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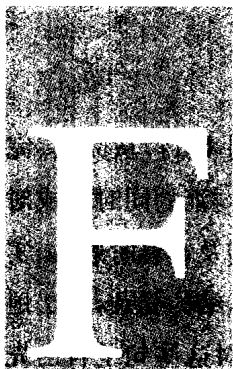
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前言

漫漫考研路,最难过的就是词汇关。词汇是整个考研英语复习的基础,也是整个考研英语复习的起点,词汇掌握的扎实与否,直接影响到后面阅读、写作等其他方面的复习。因此,如何在最短的时间内迅速掌握考研词汇、突破词汇关,为后面的全面复习打好基础、留出时间,成为每一个考生考研复习伊始就迫切关注的问题。

莘莘学子手捧一本本厚厚的词汇书,每次都是从 A、B、C 开始背起,直到临近考研才发现只看了不过三分之一。并且每次记单词不管难易,不管有多少词义一次次从头记起,到最后才发现自己的词汇量并没有提高,而是浪费了许多时间在低效的单词记忆上,所掌握的词义也不是考研过程中所考查的词义,最后导致在枯燥乏味的单词记忆中灰心放弃。

基于此,本着“核心词汇重点突破、其他词汇兼顾掌握,分类例句丰富语境、科学计划保证进度”的编写思路,由有着丰富考研辅导经验的一线教授和有着深厚研究功底的词汇专家联合执笔,精心打造、倾情推出了这本《考研英语词汇核心突破》,打破了简单罗列大纲词汇表的传统做法,将考研大纲词汇分为“核心词汇”、“领会式掌握词汇”、“基础词汇”三部分共 20 个单元,有主有次、有详有略地进行讲解,并将每一单元具体设计、计划到每一天,让您跟着我们的安排在 20 天里轻松、自信、扎实的全面突破考研词汇。

本书共分三个部分:

第一部分:核心词汇(第 1—15 天)

核心词汇即在考研复习备考中最重要的、最需要详细掌握的词汇,本部分是编者采用历年真题作为单词出现频率的统计依据,利用先进的电脑统计技术,对历年考研真题中出现的词汇进行考频统计,并以牛津、朗文等权威词典及英汉大词典、多功能词典等为参照标准,对其进行补充和完善后形成的,是考研词汇中最核心、最重要、最精髓的部分。

本部分在内容上、讲解上有三大特色:

1. 真题、难点释义重点凸现

最新考研大纲中只列出英文单词,不再给出中文释义,这使考生很难把握单词词义,增加了备考难度。许多考生在考试中因一个单词的词义理解有误而导致了大量的丢分。鉴于此,我们以解决考生的学习难点为出发点,将考试中考查的真题词义,及重点词汇的易被忽视的难点释义仔细遴选出来,并将其单列,分别标注【真】和【难】使考生在复习中有的放矢,击破盲点,突破瓶颈。

2. 深入考试全面讲解

本部分词汇讲解中,词条下单列“阅读理解”、“完型填空”、“写作句型”小栏目,从阅读、完形、写作这三个考研英语题型分别进行充分、深入的讲解,以帮助考生在掌握词汇的同时完成对三大题型基础能力的热身和提高。“阅读理解”部分共精选 600 余条真题例句及本着时效性、实用性、适当性原则从各种材料中精选出的各类经典例句。这些例句长短相宜,结构复杂,用法地道,逻辑严密,掌握好这些例句将使您的考研复习有较大的提升。考生可以对这些句子自己先翻译一遍再对照汉语找出差距,从而提高自己的读译能力。“完形填空”部分配了相关介词搭配和精选单词辨异,帮助考生洞悉完形常考要点;“写作句型”部分则配了近 200 个写作高分句架,帮助考生熟稔模板句型,做到胸有成竹。

3. 佳句背诵锦上添花

本部分另设“佳句背诵”栏目,它们或者是句子中同义词、近义词、派生词等同时出现,背记效果事半功倍;或者是名言妙语,含意隽永,蕴味无穷,能为您的写作锦上添花。

第二部分:领会式掌握词汇(第 16—18 页)

领会式掌握词汇是指考研阅读中常出现的一些认知词,在此部分编者淡化考点讲解,以语境记忆的方式帮助考生记忆。

第三部分:基础词汇(第 19—20 页)

本部分所列为考研大纲中的中学词汇,该部分词汇只列音标和简单释义,并分栏编排。考生可以迅速浏览,查漏补缺,复习熟知词,巩固遗忘词。

附录:本部分特设 10 年考研真题超纲词、10 年真题阅读分类词汇、常见前后缀、常见词根、常用缩略词、不规则动词表六大专题版块,以期为广大考生提供最具人性化的帮助和最实用的学习工具。

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不管我是狮子，还是羚羊，
从这一刻起，都只有全力跑到终点。

核心词汇

抓住关键 突破核心

Unit 1

第1天

abandon [ə'bændən]

vt. 沉湎于, 放纵

考频 6

【真】 vt. 抛弃; 放弃

阅读理解 "I don't know if other clients are going to abandon me, too," she says. 她说: "我不知道其他的客户会不会也离开我。"

【2004 考研阅读】

Community and the extended family have been abandoned in favor of isolated, two generation households. 人们摒弃了社区和大家庭, 取而代之的是分散的、只有父母和孩子两代人的小家庭。

【2000 考研阅读】

完形填空 搭配: abandon oneself to 沉溺于...

with abandon 放任地, 放纵地; 纵情地

辨析: abandon, leave, desert, quit

(1) abandon 指因外界压力或影响, 完全或永久舍弃自己所感兴趣的事物或人;

(2) leave 是一般用语, 着重强调“离开、遗留”;

(3) desert 指某人或某物在困难时或困境中被人背弃;

(4) quit 指突然或出其不意地放弃, 往往也含有感情上的舍弃。

abide [ə'baɪd]

v. 坚持, 遵守

阅读理解 We urge both sides to abide by the recently negotiated peace treaty. 我们督促双方遵守最近达成的和平协议。

完形填空 搭配: 遵从, 遵守

comply with
abide by
conform to

ability [ə'bɪlɪti]

n. 才能

考频 13

【真】 n. 能力, 本领

阅读理解 And most folks still feel pretty comfortable about their ability to find and keep a job. 大多数人对于他们自己求职和保住工作的能力仍然相当有信心。

【2004 考研阅读】

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or self-confidence. 教育就是要使人具备一种能力, 可以听到任何话都不动怒或丧失自信。

完形填空 搭配: to the best of one's ability 竭尽全力
the ability to do... 做... 的能力

abnormal [æb'nɔ:məl]

a. 不正常的, 反常的

阅读理解 His behaviour is abnormal for a child of his age; he is likely to be premature. 他的举止对于他这个年龄的孩子来说是不正常的, 他好像很早熟。

We consider it an abnormal phenomenon. 我们认为这是个不正常的现象。

aboard [ə'bɔ:d]

prep. / ad. 在(船(飞机、车)上)

