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编者的话

“书山有路勤为径，学海无涯巧做舟”。学生渴盼的是变苦学为巧学、变苦读为巧读的学习方法，需要的是高标准、高质量、广思路、大视野、新角度、新构思的学习指南，使自己真正成为学习方法得当、思维方法灵巧、应试技能过硬的有慧心、有灵气、能创新的全新人才。为减轻学生课业负担，根据教育部的最新《英语教学大纲》，配合最新统编教材，我们特意精心编写了《阅读理解精品廊》系列丛书。

丛书宗旨

一切为教学服务，一切为学生服务，培养科学思维方法，挖掘自身潜能，全新能力开发。这套丛书是名师“躬身探索、俯首耕耘”的心血结晶。系统、明确、取舍合宜是编写本书的原则；科学性、实用性、导向性是本书的特点；教学相长、点石成金是本书的归宿。编者真诚地希望本书能使你达到“四通八达”：

四通：基础知识的贯通、课本内容的疏通，易混易错点的沟通、考试说明的精通。八达：常路的突破、正路的强化、套路的模仿、陌路的预探、叉路的择定、歧路的剖析、窄路的拓宽、多路的沟通。

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1. 理清知识构架，传授阅读技巧，跨入智慧之门，获取知识精华，帮你茅塞顿开。
2. 点睛短文梗概，拓宽阅读视野，增强审美观念，陶冶审美情趣，达到举一反三。

3. 精心巧妙布局，开辟妙思点拨，让你心悦诚服，培养阅读能力。

编者们的努力使本书标准高、思路广、视野阔、角度新，真正教会你活读书、读活书、读书活，希冀你最终成为善言辞、明思辨、能创新、有个性的高素质人才。

丛书栏目

本书布局精巧、科学，设有【最佳答案】、【妙思点拨】两大精彩栏目，把教学的整体思路系统地贯穿其中，各具特色。

【最佳答案】题题解答，开启心智，明目聪耳，知己知彼，成竹在胸。

【妙思点拨】精析命题焦点，衡量自身理解能力，综合提高应试技能。

爱心铸师魂，创新出精品。编者们的集思广益，精益求精。在编写过程中，虽然章章推敲、节节细审、点点把关，但由于时间仓促，书中也难免有疏忽和纰漏之处，殷切地企盼广大师生提出宝贵意见，最终能使该丛书在蓊郁的书林中呈现出一道绿阴婆娑的怡人风景。

“春种一粒粟，秋收万颗籽”。愿 21 世纪的第二个春天播下的这把种子，在金秋季节能收获丰硕的成果。

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Unit 1

Passage 1

Tom was seven years old. He went to a school near his house. He could go there and come home by bus or by school-bus every day, but he always went to school and came home on foot. He usually got back on time, but last Friday he came home late from school. When he ran into the house, his mother was in the sitting-room. When she saw him, she said, "Why are you late today, Tom?"

"My teacher was angry and sent me to the headmaster after-school," Tom answered.

"To the headmaster?" his mother said in surprise. "Why did she send you to him?"

"Because she asked a question in class," Tom said, "and none of the children gave her the answer except me."

His mother was angry. "But why did the teacher send you to the headmaster then? Why didn't she send all the other children?" she asked Tom.

"Because her question was who put glue (胶水) on my chair."

() 1 Tom went to school _____.

A. by bike

B. on foot

C. by school-bus

D. by bus

() 2 Tom's school was _____.

A. on the other side of the street

B. in front of his house

- C. not far from his house
D. far from his house
- () 3 Last Friday Tom came home late because _____.
A. he played at school
B. the teacher sent him to the headmaster
C. he didn't finish his homework
D. he didn't come home by bus
- () 4 The teacher sent Tom to the headmaster because _____.
A. he could answer the question correctly (正确地)
B. the headmaster asked the teacher to do it
C. he put some glue on the teacher's chair
D. he went to school very late
- () 5 Who do you think Tom's mother would be angry with at the end of the story?
A. Tom's classmates. B. Tom.
C. The headmaster. D. Tom's teacher.

