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前 言

英美语言学对于同义词的比较和使用非常重视。我国大学生无论在英语作文方面、在大学英语测试中多项选择方面,还是在交谈方面有不少不符合英语的习惯用法,其中不少是同义词的问题。同义词给英语学习者带来了相当的困惑,大学英语考试、TOEFL 和 GRE 等测试中,应试者因缺乏这方面的知识,影响了他们的成绩,对英语教师也是很大的挑战。

本书编者考虑到广大学生不可能先去研究同义词词典再进行考试,所以把同义词的辨析与大学英语测试中的多项选择题结合起来,这是同义词学习中的又一次尝试。

本人从长期的大学英语教学中收集、筛选了不少同义词,加以比较,针对学习者遇到的困难,在广泛参考国内外各种同义词典的基础上,设法弄清它们的差异。

本书除了着重阐明同义词基本词义和引申含义方面的异同外,还对试题中的同义词进行比较,对适用范围、词义重点、习惯搭配等多方面进行辨析。有少量虽不属同义词,但因形似等常引起混淆,也被选入其中,以利对试题的辨析。至于对每题后半部分扩展的内容,读者可以根据自己的需要有选择性地阅读。

广泛扎实地掌握同义词的知识是十分重要的,不仅有助于增强人们的应试能力,而且还有助于扩大词汇量和提高英文写作和口头表达能力,可以更好地发挥您英语的交际能力,会使您的交谈丰富多彩,不落俗套。

在编写过程中,参考了《英语同义词辨义大词典》《英语同义词词典》《新英汉英语同义词词典》《当代实用英语同义词辨析词典》《当代英语同义词词典》等,在此容编著人向这些词典的编者表示衷心的感谢。不当之处在所难免,敬请广大读者给予批评、指正。

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1. abandon, reject

We must _____ all hope of reaching our production target this year.

- A. abandon B. release C. reject D. resign

abandon 与 abdicate、desert、forgo、forsake、quit、relinquish、resign 都有“放弃”的意思。

abandon 的意义较广泛,指完全、彻底、永远、最后地放弃、舍弃、遗弃或者指使自己离开一些人或事,表示不愿再看到或不再想起被抛弃的人或物,特别是以前所感兴趣的、所负责和控制的人或事,侧重于彻底地、完全地放弃某种打算、计划、希望、意见、主张或职业、地位、亲友、妻室等。

eg. He had to abandon his journey before it was well begun.

C 项的 reject 表示不愿接受某物,并视之为无用或不合适而弃之一边,它强调当面拒绝所给、所请、所提议的事,强调肯定地坚决地拒绝,如拒绝求婚者、赠物、忠言、要求、议案,甚至还有甩开、丢弃或驳回等含义,语气比 refuse 还要重。题意表示“放弃……的希望”,故 A 项正确。

eg. The idea that the earth is flat was rejected centuries ago.

abandon 的同义词 abdicate 和 resign (D 项) 都表示对职务和权力的放弃。君主的弃职应当用 abdicate,而经过大众选举或任命的官员弃职则要用 resign; desert 常表示放弃法律上、道德上、职责上应尽的义务或誓言等,多含贬义,和过失、有违反义务、损害信任和孤独的含义,侧重违背允诺或誓言等; forgo 和 give up 的意思相同,讲的是出于理智、花费、道德方面的原因而进行的自我放弃的行为; forsake 一般用来表示抛弃对某人或某地的依恋; quit 有 stop 或 stop doing 的意思,有时表示突然地、仓促地放弃; relinquish 和 give up 的意思相同,但比 give up 更郑重,一般指不情愿放弃,但又不得不放弃,常用来表示放弃某种习惯,某种舍不得放弃的职业、计划、希望、信息、权利、要求等。

2. abide by, stick on

She will _____ her promise if she gives it.

- A. abide by B. adhere with C. stick on D. allow for

abide by 与 obey、comply、observe、conform 五个词语都可作“遵守”、“服从”解。

abide 表示较长时间的停留,通常含有安居某地或耐心等待结果等含义。但不那么常用,停留时间也不一定像 stay 那样短。但 abide by 后接法律、协议、诺言等词语,含有完全遵守、忠实之义。故 A 项适合。

eg. If you join the club you must abide by its rules.

