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本书是由高校资深教授结合多年四、六级应试辅导经验,汇总学生中普遍存在的问题和弱点,精心编写的一本写作辅导用书,供参加大学英语四级和六级考试的学生使用。本书严格遵照《大学英语教学大纲》和教育部 2005 年颁布的《全国大学英语四、六级考试改革方案》的规定,在难度上符合四、六级考试的要求,在内容上严格结合《大学英语四、六级考试大纲》所规定的考点,从不同的侧面帮助考生进行系统复习、全面提高。

全书分为两大部分,上篇为经典范文赏析,选取了百余篇范文,涵盖目前英语写作常考的所有题型(提纲式作文、图表作文、给标题作文及应用文)和大部分常考热点(环境保护、卫生健康、社会热点、高新技术)。下篇为写作技巧指导,不仅向大家说明了大纲的基本要求,更详细地从多角度讲解了写作的应试技巧,还运用具体实例,详细分析了如何遣词、造句、组段、谋篇,如何进行写作准备、合理布局、润色成文等写作技巧。

本书最大的特点是实用性强,针对不同类型作文提出不同的应试策略,可以有效帮助考生提升学习效果。

本书在编写过程中参考了国内外最新资料,选材广泛,内容新颖,而且所有编写人员均为长期从事四、六级考试辅导教学、经验丰富的英语教师,相信本书的出版会对广大同学的英语写作有所帮助!

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经典范文赏析



A

议论文

1. You Taught Me Persistence with Your Invention, Dad

In mention of “Inventions”, there must come flooding to your mind an endless list of them. The electric bulb, the computer, and even the gene technology are all good examples of great inventions. But today I'd rather talk about an invention made by my dad. It might not be comparable to the great inventions which changed the life of the world's people, but it did have the most influence on me.

It happened years ago, but even today, I can still relive vividly the trying period when I was preparing for the college entrance exam. Somehow I grew more tired with each passing day and almost lost confidence in myself. My father, at that time, was also faced with the most challenging days of his lifetime. His company was on the verge of bankruptcy because of a technical problem. As an engineer, he worked day and night in the hope of coming up with a solution. He never realized what an encouragement his silent deeds had ever been to me. But whenever I passed his room and saw the light shining persistently from the window, I knew it was time for me to pull my socks up. Nothing is impossible to a willing heart. Three months later, my dad's invention saved the company, and my dream of going to college also came true.

A replica of his invention now sits on my desk as a memento. It is a symbol of persistence and perseverance. It serves as a spur in times of difficulty, and is always giving me the courage to charge ahead — to fulfill the dream of my life.



Adversity makes a man wise, not rich.

逆境出人才。

2. Computer—Wonder of the New Millennium

The history of mankind witnessed numerous inventions which had great impact on the human society, most of which have only one function. Computer's, however, is varied. By just tapping a few keys, you can make it do anything you want and even fulfill your toughest demands.

Without the computer, files would heap into hills in the office. Without the computer, shopping would just be a dull thing. Without the computer, the latest information would reach us hours or days later.

But while enjoying the conveniences brought by the computer, we have also felt its side effects. We see teenagers indulge in chatting on-line. We hear of the awful story that boys fight in the street just because of a quarrel on line. We read the scaring news that a girl is kidnapped by one of her trusted cyber friends.

However, "It is not the knife that kills a man, but the man who uses it". So, what we should do is not to totally ban the use of computers but to think of ways to put it to proper use.



A candle lights others and consumes itself.

蜡烛照亮别人,却燃烧了自己。

3. Change Your Life, Just with a Zipper

When people talk about the greatest invention in world history, it's not uncommon to relate it to electricity or the four great inventions of ancient China. But from my perspective, the greatest one is not so flamboyant; it is something trivial but something we cannot live without.

You can find it everywhere—on jackets, slipcovers, wallets and countless other objects. It has two facing rows of teeth that are pulled into a single piece by the slider. It's the zipper.

But how did it come into being? In 19th century, a man named Whitcomb Judson who always had to wear boots invented this gadget and named it zipper because the boots could be fastened with just one hand. In the Second World War, zippers played a very important role in saving the soldiers a large amount of precious time.

Nowadays, zippers are not only useful tools, but have also become decorations and have been made from a variety of materials, such as, metal, plastic, nylon and so on. The zipper has, to a certain extent, become one of the icons of modern society.

Thanks to the early efforts of the genius who invented the zipper, putting on clothes is not so much unpleasant work as it used to be. Zipper, a trivial article in our everyday life, has greatly transformed our life.



Blood will have blood.

血债血偿。



4. Youth(1)

Youth is not a time of life, but a state of mind; it is not a matter of pink cheeks, red lips and flexible knees; it is a matter of will, a quality of imagination, it is the freshness of life. Youth means a control of courage over coward, of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease.

Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up passion wrinkles the soul. In the center of your heart and my heart there is a wireless station: so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope and courage, you are young. When the antennas are down, and your spirit is covered with snow and ice of pessimism, you have grown old, even at 20, but as long as your antennas are up to catch waves of optimism, there is hope you may die young at 80.

