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前 言

“阅读理解”是一种语言综合运用能力，是从书面语言材料中获得信息，吸收知识，积累词汇，熟记句型、培养能力的一种技能，这种技能含有对语言的识别，记忆、理解等几方面，而它们又是互相关联，前后呼应，彼此促进的。任何一篇文章总要向读者说明何人何时、何地因何故而发生了何事，这就是“新闻五要素”，who（谁），what（什么时候） where（什么地点），why，（为什么），通常称之为“五个W”。一般说来，每篇文章大都离不开五个W，命题人员首先要在阅读材料中用种种方式来交代五个W，然后在思考题部分考查学生对五个W的理解程度。每题后附有A、B、C、D四个选项，除正确的一项外，其余三项都提供了不符合原文某个W内容。学生能否在四个互相接近，而又似是而非的答案中，根据原文所暗示的各个W的情况选出唯一正确的答案，反映他们对文中各个W的认识，因此，学生做阅读理解试题时，一定要牢记这五个W，边读边分析边记忆。

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第一单元

(1)

The United States has had many presidents who have been world-famous. People from other countries know the names Washington, Kennedy and so on. However, many men who have served as President of United States have not been famous in other parts of the world. One example is J.Q. Adams, the sixth man to serve as U.S. President.

Very little happened when Adams was President. It was an unhappy time for him, and he wasn't very effective. When his term ended, he went back to the Congress and served as a representative. While he was in Congress, people began to respect him more than they had while he was President. Adams was strongly against slavery and attempted to outlaw it in Washington D.C., People began to look back on his presidency with a different view. Now they saw that he was an independent man with high ideal who loved his country and hated slavery. Adams died in 1848 when speaking in the House of Representative.



1. When Adams served as the sixth U.S. President, _____.
A. his people didn't regard him as a great man
B. he tried every means to get rid of slavery
C. his high ideal made an impression on American people
D. he did a lot of things against laws
2. In fact, American people came to love Adams _____.
A. when he was a President or not
B. when he was a President
C. before his term ended
D. when he first became a representative
3. Which of the following can show the author's true attitude?
A. Adams had ability, but he had no chance to show it.
B. As a President, Adams was unfit for his work.
C. Adams was not an effective man.
D. Adams was worth respecting.



试题详解

1. A 从原文第二段前面四句话, 可知 B、C、D 均错, 很容易选出正确答案 A。

2. B 答案来源于原文第二段第四句话。

3. D 原文第二段倒数第二句表明作者对 Adams 的肯定态度。



4. In your judgement, compared with Adams, Lincoln _____.

- A. was a world-famous president
- B. seemed to be an unimportant president
- C. was a well-known president
- D. had the same fate as Adams

5. Choose the best title for this passage.

- A. Unfit President
- B. President Who Set Slavery Free
- C. Unknown President
- D. Famous President, Adams



4.C 根据原文第一段中知 Lincoln was a well-know president。

5.D 定位到原文第一段倒数第二句，此句为本文的 Topic Sentence。



(2)

In sports the sexes are separated(分开的). Women and men do not run or swim in the same game. Women are less strong than men. That at least is what people say. Women are called "the weaker sex", or if men want to please them, "the fair sex". But boys and girls are taught together at schools and universities. There are women who are famous Prime Ministers, scientists and writers. And women live longer than men. A European woman can expect to live until the age of 74; a man only until he is 68. Are women's bodies really weaker?

The fastest men ran a mile in under 4 minutes. The best women need 5 minutes. Women's times are always slower than men's, but some facts are a surprise. Some of the fastest women swimmers today are girls. One of them swam 400 metres in 4 minutes 21.2 seconds when she was only 16. The first "Taizan"(人猿泰山) in films was an Olympic swimmer, Johnny Weissmuller. His fastest 400 metres was 4 minutes 59.1 seconds which is 37.9 seconds slower than a girl 50 years later! This does not mean that women are catching men up. Conditions are very different now, and sport is much more serious. It is so serious that some women are given hormone injections(注射荷尔蒙). At the Olympics a doctor has to check whether the women are really women or not. It seems sad that sport has such problems. Life can be very complicated(复杂) when there are two separate sexes.



1. Women are called "the weaker sex" because _____.
 A. women don't do as much work as men
 B. sport is easier for men than for women
 C. people usually think women are weaker than men
 D. in sport the two sexes are always together
2. Which of the following is true? _____.
 A. Boys and girls study separately everywhere
 B. Women do not run or swim in races with men
 C. Famous Prime Ministers are women
 D. Men can expect to live longer in Europe
3. This passage tells us _____.
 A. Johnny Weissmuller swam slower than a girl in a race
 B. Johnny Weissmuller lost the race because he was much older than the girl in a race.
 C. Johnny Weissmuller didn't swim in the same race with the girl
 D. the girl, whose fastest 400 metres is 4 minutes 21.2 seconds, is an Olympic swimmer.



1. C 原文中的第一段第三句的 "less strong" = "weaker".
2. B 由文中第一段第二句可知答案 B 是正确的。
3. C "50 years later" 可知选项 C 的表达是正确的。



4. What problem does sport have now? _____.

- A. Some women are actually men
- B. Some women are given hormone injections
- C. Women and men do not run or swim in the same races
- D. It is difficult to check whether women are really women

5. In this passage the author thinks _____.

- A. women are weaker than men, but faster
- B. women are slower than men, but stronger
- C. men are not always stronger and faster than women
- D. women are catching men up now



试题详解

4.B 由第二段第十句可知体育中出现了非常严峻的问题:

一些女运动员注射了荷尔蒙。

5.C 由文中可知男性并不总是比女性身体强壮, 速度快。



(3)

Mr Brown was tired of living in the big city where he worked. He wanted to move to the country and live in a house from which he could get to his office in the city easily every day. He was looking for many a house until he saw an advertisement in a newspaper one day. The advertisement said that a suitable house in a quiet area was up for a sale at a reasonable price, and the house was within a stone's throw of a railway station from which there were frequent trains to the big city.