C 项的 stick 表示黏连,指一物与另一物,一人与另一人相附着; stick + to 可表示坚持(真理、原则等),坚持干(某事),按……做等,但不存在 stick on one's promise 这样的

表达方式。

eg. He is sticking to his principles in this matter.

abide by 的同义词 obey 最常用,表示服从、听从上司或者长者的指示、要求或命令。亦表示遵守法律、惯例或原则等;comply 的语气比 obey 强,侧重表示依从别人的意愿、要求或遵守、服从命令、规则等。只作不及物动词,常后接 with; observe 侧重表示遵守、奉行法律、习俗、礼节、决定等,含尊重之义;conform 常可与 obey 或 comply 换用,侧重表示遵守在法律、行为或思想等方面所公认的准则。作不及物动词时,一般后接介词 to,作及物动词时,通常后接反身代词和介词 to。

3. absorb, concentrate

I was so _____ in my book that I didn't hear the door-bell ring.

A. concentrated B. occupied C. engaged D. absorbed

absorb 与 imbibe、assimilate、digest、incorporate、ingest 均指吸收某物并由吸收物将其充满,或使吸收物成为自身的一部分。

absorb 原义是吞下,尽管此词有所发展,但是仍保留着原义,并保特其常见的意思。该词可表示吸取、接受(看法、知识等),也可表示吸引(注意力、精力等),用于 (be) absorbed in 被……吸引住,专注于,聚精会神(干某事)。题意指“专注于我的书本”,D 项正确。

eg. So absorbed was he that Nathalie hadn't dared to make a sound.

A 项的 concentrated 表示“使集中,使集中于一点”。该词不仅在于它的应用范围更广些,而且它更强调某人为达到目的所采用的技巧、方法、训练或努力。这个词不仅能用在可以被集中起来聚集在一点,使之成为中心的一切东西,而且可以用在体积被缩小,以此来增加浓度或强度。

eg. If you concentrate all your energies on the study of English, you will master the language.

absorb 的同义词 imbibe 常用来表示喝、吸入,在引申意义上,imbibe 指吸收的过程,但常指这个过程是无意识地、不自觉地,而作用是可见的或实在的;assimilate 同化,不仅吸收而且将吸收的东西转化为同化体的物质,狭义专指生理过程;digest 指在消化道内改变食物的化学结构,使其能被吸收入血液,它比 absorb 语气更强;incorporate 的字面意思是“使合并”,指单独个体失去自己的本性,成为被吸收的量;ingest 原指将食物或药物送入口中后被身体吸收,它也可指任何吸收并暗示这一过程所需的容受性。

4. abstruse, puzzle

Albert Einstein's theory of relativity is too _____ to follow.

A. abstruse B. dull C. puzzling D. simple

abstruse 与 recondite, occult, esoteric 均指常人智力难以企及或难于把握理解的深奥晦涩的东西。

abstruse 指极为复杂和抽象的学术问题,或大大超过一般人的经验和兴趣的东西。

eg. What is the good of a husband who can make abstruse mathematical calculations?

C 项的 puzzle 指其错综复杂性达到了极其难以理解和解决,从而使入苦恼的程度。题意表示爱因斯坦的相对论“太深奥”。A 项正确。A great poet may tax our brains, but he ought not to puzzle our wits. (伟大的诗人可以使我们绞尽脑汁,但他不应造成我们迷惑不解。)

abstruse 的同义词 recondite 指深奥难懂,与一般人的兴趣相去甚远的东西,尤其强调学术上的深奥和复杂性,但一般却看不出有什么明显的用途;occult 一般指通过特殊、魔法般或超自然方式获得的神秘知识,而用一般推理方法则无法获得;esoteric 指在小圈子内向新加入的成员秘密传授什么知识。

5. access, entrance

One of the essentials of freedom is free _____ to accurate information.

A. entry B. entrance C. access D. approach

access 与 entrance, entry, entrée, ingress 在指“进去”或“进来”的行为、事实或权力时是同义词。

access 可进入,通路,指允许进入有阻碍之处,这些阻碍可能是多种不同种类的(如社会的,法律的,个人的或自然的等等)。

eg. Explorers still find the North Pole difficult of access, in spite of their use of airplanes.

