体现了海淀区近年来初、高中阶段英语学习与复习的最新思路。北京市海淀区从上个世纪80年代以来，基础教育一直在国内久负盛名，原因之一就是海淀区教师进修学校的教研员们的带领下，以骨干教师为依托，系统地编写了自己的学习与复习资料，形成了独特、系统的“教”与“学”的模式，保证了多年来中、高考成绩始终处于领先地位。

② 怎样判断阅读理解（完形填空）练习的编写水平？

编者：在国内目前的中、高考英语中，阅读理解（完形填空）是考查阅读能力常用的题型，同时也是分值最高的题型之一。为了保证测试成绩，海淀区的老师们采取的方法是循序渐进、持之以恒地要求学生进行系统、有效的反复训练。好的阅读理解（完形填空）首先要在材料的选择上做到题材真实、语言地道、体裁多样、难度适宜；其次，在试题设计上应科学、合理、客观，符合当今的考试趋势。

③ 这套丛书选材有哪些特点？

编者：这套丛书的选材主要来自三个方面：第一，海淀区教师进修学校教研员组织海淀区教师们原创的模拟试题；第二，近3—4年全国重点省（区）和市的中考、高考真题；第三，一些难度适当的“研究生入学英语考试”“大学四、六级考试”等真题。这些材料选材新颖、内容翔实、题材丰富、难度适中、针对性强，既包括了国内外时事，又包括经典名篇、文化视角、逸闻趣事等。每天一篇，一周五篇，话题均衡、全面，难度编排精当，设题符合中、高考规律，融趣味性、知识性和系统性为一体，以期科学、有效地帮助学生提高应试能力。

④ 这套丛书适合哪个版本的教材？

编者：这套丛书在挑选素材和设置测试点的思路上新课标和新考纲为依据，注重语言运用能力和学习策略的巩固与拓展，辅以适量拔高训练，故可适用于人教版、外研版、北师大版、冀教版、湘教版以及牛津版等多版本初、高中教材。

⑤ 学生怎样才能保证文章的阅读量？

编者：要坚持每天做一定量的题目。这一点在这套丛书中体现得很突出。编者根据实际教学课时，对每周一至周五都作了恰当的内容安排，每天一篇，保证学生能够常用常新、充分练习，实现由量的积累到质的提高之目标。

Week One

Passage 1

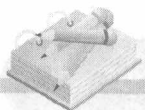
题材	体裁	字数	题数	阅读时间	正确率
科普类	说明文	171	5	分钟	

Can trees talk? Yes—but not in words. Scientists have reason to believe that trees do communicate with each other. Not long ago, researchers learned some surprising things. First, a willow tree attacked in the woods by caterpillars changed the chemistry of its leaves and made them taste so bad that the caterpillars got sick and stopped eating them. Then, even more astonishing, the tree sent out special vapors—an alarm signal stimulating its neighbors to change the chemistry of their own leaves and make them less tasty.



Communication, of course, doesn't need to be in words. We can talk to each other by a smile, frown (皱眉), a shrug of our shoulders, a gesture (姿势) with our shoulders or a gesture with our hands. We know that birds and animals use a whole vocabulary of songs, sounds, and movements. Bees dance their signals, flying in certain patterns that tell other bees where to find nectar (花蜜) for honey. So why shouldn't trees have ways of sending messages?

- It can be inferred from the passage that caterpillars do not feed on leaves that _____.
A. have an unpleasant taste B. are lying on the ground
C. have an unfamiliar shape D. are located near beehives
- The willow tree described in the passage protected itself by _____.
A. growing more branches B. changing its leaves' chemistry
C. communicating with birds and bees D. providing shelter for caterpillars
- According to the passage, the willow tree was able to communicate with other trees by _____.
A. waving its branches B. dropping its leaves
C. giving off a special vapor D. changing the color of its trunk
- The underlined word "ways" in the last sentence could best be replaced by _____.
A. methods B. reasons C. directions D. signals
- Which of the following statements best describes the organization of the passage?
A. A scientific term is invented and its definition is provided.
B. A phenomenon is described and some possible causes are suggested.
C. The views of two researchers are described and contrasted.
D. A specific case is given to illustrate a general principle.



