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前 言

The Graduate Record Examination (简称 GRE) 是美国大学的研究生入学考试, 由美国教育测试中心 (Educational Testing Service) (简称 ETS) 举办。其成绩已为众多的美国乃至一些美国境外的大学及研究院所承认。虽然各院校采用的标准不一, 所取成绩有高有低, 但无论如何, GRE 成绩良好已成为境外学生获得赴美入学资格及奖学金的重要条件。

GRE 考试, 主要是指 GRE 一般考试 (GRE General Test), 共由三个部分组成: 即语文、数学和分析部分, 累计考分 2400。对此, 一般考生能考到 1800 分已属不易, 理由是 GRE 不同于 TOEFL 考试, 没有日常的听力和属于基本知识的语法测试; GRE 的题目涉猎面广, 学术性强, 仅语文考试中的阅读理解一项就可能涉及到社会科学 (历史、人类学、社会学和政治等); 人文科学 (文学、哲学、艺术和音乐等)、自然科学 (物理、化学、天文学等) 以及生物科学 (动物学、植物学和生态学等); 从词汇的角度来看, GRE 也比 TOEFL 难的多, 它涉及到上千个少见的, 甚至对有的考生可能是“一辈子就只见过这一次”的词。

由于 GRE 考试中的数学和分析这两部分, 对于善于抽象思维的中国考生一般不会构成问题, 所以我国近年来出版的 GRE 考试指南, 大多数把注意力放在单词的统计与注释上。这些读本中有各种各样的 GRE 词汇大全。

然而, 根据现代语言学的观点, 文章和句子的意思毕竟不是单词意思的总和。不同的文体有不同的句型结构, 不同的学科也有不同的术语和习惯表达方式。人们常常会见到有的考生考试前临时抱佛脚, 孤立地记住了成千上万个与单词对应的汉语意思, 但考试成绩并不理想。对此是不难解释的: 试问一个没有读过心理学文章也不会 bad

conscience (内疚) 这条短语的考生, 该怎样理解 Clark never had a bad conscience over his silence 这句话呢? 他总不能把这句话译成“克拉克从未对他的沉默居心叵测”吧! 大家知道 game 和 theory 分别是“游戏”和“理论”的意思, 可是又有几个人知道 game theory (形势运筹学) 这条数学术语呢?

为了帮助考生在考试前记住一些应试必备的惯用短语, 编者潜心研究了近 10 年来 GRE 试题以及国内外出版的大量 GRE 应试资料, 逐一收集了其中全部的成语、俚语、口语、谚语、典故、组织机构名称以及其他习惯搭配在一起使用的词组和专业术语数千条, 编撰成《GRE 惯用语大全》一书。本书既包括一些传统的常用短语, 也收集了大量现代英语中出现的富有生命力的新表达方式, 有些则属极为少见的生僻用法; 为了方便学习, 每则短语不仅注明它的中文意思, 同时附上曾出现于试题中的有关例句若干条, 这样, 读者可以结合文句掌握它们的实际用法, 并从中获得语感。

本书堪称同类出版物中最齐全的一部 GRE 短语大全, 希望它能配合其姐妹篇《GRE 阅读理解练习大全》, 帮助读者扎扎实实地提高应试能力。

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1991 年 10 月于合肥

A a

a bit of 一点儿, 少量的, 些许

For example, it used to take *a bit of* patience to put together the toys that children got in cereal boxes.

a body of 一组, 一群, 一团, 一大堆

Rosenblatt shows that Black fiction constitutes *a* distinct *body of* writing that has an identifiable coherent literary tradition.

The refrigerant leaves the compressor as a hot, dense vapor and flows through a heat exchanger called the condenser, which transfers heat from the refrigerant to *a body of* air.

a bunch of 一束, 一串

In an attempt to expand his achievement to encompass human figures, he painted a boy carrying *a bunch of* grapes.

a few 少数, 一些, 几个

There are only *a few* dramas which could be called science fiction,
...

Although the passage of years has softened the initially hostile reaction to his poetry, even now only *a few* independent observers praise his works.

Just for good measure, and because your guess is apt to be as sound as mine, here are *a few* current theories about the origin of the Basques.

a fleet of 一队 (车船等)

The city's own cars and trucks have been transformed into *a fleet of* compact vehicles.

a flooding of 大量的, 大量涌现的

Arousal is at first general, with *a flooding of* impulses in the brain system; then gradually the activation is channeled.

a fraction of 一些, 一点儿, 一小部分的

A significant *fraction of* the people who contract tinea have outbreaks of its symptoms again and again.

