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前 言

当前在高、初中英语考试中，阅读部分所占比例越来越大，这就要求学生要有相当的英语阅读理解能力。本书就是根据这种要求，而为初中三年级及高中各年级编写的英语泛读材料。本书材料选自美国最新出版的书籍，语言地道，精炼，内容由浅入深，范围广泛。有故事、名人轶事、科技小品等，每篇短文生词较少，生词加以注释。内容难度与现行中学教学要求相符，阅后能让学生扩大词汇量，巩固所学的语法知识。

本书是作者根据多年的教学经验，特别是针对学生参加高考的实际情况编写的。测试练习题注意了针对性和实用性，在试用过程中受到学生的欢迎。本书除可供广大在校中学生作为泛读材料外，也可供英语自学者学习之用。

由于作者水平有限，错误疏漏在所难免，欢迎读者在使用过程中提出宝贵意见。

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Part One

SHORT STORIES

1 Two Friends

Jim and Scott were out in the woods 1 a walk together. Suddenly, Jim stopped and picked up 2 . He turned to his friend and said, "Look 3 I just found. It's a wallet and it has a lot of money 4 it."

"What do you mean you found it?" asked Scott. "5 we're friends, you should say we found it," he said. Just then the two boys 6 a lot of noise behind them. A large group of people 7 the nearby town were out searching for the thief 8 stole the wallet.

Jim whispered, "What are we going to do? They will think we stole the wallet."

Scott replied, "You found it by yourself, so you can work it 9 by yourself. There is no 10 in this situation."

Fill in the blanks with proper words given below:

- () 1. A. taking B. to take
 C. took D. taken
- () 2. A. anything B. everything

- C. nothing D. something
- () 3. A. that B. what
C. which D. at
- () 4. A. into B. on C. in D. what
- () 5. A. Since B. Though
C. So D. If
- () 6. A. listened B. listened to
C. heard D. heard from
- () 7. A. from B. coming
C. in D. to come
- () 8. A. who B. whom
C. whose D. which
- () 9. A. hard B. out
C. at D. outside
- () 10. A. us B. our
C. ourselves D. we

2 Icebox Cars

1 the old days, fresh food had to 2 eaten in the city no more than one or two days after it left the farm. If 3 longer, it would become bad. Food could not be moved very far, so people in one part of the country could not enjoy food grown in 4 parts.

A New York man had an idea. He filled a wooden railway car 5 eight tons of butter. The car was hooked to goods train and pulled from New York to Boston, Massachusetts.

How could this be? The butter was put in ice, and twice during the trip, 6 ice was added. This was 7 first "refrigerator" car.

Now there are mechanical refrigerator cars. But most refrigerator cars still use ice. Many refrigerator cars have fans 8 keep the cool air 9 through the car. This way, all the food stays 10 the same temperature.

New words: butter [ˈbʌtə] n. 黄油 hook [hʊk]
n. 钩, v. 用钩钩住 refrigerator [ˌrɪˈfrɪdʒəreɪtə]
n. 冰箱, 冷冻库

Fill in the blanks above with proper words.

- () 1. A. Since B. From
 C. Because D. In
- () 2. A. be B. have
 C. have been D. will be
- () 3. A. keeping B. to keep
 C. kept D. want to keep
- () 4. A. others B. another
 C. other D. the other
- () 5. A. in B. to C. into D. with
- () 6. A. much B. more
 C. little D. less
- () 7. A. a B. the C. one D. that
- () 8. A. that B. those
 C. they D. when
- () 9. A. to move B. moved
 C. moving D. was moving
- () 10. A. in B. at C. with D. on

3 Please, Please Drop It !

A clerk who had to work overtime every day lived in a boarding-house in the centre of London. He always used to get back to his room very late at night and sometimes in the early hours of the morning. He was so tired when he got back that he would sit down on the edge of the bed, take off his shoes, throw them on the floor and say, "Thank goodness! Another day is over." He would then get into bed and fall fast asleep.

But the lodger who had the room under the clerk's was woken up each night, or early in the morning, by the two thuds that the two shoes made as they landed on the ceiling. Finally, he could stand no longer and complained to the clerk.

Naturally the clerk was very upset and promised that in future after taking off his shoes, he would put them down as quietly as possible on the floor.