阅读理解 He lifted the fish aboard, careful not to jerk the line over his shoulder. 他把这条鱼提到了船板上, 小心不去拉动他肩上的钓丝。

We remained aboard after the ship docked. 船靠码头后我们仍留在船上。

完形填空 辨析: abroad ad. 在(到)国外、户外

abolish [ə'bɒlɪʃ]

vt. 废除, 取消(制度、做法、风俗等)

阅读理解 We have abolished the system of exploitation of man by man after liberation. 解放后, 我们已经废除了人剥削人的制度。

abound [ə'baʊnd]

vi. (物产) 丰富; 盛产, 富于

阅读理解 The soldier praised by our commander abounds in courage and fights bravely in battles. 被指挥官表扬的那个士兵胆量过人, 战斗中表现很勇敢。

完形填空 搭配: (物产) abound in (场所) ⇔ (场所) abound with/in (物产)

Wild animals abound in this area. ⇔ This area abounds with/in wild animals. 这个地区有很多野生动物。

abroad [ə'brɔ:d]

ad. 到处, 传开

考频 4

【真】 ad. 到国外, 在国外

阅读理解 One Italian example would be the Berlusconi group, while abroad Maxwell and Murdoch come to mind. 贝鲁斯科尼集团是意大利的一个例子, 而在海外我们想到的是麦斯威尔和麦尔道。

【2005 考研阅读】

This approach, originated abroad, offered inventors medals, cash prizes and other incentives. 这一政策起源于国外, 它为发明人提供奖章、现金奖和其他一些奖励。

【1996 考研阅读】

abrupt [ə'brʌpt]

a. 突然的, 意外的

【难】 a. (举止、言谈等) 唐突的, 鲁莽的

阅读理解 The train came to an abrupt stop, making many passengers fall off their seats. 火车突然刹车, 使许多乘客从座位上掉了下来。

There are abrupt weather changes. 天有不测风云。
He has an abrupt manner. 他举止唐突。

absent ['æbsənt]

a. 缺席, 不在场

【难】 a. 漫不经心的

阅读理解 While I was absent, Wemmick had warned

① **【真】**表示该词在近十年考研真题中出现的真题释义。
② **【难】**为该词的生僻、难点词义。

Herbert to move our guest to a safer place. 当我不在的时候,文米克已经提醒赫伯特把我们的客人转移到更安全的地方。
There is an absent look on his face. 他脸上流露出漫不经心的表情。

完形填空 搭配:

absent from { 后接地点,表示“不在”
后接 meeting 等,表示“缺席的”
absent in { 后接地点,表示“外出在某地”
主语是无生命的,意为“没有”

佳句背诵

❖ To preserve a friend, three things are required: to honor him when **present**, praise him when **absent**, and assist him in his necessities. 维持友谊需要三点:当面尊重他,背后赞扬他,需要时帮助他。

absolute ['æbsəlu:t] **a. 完全的**

考频 1 **【真】a. 绝对的**

阅读理解 Curiously, some two-and-a-half years and two novels later, my experiment in what the Americans term “downshifting” has turned my tired excuse into an absolute reality. 奇怪的是,当我在两年半的时间里完成了两部小说之后,我的这种美国人称做“放慢生活节奏”的体验,已经把我当初干巴巴的借口变成了绝对的现实。
【2001 考研阅读】
People rarely reach an absolute consensus on a controversial issue. 人们很少在有争议的问题上达到绝对一致。

absolutely ['æbsəlu:tli] **ad. 完全地,绝对地**

阅读理解 Answering to your inquiry respecting Mr. J., we are pleased to say that we found him absolutely reliable. 关于 J. 先生的情况,谨此愉快地告知您,我们认为他是绝对可以信赖的人。
He is absolutely wrong. 他完全错了。

佳句背诵

❖ Power tends to corrupt, and **absolute** power corrupts **absolutely**. 权力导致腐败,绝对权力绝对导致腐败。

absorb [əb'sɔ:b] **vt. 吸引...的注意,使全神贯注;把...并入,同化**

【难】vt. 吸收

阅读理解 I'm so happy, so absorbed in the sensation of a tranquil existence, that my art is suffering. 我是如此的快乐,完全沉迷于一种恬静的生活,以至于我的艺术创作受到了影响。

完形填空 搭配: be absorbed in 全神贯注于...
be absorbed by 被...吞并,为...所吸收

absurd [əb'sɜ:d] **a. 可笑的**

考频 1 **【真】a. 荒唐的**

阅读理解 Without “he said” and “in France”, these two sentences is either confusing or absurd. 若没有“他说”和“在法国”,这两个句子要么难理解,要么有些荒谬。

abundance [ə'bandəns] **n. 大量**

考频 1 **【真】n. 丰富,充足**

阅读理解 My students found the book enlightening: it provided them with an abundance of information on the subject. 我的学生们发现这本书很有启发性,为他们提供了有关这门课的丰富信息。
【1997 考研词汇】
In the periods of peak zooplankton abundance, he recorded maximum daily community grazing rates. 在浮游动物最多的季节,他记录下了最高的群体日捕食速率。

完形填空 搭配: in abundance 丰富,充足
an abundance of... 许多...,大量...

abundant [ə'bandənt]

考频 2 **【真】a. 大量的,丰富的**

阅读理解 Reptiles are widely distributed all over the world, but are much more abundant in warm regions. 爬行动物在世界上分布广泛,但是在温暖地区更丰富。
We have abundant proof of his guilt. 我们有充分的证据证明他有罪。

完形填空 搭配: be abundant in sth. ... 丰富,富于...

abuse [ə'bjuz] **v. 滥用,虐待**
[ə'bjus] **n. 滥用,虐待**

考频 8 **【真】vt./n. 滥用**

阅读理解 The phrase “substance abuse” is often used instead of “drug abuse” to make clear that substances such as alcohol and tobacco can be just as harmfully misused as heroin and cocaine. 现在人们经常用“滥用物质”来代替“滥用药物”,以便能够清楚地说明像烟和酒这样的物质如果滥用,会和海洛因和可卡因一样有害。
【1997 考研阅读】

I'm sure she'll lend you her car, but don't abuse it. 我肯定她会把车借给你,但你一定要加倍爱护。

academic [ækə'demik] **a. 学院的**

考频 5 **【真】a. 学术的**

阅读理解 Mr. McWhorter's academic speciality is language history and change, and he sees the gradual disappearance of “whom”, for example, to be natural and no more regrettable than the loss of the case-endings of Old English. 麦克沃特先生的学术研究领域是语言史及其变迁,例如,他认为“whom(谁)”这个词在语言中的逐渐消失纯属自然现象,它不会比古英语词尾格的消失更令人惋惜。
【2005 考研阅读】

accelerate [æk'seləreit]

