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为了帮助学生深入理解、熟练掌握该套教材的基础知识，培养学生阅读能力，拓宽学生视野，了解英语国家的文化背景知识，提高学生的文化素养和综合素质，我们编写了这套《新课程高中英语阅读》丛书（以下简称《阅读》），供学生在教师的指导下阅读时使用。

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2. 拓展性阅读（主观题，如简答、读后感等）
3. 西方文化超市：选择一篇介绍西方文化（风俗等）的短文。

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5. 拓展性阅读主要对逻辑、思维、深层理解设题。

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Module 1

My First Day at Senior High

I. 阅读理解 阅读下面短文，从 A、B、C、D 中选出最佳选项。

(A) The Top 4 Lies Girls Hear

1. "You'll never be good at math."

It's generally accepted that boys are good at math and girls aren't. The fact is that it isn't true, at least, it doesn't have to be.

When girls reach their teens, most of them lose their interest in math. They're trying to be regarded as females. They want to stay away from things that are boy things, and math is still considered a boy thing. Math class is hard, but if you gave it a chance you could be great at math, especially because you are a girl.

2. "Being skinny is good, and how you diet is your business."

Lots of web sites tell visitors that losing interest in eating is a beautiful thing. These "skinny is better" sites are lying. Losing interest in eating is a disease, not a fashion statement. It can kill you.

3. "You don't deserve to make as much money as a guy."

It's said that in 2002 women who work full-time earn about 23 percent less than guys earn. Once you see real women succeeding in cool jobs, you'll truly get that you're worth just as much—or more than any guys.

4. "Caffeine will help you study better."

Caffeine soft drinks have long been advertised as you must have when you have to work very hard. But if you want to do your body a big favor, you'd better give up caffeine altogether.

- () 1. Why do girls lose their interest in math? Because _____.
 A. they don't realize the importance of math B. math class is too hard for girls
 C. they aren't interested in the boy things D. girls are not as clever as boys
- () 2. The word "skinny" means _____.
 A. pretty B. strong C. tall D. thin
- () 3. Supposing in 2002 a man earns \$20,000, how much will a woman who does the same job probably get?
 A. \$10,000. B. \$15,000. C. \$20,000. D. \$25,000.
- () 4. Which of the statements is NOT true?

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- A. Girls sometimes can do better than boys in math.
- B. Being skinny is good for girls' health.
- C. Girls can earn as much money as boys do.
- D. Caffeine can make people feel more excited.

(B)

Tokyo—our kids, the Japanese government announced, have forgotten how to behave. They can't be bothered with housework. If they see someone being wronged, they probably look the other way.

Few countries have placed more importance on being well-behaved than Japan. The simplest requests for directions often result in guided tours. Smiling shopkeepers are still the rule. Lost wallets usually make their way back to their owners.

A Japanese Education Ministry survey formed late in 1999 and made public last month found that Japan moves behind other nations in teaching youngsters right from wrong.

It also reported that Japanese children are less helpful and do less housework than their foreign peers (同龄人) in all classes. But they are better about taking dirty dishes to the kitchen after dinner.

In addition, Japanese kids are more likely to dye their hair and carry cell phones than American and Chinese kids, according to another survey by a Tokyo-based think-tank (专家组).

Children in about 9 percent of public school classrooms are so disorderly that teachers can not hold lessons, further recent reports show, children refuse to sit, to listen or to stop talking.

Older and middle-aged Japanese continue to have a solid sense of good manners and social justice, says Professor Yoshina Hirano from Chin Shu University, who was appointed to direct the ministry's survey.

Despite the knowledge of good manners among adults, the breakdown of manners may be spreading, he said.