The next day, he got back from his office at about one o'clock in the morning, went up to his room, sat down on the edge of the bed, took off one shoe and threw it on the floor. He was about

to do the same with the other shoe when he suddenly remembered the promise he had made the day before. So with great care he put the second shoe silently on the floor. Then he got into bed and fell fast asleep. An hour later, he was woken up by a violent knocking on his door. It was the lodger who lived in the room just under his.

"please, please, please," the lodger pleaded. "Drop the other shoe I've been waiting for a whole hour for you to drop it. As soon as you do so, I can go to sleep."

New words, clerk [kɫɑ:k, klɑ:k] n. 职员、办事员、店员
boarding-house 公寓 lodger ['lɒdʒə] n. 房客
thud [θʌd] n. 砰砰声 complain [kəm'pleɪn] vi.
抱怨, 诉苦

I. Multiple Choice.

- () 1. The clerk ____ work overtime every day.
A. have to B. was forced to
C. was obliged to D. had to
- () 2. He ____ back to his room.
A. always used to get
B. was always used to getting
C. would never get D. didn't use to get
- () 3. The lodger had a room ____ the clerk's.
A. above B. under C. next to D. behind
- () 4. When the clerk heard the lodger's complaints, he promised ____.

- A. he would never get back late in the future
 - B. he would put his shoes down as quietly as possible
 - C. he would put down only one shoe quietly
 - D. he wouldn't put the other shoe until the lodger came to knock at his door
- () 5. The lodger wanted the clerk to drop the other shoe ____.
- A. because he liked hearing the thud
 - B. he had become used to hearing the two thuds
 - C. both A and B
 - D. none of the above

I. *True or False:*

- () 1. When he got back, the clerk was so tired that he would lie down on the bed at once.
- () 2. The clerk had a room under the lodger's bed.
- () 3. The lodger couldn't bear the thuds any longer and complained to the clerk.
- () 4. The next night, the clerk put his first shoe quietly.
- () 5. The lodger told the clerk that he had been waiting for a whole night for him to drop his other shoe.

4 Looking for Work

Joan saw the Help Wanted sign in the hardware street window. She had been looking for a part-time job 1 quite a while. She could not remember how many times she had heard, "We just hired someone. You are 2 young."

Joan took a deep breath, and walked 3 the small store. There was one salesperson helping a customer, so Joan pretended to look 4 some hammers. In a short time the salesperson asked her 5 she needed some help. Joan wasn't sure she 6 stand to be turned down one more time but she took a deep breath and said, "I want to apply for the job." She waited for those words saying 7 she was too late or too young or not the right person, but 8 came. Instead the salesperson, who was the owner of the store, took her 9 an office. Joan kept fingers crossed. This was the closest she had gotten to being considered for a job. After 10 to the owner, Joan was asked to wait out in the store. She felt good. The owner had said that the work was

for only a few hours a week and the pay would be low 11 first. Still at this point, all Joan wanted to hear was 12 she had a job.

New words: hardware ['hɑ:dweə] n. 五金器具

customer ['kʌstəmə] n. 顾客 finger ['fɪŋgə] n.
手指

Choose the proper words to fill in the blanks above.

- () 1. A. since B. for C. at D. about
- () 2. A. too B. so C. quite D. rather
- () 3. A. to B. in C. into D. onto
- () 4. A. for B. upon C. up D. at
- () 5. A. if B. that C. unless D. though
- () 6. A. might B. must C. was to D. could
- () 7. A. which B. that C. whether
D. because
- () 8. A. anyone B. someone C. none
D. a man
- () 9. A. from B. in C. into D. through
- () 10. A. crying B. whispering C. telling
D. talking
- () 11. A. in B. at C. from D. as
- () 12. A. why B. when C. that D. how

5 Seventeen Horses

Once upon a time there was an old man who had three sons. 1 them together, he said, "Sons, my end is coming near. I will leave you seventeen horses. To my oldest son, I gave half my horses, to my second, one-third, and to my youngest, one-ninth." Soon afterward the old man 2

Now, the three brothers did not know at all how to divide the seventeen horses 3 their father had said. They thought a long time about the problem, and it seemed that they had to kill some of the horses and cut them into halves. But they could not do so. At last they went to a wise man, their father's friend, and asked his 4. As soon as the wise man heard their story he said: "I am glad to help. I have only one horse, but 5 and you will 6 your problem with it."

Happily the three sons 7 the man's horse and went back home. It was easy to divide the horses as their father had wished. The wise man's horse was put together with theirs 8 eighteen. The oldest got half—that was nine horses; the