考频 2 **【真】v. (使)加快,(使)增速**

阅读理解 Supercomputers will dramatically accelerate progress in all areas of life. 超级电脑会极大地加快各个生活领域的进步。

【2001 考研英语译汉】

At the same time, the normal rate of social change throughout the world is taking place at a vastly accelerated speed compared with the past. 同时,与从前相比,全球正常的社会变革速度大大加快。

【2000 考研英语译汉】

写作句型 Therefore, to make our dreams true, we need to accelerate the development of...

access ['ækses]

vt. 存取(计算机文件)

考频 4 【真】n. 接近,进入;入口;接进或进入的方法

阅读理解 Access to some parts of South America is still difficult, because parts of the continent are still covered with thick forests. 由于部分陆地仍然被茂密的森林所覆盖,要进入南美一些地方仍然很困难。

【2000 考研词汇】

If the pilot program is successful, many more homes will have access to the new service. 如果这个试验性项目获得成功,会有更多的家庭可以获得这种新服务。

完形填空 搭配: have/gain access to 可以获得(或接近)...

access data from personal computer 从个人电脑上读取资料

辨析: access, entrance, admission

(1) access 指接近或进入的方法、机会或权力(means of entering, means or right of reaching or obtaining);

(2) entrance 指进入或加入的动作(the act of entering or joining); the entrance of university 入学;

(3) admission 指允许或被允许进入或加入的动作(allowing or being allowed to enter or join); admission to the university 被大学录取。

accidental ['æksɪ'dentl]

a. 意外的,偶然的

阅读理解 These programmers live beyond the physical world. They consider life absurd, an accidental coincidence. 这些程序员生活在现实世界之外。他们认为生活是可笑的,一场偶然的巧合而已。

acclaim ['ækleɪm]

v. / n. 欢呼,喝彩,称赞

阅读理解 Over the past year, the Chinese Government has witnessed many severe tests and has also won extensive acclaim. 在过去一年中,中国政府经受了严峻的考验,也赢得广泛的赞誉。The newspapers acclaimed the fireman a hero. 报纸称赞这名消防队员为英雄。

accommodate [ə'kɒmədeɪt] vt. 容纳;向...提供住处

考频 1

【真】vt. 适应

阅读理解 And they also need to give serious thought to how they can best accommodate such changes. 他们还要认真地思考如何最好地适应这些变化。

【2003 考研完形】

We are similarly capable of producing a variety of cell phones to accommodate a number of different individuals. 同样我们能够制造一系列不同类型的手机以满足不同个人的需要。

完形填空 搭配: accommodate oneself to... 适应,顺应

辨析: accommodate, contain, hold

(1) accommodate 指(旅馆等)能为(多少旅客)提供住处

(或膳宿),也指(交通工具)能搭载(多少乘客);

(2) contain 和 hold 用于:(容器)能容纳(多少物品);

(建筑物)可容纳(多少观众、听众等)。

accommodation [ə'kɒmə'deɪʃən]

n. 膳宿供应

考频 1

【真】n. 住宿,留宿

阅读理解 The high cost of accommodation in London makes life difficult for many Chinese students. 在伦敦食宿昂贵,使许多中国留学生吃不消。Xiao Tang Shan hospital has accommodations for 2 000 patients. 小汤山医院有 2 000 个床位。

accompany [ə'kʌmpəni]

v. 为...伴奏

考频 1

【真】v. 陪同,伴随

阅读理解 All orders must be accompanied with cash or else we'll not deliver the goods. 所有的订货单必须附上现金,否则我们不予发货。

He accompanied her at/on the piano. 他用钢琴为她伴奏。

完形填空 搭配: accompany 准确含义为“陪同...去”

(go with...), 里面已包含了 go 的含义, 因而:

【误】He accompanied us to go to the park.

【正】He accompanied us to the park.

accomplish [ə'kʌmplɪʃ]

考频 1

【真】vt. 完成,达到,实现

阅读理解 Is this what you intended to accomplish with your careers? 你们的事业就是为了达到这样的结果吗?

【1997 考研阅读】

Our Party must stand firm in the forefront of the times and unite with and lead the Chinese people of all ethnic groups in accomplishing the three major historical tasks. 我们党必须坚定地站在时代潮流的前头,团结和带领全国各族人民,实现三大历史任务。

完形填空 辨析: accomplish, complete

(1) accomplish 指成功完成预期目标;

(2) complete 强调完整地终结。

accordance [ə'kɒrdəns]

考频 1

【真】n. 一致,符合,和谐

阅读理解 We will handle this issue in accordance with international laws and international practices. 我们将继续根据国际法和国际有关惯例处理这一问题。

完形填空 搭配: in accordance with 与...一致,依照,根据

辨异: in accordance with, according to

(1) in accordance with 可做表语、状语;

(2) according to 只做状语。在含义上, in accordance with 指依据法律、规则、惯例等, 语气更重一些; 依据某人、某报告、某学说等只用 according to。

accordingly [ə'kɔ:diŋli]

ad. 因此, 从而
照着(办), 相应地

阅读理解 The weather has changed suddenly, and we must alter our plans accordingly. 天气突然变化, 我们必须更改计划。

They asked him to leave the meeting, and accordingly he went. 他们要他离开会场, 因此他就走了。

account [ə'kaunt]

考频 16 **【真】** *vi.* (数量、比例方面) 占 *n.* 账(目), 账户; 叙述, 说明 *vi.* 说明(原因等)

阅读理解 This account of yourself is actually a sketch of your working life and should include education, experience and references. 你的这份自我描述实际上是工作经历的简介, 它应包括所受教育、工作经历和证明材料。

【1996 考研阅读】

Imports from Japan accounted for 40% of the total. 从日本的进口量占进口总量的 40%。

完形填空 搭配: account for 说明(原因等); (数量、比例方面) 占

on account of 因为, 由于

on no account 决不

take... into account 考虑

写作句型 ... reasons may account for this phenomenon. To begin with, ... Second, ... Finally, ...

accumulate [ə'kju:mjuleit]

v. 积累, 积聚

阅读理解 We should realize the importance of accumulating information. 我们应该意识到积累信息的重要性。

By buying ten books every month, he soon accumulated a good library. 他每月买十本书, 不久便集成一个丰富的藏书库。

完形填空 辨异: accumulate, gather, collect, assemble

(1) accumulate 指点点滴滴长时期地积聚, 其重心在积聚起来的整体, 而不在一个一个的个体;

(2) gather 是常用词, 指“收集, 聚集, 集合在一起”;

(3) collect 指“有计划、有选择地收集”;

(4) assemble 指“为某一特定目的而收集”。

accuracy [ækjʊərəsi]

考频 1 **【真】** *n.* 准确(性), 精确(性)

阅读理解 And thanks to the continual miniaturization of electronics and micro-mechanics, there are already robot systems that can perform some kinds of brain and bone surgery with submillimeter accuracy—

far greater precision than highly skilled physicians can achieve with their hands alone. 由于电子器件和微型机器结构不断小型化, 已经出现了能做一些脑外科和骨科手术的机器人系统, 其精确度已达到亚毫米, 就是技术再娴熟的医生也不可能仅用手就能做到这样的程度。

