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编者的话

自从 1988 年 ETS 增加托福写作考试以来,参加托福考试的考生对托福作文越来越重视。根据有关资料统计,我国考生相关的水平是不理想的。为了帮助考生在短期内从根本上提高英语写作水平,提高 TOEFL 作文考试成绩,我们特意编著了这本小册子。本书是根据编者在北京外国语大学等处长期研究托福测试、长期从事教学的实践经验和体会,并根据从美国教育考试服务处和有关权威方面获得的最新信息和资料编写而成的。目的是使考生迅速了解、掌握托福写作,冲击托福高分。

本书重点介绍了托福作文考试依据、考试的出题范围、应试技巧、满分范文、最新作文题库和评分标准。本书对掌握写作技巧、准备参加托福等相关英文写作考试有很大的帮助。

全书共分为五章:第一章托福 TWE 概述;第二章托福 TWE 写作捷径;第三章新托福 TWE 范文精选 43 篇及常用词语和名言;第四章托福 TWE 真题题库;第五章托福 TWE 机考指导。

TOEFL 考试将实行计算机化(Computer - Based Testing),但是测试项目和命题思路基本不变。就作文部分而言,这意味着把作文用键盘敲到电脑里去,而不再用铅笔写在答卷纸上。因此,本书同样适合于备考 TOEFL 计算机化考试。

人生的美,在于它的丰富。托福的美,在于它能使我们“美”梦成真。冲击托福高分,写出符合美国评卷官口味的美文佳作,有甜美,亦有辛酸,这便是真实的生活。然而,十多年来,笔者一直用下

面的话提醒历届考生:**We don't want a win of luck, but a triumph from sustained and thorough preparation, which actually begins today.**考生朋友们,快行动起来。参照我们为你提供的实战信息,每天坚持踏实的演练,一个月后你的 **TWE** 成绩至少可以达到 5.0 分。让我们敲响希望的钟,倾听成功的佳音!

宫东风

2001 年于北京

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第一章 托福 TWE 概述

一、TWE 的自身特点：

TWE 试题来自于院校学生应会写的典型性写作任务，要求考生能表达并说明某种思想，论证某个观点，或分析图表的内容。

按照 **TWE** 考试要求，**TWE** 委员会要确定每个题目是否：

1. 为所有的学生所理解，无论其熟练水平、母语和文化背景如何；
2. 明确写作任务；
3. 运用贴切的词语和语法结构；
4. 文字简练而意义明了；
5. 允许考生在 30 分钟内完成构思、组织和写作；
6. 尽量让考生运用自己的经验；
7. 同时让考生和阅卷人感兴趣；
8. 使阅卷人很容易地使用 **TWE** 评分标准，并具有一致性。

此外，**TWE** 试题还应该做到：

1. 不对任何人形成优势或劣势；
2. 不招来陈词滥调的回答；
3. 不使考生或阅卷人在感情上不安；
4. 不让答卷具有国家、宗教和政治色彩。

此外, **TWE** 试题不能和阅读理解相混淆。因此, **TWE** 试题长度有限, 不以阅读理解段落为基础。一经 **TWE** 委员会同意, 试题将转交教育考试服务处审核, 以保证试题不带任何煽动、偏见、误解或歧视。达到这些标准之后, 试题用于试测和再次评价。

二、TWE 的出题范围:

为了做到对世界各国参加托福 (**TOEFL**) 的考生水平进行客观评定, 美国教育考试服务处 (**ETS**) 要求作文题避免涉及不同文化的民族的敏感问题和令人难堪的问题, 例如: 宗教、政治、种族和性等问题。作文题一般是大众化的, 并提供一定的 **information** (情景), 便于考生发挥写作能力。我们把可能的出题范围列出如下:

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Science & Technology | 科学与技术 |
| Effects of technology | 技术的作用 |
| Effects of industrialization | 工业化的影响 |
| Computer science | 计算机科学 |
| Effects of TV | 电视的影响 |
| Advantages & disadvantages of medicine | 药物的作用与副作用 |
| Alternative approaches to agriculture | 从事农业的不同方式 |
| Comparing technologically advanced and traditional cultures | 比较当代文化和传统文化 |
| Environmental problems | 环境问题 |
| Pollution | 污染 |
| Transportation | 交通运输 |

| | |
|---|----------|
| Communication | 电信 |
| Ecological balance | 生态平衡 |
| Social issues | 社会问题 |
| International relations | 国际关系 |
| Law | 法律 |
| International trade | 国际贸易 |
| Comparing production | 比较生产方式 |
| Comparing budgets | 比较预算 |
| Composition of the labor force (male and female, etc.) | 劳动力的组合 |
| Advertising | 广告 |
| Competition | 竞争 |
| Comparing past and present | 今昔对比 |
| Participation in social activities | 参加社会活动 |
| Human questions | 与人类有关的问题 |
| Culture differences | 文化差异 |
| Family problems (raising children, etc.) | 家庭问题 |
| Earning a living | 谋生 |
| Attitudes toward work | 对工作的态度 |
| Ways of learning and studying | 学习方式 |
| Leisure | 业余时间 |
| Aging | 老年问题 |
| Relations between generations | 代沟 |
| Personal issues | 个人问题 |
| Personality differences | 个性差异 |

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|--|----------|
| Ways of living | 生活方式 |
| Experiences | 经历 |
| Friendship | 友谊 |
| Comparing sports (arts, etc.) | 比较文体等 |
| Hobbies | 爱好 |
| Choosing a university (a job, etc.) | 选择学校、工作等 |
| Choosing a place to live in | 选择住所 |

考生可以根据上述范围适当地花些时间收集资料,并进行写作练习。

三、TWE 的常考类型:

近来最常考的托福作文题型:

1. 比较或对比不同的观点,然后作出自己的选择(**Compare and contrast different points of view, and make a choice as to which you prefer.**)例如:

- (1) Some people believe that the increasing use of computers in business, banking, industry, education, government and every other aspect of life has made the modern world more efficient, while others are concerned by the lack of privacy, and the reduced personal contact that can result from large scale computerization. Which position do you prefer? In your essay, compare and contrast the two views of computerization

and give reasons for your choice.