Nevertheless, wood will never supply more than *a modest fraction of* our continuing energy needs.

a function of (……的一种) 作用, 功能; ……的函数, 随……而变

Pride is *a function of* the intellect.

The amount of energy that can be produced anaerobically is *a function of* the amount of glycogen present—in all vertebrates about 0.5 per cent of their muscles' net weight.

a great/good deal (of) 大量, 很多

Science fiction shares *a great deal* with all other novels and short stories.

In large part, as a consequence of the feminist movement, historians have focused *a great deal of* attention in recent years on determining more accurately the status of women in various periods.

In that case the victims were also carrying *a great deal of* money when they were killed, but the money was not taken.

For instance, to those who object "that behaviorists deny the existence of feelings, sensations, ideas, and other features of mental life," Dr. Skinner concedes that "*a good deal of* clarification" is in order.

a growing number of 愈来愈多的

The decline is due primarily to competition from *a growing number of* recreational fishermen.

a hint of 微量, 少许, 点滴

Comparatively few rock musicians are willing to laugh at themselves,

although *a hint of* self-deprecation can boost sales of video clips very nicely.

a large amount of 大量, 很多

A large amount of money is invested in elaborate equipment run by a relatively small number of people.

There has been *a large amount of* disagreement and lack of consensus in the description of such categories as ethnic, and especially racial groups.

The use in industry of fuels derived from plants generates *a large amount of* carbon dioxide; such fuels include wood, coal, and oil.

a large body of 大批, 大量

Yet, every vocation still possesses *a large body of* technical terms that remain foreign even to educated speech.

a large number of 大量, 许多

The production of garment requires the employment of *a relatively large number of* people.

a lot of land 一块地皮, 一块空地

The estate will distribute seven *lots of* land, which are numbered 1 through 7.

a majority of 大多数

A majority of the members of the class of 1982 who were surveyed in their freshman year stated that making a good income was an important reason for their decision to go to college.

a mass of 一团, 一块, 大量的

The surface temperature would be so much lower that the oceans might be *a solid mass of* ice.

a matter of的问题(事情); 大约

In scientific inquiry it becomes **a matter of** duty to expose a tentative hypothesis to every possible kind of examination.

The sale of Alaska was not so much an American coup as **a matter of** expediency for an imperial Russia that was short of cash and unable to defend its own continental coastline.

a measure of 一定程度的, 稍稍, 有几分

It is ironic that a critic of such overwhelming vanity now suffers from **a measure of** the oblivion to which he was forever consigning others.

a number of 很多, 许多, 若干, 大量的

Because of great heterogeneity, large numbers, and an advanced division of labor, **a number of** scholars see a growth of segmental relationships and consequent impersonality.

Writing acceptable criticism of Black fiction, however, presupposes giving satisfactory answers to **a number of** questions.

The current spirit of cooperation among the various departments of the university has led to **a number of** interdisciplinary publications which might not otherwise have been written.

a pair of 一对, 一双, 一副

If J is on floor 3, which of the following is **a pair of** companies that must be on floors one of which is immediately above the other?

a piece of 一片, 一块, 一件

Redi prepared three jars with **a piece of** meat in each.

a portion of 一部分

The sheer bulk of data from the mass media seems to overpower us and drive us to synoptic accounts for **an** easily and readily digestible **portion of** news.

The bulk of manufacturers' advertising is concentrated on **a small por-**

tion of consumer food products.

Three percent is *an* insignificant *portion of* the government's total budget for research funds.

a proportion of 一部分，一定比例的

Therefore, there must be *a* greater *proportion of* children living with only one natural parent than there was in 1940.

It is true that *a* high *proportion of* the newly farmed land was suitable only for grazing and dry farming, but agricultural practices had become sufficiently advanced to make it possible to increase the profitability of farming by utilizing even these relatively barren lands.

a quantity of 一些，大量，若干

Pessen does present *a quantity of* examples, together with some refreshingly intelligible-statistics, to establish the existence of an inordinately wealthy class.

a round of 一轮，一个回合的

In *each round of* the contest, different exercises must be attempted.

a series of 一系列的，一连串的

The serial-dilution method involves the making of *a series of* dilutions, usually by a factor of 10, into a nutrient medium.

It sponsored an inquiry into energy uses and endorsed *a series of* measures aimed at reducing energy consumption by as much as one half.

Historians who study preindustrial Europe have used the records to establish *a series of* categories of crime.

The author draws a conclusion from a previous statement, explains his conclusion in detail, and then gives *a series of* examples that have the effect of resolving an inconsistency.