B 项的 entrance 进入,入口,入场权,进入的方式,这个词在应用上范围最广泛,最少专门意义,通常指进入的行为或行动,即从外部进入某一内部的事实。题意指的是取得信息的自由通道,故 C 项正确。

eg. The actor's entrance was greeted with applause.

access 的其余同义词 entry 进入,入口,进入权,相比之下,该词着重指正式地、礼仪地进入;entrée 进入,进入权,这个词在使用上要求较严,指接纳者的孤傲,被接纳者的优越;ingress 进入,进入权,入口处,通道,由于该词在法律上的应用,所以比任何其他几个词都含有更多的允许进入的意思或侵占的意思。

6. accommodate, adapt

Scholarships are too few to _____ the high-school graduates who deserve a college education.

A. meet B. accommodate C. adapt D. feed

accommodate 与 **adapt**、**adjust**、**fit**、**suit** 均有“使……适合”的意思。

accommodate 含有视外界情况而改变某物或事物本身的意思。侧重于使悬殊较大的两事物相互适应和配合,使一事物依附于另一事物,多含“让步、屈从、妥协”的意味,表示“使……适应”时,和 **to** 连用,表示“容纳、接纳”时,后不跟 **to**。

eg. The landlady could not accommodate us because all her rooms were booked.

C 项的 **adapt** 表示对某物进行相应的改变,以使其适应新的情况,新的要求,后面多接介词 **to** 或 **for**,多有顺应和准备的含义。题意指“容纳、接纳”,故 B 项正确。

eg. Here is a textbook adapted to the needs of foreign students of Chinese.

其余同义词 **adjust** 源于“把某事弄正确”,表示对事物进行较小的变动,着重“算计”、“配合”、“调整”、“使协调一致”;**fit** 的意义很广泛,指“使……适合”某些条件、目的、要求等,也指使事物的大小、尺寸、形状适合于其他事物;**suit** 指改变事物,使其适合要求或达到舒服、满意。

7. accomplish, achieve

Although he has _____ many good things during his term as president, he should be forced to give up some of his power.

A. accomplished B. completed C. finished D. achieved

accomplish 与 **achieve**、**execute**、**discharge**、**effect**、**fulfil** 含义为执行、实行、履行或完成时,是同义词。

accomplish 通常强调的是过程完成的成功,而非过程完成的手段。常指胜利地完成某次行动或达到某个目的,尤其在困难的情况下。

eg. This project was so vast and so quickly accomplished that it has no parallel.

D 项的 **achieve** 与 **accomplish** 一样强调达到某一困难目标,但此词主要是指该工作、任务或事业是重要的,是对人的能力和意志或资产提出非常的要求。题意指“做了许多好的事情”,并未涉及“非常的要求”,故 A 项正确。

eg. Women can achieve in areas where men traditionally have achieved.

B 项的 **complete** 亦是同义词,侧重表示“完成”某项分配或指派的任务等,如“完成”学业、作业、工作等。

其余同义词 **execute** 更强调完成,尤指过程或方式、方法的熟练完成;**discharge** 指完成必须完成的一项任务,常指责任或义务;**effect** 也指障碍被排除,但是不像 **achieve** 那样,它强调的不是行为者的勇敢和不屈不挠等品质,而是行为者身上的天生力量;**fulfil** 指潜在事物、迄今为止在概念上存在的事物或在大自然中隐含着的事物的充分实现、或作为行为者的责任感的圆满实现。

8. accord, comply

That diplomat was stripped of his office for his remarks on certain occasion did not _____ with his state's interests.

- A. accord B. disperse C. comply D. live

accord 与 agree、square、conform、harmonize、correspond、tally、jibe 指没有争斗或协调一致。

accord 指当在关系上、性格上、精神上、质量上或者调门上一致,该词也可表示所给之物是应得的,或是与所得人的品德、地位相符的:

eg. The speaker's remarks did not accord with the sentiments of those who listened to him.