- () 1. From the first paragraph we can infer that _____.
- A. the Japanese government has gone bad
 - B. kids in Japan have a bad memory
 - C. kids in Japan seldom help with the housework
 - D. kids in Japan are too busy to help others
- () 2. The second paragraph seems to show us _____.
- A. the educational system of Japan is better than that of any other country
 - B. shopkeepers in Japan are too kind to their customers
 - C. Japanese kids often find wallets on their way to their schools
 - D. Japanese adults in public places act politely to each other
- () 3. It is implied in the passage that Japanese kids _____.
- A. spend much time doing their homework

- B. ad an advanced modern life
- C. have their hair cut too often
- D. often wash dishes after dinner

- () 4. From the last three paragraphs we may conclude that _____.
- A. older and middle-aged Japanese should set examples to their kids
 - B. Japanese schools are supposed to punish some rude kids
 - C. it is difficult for Japan to prevent its kids from becoming impolite
 - D. Japanese kids have become tired of staying at school

(C)

Education is not an end, but a means to an end. In other words, we do not educate children only for the purpose (目的) of educating them. Our purpose is to fit them for life. In some modern countries it has for some time been fashionable (时髦的) to think that by free education for all—whether rich or poor, clever or stupid—one can solve all the problems of society and build a perfect nation. But we can already see that free education for all is not enough; we find in such countries a far large number of people with university degrees, they refuse to do what they think “low” work, and, in fact, work with hands is thought to be dirty and shameful in such countries. But we have only to think a moment to understand that a completely uneducated farmer is far more important than a professor. We can live without education, but we die if we have no food. If no one cleaned our streets and took the rubbish away from our houses, we should get terrible diseases in our town. In fact, when we say that all of us must be educated to fit us for life, it means that we must be educated in such a way that. Firstly, each of us can do whatever work suited to his brains and ability. And, secondly, that we can realize that all jobs are necessary to society, and that it is very bad to be ashamed of one's work. Only such a type of education can be considered valuable to society.

- () 1. Education is _____.
- A. our purpose
 - B. educating children
 - C. to fit children for life
 - D. to give children free education
- () 2. The passage tells us that our society needs _____.
- A. a far larger number of people with university degrees
 - B. more completely uneducated farmers than professors
 - C. workers who clean streets and take the rubbish away
 - D. both people working with hands and brain workers
- () 3. The writer thinks that _____.
- A. we must not consider work with hands to be dirty and shameful
 - B. the work of professors is thought to be unimportant to society
 - C. it is no good students receiving their university degrees
 - D. we can solve all the problems by free education for all people
- () 4. Which of the following is NOT true?
- A. All of us must be educated to fit ourselves for life.



- B. Each of us can do whatever work suited to him.
- C. All jobs are important and necessary to society.
- D. We can refuse to do lower jobs.

() 5. The passage is mainly about _____ of education.

- A. the means
- B. the type
- C. the importance
- D. the value

(D)

Here are some advertisements about English language training from newspapers.
You may find the information you need.

Global English Center

- ☆ General English in all four skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.
- ☆ Choice of morning or evening classes, 3 hours per day, Mon.—Fri..
- Tel: 67605272 Add: 105 Zhongshan Road, 100082

Modern Language School

- ☆ Special courses in English for business.
- ☆ Small classes (12—16 students) on Sat. & Sun. 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m..
- ☆ Native English teachers from Canada and USA.

Modern Language School, 675 Park Road, 100056 Tel: 67353019

The 21st Century English Training Center

- ☆ We specialize in effective teaching at all levels.
- ☆ We offer morning or afternoon classes, both lasting 3 months and a half costing 800 yuan.

- ☆ Entrance exams: June 1 and Dec. 1
- ☆ Only 15-minute walk from city center.

Call 67801642 for more information.

The International House of English

- ☆ Three/Six-month English courses for students of all levels at very low cost: 60 yuan for 12 hours per week; convenient class hours: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m..

☆ A four-month evening programme for developing speaking skills (same cost as day classes).

For further information call 67432308.

() 1. You work from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day. Which school will you choose?

- A. Global English Center and Modern Language School.
- B. Global English Center and the International House.
- C. Modern Language School and the 21st Century.
- D. The 21st Century and the International House.

() 2. The 21st Century is different from the other three schools in that _____.

- A. its teaching quality is better
- B. it is nearest to the city center
- C. its courses are more advanced
- D. it requires an entrance examination

() 3. _____, you will probably prefer to go to the International House.



- A. If it offers free sightseeing and social activities
- B. If you want to improve your spoken English
- C. If it costs less than the other schools
- D. If it has native English teachers

() 4. If you take the evening programme at the International House, you will pay about

- A. 60 yuan
- B. 240 yuan
- C. 720 yuan
- D. 1,000 yuan

II. 完形阅读 根据短文内容, 从框中选择合适的词填空。

revenge, unfair, realized, problem, ignored, angry, shocked, popular, afford, behind

Dear Auntie Alice,

Please help me! I have a terrible 1 _____ at school. This year, my class chose me to be the monitress. At first, I was really excited to have been chosen. I thought I must be 2 _____. I liked the new monitor, Charlie, as well. He has a funny face but he's very hard working.