【2002 考研阅读】

The researchers said the microchip was doing exactly that with a stunning 95 percent accuracy rate. 研究人员称, 该微型芯片不仅能够做到这一点, 而且准确率竟高达 95%。

accurate [ækjʊrɪt]

a. 精确的, 准确的

阅读理解 We must acquire an accurate understanding of social progress in contemporary China. 我们一定要准确把握当代中国社会前进的脉搏。

Please give me an accurate answer. 请给我一个准确的答案。

完形填空 辨异: accurate, exact, precise

(1) accurate 是准确无误;

(2) exact 为“一模一样的, 正好的”, 强调“完全依据事实”、“丝毫不差”;

(3) precise “精确, 精密”, 强调范围界限的鲜明或细节的精密。

accuse [ə'kju:z]

考频 2

【真】 *vt.* 指控, 指责

阅读理解 They have been accused of “tunnel method”. 他们被斥为“井蛙之法”。

【2000 考研英译汉】

Federal prosecutors said they expected to file charges in early 2005 against the 11 people they accused of forming a terrorist group. 联邦检察官称他们预期在 2005 年初对他们指控的组建恐怖组织的 11 个人提起诉讼。

完形填空 搭配:

{ accuse(指控) sb. **of** (doing) sth.

{ charge(指控) sb. **with** (doing) sth.

{ accuse(指责) sb. **of** (doing) sth.

{ blame(责备) sb. **for** (doing) sth.

acknowledge [ək'nɒlɪdʒ]

vt. 告知收到, 确认

考频 4

【真】 *vt.* 承认; 对...表示谢意

阅读理解 I acknowledge with thanks the help of my colleagues in the preparation of this new column. 我以感激的心情对在准备这个新的专栏时给我帮助的同事们致以谢意。

【1996 考研词汇】

The Bush administration argued that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, but some official now privately acknowledged the White House had another reason for the war. 布什政府宣称萨达姆拥有大规模的杀伤性武器, 但是现在一些官员私下承认白宫发动这次战争另有原因。

完形填空 搭配: acknowledge... as 认为...是

admit/acknowledge/confess doing 承认做...

acquaint [ə'kweɪnt]

【考频】1

【真】v. 使了解, 使认识

阅读理解 Ms. Green has been living in town for only one year, yet she seems to be acquainted with everyone who comes to the store. 格林女士在城里住了仅一年, 然而她似乎认识每一个来店里的顾客。

【1996 考研词汇】

We acquaint you that we have established ourselves as general agents under the title of MeiQi company. 我们将以美琪公司为名, 开设总代销店, 特此奉告。

完形填空 搭配: acquaint 搭配有二: (1) 用反身代词 oneself 做宾语; (2) 用被动形式。

〔译〕我已经了解了他们的风俗。

〔误〕I've acquainted their customs.

〔正〕I've acquainted myself with their customs.

〔正〕I've been acquainted with their customs.

acquaintance [ə'kweɪntəns]

n. 认识, 了解

【考频】2

【真】n. 相识, 熟人

阅读理解 Their estate was large, and for many generations, they had lived in so respectable a manner as to engage the general good opinion of their surrounding acquaintance. 他们家产丰厚, 且数代以来, 他们的生活作风令人敬仰, 博得了周围熟人的的一致好评。

He has some acquaintance with French, but can't speak it fluently. 他略懂一些法语, 但说得不流利。

完形填空 搭配: make the acquaintance of sb. = make sb.'s acquaintance 与人结识; have a (nodding) acquaintance with sb. 与某人有点之交

佳句背诵

❖ He is not a friend, only an acquaintance. 他不是朋友, 只是熟人。

acquire [ə'kwaɪə]

vt. 学到

【考频】5

【真】vt. 取得, 获得

阅读理解 On the contrary, they can help students acquire a sense of commitment by planning for roles that are within their capabilities and their attention spans and by having clearly stated rules. 相反, 成年人通过组织这些青少年能力和注意力所能及的活动以及通过对规则的清晰阐述, 能帮助学生获得一种参与感。

【2003 考研完形】

Some people go back for their education to acquire another degree or diploma to impress the society. 有些人回到学校去接受教育, 是想再取得一个学位或一张文凭, 以巩固自己在社会上的地位。

完形填空 辨析: acquire, get, obtain, gain

(1) acquire 多用于通过不断地“学”、“问”等慢慢地获取学问、技术等较抽象的东西;

(2) get 为“获得”的最普通用语;

(3) obtain 表示经过相当长的时间或经过很大的努力, 获得期望已久的东西;

(4) gain 含义较 obtain 进一步, 表示付出更大的努力才能获得, 故常译为“赢得”。

佳句背诵

❖ Gazing at her newly published book Jane is deep in thought; it took her nine years to acquire the ability to use English and about two years to obtain the permission to study abroad. Now fifteen years has passed and it's indeed not easy for her to gain the honour in a foreign country. 盯着她刚出版的几本新书, 简陷入了沉思; 她花了九年的时间才学会英语, 又花了两年的时间获得许可到国外留学, 现在 15 年过去了, 对她来说在国外赢得这种荣誉确实不易。

acquisition [ækwi'ziʃən]

【考频】4

【真】n. 获得(物), 取得

阅读理解 The world is going through the biggest wave of mergers and acquisitions ever witnessed. 当今世界正经历着一场有史以来最大的并购浪潮。

【2001 考研阅读】

What is more important is the formation of character rather than the mere acquisition of knowledge. 更重要的是品质的培养, 而非仅仅是知识的获取。

佳句背诵

❖ Acquisition of knowledge entails learning and asking for advice. So, learn by yourself, and ask for advice; only thus can genuine knowledge be acquired. (Jefferson) 获取知识需要学习和勤问。因此, 要自主学习并且勤问, 惟有如此才能获得真正的知识。(杰斐逊)

action [ækʃən]

n. 战斗, 军事行动

【考频】9

【真】n. 行为; 动作; 活动; 作用

阅读理解 But science does provide us with the best available guide to the future, and it is critical that our nation and the world base important policies on the best judgments that science can provide concerning the future consequences of present actions. 但是科学确实为我们的未来提供了最好的指导, 关键是我们的国家和其他各国在做重要决策时, 应该以科学能够提供给我们的关于人类现在的行为对未来影响的最好的判断作为依据。

【2005 考研阅读】

The action took place in the nearby suburbs of the city. 战斗发生在城市近郊。

activate ['æktɪveɪt]

【考频】2

【真】vt. 使活动起来, 使开始起作用

阅读理解 Researchers discovered that plants infected with a virus give off a gas that activates disease resistance in neighboring plants. 研究者们发现, 感染了