Passage 2

John lives in a small town. He has a shop in which he sells books. He's busy all the time and his wife does all housework.

One day, Mike, his little son, caught a cold. His wife sent him to the hospital. The doctor looked over the boy and told him to be in hospital. His wife had to look after him there. He was worried about his son, but had no time to go to see him. That night he went to bed very late but couldn't soon fall asleep. About an hour later, as soon as he went to sleep, the telephone rang. He got up at once and held receiver (听筒) up and said, "Hello, who's that?" "Can't

you hear who's speaking here, John?" a woman laughed and said.

"Oh, Mum," said John. "What has happened to you?" "Nothing, dear," said the woman. "It's your birthday today." "Have you given me a call in the middle of night only to tell me about it?" John asked in surprise.

"Yes, my dear," said the old woman. "You got me up thirty years ago and I want to get you up at this time today!"

- () 1 John is a _____.
- A. worker B. farmer C. shopkeeper D. book-seller
- () 2 John's wife sent the boy to the hospital because _____.
- A. he didn't know where it was
B. he didn't like his son
C. he was very busy
D. his shop was far from there
- () 3 That night John couldn't fall asleep because _____.
- A. he was worried about his son
B. he wasn't tired at all
C. his business troubled him
D. it was very noisy in the house
- () 4 John hurried to answer the telephone because _____.
- A. he thought something had happened in his shop
B. he thought his son was feeling worse
C. he was afraid the bell woke others up
D. he wanted to go to bed again as soon as possible
- () 5 The old woman wanted to tell John _____.
- A. how he was born thirty years ago
B. what time he made her get up thirty years ago
C. she hoped him to see her soon

D. he had to go to the hospital to see his son

Passage 3

January 12

It began to snow last night. I can't see the village below or the mountain top above. I hope we have enough food. The dog—Jigs and Rels—are with me, and they eat more than I do.

January 16

Still snowing. The dogs have had nothing to eat since yesterday morning. An hour ago they wanted to go out. They know that things aren't right here. I put them out through a window because I can't open the door. The snow is two metres deep outside.

January 17

Jigs and Rels didn't come back last night. "Dead," I thought. They're only five months old. The weather kills. But at mid-morning I heard them calling me. I looked out and could not believe—they were dragging a rabbit through the snow. They dropped him through the window into my hands. Rabbit for dinner.

January 18

Still snowing, and the wind is strong. Jigs and Rels have been out again. What do you think they brought back? Two green pigeons (鸽子)! I finished my own food on the 16th—so how glad I am!

January 20

Better weather today, but the sky is still dark. Three metres of snow outside. Rels killed another rabbit, near the house. I watched how he did it. Then he and Jigs brought it proudly home.

January 25

We've eaten four rabbits, eight pigeons and five other birds. The dogs have grown up in a week. They're big dogs now, and they've saved my life perhaps. It's very cold, but the sun is shining. Tomorrow I'll try to get down to the village.

根据短文内容，正确 (T)，错误 (F)。

- () 1 The writer couldn't see the village below only because his house is higher than the village.
- () 2 The dogs ate nothing at home from the 12th to the 16th.
- () 3 Jigs and Rels didn't come back on January 16th, so the writer thought they had lost their way.
- () 4 "The dogs know that things aren't right there." The sentence shows that the dogs knew their master (主人) had no food to feed them.
- () 5 The dogs have saved the writer's life by bringing some food.

