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序 言

英语教学大纲规定,“发展听、说、读、写的基本训练,培养在口头和书面上初步运用英语进行交际的能力,侧重培养阅读能力。可见,阅读既是英语教学的目的,又是手段,而且是口笔语中需要侧重培养的一种能力。

阅读是一种积极主动地思考、理解和吸收信息的认识活动,是作者和读者双方参与的一种书面语交际的活动。但是,当前中学英语教学中普遍存在的一个重要问题是忽视采用阅读手段来培养阅读能力。除了教材以外,学生阅读量太小,阅读能力低下。为了解决这个问题,有关部分及教师就需要选用或编写适合学生水平的阅读材料或读物,以吸引学生。

由何业国等老师选编的本套丛书具有以下几个特点:

1. 新颖性。书中短文大多选自海外近几年新版的英文书刊教材、杂志、报纸,内容健康,富有时代感和现代气息。

2. 针对性。本书根据学生学习英语的不同阶段不同年级编写的。语言和内容难易适度,符合学生的年龄特

点和英语阅读水平。

3. 兼顾知识性、趣味性和实用性。本书内容广泛，信息量大，包括新闻报导、幽默故事、名人轶事、科技小品、风情趣闻、史地常识等。

我们相信，许多短文将会给读者留下长久的记忆。

4. 提示特色。本书作者根据学生在阅读过程中可能会产生语言和内容两个方面的困难作了精要的提示，起点拨和解释作用，以帮助学生理解知识难点和促进学生积极思维、想像，进一步理解文章深层次的涵义。

总之，这套丛书既可用作平时阅读，也可作为选修课的阅读训练材料，可以预期，它出版发行后，必将在广大中学教师和学生中，发挥出其重要的作用。

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前 言

变应试教育为素质教育是当前英语教学的首要问题。其核心是培养学生掌握运用英语进行口笔头交际的能力。长期的教学实践和有关调查结果说明强化阅读是提高语言综合能力的最有效果、最易操作的手段。

为了解决广大中学生阅读量不足的问题,我们选编了这套丛书。在注意取材精当、深浅适度、文体各异的同时,本书短文又特意按难易排列,即1~50较易,51~100中等,101~150较难,力求适合不同类型学校不同层次学生的阅读水平。本书编写的练习注重提高学生的理解能力及技巧,此外,还力求最大限度地覆盖中学生应掌握的英语基本语言点,不少练习学生已经试做,取得了较理想的效果。提示部分就内容或语言方面的疑难点作精要的解题分析,旨在帮助学生积极思维、发展归纳、想像等项智力,从而切实提高他们的阅读水平。

本丛书主要由全国十五所著名重点中学教改研讨会发起单位之一——上海市控江中学教师编写、审订。此外,其他市重点中学,为市西建平、格致中学等学校老师也参加了编写工作。本书承蒙华东师范大学章兼中教授作序。复旦附中特级教师邹家元,杨浦区教师进修学

院资深教研员陈明锦也审阅了部分书稿，在此一并表示感谢。

由于编者水平有限，加上时间仓促，错误之处在所难免，故请读者指正。

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A

1

Once Affendi(阿凡提) had a joke with the Prime Minister(宰相). He said the Minister would die the next day. The next day it was real that the Minister fell from the horse and died. When the King heard this, he got angry and sent his men to catch Affendi at once.

After Affendi had been brought to him, the King said angrily, "Affendi, since you knew when my Minister would die, you must also know the day of your own death. Say it out, or you will die today."

Looking at the King, Affendi answered, "But how can I know? I'll die two days earlier than you."

Hearing that his own death would follow if he killed Affendi, the King thought he must keep Affendi alive as long as possible, so he let Affendi go.

Exercise

True or False:

() 1. Affendi played a joke with the Prime Minister, so the Prime Minister didn't die.

() 2. Affendi knew the day of his own death.

() 3. Affendi said that he would die two days earlier than the King. It was not true.

() 4. The King didn't believe Affendi's words so, he let Affendi go.

() 5. The King was frightened, so he let Affendi go.

A

2

Mr Dick was twenty - three years old and not very rich. He was not married and he lived in two rooms in a small house in a city.

Every summer, Mr Dick went down to the sea for a holiday. He stayed in small, cheap hotels(旅馆), but he always wanted to have a clean room.