"That's exactly what I need," Mr Brown said to himself. So he called the house agency (代理) and arranged to go down by train the next day to have a look at the house. The house agent met him at the station and they started walking. It took them at least 15 minutes to get to the house. When they reached, Mr Brown said angrily, "I should be very interested to meet the man who throw the stone you mentioned in the newspaper."



1. Mr Brown wanted to find a house in the country because _____.
A. the life in the city was not interesting
B. he liked living in the country
C. he was fed up with the life in the big city
D. he wanted to get to his office easily
2. The newspaper said the house was within a stone's throw of a railway station. This means _____.
A. the house was close to the railway station
B. the house was as near to the station as you threw a stone
C. the newspaper was making fun of people
D. it just took them 15 minutes to get to the house from the station
3. Mr Brown decided to have a look at the house because _____.
A. the house was very cheap
B. the house was in a good place and the price was reasonable
C. the house was just the one he was looking for
D. the house was rather quiet



试题详解

1.C 由原文第一句中的 be tired of=be fed up with.

2.A a stone's throw 意为“扔一石头远的距离”, within “在……范围(之内)”, 由此可知, 距离较近。

3.B 第一段用了两个形容词 quiet, reasonable 及 Mr Brown 的自言自语, 表明广告中提及的令 Mr Brown 满意。



4. From the story we know that _____.

- A. Mr Brown was satisfied with the house
- B. Mr Brown thought the house was far away from the city
- C. Mr Brown found a house in the country
- D. Mr Brown thought the house agent was telling a lie in the newspaper

5. What does the word "frequent" mean in the passage _____.

- A. 飞快的
- B. 正点的
- C. 频繁的
- D. 机动的



4.D 从 at least 与 saw angrily 字眼中可知广告中的内容与实际不符。

5.C 由 Mr Brown 想很容易从乡下去大城市推理可知火车来往很频繁。



(4)

It was winter, and Mrs. Miller wanted to do a lot of shopping. She waited until it was Saturday, when her husband was free, and she took him to the shops with her to pay for everything and to carry for her what she had bought. They went to a lot of shops, and Mrs. Miller bought everything she could think of. She often stopped and said, "Look, Peter! Isn't that beautiful?"

Mr. Miller then answered, "All right, my dear. How much is it?" and he took money out to buy for it. It was almost dark when they came out of the last shop, and Mr. Miller was tired. He was thinking about a nice drink by the side of a warm fire at home. Suddenly his wife looked up at the sky and said, "Look at that beautiful moon, Peter!" Without stopping, Mr. Miller answered immediately, "All right, dear. How much is it?" Then he took his wallet (钱包) out of his pocket.



1. Mrs. Miller did shopping _____.
 A. alone
 B. together with her husband
 C. every day
 D. in the morning
2. Mrs. Miller took her husband to the shops because _____.
 A. he liked beautiful things
 B. he liked to do shopping too
 C. she wanted him to pay money
 D. he was always free
3. Mr. Miller bought _____ in the shops.
 A. nothing
 B. a lot of things
 C. the most beautiful thing
 D. a drink



1. B 由第一段第二句可知答案。
2. C 从第一段中可知原因: 1) 付钱; 2) 提东西。
3. B 选项 A 表述错误; 选项 C 和 D 文中并未提及。用排除法可知此答案。



4. Mr. Miller _____ the shopping.

- A. was very interested in
- B. was not interested in
- C. was thinking about
- D. liked

5. Mr. Miller _____.

- A. wanted to buy the moon
- B. did not really know what his wife was saying
- C. did not like the idea of buying the moon
- D. agreed to do



试题详解

4. B 由文中可以看出 Mr. Miller 对逛商店不感兴趣。

5. B 由最后一段可知他误会了妻子。



(5)

When American won its independence from England, it had thirteen states. Each of the states was represented on the American flag by a star. All these states were in the eastern part of the continent. As the nation grew toward the west, new states were added and new stars appeared on the flag. For a long time, there were 48 states. In 1959, however, two more states were added to the flag representing the new states of Alaska and Hawaii.

Indians were the first inhabitants of the land which is now the United States. There are still many thousands of the descendants of these original inhabitants living in all parts of the country. Sometimes it is said that the Indians are "the only real Americans". Most Americans, however, are descendants of people who came from all over the world to find a new life in a new land. These who came first and in greatest numbers to make their home on the eastern coast of North America were mostly from England. It is for that reason that the language of the United States is English and that its culture and customs are more like those of England than of any other country in the world.



1. Before 1959, there were _____ states in the United States.

- A. fifty
- B. thirteen
- C. thirty
- D. forty-eight

2. Now there are _____ stars on American flag.

- A. forty-eight
- B. thirteen
- C. fifty
- D. forty

3. The first people who lived in the land were _____.

- A. Indians
- B. the British
- C. Americans
- D. Englishmen



试题详解

1. D 原文第一段倒数第二句可知 1959 年前有 48 颗星。

2. C 原文第一段倒数第一句指美国加上 Alaska 和 Hawaii, 已有 50 个州, 故国旗上应有 50 颗星。

3. A 由 Indians were the first inhabitants of the land 可知
答案为 A。