My best friend, Sally, was also happy for me. She said the last monitress, Joey, had been 3 _____ to her. She always talked about it. Actually, she talked about Joey a lot. I usually 4 _____ it.

Charlie and I have to stay 5 _____ after school to make sure that the classroom is clean. I came back before Charlie last Thursday. I found Sally at Joey's desk. She was cutting up Joey's English textbook. I was 6 _____. Sally asked me not to tell anyone. She wanted 7 _____ for Joey being unfair to her. Sally ran out when Charlie ran in.

Charlie saw the book and soon 8 _____ what had happened. He asked me what I had seen but I said nothing. The next day, Joey was crying. Her parents are poor and she can't 9 _____ to buy a new one. She is scared to tell our teacher because he may think that she did it. Sally is happy about this. She thinks she got away with it. This makes me a little 10 _____.

III. 还原阅读 用所给的句子完成段落。

The cost of medical care in the United States is very high. The time and money that doctors spend on their medical education is probably one reason for this problem.

A visit to a doctor's office costs from fifteen to fifty dollars. 1 _____ Many people in the United States think that doctors are overpaid. 2 _____ They say that they were required (要求) to study medicine for a long time. 3 _____ Doctors say that it is necessary for most medical students to borrow money from the bank to pay their tuition. Because their money must be repaid to the bank young doctors need to receive a lot of money for their work. 4 _____

Therefore, it is impossible that the high cost of medical care in America is unnecessary. 5 _____ One way to lower the costs would be to have medical schools that are free or have low tuition.

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- A. Most doctors, however, don't agree.
- B. So, they charge people high prices for medical care.
- C. It is almost impossible for many people to pay for the medical care they need.
- D. That is because high tuition is one cause of high costs.
- E. Tuition for many years of medical education costs a lot of money.

IV. 阅读简答 阅读下面短文，简单回答问题。

Cyber English

There are new and exciting ways to use the Internet to learn English while you are online. The Internet uses a lot of multimedia elements (多媒体原理), like words, sounds, pictures, animations and video. This is perfect for studying a language because you've got to see, hear and repeat things as much as you like. Learning over the Internet is also fun because you can be a part of conversations happening all around the globe! Special Internet sites are designed for people learning English, just like yourself. These sites use multimedia to help you learn and are a great way to meet other people around the world.

The Language of the Net

On the Internet, English is the major language. As a result, it is now more important than ever to be able to understand English when you surf the web. It is not always easy, though. The English can be difficult or have a lot of cultural information that you have never seen.

See You in Town

One site for students studying English and their teachers is Englishtown. At <http://www.englishtown.com>, you will find a community (group) of people interested in learning English. There are several buildings in the virtual (虚拟的) town where you can play games, chat with friends, ask and get answers to language and cultural questions, and find an international pen friend who shares your interests. There are extra resources to help you learn, such as multimedia CD-ROMs and books for language learning and translation. You can also have daily and monthly English lessons delivered to your own e-mail address. There is even an on-line school where you can take English classes over the Internet. Englishtown is the perfect place to prepare for a trip to England or the United States!

Would you like to become part of a virtual community of English speakers?

Learn While You Surf

Surfing the web can also help improving your English! Try out some of the web sites listed below and see how students all over the world are learning English online.

1. What does Cyber English probably mean?

2. Why do so many people become interested in English online?

3. What does the underline word "surfing" probably mean?



4. Why is English called "The Language of the Net" ?

5. Why does the passage talk about "http://www.englishtown.com" ?

V. 读写阅读 根据短文内容按要求完成任务。

Daily at this we shall speak to you about America and the war. The news may be good or bad. We shall tell you the truth the Voice of America, February 24, 1942.

Those words were from the Voice of America's first broadcast during World War II. Today more than 80 million listeners tune in every day. The broadcast network is the largest in the world and reaches millions of listeners in Africa in English, French, Hausa, Portuguese for Central and South America. The Middle East receives its news in Arabic and Parsi. South Asia picks up signals in Bengali, Hindi and Urdu. The Russian-language service is on 14 hour a day.