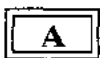
One summer a friend of his said: "Go to the Sun Hotel in Whitesea (白海). I went there last year, and it was very nice and clean."

So Mr Dick went to the Sun Hotel in Whitesea. But there was a different manager that year. The new manager took Mr Dick to his room. It was nice and clean, but Mr Dick said to the manager, "Are the sheets (被单) on the bed clean?"

"Yes, of course they are!" he answered angrily, "We washed them this morning. Feel(摸) them. They are still damp."

Exercise**True or False:**

- () 1. Mr Dick lived in Whitesea.
- () 2. When he spent his holidays, Mr Dick liked to stay in small, cheap hotels.
- () 3. The former(以前的) manager of the Sun Hotel introduced him to stay in the Sun Hotel.
- () 4. The manager said "They are still damp", he wanted to show that the sheets were very clean.
- () 5. Mr Dick was probably a bit disappointed when he heard the new manager's words.

**3**

Mother's day was founded by a schoolteacher, Anna Jarvis, in honor of(向……表示敬意,为了纪念……)her mother, Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis. Anna Marie Jarvis had believed mothers should be honored with a special day.

After she died in 1905, her daughter Anna worked to fulfill(实现)her mum's dream. She made speeches and wrote thousands of letters.

After three years of hard work, she saw her mum's dream come true. The first Mother's Day talk was made on May 10, 1908, in Grafton W. Va. U. S. A.

In 1914, the dream became true for mothers all over the coun-

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try. U. S. President Woodrow Wilson made the second Sunday in May Mother's Day.

Exercise

True or False:

- () 1. Mother's Day is a day to show respect to mothers.
- () 2. Anna made speeches and wrote thousands of letters from 1905 to 1914.
- () 3. The first Mother's Day talk was made in America.
- () 4. Mother's Day is the second Sunday in March.



4

A man and his wife were very poor. They kept hoping for new clothes and food. The man enjoyed eating and liked pancake (薄煎饼) especially. One night an old woman came to their house and told them she would let them have three wishes. They could wish for anything they wanted.

The man had just finished eating a little bread for his dinner, and he was still hungry. He said, "I wish I had a big pancake!"

Suddenly a pancake appeared of his plate.

"You fool!" his wife cried. "You could have wished for a house full of wonderful food, but you wished a pancake. I wish that pancake was on the end of your foolish nose."

Immediately the pancake stuck (粘贴) to the end of his nose.

Then the man and his wife started to blame (责备) each other.

"It's your fault!" the man cried. "No, it's your fault!" she answered. What could they do? The pancake was still on the husband's nose. "Oh!" the wife cried. "I wish none of this had ever happened!"

Immediately the pancake was gone, and the man was saying. "I'm still hungry. How I wish I had a pancake!"

But of course, nothing happened. Because three wishes had finished.

Exercise

True or False:

- () 1. The man was full but he still wanted a pancake.
- () 2. The wife wanted a house full of pancakes.
- () 3. At first the pancake stuck on the man's nose.
- () 4. At last they got nothing but a pancake.
- () 5. Both the man and his wife are not clever enough.



5

A very rich man bought a farm and paid more than it was worth because a very old tree was growing there and it was said that it was 300 years old. When he was back in the city, many of his people didn't believe the tree was that old, so the new owner called his caretaker (管家) to check the tree's age.

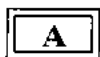
Four days later, the caretaker reported his finding, "Great news boss!" he shouted, "This tree is even older than we thought - it is 332 years."

“Good work.” said the owner. “How did you know its age?”
 “Simple,” said the caretaker. “We cut it down and counted (数) the rings.”

Exercise

True or False:

- () 1. The rich man paid more than the farm was worth because the farm had a history of 300 years.
- () 2. People in the city didn't believe the tree's age.
- () 3. When the new owner learned how the caretaker knew the tree's age, he must be satisfied.
- () 4. The caretaker's great news was the tree was over 300 years old.
- () 5. This passage tells us the tree's rings show the tree's age.



6

The Second World War had begun, and John wanted to join the army but he was only 16 years old, and boys were allowed (允许) to join only if they were over 18. So when the army doctor examined (查问) him, he said that he was 18.

But John's brother had joined the army a few days before, and the same doctor had examined him too. This doctor remembered the older boy's family name, so when he saw John's papers he was surprised.