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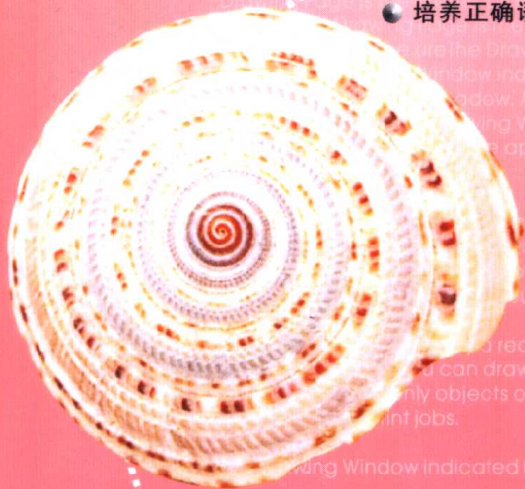
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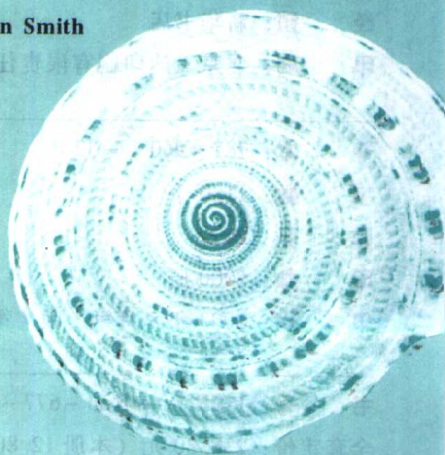
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前 言

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不少高中同学反映，在平时学习英语的过程中，阅读是很令他们头疼的一个问题。

的确，学习一门外语，首先碰到的一个难点就是阅读。因为语言是交流的工具，如果不能弄懂其中的含义，交流也就无从谈起了。

近年来，从《中学英语教学大纲》的要求上看，对阅读理解越来越重视，无论是中考，还是高考，阅读理解所占的比重都有日益增加的趋势，这就对同学们平时的训练提出了更高的要求。

根据许多熟练掌握外语的人士的学习体会，广泛地阅读是学好英语不可或缺的一个重要环节。许多高中同学也迫切需要能够给他们提供一些合适的阅读材料，帮助他们快速提高阅读水平，在高考中取得理想的成绩。

为此，我特地编写了这本《高中英语阅读理解》。本书具有非常鲜明的特点：首先，文章难度适中，与高中学生的英语水平相适应；其次，题材新颖，前卫时尚，与当代中学生的兴趣、爱好保持同步，使他们能够保持阅读的浓厚兴趣；第三，本书的所有文章都是原汁原味，选自英美国家的众多报刊，让同学们在阅读的过程中领略到纯正地道的英语。

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在本书的编写过程中，得到了不少朋友的帮助，尤其是美籍教师 Joho Smith 先生在百忙中审阅了本书并提出了不少宝贵意见，在此一并表示感谢。

本书既可供高三学生高考前强化训练使用，也可供高中各年级同学平时阅读。

真诚祝愿所有同学都能够尽快提高阅读能力，学好英语。

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## 第一章 学习、教育类阅读

### 分析与讲解(一)

Treasure hunts have excited people's imagination for hundreds of years both in real life and in books such as Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*. Kit Williams, a modern writer, had the idea of combining the real excitement of a treasure hunt with clues found in a book when he wrote a children's story, *Masquerade*, in 1979. The book was about a hare, and a month before it came out Williams buried a gold hare in a park in Bedfordshire. The book contained a large number of clues to help readers find the hare, but Williams put in a lot of "red herrings", or false clues, to mislead them.

Ken Roberts, the man who found the hare, had been looking for it for nearly two years. Although he had been searching in the wrong area most of the time, he found it by logic, not by luck. His success came from the fact that he had gained an important clue at the start. He had realized that the words: "One of Six to Eight" under the first picture in the book connected the hare in some way to Katherine of Aragon, the first of Henry VIII's six wives. Even here, however, Williams had succeeded in misleading

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him. Ken knew that Katherine of Aragon had died at Kimbolton in Cambridgeshire in 1536 and thought that Williams had buried the hare there. He had been digging there for over a year before a new idea occurred to him. He found out that Kit Williams had spent his childhood near Ampthill, in Bedfordshire, and thought that he must have buried the hare in a place he knew well, but he still could not see the connection with Katherine of Aragon, until one day he came across two stone crosses in Ampthill Park and learnt that they had been built in her honor in 1773.