So as this spring approaches, consider how you spend each and every day. Every morning is a new start, a chance to grow and improve, a chance to learn and teach. Think of the friends that you have made and be open to making new ones. Today is your day, and tomorrow will be what you make of it. Never forget your past, and always remember to plant fresh flowers along your future path in life.



Facts speak louder than words.

事实胜于雄辩。

5. Youth(2)

Youth is a golden time. It is the time when people are strong, healthy and full of vigor. It is the time to get well prepared for future tasks. Therefore, we should make good use of this period.

During this period of time, we should not waste our precious time on useless things. Being young, we are not only physically strong but also good in memory. Therefore, we should not let go off any chance to learn and get ourselves well prepared for the challenges of the future. "Think big, aim high" is what each youngster should bear in mind. Just as the saying goes, "If you jump for the sun, you will at least land on the moon." So each of us should set a goal in life. But only a lofty ideal is far from enough. We should also make great efforts to make our dreams come true.

Be sure to seize every minute and bring it into full play so as to become a qualified citizen in the future, so that we won't feel regretted later when we look back on our past.



A man can do no more than he can.

凡事都应量力而行。

6. It Pays to Be Honest

Although honesty is believed to be a virtue, there are still dishonest people in our society. For example, some businessmen sell fake commodities to their consumers; some students cheat on the exams.

Dishonest people are shortsighted. Those who sell fake products may make money at first, but in the long run, consumers will gradually lose faith in them and won't buy their products any more. As a result, they will lose their market or even be sent into prison. In contrast, honest people gain a lot. Those who always tell the truth and keep their promises win the respect and trust of other people. Such persons are sure to have a lot of good friends. Because of their respectable character, everyone is eager to make friends with them. Besides, it is easier for a person with an honest record to get a good job. After all, no employer wants a dishonest employee around to ruin his hard-won business. So we can say that anyone who is honest will be paid back later.

"Honesty is the best policy." It wins trust, respect and honor.



A faithful friend is hard to find.

知音难觅。

7. An Eyewitness Account of a Traffic Accident

When I was going back home from college at four o'clock in the afternoon last Friday, June 13, 2003, I witnessed a terrible car accident. The accident took place on Jiefang Road.

As far as I could remember, I was walking on the pavement and a blue Santana swiftly passed by. When it approached a truck parked on the roadside, a girl suddenly stepped out from behind the truck. On seeing the girl, the car driver pulled a sudden brake. But it was too late. The girl was hit by the car and bounced off at least three meters. She lay on the ground, her legs seriously injured. The police and the ambulance arrived in less than five minutes and the girl was sent to hospital immediately.

That is all I witnessed. To me, the accident was mainly caused by the truck. You see, the girl was walking to the other side of the road when the car moved near. But for the big truck, she should have seen the approaching danger. Unfortunately, her view was blocked by the huge vehicle, which eventually caused the tragedy.



A good beginning is half done.

良好的开端是成功的一半。

8. Reading Selectively or Extensively?

Nowadays, with the development of science and technology, there are many ways for us to acquire knowledge. But reading books still remains essential to the acquisition of knowledge. The forms of reading may differ from person to person. Some people prefer reading selectively rather than extensively. For them, the range of knowledge is so wide that they can't cover every field. With purposeful reading, much of their time and energy will be saved. And it's no use learning in depth about the knowledge that has no relation to their own special field of study.

Others, on the contrary, insist that we should read extensively. In the age of information, an all-round person is preferable to a person with a narrow range of knowledge. In order to keep pace with the highly developed society, they must arm themselves with so much abundant and profound knowledge and information lest they fall behind others and even be deserted by the changing world.

My view on reading is a combination of the two opinions. We should read selectively on the books that we major in or feel greatly interested in, and which are beneficial to us. At the same time, we should read extensively on the books in order to enrich our knowledge, broaden our horizons, and enable us to lead a more colorful life.



A good book is a good friend.

好书如挚友。

9. How I Finance My College Education

In China, there is no free education available to college students. How to finance one's college education has become a matter of concern for many families. You can handle it in a number of ways. Most students depend on their parents for financial support. It is their parents who pay for their tuition and all kinds of fees every year. Some students apply to their college for financial aids. Some acquire money for part of their tuition by doing part-time jobs in their spare time or during vacations.

As for me, I prefer being dependent on myself. For one thing, I am unwilling to ask my parents for money any more since I am an adult now. For another, I like to do some part-time jobs, for it can offer me opportunities to make contact with the society and prepare myself for the future career.

I believe that I can finish my college education and have a brilliant future through my own efforts.



A good beginning makes a good ending.

善始善终。

10. Is a Test of Spoken English Necessary?

A test of spoken English will be included as an optional component of the College English Test (CET). Many people believe that a test of spoken English is necessary because spoken English is an important skill to acquire in practice. Only when one speaks fluent English can one say he has really mastered the language. So a test ought to be devised to assess one's ability in spoken English.

However, some people think that such a test is unnecessary and a test of written English is just enough. They hold that one's command of English can be shown in a test of written English and a test of spoken English will add to the burden of students.

I believe it is of great importance for every foreign-language learner to speak the language with fluency. A test of spoken English will stimulate students to improve their oral English. Such a test is necessary, so I intend to take it if possible.



As a man sows, so he shall reap.

种瓜得瓜,种豆得豆。