Jenkin hypothesised that large numbers of organisms mutated simultaneously in the same direction—a controlled orthogenetic process resembling *a series of* “special creations.”

Some scientists argue that carbon compounds play such a central role in life on Earth because of the possibility of variety resulting from the carbon atom's ability to form *an* unending *series of* different molecules.

a set of 一组，一套，一副，一批，一连串的

This corrected equation is itself only an imperfect approximation to *an* infinite *set of* quantum field theoretical equations.

The police are strangers executing these prescriptions on, at worst, an alien subcommunity and, at best, *an* anonymous *set of* subjects.

Some United States psychologists have concluded that *one* specific *set of* parental behaviors toward children always signifies acceptance and a second set always signifies rejection.

a stick of 一根（棒棒糖等）

You see, *a stick of* Evergreen Gum is twice as large as a stick of Spring Mint Gum, and the more gum, the more flavor.

Although *a stick of* Evergreen Gum is twice as large in volume as a stick of Spring Mint Gum, it weighs only 50% as much.

A stitch in time saves nine [谚] 一针及时抵十针；小洞不补，大洞吃苦
The passage implies that "*a stitch in time saves nine*".

a stock of 储存的……，储备的

Each perfume made by a manufacturer is a mixture of two or more essences selected from *a stock of* exactly five different essences.

a succession of 一系列的，一连串的

A succession of ideas are moving from specific to general.

a troop of (troops of) 一群（群）的，一队（队）的，大群的

When the same parameters and quantitative theory are used to analyse both termite colonies and *troops of* rhesus macaques, we will have a unified science of sociobiology.

a variety of 各种各样的, 种种

If a law holds up in *a variety of* situations, then it is more than likely based on some general characteristic of the world.

The advertisements during the movie focused on only one kind of product, whereas the advertisements during the regular programs focused on *a variety of* products.

Today computer is used not only by small businesses but by individuals as well, for *a variety of* purposes including self-instruction and recreation.

They have demonstrated, however, that *a variety of* the complex molecules currently making up living organisms could have been present in the early ocean and atmosphere.

a wide range of 范围广泛的

You must provide *a wider range of* choices, more diversity, more alternatives.

a wide variety of 各种各样的, 种种 [同 *a variety of*]

Black Fiction surveys *a wide variety of* novels, bringing to our attention in the process some fascinating and little-known works like James Welden Johnson's *Autobiography of an Ex-colored Man*.

A study has shown that on *a wide variety of* representative psychological tests, children reared entirely in groups by professional workers fared the same as children brought up entirely by their own parents.

an array of 一排, 一大批

Plastic has been replacing aluminum in *a widening array of* military equipment because it offers equal protection at less weight.

an excess of 过分的, 过度的, 过多的

But more immediately relevant to game theory are the sex ratios in certain parasitic wasp species that have *a large excess of* females.

abandon to wind or weeds 放弃, 扔弃, 使荒芜

Hundreds of thousands of acres of previously irrigated cropland have been *abandoned to wind or weeds*.

abide by 恪守, 遵守, 服从

The effectiveness of government depends on the willingness of the governed to give up some degree of freedom and *abide by* the laws in return for the assurance of an orderly existence.

abolish slavery 废除奴隶制

Some of the newly independent American states had begun to make progress toward *abolishing slavery*.

absent from, be 缺席, 缺少; 未出现于……

Evidence of the use of fire *was absent from* the caves in which the collections of bones were found.

absorbed in, be 专心于……, 全神贯注地在……

Although he acted as if he *were* completely *absorbed in* copying the material, he really found the work extremely tedious, and he completed it only by virtue of sheer determination.

abuse one's authority 滥用权力(权威)

She was easily intimidated by her employer, who made a practice of *abusing his authority* over her.

academic record 成绩记录

Athletes must be accepted for admission to the university on the basis of their *academic records* before they can be offered financial assistance on the basis of their athletic ability.

accept...as... 承认……为……

Once we recognize this dual vision, we can *accept* the play's ironical

nuances *as* deliberate social commentaries by Hansberry rather than as the “unintentional” irony that Bigsby attributes to the work.

according to 根据, 按照

Some of them were paid for their work after it was done, **according to** its value.

According to this theory, it is not the quality of the sensory nerve impulses that determines the diverse conscious sensations they produce.

According to legend, Daniel Webster made a compact with Satan, but managed to talk his way out of it at the last moment.

According to this information, highly creative activity transcends the limits of an existing form and establishes a new principle of organization.

The author of the passage is least likely to approve of a literary study of Black poetry that appraises the merits of poems **according to** the political acceptability of their themes.