All of the broadcasts come from the Voice of America headquarters in Washington D.C.. Visitors can push a red button outside any of the twenty-five glass-walled studios and listen to the broadcast, in Hindi, that Indian citizens are listening to at that very moment in India.

In addition to news broadcasts, the Voice of America sends out interviews and a wide variety of programs. For example, special broadcasts in easy English are written for students of English as a foreign language. Among the most popular features of the Voice of America are the musical programs which offers every kind of music from bach to rock.

The Voice of America is the official voice of the United States government, but it presents opposing opinions as well. To give an objective analysis (分析) of the news, the station gets advice from newspaper, news services, reporters and correspondents (通讯员) from all over the world.

1. The Voice of America was started _____.
2. The Voice of America broadcasts programs in _____.
3. Besides news broadcasts, it also _____.
4. The Voice of America not only stands for _____, but also expresses _____.
5. The main purpose of the text is to have a general _____ of the Voice of America.

VI. 文化之窗。

In Canada, there are large schools run by the City Governments and smaller country schools run by the Provincial Governments. In the territories, the Federal Government runs schools for Indians. Most boys and girls in Canada go to school every day and learn the same subjects as children in Britain. School is compulsory in Canada, too. This means that boys and girls must, by law, start going to school when they are six and keep on attending until they reach a certain age. The age at which the Provincial Government



allows children to leave school varies slightly from province to province. It is usually fifteen or sixteen. Canadian primary schools work on a "grade" system. At the end of each year, each pupil is tested and, if successful in the tests, moves into the next grade, or class. Canadian children change from the "grade school" to "high school" when they are about thirteen.

Some boys and girls leave high school before the end of the course and take special training at the college for a trade or business. Many young Canadians go on to university—the number of university students in Canada in relation to the size of the population is much larger than that in Britain. Every province has a Provincial University in Montreal and the University of British Columbia. Schooling is free in Canada. The only exception is formed by a small number of "private" boarding-schools at which the pupils do pay fees.

Module 2

My New Teachers

I. 阅读理解 阅读下面短文，从 A、B、C、D 中选出最佳选项。

(A)

Perhaps the most unforgettable person I have ever met is my teacher Mr. Smith. He taught us history. I last met him years ago. I still remember his lively way of teaching. Because he explained everything clearly and to the point, his classroom was always full of students. He gave lessons in a lively and interesting way, introducing many helpful things to his teaching, such as paintings, recordings and maps. He even sang a song in class to deepen his points. He would meet with students outside the classroom or talk to them on the telephone. He would join the students in ball games. And he would join groups to talk about subjects—from sports to music. He believed that no class hour is good unless the students and the teacher enjoy several laughs or at least one loud laugh. If it is true that life makes a wise man smile and a foolish man cry, Mr. Smith is of course a wise man.

- () 1. How did Mr. Smith make his classes lively and interesting?
 A. Using clear and proper words. B. Using some helpful things.
 C. By singing popular songs. D. Both A and B.
- () 2. The underlined word "deepen" means _____.
 A. make deeper or become deeper B. explain clearly
 C. make somebody understand D. help somebody understand
- () 3. In the writer's opinion, a good teacher should _____.
 A. be good at singing B. be a map drawer as well
 C. be also students' friend D. play with students together
- () 4. What kind of man do you think Mr. Smith is? He is _____.
 A. serious and never smiles B. clever and warm-hearted
 C. a learned man with wide knowledge D. of the kind of B and C
- () 5. Which of the following is TRUE to the passage?
 A. Foolish people like crying.
 B. Clever people never cry.
 C. Mr. Smith is remembered as a best teacher.
 D. The writer thinks nothing of his history teacher.

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Think for a moment about the teachers you have had at school. Which one did you like best? And why? Were the teachers you liked best also the ones who were the best teachers in your opinion? Before you read any further, consider for a minute the qualities (品质) that make a teacher good. Some very common answers to this question are that teachers need to love their students that they need to have an expert knowledge of their subjects, and that they should devote (献身) themselves completely to their jobs. All of these ideas are, of course, true but they are a little too simple.