Passage 2

题材	体裁	字数	题数	阅读时间	正确率
生活类	记叙文	301	5	分钟	

It was Monday. Mrs Smith's dog was hungry, but there was not any meat in the house.

Considering that there was no better way. Mrs Smith took a piece of paper, and wrote the following words on it, "Give my dog half a pound of meat." Then she gave the paper to her dog and said gently, "Take this to the butcher (person whose job is selling meat) and he's going to give you your lunch today."

Holding the piece of paper in its mouth, the dog ran to the butcher's. It gave the paper to the butcher. The butcher read it carefully, recognized that it was really the lady's handwriting and soon did it as he was asked to. The dog was very happy, and ate the meat up at once.

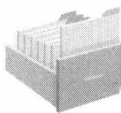
At noon, the dog came to the shop again. It gave the butcher a piece of paper again. After reading it he gave it half a pound of meat once more.

The next day, the dog came again exactly at noon. And as usual, it brought a piece of paper in the mouth. This time, the butcher did not take a look at paper, and gave the dog its meat, for he had regarded the dog as one of his customers (people who buy something from a shop).

But, the dog came again at four o'clock. And the same thing happened once again. To the butcher's more surprise, it came for the third time at six o'clock, and brought with it a third piece of paper. The butcher felt a bit puzzled. He said to himself, "This is a small dog. Why does Mrs Smith give it so much meat to eat today?" Looking at the piece of paper, he found that there were not any words on it!



- Mrs Smith treated her little dog quite _____.
A. cruelly B. fairly C. kindly D. friendly
- It seemed that the dog knew well that the paper Mrs Smith gave it _____.
A. might do it much harm B. could do it much good
C. would help the butcher D. was worth many pounds
- The butcher did not give any meat to the dog _____.
A. before he felt sure that the words were really written by Mrs Smith
B. when he found that the words on the paper were not clear
C. because he had sold out all the meat in his shop
D. until he was paid enough by Mrs Smith
- From its experience, the dog found that _____.
A. only the paper with Mrs Smith's words in it could bring it meat
B. the butcher would give the meat to it whenever he saw it
C. Mrs Smith would pay for the meat it got from the butcher
D. a piece of paper could bring it half a pound of meat
- What do you know at the end of the story?
A. The dog was clever enough to write on the paper.
B. The dog dared not go to the butcher's any more.
C. The butcher was told not to give any meat to the dog.
D. The butcher found himself cheated (act in a way that is not honest) by the clever animal.



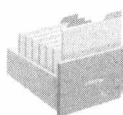
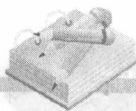
Passage 3

题材	体裁	字数	题数	阅读时间	正确率
科普类	说明文	236	4	分钟	

Flies (苍蝇) are disliked by everyone except in Australia. In their childhood, Australians are taught flies are clean and beautiful. Only foreign flies are dirty and troublesome. It is true that Australian flies are quite different from others. They are a little larger in size, with the body and the wings shining with golden light. Their flying produces no sound and most of them are found in the forests in the northern mountains, living on the juice of plants. As the forests are sunny all around the year, none of the flies produces their young in wet places. So the flies there are clean. Not only will Australians never try to kill flies, but also they will protect them as they protect other animals. A golden fly is drawn on the note of an Australian dollar, and the kangaroo is the only other animal that can be seen on Australian notes. Flies' "high position" can be known from that. Because the Australians have loved the flies for a long time, it is natural that they have been reproducing in great numbers. In the forests, visitors often see groups of flies flying overhead. There is a saying, "Keep your mouth shut while walking in the forests, or the flies will fly into it."

But flies have many natural enemies. In the forests, many birds and bigger insects feed on them, controlling them from increasing.