病毒的植物会向周围的植物发出一种能激活抗病体的气体。

【1999 考研词汇】

This would trigger sensors to activate electrical capacitors inside the tank. 这将触发传感器启动坦克内部的电容器。

activity [æk'tɪvɪti] *n.* 活跃

考频 4 【真】*n.* 活力; (常 *pl.*) 活动

阅读理解 In these activities, it is important to remember that young teens have different attention spans. 在这些活动中, 教师须谨记青少年注意力的持续时间是很短的。

【2003 考研完形】

Progress is the activity of today and the assurance of tomorrow. 进步乃今日之努力, 明日之保证。

acute [ə'kju:t] *a.* 成锐角的; (疾病) 急性的; 严重的, 激烈的

考频 1 【真】*a.* 敏锐的, 尖锐的

阅读理解 Acute foreign observers related American adaptiveness and inventiveness to this educational advantage. 敏锐的外国观察家把美国人的高度适应性和创造性与这种教育上的优势联系起来。

【1996 考研阅读】

If this static grace can be so lovely, how much more acute must be the thrill of seeing grace in motion. 如果这种静态的雅致都是这么可爱, 那么, 看见那动态的雅致所感受到的激动该是多么强烈。

adapt [ə'dæpt] *v.* 改编, 改写

考频 3 【真】*v.* (使) 适应, 适合

阅读理解 Social science methodologies had to be adapted to a discipline governed by the primacy of historical sources rather than the imperatives of the contemporary world. 社会科学的方法必须适应主要受史料而不是当代世界法则制约的学科。

【1999 考研英语译汉】

The novel has been adapted for radio. 这部小说已改编成无线电广播节目。

We adapted ourselves to the hot weather. 我们适应了炎热的天气。

完形填空 搭配: adapt for 改编成...

adapt sth./oneself to 使(自己)适应

辨析: adopt *v.* 采纳, 采用

addict { [ə'dɪkt] *v.* *vt.* 使成瘾, 使人入迷
[ædɪkt] *n.*

考频 1 【真】*n.* 有瘾的人, 入迷的人

阅读理解 Many heroin addicts have contracted AIDS. No one can cure them. 许多有海洛因毒瘾的人染上了艾滋病, 没人能挽救他们。

It's easy to get addicted to cocaine. 可卡因容易使人上瘾。

完形填空 搭配: be addicted to (drugs) (吸毒) 成瘾

addition [ə'dɪʃən] *n.* (增) 加, 加法

考频 2 【真】*n.* 附加(物)

阅读理解 In addition, far more Japanese workers expressed dissatisfaction with their jobs than did their counterparts in the 10 other countries surveyed. 此外, 和其他 10 个被调查的国家的工作相比, 太多的日本工人表示对自己的工作不满意。

【2000 考研阅读】

He will be a most valuable addition to our board. 他将是我们委员会里非常可贵的新增力量。

完形填空 搭配: in addition 又, 加上

in addition to 除...之外

写作句型 Today, in addition to..., a student is also encouraged to...

additional [ə'dɪʃənəl] *a.* 附加的, 另外的

考频 3 【真】*a.* 附加的, 另外的

阅读理解 The managers exaggerated the difficulties of the situation to get additional financial support from the board. 经理们夸大困难局面以从董事会得到额外的财政支持。

It will take an additional two weeks to finish the work. 还得花两个星期才能完成这项工作。

adequate [ˈædɪkwɪt] *a.* 恰当的, 充分的, 足够的

考频 1 【真】*a.* 恰当的, 充分的, 足够的

阅读理解 His French was adequate for the job although he was not fluent in the language. 尽管他的法语不流利, 但做这项工作还够用。

To be healthy, we must have adequate diet. 人要健康, 饮食必须适中。

adhere [əd'hɪə] *v.* 粘附, 胶着

【难】*v.* 坚持

阅读理解 If you often consult others, you will do everything successfully; if you adhere stubbornly to your own view, you will get into trouble everywhere. 请教别人, 百战百胜; 固执己见, 四处碰壁。

The stamp won't adhere to the envelope. 这张邮票粘不到信封上。

完形填空 搭配: adhere to 坚持, 忠于

adjoin [ə'dʒɔɪn] *v.* 贴近, 与...毗连

考频 2 【真】*v.* 贴近, 与...毗连

阅读理解 The students were asked not to wander in front of the houses and other buildings which adjoin our school. 不允许学生们在学校附近的房子和其他建筑前闲逛。

Mexico adjoins the United States. 墨西哥毗邻美国。

adjust [ə'dʒʌst] *vt.* 校正

考频 1 【真】*vt.* 调节, 改变...以适应

阅读理解 We must adjust the relationship between investment and consumption to raise the proportion of

consumption in GDP gradually. 我们必须调整投资和消费关系,逐步提高消费在国内生产总值中的比重。She carefully adjusted her clothes before going out. 出门前她仔细整了整衣服。

【完形填空】 搭配: adjust oneself to sth. 使自己适合,适应
adjust to sth. /doing sth. 适应于(做)某事

administer [əd'mɪnɪstə]

v. 掌管,实施

【难】v. 给予,投(药)

【阅读理解】 The economic crisis administered a severe blow to the company whose finances have been badly administered. 经济危机给这个财务管理不善的公司以严重打击。

The government administer relief to famine victims. 政府向饥民发放救济品。

administration [əd'mɪnɪ'streɪʃən]

考频 2

【真】n. 经营;行政(机关,部门),政府

【阅读理解】 We should stick to the law, not the will of anyone in our administration and nobody should have the privilege of overstepping the constitution and the law. 我们要坚持法治,不能搞人治,任何人都不能有超越宪法和法律的特权。

She works in library administration. 她做图书馆管理工作。

admission [əd'mɪʃən]

n. 准许进入,准许加入;
入场费,入场券

考频 2

【真】n. 承认,供认

【阅读理解】 Even before Alan Greenspan's admission that America's red-hot economy is cooling, lots of working folks had already seen signs of the slowdown themselves. 在艾伦·格林斯潘承认美国火热的经济开始降温之前,许多工作者已经看出了经济下滑的迹象。【2004 考研阅读】Admission to the concert costs \$5. 音乐会的入场券是五美元一张。

【完形填空】 辨析: admit/admission 指“允许进入”之权力; enter/entrance 指“进入”之行为。

{ admission to the lecture 允许听课
the entrance to university 入学

adolescent [ˌædəʊ'lesnt]

n. 青少年

a. 青春期的,青少年的

【阅读理解】 We found a group who, despite being below their ideal weight, were still trying to lose weight. They were particularly adolescent girls. 我们发现尽管有些人的体重低于理想体重,却依然努力减肥,这尤以青春期女孩为甚。

We saw a film aimed at adolescents last night. 昨天晚上,我们看了一部为青少年而拍摄的电影。

adopt [ə'dɒpt]

v. 收养,领养;批准

考频 4

【真】v. 采取,采用;正式通过

【阅读理解】 The Committee adopted a resolution requiring the seven automakers selling the most cars in the state make 2 percent of those vehicles emissions-free by 1998. 委员会正式通过了一项决议,要求作为该国汽车销售大户的7家汽车制造商在1998年前使其生产的汽车的2%达到不排放废气的标准。