It is impossible for anyone to love everyone they know, and teachers deal with a very large number of students over the years. On the other hand, teachers should certainly be able to make their students feel that they are interested in them as people and in the development of both their brains and their characters. A deep knowledge of the subject is important, but equally important is the ability to pass that knowledge on to the students effectively. A teacher needs to be trained in the skills of teaching. These skills include how to control (控制) a class, and so on. Finally teachers have to devote a lot of time and energy to their work, of course. However, they are also models that their students must follow; so it is important that they should be well-balanced people with interests outside their school—family, friends, hobbies, etc.. A teacher who only lives for work is likely to become too narrow-minded.

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D. to spend much time on his work

(C)

Dear editor,

Recently in our school, quite a few students wrote to the headmaster. They said they couldn't understand what the English teacher taught in class. One of them even wanted to quit school, only because he couldn't follow the teacher. They requested that the school leaders change the teacher. The leaders were angry with the teacher and criticized him, saying a lot of unkind things. They don't think the teacher is qualified.

Having observed the teacher for quite a long time, I don't agree with the students and school leaders. The fact is that the teacher spoke more English and less Chinese than the other teachers did in class. He did not read the text sentence by sentence, analyze the grammatical construction of each sentence or translate it into our native language. Basically, the teacher was not using the common grammar and translation method of teaching. So the students didn't accept the teacher.

In fact, in our school those who can make the students get high marks in the college entrance examination are considered to be the most qualified teachers, regardless of the teaching methods they use. But I think those who make an effort to train the students' abilities to use English and stress communicative skill are really the most qualified teachers. In my opinion some teachers only teach about English. So the students don't learn English but only learn about English. The students may learn a lot of the rules concerning the language, but they can't apply them in writing, much less in speaking.

The students have poor pronunciation and intonation (语调), making them very weak in oral skills. Due to the method of instruction teachers adopt, many students are not to speak English after they finish middle school. Their listening skills are even worse. The students who later attend college usually have difficulty in understanding their teachers.

In my view, in order to meet the needs of higher education and all trades and professions, we must improve the students' ability to communicate.

Yours,
Li Ying

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() 1. The students couldn't understand what their teacher taught in class because

- A. the teacher didn't know how to teach
- B. they had little practice in listening before
- C. the teacher spoke English too fast
- D. their teacher was not qualified

() 2. Which of the following ideas does the writer think is right?

- A. The teacher should read text sentence by sentence.
- B. The teacher should translate the text into our native language.
- C. The teacher should make the students speak more English in class.
- D. The teacher should speak our native language as much as possible.



- () 3. According to the writer the most qualified teacher should _____.
A. have a good master of English
B. make students get high marks
C. make students get necessary abilities
D. know about the entrance examination
- () 4. The reason why students are poor in listening and speaking is that
A. they have little practice in and after class
B. they don't study hard
C. their teacher has poor teaching methods
D. bout A and C
- () 5. For students who are learning English, the most important thing is _____.
A. to improve their ability in using it
B. to get high marks in entrance examination
C. to learn more about English
D. to have less difficulty in understanding their teacher

(D)

My legs were too short to reach the floor from up there on the big chair. I was so afraid, they started to tremble (颤抖). It was the first time I had been to the principal's office (校长办公室). And I knew what she was going to ask me. Why had I been running on the concrete (水泥) in the playground? Why hadn't I followed the school rules?

The principal's secretary was sitting at her desk. She kept asking me questions like whether I liked school and what grade I was in. I didn't want to talk to her, so I just gave one-word answers. Then she asked what my dad did. But I didn't really know what he did, so I made something up. "He plays basketball for the Boston Celtics (波士顿凯尔特人队)," I said. The secretary just looked at me and said nothing more. Just then, the door to the principal's office opened. There she was, the woman the everyone called "the witch (女巫)".

Was she really the bad? I was surprised to see her office walls were bright yellow, and there were some nice pictures on the desk. She told me about the pictures. I was surprised that she had a family and a kid, just like me. Then she asked how my family was. It turns out she had know me since I was only a few weeks old. I was happy to hear that. If she knew my mum, then I wouldn't get in much trouble. She cleaned the cut on my knee and told me to be more careful. She also told me about the rules of the playground. But she didn't punish or shout at me. And I forgot all the bad things I had heard about "the witch". I had met her, and I knew she was nice.