- The flies in Australia are clean because _____.
 A. they live in the forests instead of wet places
 B. they live in the northern mountains
 C. they feed on juice of plants
 D. they don't eat any food
- The Australians are so fond of flies that _____.
 A. they are kept in every home
 B. one of them is printed on Australian notes
 C. they are drawn on the national flag
 D. people prefer them to kangaroos
- What does the saying "Keep your mouth shut while walking in the forests, or the flies will fly into in." means?
 A. We must shut our mouths in the forests.
 B. We can often see flies flying overhead.
 C. We must escape walking in the forest.
 D. The number of flies in the forests is quite large.
- The last paragraph tells us the reason for _____.
 A. people's love for flies
 B. birds and insects in the forests
 C. flies' not-too-fast increase
 D. flies' fast increase



Passage 4

题材	体裁	字数	题数	阅读时间	正确率
教育类	说明文	285	5	分钟	

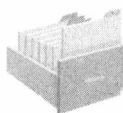
If parents bring up child with the aim of turning the child into a genius, they will cause great damage to him. According to several leading educational psychologists (心理学家), this is one of the biggest mistakes, which some parents make. Generally, the child will understand very well what the parent expects, and will fail. Unrealistic (不现实的) parental expectations can cause great damage to children.

However, if parents are not unrealistic about what they expect their children to do, but are hopeful in a sensible (理智的) way, the child may succeed in doing very well—especially if the parents are very supportive of their child.

Michael Li is very lucky. He is very fond of music, and his parents help him a lot by taking him to concerts and arranging private piano and violin lessons for him. They even drive him 50 kilometers twice a week for violin lessons. Although Michael's mother knows very little about music, Michael's father plays the trumpet (小号) in a large orchestra (管弦乐队). However, he never makes Michael enter music competitions if he is unwilling.

Michael's friend, Winston Chen, however, is not so lucky. Although both his parents are successful musicians, they set too high a standard for Winston. They want their son to be as successful as they are and so they enter him in every piano competition held. They are very unhappy when he does not win. "When I was your age, I used to win every competition I entered." Winston's father tells him. Winston is always afraid that he will disappoint his parents and now he always seems quiet and unhappy.

- The main idea of the passage is _____.
 - how parents should make a child a musician
 - how parents should bring up a child
 - what differences there are between two kinds of parents
 - what aim of a child can be much easier to reach
- Michael is lucky because _____.
 - his parents help him in a sensible way
 - his family is rich enough to have a car
 - his father is a musician in an orchestra
 - he is free to do anything that he likes best
- Winston's parents set so high a standard for him that _____.
 - he has to do his best to do everything
 - he has made greater progress in music
 - he is afraid he may disappoint them
 - he often wants to kill himself some day
- It is one of parents' worst mistakes if _____.
 - they want their child to be a musician
 - they help their child to win music competitions
 - they don't care for their child's education much
 - they make their child try to achieve too much
- According to the author's opinion, _____.
 - it is unimportant to let the children develop in the way they want
 - parents should be supportive of their children
 - all sensible parents can train their children to succeed in everything
 - unrealistic parents should arrange private lessons for their children



Passage 5

题材	体裁	字数	题数	阅读时间	正确率
风土人情类	说明文	155	4	分钟	

阅读下面的短文，根据其内容，完成表格。

Do you want to visit the beautiful island—Taiwan? Taiwan is in the southeast of China and to the east of Fujian Province. There are many islands in China, but Taiwan is the largest of all. It has an area of about 36,000 square kilometers and it has population of over 32,000,000. Taiwan is rich in natural resources and it also has abundant tourism resources, such as the Ali Mountain. It is famous for its bananas, rice, tea and so on all over the world. It's so beautiful and the weather is so nice that it attracts a lot of travelers from across the world. Taiwan has been part of China since ancient times. Most people of the island are from Fujian and Guangdong. The people on both sides of the straits (海峡) have a strong wish to unite our motherland. We believe that our dream will come true in the near future.

We know the 1. _____ of Taiwan is 32,000,000.

If you go to Taiwan, you can buy lots of things because it has natural 2. _____.

Most people in Taiwan come from Fujian and Guangdong, so we should say it belongs to the part of China since 3. _____ times.

We can learn from the text that 4. _____.



An Old Couple's Quarrel

A couple of codgers got into a quarrel and came before the local magistrate. The loser, turning to his opponent in a combative frame of mind, cried: "I'll law you to the Circuit Court."

"I'm willing," said the other.

"I'll law you to the Supreme Court."

"I'll be there."

"And I'll law the hell!"

"My attorney will be there," was the calm reply.