Korzybski has pointed out that signal reactions, instantaneous and unmediated, if undifferentiated **according to** the appropriateness of the situation, reflect immature, impulsive personalities.

Addison Gayle's recent work, for example, judges the value of Black fiction by overtly political standards, rating each work **according to** the notions of Black identity which it propounds.

account for 说明, 解释, 是……的原因; (在数量上) 占……

The argument would be strengthened if it pointed out that in laboratory tests, increased heat alone **accounted for** increased aggressive behavior between members of the test group.

Jenkin concluded that natural selection could not **account for** the tremendous diversity of life.

Density-dependent factors in population growth ultimately **account for** population levels.

Dust **accounts for** about one percent of the total mass of interstellar matter.

A survey of residents showed that automobiles represented 50% of ener-

gy consumption and space heating and cooling **accounted for** 25 percent.

The concentration of wealth in the hands of a privileged few **accounted for** the existence of crime.

Differences in social orientation and background can **account** perhaps **for** differences in the nature of French and English salons.

Throughout the 1970s, highly processed foods have **accounted for** the bulk of total advertising.

The questions range all the way from asking if behaviorism fails “to **account for** cognitive processes” to wondering if behaviorism “is indifferent to the warmth and richness of human life, ...”

accrete to 增长, 促进, 附着于……

Two key concepts that keep **accreting to** that prediction are “manipulation” and “control.”

accuse sb of... 控告(指责)某人……

The Planning Commission is **accused** by the author **of** being short-sighted.

First, female adolescents are **accused** primarily **of** victimless crimes, such as truancy, that do not involve clear-cut damage to persons or property.

In his most recent speech, my opponent, Governor Smith, **accused** me **of** having distorted the facts, misrepresenting his position, suppressing information, and deliberately lying to people.

Other studies conducted in the armed forces corroborated the findings that men **accused of** brutality toward those they command feel little or no sense of remorse.

Although nothing could be further from the truth, foreign railroads have been **accused of** impeding the nation's shift from oil to coal by charging exorbitant fees to transport coal.

accustomed to, be 习惯于……

Accustomed to the regimented life of court circles, salonnières tended

toward formality in their salons.

Riders complain about delays and breakdowns, cuts in service and fares higher than they *are accustomed to* paying.

Being accustomed to heavier aircraft, experienced pilots, when flying ultralight craft, seem not to respect the wind as much as they should.

achieve a harmonious interplay between...and... 使……与……相互协调

The many interviews carried on during the year as well as new ways of reporting pupils' progress, can significantly aid in *achieving a harmonious interplay between* school and home.

achieve one's ends 达到目的, 实现目标

Lenin himself, the supreme technician of policy, knew he could not *achieve his ends* simply by playing up discontents, master as he was at that game.

acid rain [由于空气污染而引起的] 酸雨

While plant life remains, *acid rain* significantly increases the amount of decaying organic matter in environments.

Some soil scientists have asserted that decaying matter on the forest floor is a far greater source of the acidity in mountain lakes than is the *acid rain* that falls on these lakes.

acquainted with, be 与……相识, 熟悉……, 了解……

Furthermore, what is called popular science makes everybody *acquainted with* modern views and recent discoveries.

across the country 全国各地

Nine out of ten hospitals *across the country* use Dr. John's milk of magnesia for some ailments.

act against 对……不利, 违反

Natural selection tends to eliminate genes that cause inherited diseases,

acting most strongly **against** the most severe diseases.

act as 担任, 充当, 起……作用

Intellectuals no longer **act as** advocates for oppressed groups.

These documents have **acted as** “a point of entry into the mental world of the poor”.

The molecules of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere affect the heat balance of the Earth by **acting as** a one-way screen.

The process of stimulus generalization is one in which the circumstances existing at the time of reinforcement tend to **act as** a stimulus as well.

act counter to 违反, 与……相抵触

Individuals should not feel guilty about fulfilling their own needs and desires as long as they do not **act counter to** the needs of society.

act of charity 义举, 慈善行为

No individual ought to be singled out and forced to do what must ultimately be considered an **act of charity**.

act of contrition 忏悔的行为

Realizing that his negative appraisal of her ability had stemmed from his too-hasty evaluation of her work, he offered her, as an **act of contrition**, a chance to work on the new skyscraper.

acute care hospital 急诊医院

However, closure of all the small hospitals would commit the city to paying more for inpatient care delivered at **acute care hospitals**.

The Planning Commission asserts that the needed reduction in **acute care hospital** beds can best be accomplished by closing the smaller hospitals.

adapt...to... 使……适应(适合)……

Most Bluestockings did not wish to mirror the salonnières; they simply