C 项的 comply 遵守,服从;侧重表示依从别人的意愿、要求或遵守、服从命令、规则等。只作不及物动词,常后接 with,通常不是考虑有没有应该同意的理由,而只是为了满足对方的希望或要求。题意表示“某种场合的言论与国家利益不一致”,应用 A 项。

eg. They forced him to comply with their request.

accord 的同义词 agree 指两者无差异,平等;square 指两者确切的一致,几乎像数学那样的确切;conform 指在形式上、本性上,或者在基本特征上相符、相似;harmonize 协调、相称,即使是有明显的不同,但其合并或并列产生一致或者美的效果;correspond 指尽管两个东西相去甚远或者不很密切,但由于它们互相配合、互相补充或者彼此应答使之相一致;tally 符合,一致,指相一致的东西非常紧密,或者彼此互补,或者彼此一致;jibe 有时与 agree 相当,有时与 accord 相当。

9. accountable, dependable

Those men were appointed by the directors and are _____ only to them.

- A. accountable B. dependable C. privileged D. controlled

accountable 与 responsible, answerable 三词意义相近,常可互用,均指能够就某事向某人做出赔偿。但三词在用法上仍有些区别。

accountable 指受人之托做什么事情,因此必须由此人对该事作出说明,负有责任的,对人和 to 连用,对事和 for 连用,句子的主语应该是人物,不是事情,所以 A 项符合题意,表示“对……负责”。

eg. The dog was responsible for tearing the coat and its owner was held accountable for the damage.

B 项的 dependable 指什么在需要或紧急情况下稳定可靠,也可仅当作一个描绘性的词汇来使用,指一种与反复无常、变幻莫测相反的属性或特征。

eg. This newspaper is dependable, it always tells the truth.

accountable 的同义词 responsible 是个最普通的用词,指对某项工作或任务负责,或

对他人或某个机构交给的工作、任命的职务、给予的信任或赋予的权力负责。还指某人已成熟,完全有能力承担艰巨的任务,如代表上级出色地完成某项工作或克服种种预料不到的困难而完成某项任务。还可指任务承担者一方与交给者一方的关系;answerable 指在道德或法律方面就某事(如违犯法纪或疏忽失职)向他人赔偿或负责任,有时有法庭介入。

10. account for, attribute

Poor transport facilities and lack of resources, raw materials and energy also partly accounted for the drop in contract fulfilment.

A. attributed to B. contributed to C. counted on D. accounted for

account 与 consider, regard, reckon, deem 表示持有一种观点或意见,即某人某物与被描述或指明的情况实际上一致时,常常可以互相代替,但是在意义上也有细微差别,使它们可以区别开。

account 认为,强调估价和鉴别常与价值有关的因素。该词指总的或概括的意见或判断,往往用固定的点或标准比较得出结论,多表示肯定,用被动语态。account 指口头或书面的、较详细的、有准备的报道或叙述,多来自于第一手资料,如亲身经历或亲眼目睹。侧重详细和准备。在表示“认为……是”的时候,等于 consider。

eg. In law, a man is accounted to be innocent until he is proved guilty.

A 项的 attribute 作“把(某事)归因于另一事”解时,内含这种看法有一定的理由或根据之义;亦表示“认为(某事)属于(某人或另一事)”,还可表示“(某一作品)为某人所作”。该题如用 attribute to,则意思相反,而 D 项“认为……是”符合题意。

eg. He attributed his success to how hard he had worked.

account 的同义词 consider 认为、考虑,表示通过某种程度的思考得出更有根据的判断或结论;regard 看作,该词仍保持其看、望的基本含义,表示不加思索,单纯从表面现象为基础迅速作出判断;reckon 常常表示非正式语气,表示在作出一个判断或表达一种观点当中的计数或计算;deem 认为,该词有点文学语言色彩,指的意义很广,常用作 consider 的替代词,但是它明显强调经过思考的明智判断,而不是思考本身。

11. accurate, exact

I believe his account of what happened is _____.

A. precise B. correct C. exact D. accurate

accurate 与 exact, correct, precise, nice, right 当表示符合标准、符合实际情况、正确无误时,为同义词。

accurate 准确的、精确的、符合事实的,指非常忠实于经过认真实践证实的或推导出的事实或真理,不仅包含准确、无误,而且还包含准确周密の意味。