一对性情乖僻的老夫妻发生了争吵，一直闹到地方法官那里。败诉的一方以一种临战的姿态冲着对方嚷道：“我要到巡回法庭去告你。”

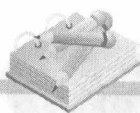
“愿意奉陪。”另一个说。

“我要到最高法院去告你。”

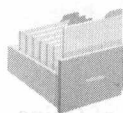
“我也奉陪。”

“我还要到地狱去告你。”

“我的代理人会奉陪的。”对方平静地说。



Week Two



Passage 6

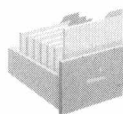
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社会类	说明文	231	4	分钟	

Musicals come in many forms and varieties. The longest running play to date is *Cats*, a story about, well, cats. It contains no spoken words. Andrew Lloyd Webber composed the music, and he based the lyrics to his songs upon T. S. Eliot's book of poetry, *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*. It is amazing that such a simple play, containing virtually no plot whatsoever, could attract worldwide attention for so long. Many watching the play for the first time are surprised when they hear its hit song, "Memory", since it is one that they already know the words to.

It is said that curiosity killed the cat. However, in case of Webber's stage hit, curiosity seems to have been the backbone (支柱) of the play's success. During the two decades that cats ran on the London stage, where it originated, it was curiosity that lured (吸引) people in. Everyone wanted to see how it was that singing cats could mesmerize (迷住) an audience. Then they, in turn, told their friends about it, and on and on it went for exactly 21 years.

Its final curtain in London took place on May 11, 2002. However, the play is now touring internationally. It is probably a good idea to see *Cats* just to find out what all the fuss (忙乱) is about.

- What is the most unusual fact about the play *Cats*?
 - The actors are at least 21 years of age.
 - People in the audience will come to love cats.
 - Among all kinds of musicals, *Cats* is the longest-running play.
 - Webber wrote the lyrics and the music.
- The underlined words "final curtain" in the above passage means _____.
 - the last time the play ran locally
 - the back part of the stage
 - the last day the stage was to be built
 - the final day the curtain worked
- What makes the play *Cats* a success according to the passage?
 - The lyrics.
 - People's curiosity.
 - T. S. Eliot's poetry.
 - The song "Memory".
- We can infer from the passage that _____.
 - the lyrics of the play were written by Andrew Lloyd Webber
 - the play contains a simple plot
 - a lot of real cats can be seen on the stage when the play is run
 - people in China probably have the chance to see the play in the theatre



Passage 7

题材	体裁	字数	题数	阅读时间	正确率
社会类	说明文	343	4	分钟	

What's on

Oscar Film Themes Symphony Concert

Film highlights accompanied by live performances of movie theme (主题) music by the China Opera and Dance Drama Theatre Symphony Orchestra, which has recorded the music for many films. Familiar tunes will come from such flicks as *Titanic*, *Jurassic Park* and *Waterloo Bridge*.

Where: Nationality Cultural Palace Theatre

When: March 8, 7:30 p.m.

Admission: 80-380 yuan Tel: 6528 7674 ext 508

Fantastic View All the Way

The mountains in this area are not very high, but the vistas are excellent. This walk is gentle and very interesting, going through valleys, over passes, along a ridge and through a few little tranquil villages that are located in amazing places. Many sites along the walk offer panoramic view of the surrounding mountains.

Where: Pinggu, northeast of Beijing When: March 9, meet 8:30 a.m. outside Starbucks at Lido Hotel, or 9 a.m. at Capital Paradise front gate, return 5 p.m. Admission: adults 150 yuan, children 100 yuan Tel: 13701003694 Email: fjhikers @ yahoo.co.uk

spring Greetings

Paintings in bold colors in a traditional Chinese style by young artist Tian Xifeng are displayed to welcome the spring. Tian is a student of famous bird-and-flower painting artist Wang Qing. He has won several prizes at various national painting exhibitions and developed a style emphasizing vivid close-ups of natural scenes.

Where: Melodic Gallery, 14 Jianwai Dajie, opposite Friendship Store

When: till March 31, 9 a.m. - 5p.m.

Admission: free

Tel: 65188123

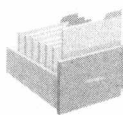
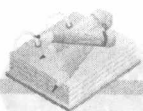
Cala, My Dog

Directed by Lu Xuechang, starring Ge You. The story is about a middle-aged working man, known as Lao Er, whose chief source of stability and comfort in life is his dog, Cala. One day, when his wife is out walking Cala, a policeman confiscates the unregistered canine. As Lao Er endeavors to recover his dog, the difficult circumstances of his life are revealed. Chinese with English subtitle (字幕).