Even then his search had not come to an end. It was only after he had spent several nights digging around the cross that he decided to write to Kit Williams to find out if he was wasting his time there. Williams encouraged him to continue, and on February 24th 1982, he found the treasure. It was worth £ 3,000 in the beginning, but the excitement it had caused since its burial made it much more valuable.

1. The underlined word "them" (Paragraph 1) refers to \_\_\_\_\_. (      )  
A. red herrings                      B. treasure hunts  
C. Henry VIII's six wives      D. readers of Masquerade
2. What is the most important clue in the story to help Ken Roberts find the hare? (      )  
A. Two stone crosses in Ampthill.  
B. Stevenson's *Treasure Island*.  
C. Katherine of Aragon.  
D. Williams' hometown.
3. The stone crosses in Ampthill were built \_\_\_\_\_ (      )



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- A. to tell about what happened in 1773  
B. to show respect for Henry VIII's first wife  
C. to serve as a road-sign in Ampthill Park  
D. to inform people where the gold hare was
4. Which of the following describes Roberts' logic in searching for the hare? ( )
- a. Henry VIII's six wives  
b. Katherine's burial place at Kimbolton  
c. Williams' childhood in Ampthill  
d. Katherine of Aragon  
e. stone crosses in Ampthill Park
- A. a - b - c - e - d      B. d - b - c - d - a  
C. a - d - b - c - e      D. b - a - e - c - d
5. What is the subject discussed in the text? ( )
- A. An exciting historical event.  
B. A modern treasure hunt.  
C. The attraction of *Masquerade*.  
D. The importance of logical thinking.

## 答 案

(1) 是一道词义猜测题。它是考查学生根据上下文确认代词所指的能力。短文第一段叙述了数百年来,寻宝在现实生活和书中都已经激发了人们的想像力。*Masquerade* 是一本关于一只兔子的儿童故事书,在它出版的前一个月,Williams 在 Bedfordshire 的一个公园里埋了一只金兔子,书中提供了大量的线索来帮助读者找到这只兔子,但 Williams 同时也插入了许多引开别人注意的题外话或者假线索来误导他们。我们把该段中 he



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wrote a children's story, *Masquerade* 和 The book contained a large number of clues to help readers find the hare 及 Williams put in a lot of "red herrings", or false clues, to mislead them 这 3 处信息综合考虑,就不难判断出 them 在这里指 *Masquerade* 一书的读者,故答案为 D。

(2) 是一道事实询问题。短文第二段叙述了找到这只金兔子的 Ken Roberts 已经找了将近两年。虽然他大部分时间一直在错误的地方搜寻,但是他找到了这只兔子是靠逻辑,而不是凭运气。我们再根据该段中所叙述的 His success came from the fact that he had gained an important clue at the start. He had realized that the words: "One of Six to Eight" under the first picture in the book connected the hare in some way to Katherine of Aragon 可以判断出,能够帮助找到金兔子的最重要的线索是 Katherine of Aragon,故答案是 C。

(3) 是一道综合分析判断题。回答此题需要综合短文第二段中的 "One of Six to Eight" under the first picture in the book connected the hare in some way to Katherine of Aragon, the first of Henry VIII's six wives 和 but he still could not see the connection with Katherine of Aragon, until one day he came across two stone crosses in Ampthill Park and learnt that they had been built in her honor in 1773. 这两处信息。如果理解了 in sb. 's honor 和 to show respect or thanks for sb. 的意思都是“为了纪念某人;向某人表示敬意或感谢”,就不难判断出最佳答案应选 B。

(4) 是一道排列顺序题。考查学生的逻辑推理能力。短文第二段中详细描述了 Ken Robert 寻找金兔的逻辑顺序。文中提到 Ken 找到金兔的成功来源于一开

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始就获得重要线索的事实。答题时应先看两头做排除, 然后分析中间定答案。即先根据短文内容发生的第一件事。该段中 He had realized that the words: "One of Six to Eight" under the first picture in the book connected the hare in some way to Katherine of Aragon, the first of Henry VIII's six wives. 一句提供的信息是 Ken Roberts 寻找金兔的逻辑顺序首先是 Henry VIII's six wives. 应是 a 开头, 有 A 和 C 供选择。该段中 he still could not see the connection with Katherine of Aragon, until one day he came across two stone crosses in Ampthill Park and learnt that they had been built in her honor in 1773. 一句中的 two stone crosses in Ampthill. 则是找到金兔的最后逻辑线索, 应是结尾, 故最佳答案为 C。