- () 1. Why did the headmaster ask the child to go to her office?
A. Because she wanted to punish the child.
B. Because she wanted to praise the child.
C. Because the child had broken the school rule.
D. Because she knew the child.

- () 2. According to the article, a witch _____.
 A. was a good woman B. had a family
 C. had a kid D. was a bad woman
- () 3. According to the article, the headmaster _____ the child.
 A. knew nothing about B. knew much about
 C. shouted at D. beat
- () 4. At last the child _____ the old opinion about the headmaster.
 A. stuck to B. changed
 C. tried to forget D. tried to remember

II. 完形阅读 根据短文内容, 从框中选择合适的词填空。

youth, opinions, trouble, deeply, Naturally, chance, especially, nearly, reasons, understand

Millions of words have been written about young people in the United States. There are 1 _____ for this great interest in the ideas, feelings and actions of 2 _____.

Today there are about seven million Americans in the colleges and universities. Young persons under 25 make up 3 _____ half of the American population. Many of these will soon be in charge of the nation. 4 _____, their ideas are important to everyone in the country, and it is necessary for older people to 5 _____ what they think and feel.

College students today have strong 6 _____ about right and wrong. They are 7 _____ interested in making a better life for all people, 8 _____ for those who have not been given a fair 9 _____ before. They see much that is wrong in the older ways of their elder. So they insist on changing them. As a result, there is often 10 _____ in American families.

III. 还原阅读 用所给的句子完成段落。

In America, where labor costs are so high, "do-it-yourself" is a way of life. 1 _____ Soon they may also be writing their own books. In Hollywood there is a company that publishes children's books with the help of computers.

Although other book companies also publish that way, this company is very unusual. It "personalizes" the books by having the computer make the reader the leading character in the story. 2 _____ Let us say your child is named Jenny. She lives on Oak Drive in St. Louis, has a dog named Spot, a cat named Tabby, and three playmates whose names are Betsy, Sandy and Judy. 3 _____ The story is then printed with standard equipment as a hardcover book. A child who receives such a book might say, "This book is about me." 4 _____

Children like the me-books because they like to see in print their own names and the names of their friends and their pets. But more important, "personalization" has been found to be an important tool in developing interest for reading. 5 _____

- A. The company therefore calls itself the "Me-Books Publishing Company".
 B. The computer uses this information to fill out a story that has already been prepared and illustrated.



- C. Me-books are thus helping a child to learn how to read with expectation to see its own name in print.
- D. Here is how they do it.
- E. Many people repair their own cars, build their own houses.

IV. 阅读简答 阅读下面短文，简单回答问题。

Noah Webster was a teacher when he was very young. At that time, it was the colony of Britain and they wanted to fight for independence from it. The books that American children used in school all came from Britain. The books were all about British people and British places. Webster wanted books that would mean more to American children. So he wrote three books that used American examples—a grammar book, a spelling book, and a reader. These books were very popular, and millions of them were sold.

Webster was interested in changing the spellings of words. He wanted words to be spelled the way they were pronounced. For example, he thought the word "head" should be spelled "hed", and the word "laugh" should be spelled "laf". People liked Webster's suggestions. However, few words were actually changed. One group of words that were changed was words in which an unpronounced "u" followed an "o". That was why Americans wrote "colour" and "labour".

With the money he made from his books, Webster was able to write. It was the first American English dictionary, which was published in 1828. Webster's dictionary had over 70,000 words and gave the meaning and origin of each. To this day, Webster's work is the example that most dictionaries of American English follow.

1. What did Noah Webster do when he was young as a teacher?

2. Did American people write English as exactly as English people did?

3. What is Noah Webster famous for in American history?

4. When was his dictionary published?

V. 读写阅读 根据短文内容按要求完成任务。

There are both state and private colleges and universities in the United States. Most of these accept both men and women students. The students come from everywhere in the United States. Many students want to go to school near their parent's home, but others prefer to go farther away. Some students come to American college from their countries; those from Asia come the farthest; those from China and Japan study the hardest.

College education is not free in the United States. Students have to pay for tuition, room and board (食宿), books, and supplies. Tuition at private can be especially high.