Where: Dongchuang Theatre, 3 Xinzhongjie, Dongzhimenwai

When: March 13 and 20, 8:30 p.m. Admission: 20 yuan Tel: 64169253

- If you are a music lover you can go to _____ on Women's Day.
 - Capital Paradise
 - Dongchuang Theatre
 - Capital Gymnasium
 - Nationality Cultural Palace Theatre
- The exhibition held in Melodic Gallery _____.
 - is open to the public from 7:30 a.m. - 5p.m. till April 1st
 - presents the works by Tian Xifeng and his teacher
 - is to display some bird-and-flower paintings
 - costs the art lovers much money to visit
- Which of the following statements is NOT true?
 - Both adults and children can take part in the walk in Pinggu.
 - Even you don't know English you can enjoy Cala, My Dog.
 - You'll have to dial 65188123 to book a ticket for the film.
 - You'll have a choice of two meeting places on March 9th.
- All the advertisements in this passage are about _____.
 - music
 - movies
 - exhibitions
 - entertainments



Passage 8

题材	体裁	字数	题数	阅读时间	正确率
社会类	说明文	240	5	分钟	

Most people like to make a good impression on other people. This is true when they look for a job, when they go to a meeting, or when they go out with their friends. Dressing well is one of the ways of making a good impression.

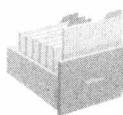
Different countries have different ideas of dressing well. In the United States, people think that dressing well means dressing simply and suitably. For example, ball dresses are not suitable for school or for work. They do not wear light clothes in the winter, or heavy clothes in the summer, nor would it be comfortable.

Dressing with too many colors or ornaments (装饰品) is not a good taste. Too much of anything is extreme (极端的). Simple clothes are easy to find and they can be bought cheaply, too. They are always in style... always in good taste.



Simple suitable clothes are worth having for children, too. A little girl does not feel comfortable when she is wearing a party dress and all the other girls in school are wearing plain sweaters and skirts. A little boy is not happy when he is the only one in his class without a tie. Feeling "different" is never comfortable for a child. There is an old saying which reads, "Do in Rome as the Romans do." When you live in the United States, you will be happy if you learn to dress simply and suitably.

- A little girl will feel uncomfortable if she is wearing _____ in school.
A. simple clothes B. a party dress C. a sweater D. a skirt
- Dressing in good taste means _____.
A. you have the ability to judge what is good to wear
B. the clothes you have chosen to wear must be easy to buy
C. you have to be dressed with many colors
D. you have to be dressed as cheaply as possible
- Most people like to make a good impression on others by _____.
A. going to a meeting B. wearing simple clothes
C. going out with their friends D. dressing themselves well
- Here the saying "Do in Rome as the Romans do" means _____.
A. you have to dress yourself like the Romans
B. the Americans learn to dress as the Romans do
C. Rome is the city where people wear very well
D. Dressing simply and suitably like people around you
- The main idea of this passage is that _____.
A. in the United States people all dress very simply
B. expensive clothes are worn only in great occasions
C. dressing well means dressing simply and suitably
D. feeling "different" is very uncomfortable



Passage 9

题材	体裁	字数	题数	阅读时间	正确率
社会类	说明文	279	5	分钟	

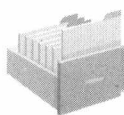
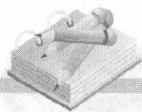
Without proper planning, tourism (旅游业) can cause problems. For example, too many tourists can crowd public places that are also enjoyed by the inhabitants (居民) of a country. If tourists create too much traffic, the inhabitants become annoyed (使烦恼) and unhappy. They begin to dislike tourists and to treat them impolitely. They forget how much tourism can help the country's economy (经济). It is important to think about the people of a destination (目的地) country and beauty that attract (吸引) tourists. Tourism should also advance the well-being (health and happiness) of local inhabitants.

Too much tourism can be a problem. If tourism grows too quickly, people must leave other jobs to work in the tourism industry. This means that other parts of the country's economy can suffer.