【1999 考研阅读】

The World Health Organization says the lifestyle people adopt when they are children will determine whether they are future candidates for cardiovascular disease. 世界卫生组织说,人们在少儿时期采取的生活方式将决定他们将来是否是心血管疾病的潜在患者。

【写作句型】 Various ways can be adopted for people to... One of these ways is to...

adore [ə'dɔː]

vt. 敬慕,崇拜

【难】vt. 钟爱;很喜欢

【阅读理解】 His staff adored him, his men worshiped him and his enemies hated him. 他的幕僚敬慕他,他的部下崇拜他,他的仇人痛恨他。

She simply adores being praised. 她就是爱听人家恭维。

advanced [əd'vɑːnst]

考频 3

【真】a. 前进的,先进的,高级的

【阅读理解】 The advanced technologies developed for and used on J-10 combat aircraft have propelled the Chinese industry into a new technology era. 为“歼十”战斗机开发和用于“歼十”战斗机的先进技术已经将中国航空工业带入了一个技术新纪元。

advantage [əd'vɑːntɪdʒ]

考频 11

【真】n. 优点,长处,有利条件;利益,好处

【阅读理解】 Less well-known is the advantage that Adam Abbott has in life over Zoe Zysman. 但是还有个人不太注意的情况:在生活中,一个名叫 Adam Abbott 的人相对名字叫做 Zoe Zysman 的人拥有优势。

【2004 考研阅读】

To take advantage of this tool, some impoverished countries will have to get over their outdated anti-colonial prejudices with respect to foreign investment. 为了利用这种工具,在外资问题上一些贫穷国家不得不摒弃过时的反殖民偏见。

【2001 考研阅读】

【完形填空】 搭配: get the advantage over 优于;胜过
take advantage of 利用...

辨析: take advantage of, make use of, make the most of, make the best of

(1) take advantage of 指为了自己的利益而对某人或某事加以利用;

(2) make use of 指很好地使用;

(3) make the most of 表示做最大程度的利用;

(4) make the best of 表示将不利之事充分利用。

【写作句型】 Just as a coin has two sides, ... has both

advantages and disadvantages.

adverse ['ædvə:s]

a. 不利的;有害的

阅读理解 Smoking by parents could have an adverse effect on their children's health. 父母吸烟可能有害子女的健康。

That is adverse to our interest. 这对我们的利益有害。

advertise ['ædvətaiz]

v. 做广告

阅读理解 Doing business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you are doing, but nobody else does. 做生意不打广告就像在黑暗中向女孩眉目传情。你知道自己在干什么,而别人什么都不知道。

I advertised my house in the *Daily News*. 我在《每日新闻》上做广告出售我的房子。

advisable ['æd'vaizəbl]

a. 明智的

考频 1

【真】a. 适当的

阅读理解 I don't think it advisable that he be assigned to the job since he has no experience whatsoever. 既然他根本没有经验,我认为派他去做那工作并不明智。

写作句型 To wind up my discussion, my conclusion is that it is not advisable for...

advocate { ['ædvəkeɪt] v.
['ædvəkit] n.

考频 14

【真】vt. /n. 鼓吹(者),拥护(者)

阅读理解 Nothing could persuade me to return to the kind of life Kelsey used to advocate and I once enjoyed. 什么也说服不了我回到过去凯茜所宣扬的、我也曾自得其乐的生活中去。

【2001 考研阅读】

The mathematician Bruno was burned by the Church because he was a Copernican advocate. 数学家布鲁诺被教会烧死,因为他是哥白尼学说的拥护者。

写作句型 Some people advocate that... should be banned because...

aerial ['æəriəl]

n. 天线

【难】a. 空中的;航空的

阅读理解 The humming-bird never soils them with the dust of earth, and in its aerial life scarcely touches the turf an instant. 蜂鸟从不让它的羽毛沾染尘土,它生活在天空中,一刻也不碰到草皮。

Is there any aerial liner between Shanghai and Hong Kong? 上海至香港有航班吗?

affect ['ə'fekt]

v. 感动;假装,装作

考频 7

【真】v. 影响

阅读理解 Changes in the social structure may indirectly affect juvenile crime rates. 社会结构的变化会间接影响青少年犯罪率。

接影响青少年犯罪率。

【2004 考研完形】

He affected illness so that he could stay off work. 他装病不去工作。

完形填空 辨析: to affect sth. = to have an effect on sth.

affect 总作动词, effect 除作名词外还可作动词,但作动词时不表示“影响”,而表示愿望“产生,实现”等(to effect = to produce or have an effect to)。

佳句背诵

✧ They are determined to effect certain changes in government policy though it has been much affected by the present conditions. 他们决心使政府的政策发生某些变化,虽然目前的条件对此不利。

affiliate { ['ə'filiɪt] v.
['ə'filiɪt] n.

vt. 使隶(或附)属于

考频 2

【真】n. 附属机构,分公司

阅读理解 International affiliates account for a fast-growing segment of production in economies that open up and welcome foreign investment. 在那些对外开放、欢迎外国投资的经济体制里,跨国公司的子公司所占的比例正快速增加。

【2001 考研阅读】

The local television station is an affiliate of the national television network. 地方电视台是全国电视网的分支机构。

完形填空 搭配: be affiliated with/to 隶属于...

affiliate oneself to 成为...的会员

affirm ['ə'fɜ:m]

v. 肯定,断言,确认

阅读理解 If conflict occurs, we plan to seek the adoption, on an urgent basis, of new United Nations Security Council resolutions that would affirm Iraq's territorial integrity. 如果发生冲突,在紧急情况的基础上我们计划寻求联合国安理会通过新的决议,肯定伊拉克的领土完整。

He affirmed that he would not reveal my secret. 他声称不会泄露我的秘密。

agency ['eidʒənsi]

考频 9

【真】n. 代理(处),代办(处)

阅读理解 Chinese football federation official Zhu was reported as saying on Spanish news agency EFE. "The arrival of Real Madrid is a privilege for Chinese fans." 中国足联官员朱先生对西班牙通讯社 EFE 发言时说,皇家马德里队的到来是中国球迷特殊的荣幸。

The firm has agencies all over the world. 这家公司在全世界都有代办处。

完形填空 搭配: by/through agency of 经...介绍,通过...之手

agenda ['ædʒəndə]

n. 议事日程

阅读理解 I was flabbergasted when I learned that

Congress had copyright duration extension high on its agenda. 当我得知国会又将延长著作权保护期的问题提到日程上来的时候,我有些吃惊。

What is the next item on the agenda? 议程表上的下一项是什么?