Passage 4

Kate was born in a small village. Her parents sent her to school though they were poor. One day it rained hard, her father went to work in a farm on top of a hill. He fell down and broke his leg. They spent plenty of money in curing (治愈) him and the girl stopped to help her parents to do some housework. Now she learned cooking, washing and tidying rooms. And her mother found work for her in the town. There she works for Mr Baker. She can do all housework for him and does her best to save everything. Mr Baker was satisfied with (对……满意) her and paid her more. One day Mr Baker wanted to post an important letter but he was busy writing a

novel (小说). He called Kate in and said, "Here are a letter and twenty cents (美分). Go to the post office and post it. But remember: Before you put the letter into the postbox, you must buy a stamp and stick on the envelope (信封)." "OK, sir," the girl said and went away. About half an hour later the girl came back. She went into Mr Baker's workroom and returned the twenty cents to him.

"Haven't you posted the letter yet?" the man asked in surprise. "Yes, I have, sir." "Why didn't you buy a stamp, then?" "Don't look on me as (把……看做) a fool, sir," the girl said angrily. "When I got to the post office, I had a look around and found there was nobody near the post office. So I put the letter into it quickly and I've saved the money for you!"

() 1 Kate stopped studying because _____.

- A. she was weak in her lessons
- B. she liked to stay with her parents
- C. the teachers weren't friendly to her
- D. her family became even poorer

() 2 Mr Baker is a _____.

- A. writer
- B. teacher
- C. doctor
- D. bookseller

() 3 As _____, Kate began to work for Mr Baker.

- A. she wouldn't live in the village
- B. she wanted to get some money for her family
- C. she was good at doing all the housework
- D. she was old enough to look after herself

() 4 Mr Baker pays Kate more because _____.

- A. he's very rich
- B. he's kind-hearted
- C. he's very satisfied with her

- D. her family is in great need of money
- () 5 Mr Baker told Kate how to post a letter because _____.
- A. he looked on her as a fool
B. he was afraid she could lose it
C. she had never done it before
D. she came from a small village
- () 6 The word "stick" in the story means _____.
- A. 贴 B. 刺 C. 安上 D. 插入
- () 7 As she saved twenty cents for Mr Baker, Kate thought herself _____.
- A. able B. foolish C. clever D. useful

Passage 5

Mr Turner lived in a small village. His parents hadn't enough money to send him to school. He had to help them to do something in the fields. But he didn't like to live in the poor place. When he was sixteen, he got to the town and found work in a factory. Three years later he became tall and strong. So he was sent to Africa (非洲) as a soldier. He stayed there for five years and got some money. Then he came back to England and bought a shop in a small town. No people in the town went to Africa except him. And he hoped they thought he was a famous man and they could respect (尊敬) him. The children often asked him to tell them some stories and his life in Africa.

One day a few children asked him to tell them something about the animals in Africa. He told them how he fought with the tigers and elephants. His stories surprised them all and some policemen and

workers went to listen to him. It made him happier. Just a man who taught geography (地理) in a middle school passed there. He stopped to listen to him for a while and then asked, "Could you please tell us a rare (珍奇的) animal, sir?"

"Certainly," said Mr Turner. "One day I met a rhinoceros (犀牛) by a river..."

"Please wait a minute, sir," said the man. "There aren't any rhinoceroses in Africa at all!"

"It's rare just because there aren't any there!"

- () 1 Mr Turner was born in a _____ family.
A. worker's B. farmer's C. soldier's D. teacher's
- () 2 When Mr Turner was _____, he returned to his country.
A. sixteen B. nineteen
C. twenty-one D. twenty-four
- () 3 Mr Turner hoped to be respected because _____.
A. only he had been to Africa in the small town
B. he was the richest man in their town
C. he knew much about birds and animals in Africa
D. he was the only shopkeeper in the town
- () 4 The children often asked him to tell them something interesting because _____.
A. he had been a soldier by then
B. he knew more than any other person in the town
C. he was friendly to them all
D. they hoped to be in Africa, too
- () 5 All people believed (相信) Mr Turner except _____.
A. the policemen B. the workers

C. the children

D. the geography teacher

() 6 Which of the following is true?