- (2) Some people believe that children under the age of 5 should remain at home with their mother or father. Others believe that it is better for children to leave the home early, and spend part of the day with children of similar ages, under the care of responsible adults. Compare and contrast these two points of view (without considering the economic pressure for one position or the other). Which do you prefer? Explain your reasons.
- (3) Some people feel that using animals for food is cruel and unnecessary, while others feel that it is necessary for people to eat meat, and that the production of animals for food be done without cruelty. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of both positions and use concrete examples when you explain and defend your own point of view.

2. 描述和解释图表 (Describe and interpret a chart or graph) 例如:

(1) Characteristics of A Good Worker

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Enthusiasm | 80.6% |
| Positive attitude | 65.1% |
| Loyalty | 62.6% |
| Energy | 40.3% |
| Assertiveness | 30.5% |

The graph above shows the characteristics that executives think are

important in a worker. What does the graph tell you about? Describe characteristics in an employee. Explain your conclusions, supporting them with details from the graph.

(2) Favorite Leisure Activities

| | | |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| Reading | women | 25.1% |
| | men | 14% |
| Exercise | women | 12.1% |
| Sports | men | 21.2% |
| TV/movies | women | 8.8% |
| Music/shows | men | 8.9% |
| Shopping | women | 7.1% |
| | men | 1.6% |

The graph above shows the results of a survey of adults who were asked how they like to spend their leisure time. What do the figures tell you about the difference between women's and men's leisure lifestyles? How might we explain these differences? How will these different preferences affect the relationships between women and men?

(3) Population of the U. S. A. from 1990 to 2080

| Date Age | 1990 | 1986 | 2080 |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0 - 18 | 40.4% | 26.1% | 20.3% |
| 18 - 64 | 55.5% | 61.9% | 56.1% |
| 65 + | 4% | 12% | 23.6% |

What do these charts tell you about changes in the American population? What social changes can we expect from the pattern shown by the charts, and what are some problems and benefits of the changes?

当考生做第一种比较和对比,然后作出选择(**compare/contrast and make a choice**)类型的题目时,考生应当讨论两者的共同点和不同点。不过,重点要放在不同点上,并充分说明选择某一种看法或做法的理由。总之,做这类题时,文章必须包括两部分:比较和对比(**compare/contrast**)和作出选择(**make a choice**)。

当考生在做第二种描述、解释图表(**describe and interpret a chart or graph**)类型的题目时,必须用简明的语言表明自己看懂了图表,写出有说服力的理由,然后得出结论。

四、TWE 的评分标准：

TEST OF WRITTEN ENGLISH (TWE) SCORING GUIDE

Readers will assign scores based on the following scoring guide. Though examinees are asked to write on a specific topic, parts of the topic may be treated by implication. Readers should focus on what the examinee does well.

Scores

- 6** **Demonstrates clear competence on writing on both the rhetorical and syntactic levels, though it may have occasional errors.**

A paper in this category

- effectively addresses the writing task
- is well organized and well developed
- uses clearly appropriate details to support thesis or illustrate ideas
- displays consistent facility in the use of language
- demonstrates syntactic variety and appropriate word choice

六分标准： 具有较高的写作能力，在修辞、句法等方面达到一定的高度，允许文章中出现个别错误。

- ◆ 有效地按照要求进行写作，文章切题；
- ◆ 段落组织有序，合理展开说明；
- ◆ 使用适当的事例支持论点或阐述观点；
- ◆ 语言流利，连接顺畅；
- ◆ 句式多样，用词准确。

- 5 **Demonstrates competence in writing on both the rhetorical and syntactic levels, though it will probably have occasional errors.**

A paper in this category

- may address some parts of the task more effectively than others
- is generally well organized and developed
- uses details to support a thesis or illustrate an idea
- displays facility in the use of language
- demonstrates some syntactic variety and range of vocabulary

五分标准： 在修辞、句法等方面具有一定的能力，但文章偶而会出现一些错误。

- ◆ 有效地按照要求进行写作，但某些部分有欠缺；
- ◆ 总体上，段落组织有序，合理展开说明；
- ◆ 使用事例支持论点或阐述的观点；
- ◆ 有一定的语言能力，但有少量语法错误；
- ◆ 句式有所变化，用词基本得体。

Demonstrates minimal competence in writing on both the rhetorical and syntactic levels.

A paper in this category

- addresses the writing topic adequately but may slight parts of the task
- is adequately organized and developed
- uses some details to support a thesis or illustrate an idea

- demonstrates adequate but possibly inconsistent facility with syntax and usage
- may contain some errors that occasionally obscure meaning

四分标准：在修辞、句法方面能力一般。

- ◆ 文章比较切题,但某些部分有缺陷;
- ◆ 能够进行适当地组织与展开;
- ◆ 使用事例支持论点或阐述观点;
- ◆ 阐述尚可,但有语法错误,可能会导致意思模糊。

3 Demonstrates some developing competence in writing, but it remains flawed on either the rhetorical or syntactic level, or both.

A paper in this category may reveal one or more of the following weaknesses:

- inadequate organization or development
- inappropriate or insufficient details to support or illustrate generalizations
- a noticeably inappropriate choice of words or word forms
- an accumulation of errors in sentence structure and/or usage

三分标准：在文章展开方面尚可,但在修辞或句法方面有明显的缺陷。