完形填空 搭配: on the agenda 在议事日程上
place/put sth. on the agenda 把某事提到日程上来

agent ['eidʒənt] *n.* 作用者, 动因

考频 16 **【真】** *n.* 代理商(人), 代表; 手段

阅读理解 He searched it with no success but was attracted by the site's "personal search agent". 他搜索了这个数据库, 虽然没有找到满意的工作, 但是这个网站的“个人搜索助理”引起了他的注意。

【2004 考研阅读】

Since much of the weight variation is due to genes one more agent of evolution has gone. 由于体重的差别主要是由基因决定的, 进化的一个手段已经丧失了。

【2000 考研阅读】

aggravate ['ægrəveɪt] *vt.* 激怒, 使恼火

考频 2 **【真】** *vt.* 加重, 加剧, 恶化

阅读理解 He aggravated his condition by leaving hospital too soon. As a result, he passed away with regret. 他因过早出院而使病情恶化, 在懊悔中死去。She was aggravated by the constant questions. 接二连三的提问使她烦躁不堪。

aggressive ['æɡresɪv] *a.* [贬] 侵略的, 好斗的

考频 5 **【真】** *a.* [褒] 敢做敢为的, 有进取心的

阅读理解 Shanghai definitely has a chance to control SARS epidemic through more aggressive screening and treatment, but it must act quickly. 毫无疑问, 通过采取更积极的排除筛选和治疗措施, 上海可以遏制非典疫情进一步恶化, 但是它必须行动迅速。

The aggressive war ended with complete failure. 侵略战争以彻底失败而告终了。

agitate ['ædʒɪteɪt] *v.* 鼓动, 煽动; 搅拌

考频 1 **【真】** *v.* 激动; 使不安

阅读理解 Greatly agitated, I rushed to the apartment and tried the door, only to find it locked. 我非常激动, 奔到公寓, 企图打开门, 不料发现它是锁上的。

【2000 考研词汇】

Agitate the mixture to dissolve the powder. 搅动混合物而使粉末溶化。

完形填空 搭配: agitate { for 鼓动...
against 反对...

agony ['æɡəni]

考频 1 **【真】** *n.* (极度的) 痛苦, 创痛

阅读理解 But we know that to wound an animal and

watch it go through the agony of dying can make nobody happy. 但是我们都知, 打伤一只动物, 并看它在痛苦中死去不会使任何人高兴。

He lay in agony until the doctor arrived. 他十分痛苦地躺在那里, 直到医生来到。

完形填空 搭配: in agony of 处于...痛苦之中

agreeable [ə'ɡri:əbl] *a.* 同意的; 惬意的, 令人愉快的

【难】 *a.* 易相处的

阅读理解 We could manage to reduce our price by 3% if you are agreeable to pay us back wholly or in part by the resultant product of the equipment. 如果你方愿用这套设备的成品进行全部或部分的补偿, 我们可以设法减价 3%。

I found the new company most agreeable. 我发现这个新同事极易相处。

完形填空 搭配: do/make the agreeable to 热情招待; 极力同...周旋
make oneself agreeable to sb. 热情招待某人; 与某人和睦相处

aid [eɪd] *n.* 助手, 辅助物(设备)

考频 3 **【真】** *n.* 援助, 救护 *v.* 帮助, 援助, 救援

阅读理解 Help will come from the UN, but the aid will be nowhere near what's needed. 从联合国可以得到帮助, 但这种援助与所需要的相差甚远。

【1997 考研阅读】

The standardized psychological tests that are widely used to aid in selecting employees have been the target of recent attacks in magazines, the daily press, and even in Congress. 被广泛用来帮助选择职员的心理测验已成为近期杂志、报纸甚至国会攻击的目标。

完形填空 搭配: by the aid of 借助于...的帮助
in aid of 作为援助...之用

辨析: assist, help, aid

(1) assist 常与 help 同义, 但 assist(协助)总指受协助的人自己能做一部分工作;

(2) help 可指具体或抽象意义上的“帮助”;

(3) aid(援助)指(尤其用金钱)援助一群人: aid for the developing countries.

alarm [ə'lɑ:m] *n.* 惊恐; 警报 *vt.* 向...报警

考频 1 **【真】** *vt.* 使惊恐, 惊动, 惊吓

阅读理解 It is requested that all residents should assemble in the courtyard when the fire alarm is sounded. 如遇有火警, 要求全体居民在院子里集合。

The policemen went into action directly they heard the alarm. 警察一听到警报马上行动。

alert [ə'lɜ:t] *a.* 机灵的, 警惕的

阅读理解 We live in a narrowed world where we

must be alert, awake to realism; and realism demands a standard which either must be met or result in failure. 我们生活在一个狭小的世界里,我们必须对现实主义保持警觉并有所认识;现实主义要求一个标准,不是达到这个标准,就是以失败告终。
The government has put the army on (the) alert. 政府已命陆军进入战斗准备。

【完形填空】 搭配: on (the) alert (for/against) 警戒着,随时准备着;密切注意着

alien ['eɪljən] **a.** 外国(人)的 **n.** 外国人 **adj.** 陌生的

【考频】1 **【真】adj.** 不同的,不相容的

【阅读理解】 There exists a social and cultural disconnect between journalists and their readers, which helps explain why the "standard templates" of the newsroom seem alien to many readers. 在新闻记者和读者之间存在着一一种社会和文化上的断层,这就解释了为什么编辑部里的"标准模板"在读者那里行不通。

【2001 考研阅读】

I felt very alien during my first hours in that country. 初到该国我有种强烈的陌生感。

【完形填空】 辨析: foreigner, alien

(1) foreigner 是语气上较为友善的称呼,泛指所有国籍和我们不相同的人,可能住在我国,也可能不住在我国;

(2) alien 则指住在我国,却具有他国国籍,在政治上也可能忠于他国的人,是较不友善且法律意味较强的称呼。

alike ['ə'laɪk] **a.** 相像的,相同的

【考频】1 **【真】ad.** 相同地,一样地

【阅读理解】 The wind still blew cold, but bushes and trees, field and meadow, all alike said the spring had come. 风吹来仍然很冷,但是灌木和大树,田野和草原,都说春天已经到来了。
She treats all her children alike. 她对她所有的子女都一视同仁。

【完形填空】 辨析: like (a.) 可做定语和表语,前可加 very; alike 只做表语,前面不可加 very,常加 (very) much. 比较:

The two sisters are $\begin{cases} \text{very like.} \\ \text{very much alike.} \end{cases}$

这姐妹俩很相像。

allege ['æliʒ] **v.** 断言,宣称

【阅读理解】 The prisoner alleges that he was at home on the night of the crime and he had no available chance. 囚犯辩称案发当晚他在家中没有作案机会。

【完形填空】 辨析: allege, assert

(1) allege 指在缺乏证据的情况下宣称 (state as a fact but without proof);

(2) assert 则指以强烈的信心或论点极力主张 (make others recognize (sth.) by behaving firmly and confi-

dently)。试比较:

The teacher alleged that the student might have cheated on the exam. 老师说那名同学可能考试作弊。

The student asserted that he had not cheated. 那名同学极力否认他作弊。

alleviate [ə'li:vieɪt] **vt.** 减轻,缓解,缓和

【阅读理解】 A cheerful state of mind is better than good medicine in recovering from fatigue and alleviating pain. 一种美好的心情,比良药更能减轻生理上的疲惫和痛楚。

The medicine alleviates his pain but does not cure his illness. 这种药可以减轻疼痛,但不能医好他的病。

alliance [ə'laɪəns] **n.** 结盟,联盟

【难】n. 联姻

【阅读理解】 As members of the alliance, we must honour our defence commitments. 我们作为联盟的成员,必须履行在防务中所承担的义务。

The two countries entered into a defensive alliance. 两国结成防御同盟。

【完形填空】 搭配: in alliance with 与...联盟

allowance [ə'laʊəns] **n.** 体谅,考虑

【难】n. 津贴,补助(费)

【阅读理解】 We must set out earlier, because we have to make allowances for the traffic. 我们必须早点出发,因为要把交通问题考虑进去。

He gave his son an allowance of 10 dollars a month. 他每月给儿子 10 元零花钱。

【完形填空】 搭配: make allowance(s) for 考虑到,体谅

ally ['ælaɪ] **n.** 同盟者,同盟国;支持者 **v.** (使)结盟

【阅读理解】 She allied herself with the children against the father. 她和孩子们联合起来反对父亲。

Japan and Nazi Germany were once allies. 日本和纳粹德国曾一度为同盟国。

【完形填空】 搭配: ally of the moment 临时的盟邦

ally oneself with/to 与...结盟;与...结婚

be allied to 与... (在起源或性质上) 有关联;与...类似

佳句背诵

❖ Most women have all other women as **adversaries**; most men have all other men as their **allies**. (Gelett Burgess) 大部分女人把别的女人当作对手;而大部分男人把别的男人当作盟友。

alter ['ɔ:lta] **vt.** 改变,变更

【考频】9 **【真】vt.** 改变,变更

【阅读理解】 Technically, any substance other than food that alters our bodily or mental functioning is a drug. 从技

术角度来讲,除食品之外任何能改变我们身体和心理机能的物质都是药。

【1997 考研阅读】

We must alter those rules and practices which have outlived their usefulness. 我们必须将那些过时的、现在已不需要的规则与惯例加以改变。

完形填空 辨异: change, alter, vary

(1) change 可以指任何变化,常用来指根本的或完全的变化;

(2) alter 只意味着局部的或表面的变化,而没有变成(change into)另一事物;

(3) vary 尤指不断地变化(change continually),由于变化而产生一系列差别。试比较:

(a) I have to alter my design. 我不得不修改我的设计。

(b) I have to change my design. 我不得不改变我的设计。

(c) My design cannot vary with the funds. 我的设计不能因经费问题而改来改去。

alternate {
['ɔ:ltəneɪt]
['ɔ:ltənit] a. 间隔的;交替的,轮流的

考频 2

【真】v. (使)交替,(使)轮流

阅读理解 Conversation calls for a willingness to alternate the role of speaker with that of listener, and it calls for occasional “digestive pauses” by both. 对话需要一种说话者和听者的角色互换的意愿,它也需要双方偶尔的“消化式停顿”。

【1999 考研词汇】

He and I go to the spare-time school on alternate days. 他和我每两天上一次业余学校。

alternative [ɔ:l'tə:nətiv] a. 两者择一的

考频 1

【真】n. 供选择的东西

阅读理解 Even if automakers modify commercially produced cars to run on alternative fuels, the cars won't catch on in a big way unless drivers can fill them up at the gas station. 即使汽车生产商们从商业的角度改进汽车,使其采用替代燃料奔跑,这种汽车仍无法大量生产,除非司机能够在加油站用这种燃料装满油箱。

【1999 考研词汇】

You have the alternative of leaving or staying and behaving. 你的选择是要么走开,要么留下,但要守规矩。

amateur [ˈæmətə:, ˈæmətjuə] n. /a. 外行(的)

考频 11

【真】n. /a. 业余爱好(者)的

阅读理解 As a logical consequence of this development, separate journals have now appeared aimed mainly towards either professional or amateur readership. 这种发展的逻辑结果是,现在不同的杂志分别面向不同的读者群,专业人士有专业人士的杂志,业余人士有业余人士的杂志。

【2001 考研阅读】

You shouldn't employ them—they're just a bunch of amateurs. 你不该雇用他们——他们简直是一群外行。

amaze [ə'meɪz]

考频 1

【真】vt. 使惊奇,使惊愕,使惊叹

阅读理解 Visitors were amazed at the achievements in the car manufacture of the city during the past decade. 参观者惊叹于这座城市过去十年中汽车制造业的成就。

The old lady amazed everyone by her passing the driving test. 老太太通过了驾驶考试使大家都吃惊不小。

ambiguous [æm'bigjuəs]

考频 1

【真】a. 含糊不清的,模棱两可的

阅读理解 Methodology is a term that remains inherently ambiguous in the historical profession. 在史学界,方法论依然是一个内部含义不明确术语。

【1999 考研英语译汉】

The President's ambiguous directions confused the staff, who didn't know what to do. 总统含糊的指令让他的下属有些茫然,不知如何是好。

ambition [æm'bɪʃən]

考频 18

【真】n. 雄心;野心

阅读理解 In an odd way, however, it is the educated who have claimed to have given up on ambition as an ideal. 然而奇怪的是,正是那些受过教育的人声称,他们不再把抱负当作理想了。

【2000 考研阅读】

My father is right behind me in my ambition to become a doctor. 父亲对我立志学医完全赞同。

ambitious [æm'bɪʃəs]

考频 2

【真】a. 有雄心的;有野心的

阅读理解 For such people and many more perhaps not so exceptional, the proper formulation is, “Succeed at all costs but avoid appearing ambitious.” 对这些人很多可能并不特殊的人来说,一个恰当的公式是“不惜一切代价去取得成功,但是别显得野心勃勃。”

【2000 考研阅读】

Jiangsu Province intends to cash in on the ambitious economic renaissance being planned for the neighbouring city Shanghai. 邻近的上海市正在酝酿振兴经济的宏图大计,江苏省打算乘此机会也有一番作为。

amend [ə'mend]

vt. 修订,改进(议案、法规等)

【难】n. (pl.) 赔罪,赔偿

阅读理解 The government has amended the law twice to accord with the changing situation. 政府已经两次修订这项法律以适应变化着的局势。

He'd like to make amends for his crimes by good deeds. 他愿意将功赎罪。

amiable [ˈeɪmjəbl] a. 和蔼可亲的,亲切友好的

阅读理解 We have a very amiable companionship though we meet each other for the first time. 虽然我们第一次见面,但我们之间存在一种亲切友好的关系。