A. Mr Turner saw a rhinoceros in Africa.

B. A rhinoceros can often be seen in Africa.

C. Mr Turner wouldn't acknowledge (承认) he was wrong.

D. The geography teacher had been to Africa, too.

Key to Unit 1

Passage 1

◆最佳答案 1—5 B C B C B

◆妙思点拨 1. 从文章第一段第三句可知, 选 B 正确。 2.

本题属辨认事实题。根据短文第一段第二句: “He went to a school near his house.” 可知选 C。 3. 本题也属辨认事实题。从短文第一段最后一句可以看出, 第二段 Tom 回答的原因就是本题的答案。故选 B。

4. 短文最后一句是老师问学生的问题, 而这个问题 Tom 做了回答。然后老师把他带到校长办公室, 显然这件事是他干的。故选 C。

5. 开始时, Tom 的母亲听了 Tom 的话, 对老师生气, 可她最后听了 Tom 的话, 一定对 Tom 生气。故选 B。

Passage 2

◆最佳答案 1—5 D C A B B

◆妙思点拨 1. 这是一个逻辑推理题, 从第一段第二句话就可以判断出来, John 不会是 “worker”、“farmer” 或 “shopkeeper”,

一定是 “book-seller”, 故选 D。 2. 从第一段第三句 “He's busy

all the time and his wife does all housework.”可以看出，只能选 C。

3. 从短文第二段看，John 不能入睡的原因是他担心他的儿子，而又没有时间到医院去看他儿子，因此不能入睡。B、C、D 三项明显不正确，故最佳答案应选 A。4. 这是一个综合归纳题。从全文可以看出，A、C、D 都不符合短文意思，故选 B 最佳。5. 从短文最后一句话可以看出 John 的妈妈打电话是想告诉 John，三十年以前她儿子是什么时候让她醒的，故选 B。

Passage 3

◆最佳答案 1—5 F F F T T

◆妙思点拨 1. 根据 January 12 的日记，是天下雪了作者才看不见村庄。故此题不正确。2. 根据 1 月 12 日和 16 日的日记，狗在 1 月 12 日比作者吃得还多，故此种说法不正确。3. 短文中说狗没回来可能是死了，而此题却说作者认为迷了路，故此题不正确。4. 这句话与短文中“The dogs have had nothing to eat since yesterday morning.”意思相符，故正确。5. 根据 1 月 25 日的日记，是狗给作者捉来许多动物充饥，故这种说法是正确的。

Passage 4

◆最佳答案 1—7 D A B C C A C

◆妙思点拨 1. 从短文提供的信息看，Kate 的爸爸摔断了腿，因家里花钱太多变穷，导致她退学。故选 D。2. 根据短文内容，Mr Baker 想寄信时正忙于写小说，故知选 A。3. Kate 给 Mr Baker 干活就是因为家里穷，她要挣钱养家糊口。故选 B。4. 根据短文提供的材料：Mr Baker was satisfied with her and paid her more. 故选 C。5. 根据文章所提供 Kate 送信时的行动，故知选 C。6. 短文中说把邮票向信封上贴用“stick”，故选 A。7. 根据短文最后一段对 Kate 语言和表情的描写，可以肯定说 Kate 自认为她是聪明的。故选 C。

Passage 5

■ 最佳答案 1—5 B D A B D C

■ 妙思点拨 1. 从 “He had to help them to do something in the fields.” 来看，他的父母亲是农夫。所以，应当选 B。 2. Mr Turner 16 岁离开村子，在镇上工作了三年，又在非洲待了五年。由此推算，他回国时是 24 岁。因此，D 是正确选项。 3. 由 “No people in the town went to Africa except him. And he hoped they thought he was a famous man.” 能够看出，他是惟一去过非洲的人，因此希望大家尊敬他。应选 A。 4. 孩子们请 Mr Turner 讲故事是因为他们认为他见多识广。故应选 B。 5. Mr Turner 向孩子们讲非洲的珍贵动物时，吸引了许多人，但是那位地理老师指出他的错误。由此可见，正确选项是 D。 6. Mr Turner 明知道他讲错了，但还是强词夺理。应当选 C。