On the other hand, if there is not enough tourism, people can lose jobs. Business can also lose money. It costs a great deal of money to build large hotels, airports, air terminals, first-class roads, and other support facilities (设施) needed by tourist attractions. For example, a major international-class tourism hotel can cost as much as 50 thousand dollars per room to build. If this room is not used most of the time, the owners of the hotel lose money.

Building a hotel is just a beginning. There must be many support facilities as well, including roads to get to the hotel, electricity, sewers (阴沟) to handle waste, and water. All of these support facilities cost money. If they are not used because there are not enough tourists, jobs and money are lost.

- Which of the following has most probably been discussed in the paragraph that goes before the passage?
 - It is extremely important to develop tourism.
 - Building roads and hotels is necessary.
 - Support facilities are highly necessary.
 - Planning is of great importance to tourism.
- Too much tourism can cause all these problems EXCEPT _____.
 - a bad impact (冲击) on other industries
 - a change of tourists' customs
 - over crowdedness of places of interest
 - pressure (压力) on traffic
- Not enough tourism can lead to _____.
 - an increase of unemployment (失业)
 - a decrease (减少) in tourist attractions
 - the higher cost of support facilities
 - a rise in price and a fall in pay
- It is good for local people to be well aware (意识到) that tourism will _____.
 - use up a large amount of water
 - weaken their economy
 - help establish (建立) their traditions
 - help improve their life
- The underlined word "handle" in the last paragraph most probably means _____.
 - carry away
 - pick up
 - get in
 - take down



Passage 10

题材	体裁	字数	题数	阅读时间	正确率
社会类	说明文	179	4	分钟	

On television all over the world, there are programmes about the work of the police. They are popular because they are usually very exciting. In London, there is a television programme called "Police Five"—because it is on for five minutes once a week. A television reporter, Shaw Taylor, talks about crimes (罪行) in the London area. He asks for public help. The police station needs the help of ordinary people because sometimes you or I have information that can be useful to the police.

Shaw Taylor shows pictures of paintings, jewelry and other things which thieves stole during the week. Sometimes he shows the car that the thieves escaped in. When people see men or things on the television program which they may remember, they can tell the police where they saw them. With their help, the police may catch more criminals.

Sometimes the police find a car or some money. Shaw Taylor shows them on television. The owners sometimes see them. Then they can telephone the police and say, "Thank you very much—that's mine!"

根据短文内容, 回答下列问题。

1. Why is the television program called "Police Five"?

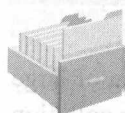
2. What do we know about Shaw Taylor from the passage?

3. Why did the police station ask for public help?

4. Does the program help a lot? If so, what's the help?



Week Three



Passage 11

题材	体裁	字数	题数	阅读时间	正确率
教育类	记叙文	254	3	分钟	

What I truly learned in school?

School had been very easy for me in the beginning. It had been the usual routine—show up to school; complete assignments; take tests; get grades. And that was usually straight A's. I was programmed to do this year after year without giving much thought about how school should affect me. It seemed that school was another thing to do. It was easy.

Suddenly high school began. Sure, I was a top student for eight years, why would it be any harder? It was; I had signed up for honors classes. Quickly, I wasn't the top students any more. Just to keep up with others. I had to go over four hours of studying each day on top of the eight hours of school.

I became very sad and angry about my situation. It was not fair, and it worried me that my first eight years of school didn't prepare me at all. However, after much thought, I finally realized that there are students out there who can handle seven honors courses, and I wasn't one of them. This would not decrease my value as a human being. So I dropped some honors courses that would be best for me.

It took strength to see things differently. The high school experience showed me that I was getting "big-headed". It gave me great pleasure to stop complaining and move forward in my life. I realized that I wasn't so perfect, and thank goodness.

- The writer was a top student
 - because he complete his homework in time
 - as he was clever
 - when he was in primary school
 - for school was another thing for him to do
- When he was at high school
 - he was a top student for another ten years
 - he couldn't catch up with others
 - he studied for four hours every day
 - he studied 12 hours each day
- At last he realized that
 - he had to sign up for honors courses
 - he wasn't prepared to go to high school
 - it was good for him to drop some honors courses
 - he was not as valuable as other students