(5) 是一道主旨大意题。阅读短文可知, 本篇短文叙述了一次现代寻宝的经历。由短文第一段可知, 当现代作家 Kit Williams 于 1979 年写一本儿童故事 *Masquerade* 的时候, 把寻宝这一令人兴奋的事情与书中所发现的线索结合起来。这个珍宝就是 Williams 在 Bedfordshire 的一个公园里所埋的一只金兔, Ken Roberts 通过各种逻辑线索, 终于找到了埋藏金兔的地点, 成功地获取了珍宝。我们再根据短文最后一段中 Williams encouraged him to continue, and on February 24th 1982, he found the treasure 可以判断出 B 为最佳选项。



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## 第一单元

### A

The Chinese are very generous when it comes to educating their children. Not caring about the money, parents often send their children to the best schools or even abroad to England, the United States or Australia. They also want their children to take extra-course activities where they will either learn a musical instrument or ballet, or other classes which will give them a head start in life. The Chinese believe that the most expensive an education is, the better it is. So parents will spend an unreasonable amount of money on education. Even poor couples will buy a computer for their sons or daughters.

However, what most parents fail to see is that the best early education they can give their children is usually very cheap.

Parents can see that their children's skills vary, skilled in some areas while poor in others. What most parents fail to realize though, is that today's children lack self-respect and self-confidence(自信).

The problem is that parents are only educating their children on how to take multiple-choice tests and how to study well, but parents are not teaching them the most important skills they need to be confident, happy and clever.

Parents can achieve this by teaching practical skills like cooking, sewing and doing other housework.



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Teaching a child to cook will improve many of the skills that he will need later in life. Cooking demands patience and time. It is an enjoyable but difficult experience. A good cook always tries to improve his cooking, so he will learn to work hard and gradually finish his job successfully. His result, a well-cooked dinner, will give him much satisfaction and a lot of self-confidence.

Some old machines, such as a broken radio or TV set that you give your child to play with will make him curious and arouse his interest. He will spend hours looking at them, trying to fix them; your child might become an engineer when he grows up. These activities are not merely teaching a child to read a book, but rather to think, to use his mind. And that is more important.

1. Parents in China, according to this passage \_\_\_\_\_.  
( )
  - A. are too strict with their children
  - B. are too rich to educate their children
  - C. are too poor to educate their children
  - D. have some problems in educating their children
2. Generally speaking, children's skills \_\_\_\_\_. ( )
  - A. come from their parents
  - B. have nothing to do with their education
  - C. may be different
  - D. have something to do with their marks in the exams
3. The writer of this passage does not seem to be satisfied with \_\_\_\_\_. ( )
  - A. the parents' ideas of educating their children
  - B. the education system

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- C. children's skills
- D. children's hobbies

4. Doing some cooking at home helps children \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(      )
- A. learn how to serve their parents
  - B. learn how to become strong and fat
  - C. benefit from it and prepare themselves for the future
  - D. make their parents believe that they are clever
5. According to the last paragraph we can conclude that \_\_\_\_\_ . (      )
- A. broken radios and television sets are useful
  - B. one's curiosity may be useful for his later life
  - C. an engineer must fix many broken radios
  - D. a good student should spend much time repairing radios

## B

As the English language has changed at a fast speed in this century, so has the use of the English language.

After the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) was founded in 1927, the particular style of speech of the BBC announcers was recognized as Standard English or Received Pronunciation (RP) English. Now, most people still consider that the pronunciation and delivery of BBC announcers is the clearest and most understandable spoken English.

English has had a strong relationship with class and social position. However, since the Second World War there has been a clear change of attitude towards speech



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snobbery(语言上的优越), and hallmarks(标记) of class distinction(区别) such as styles of speech have been gradually got rid of, especially by the younger generation.

As the need has arisen, new words have been invented or found from other languages and introduced into English. Similarly, old words and expressions have been put aside as their usefulness has become less or the fashions have passed. This also happens to styles and ways of speech which became fashionable at a particular time.

By the end of the 1960s it became clear that it was not necessary to speak Standard English or even correct grammar to become popular, successful and rich. The fashionable speech of the day was no longer the special right of a special class but rather a defiant(不服的) expression of classlessness.

The greatest single influence of the shaping of the English language in modern times is the American English. Over the last 25 years the English used by many people, particularly by those in the media, advertising and show business, has become more and more mid-Atlantic in style, delivery and accent.

In the 1970s, fashion favored careless pronunciation and a language full of jargon, slang and "in" words, much of which can't be understood by the outside kind of English taught in schools and colleges.

6. Which of the following is NOT true? ( )

- A. The use of the English language has not changed much in this century.
- B. The BBC announcers speak Standard English.