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前言

《中国石油天然气集团专业技术人员职称英语考试模拟训练与解析》(以下简称《职称英语考试模拟训练与解析》),是以《中国石油天然气集团专业技术人员晋升职称英语水平考试大纲》为依据,针对现行《中国石油天然气集团专业技术人员职称英语考试》内容与水平而编写的一本实用性较强的考前模拟训练参考书。该书适用于申报 A 级(认知 5000 个单词和短语)和 B 级(认知 4000 个单词和短语)的考生。主要供有关专业技术人员在常规培训和考前使用,其特点如下。

- 1. 针对性强。本书共收人 10 套模拟训练题,其中包括:1)词汇 10 套题,每套题含有 20 道选择题,共计 200 道题。2)语法 10 套题,每套题含有 20 道选择题,共计 200 道题。3)阅读理解 10 套题,每套题含有 5 篇文章,每篇文章含有 4 道选择题,共计 40 篇文章,200 道选择题。4)完型填空 10 套题,每套题 1 篇文章,含有 10 道选择填空题,共计 100 道题。5)翻译(汉译英)A 级与 B 级各 10 套题,每套题含有 1 篇短文(A 级 260 个单词;B 级 160 个单词),共计 20 篇文章。
 - 2. 实用性强。对所给的样题、答案、解析力求通俗易懂,贴切实用,有助于牢固掌握。
- 3. 本模拟训练的题型与"中国石油天然气集团专业技术人员职称英语考试试卷"题型及难易程度基本相同,有很高的参考价值。

本书每套题的题型、题量和记分方法如下:

I. Vocabulary	1~20 题	占 20 分
I. Grammatical Structure	21~40 题	占 20 分
II. Reading Comprehension	41~60 题	占 30 分
N. Cloze	61~70 题	占 10 分
V. Translation (A、B 级)		占 20 分

本书书后还附有索引,便于考生集中进行单项自我测试。

我们希望此书有利于促进英语教学,帮助有关专业技术人员高分顺利通过职称英语考试。

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职称英语考试模拟试卷

Test 1

I		Voc	ab	ula	ry
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Di	rections: There are 20) incomplete sentenc	es in this part. For	each sentence there
are fou	r choices marked A, B	, C, and D. Choose	the ONE answer tha	t best completes the
senteno	ce and mark your answ	er on the Answer Sl	neet.	
1.	The oil industry of In	dia has two	o World Wars and wit	hstood the econom-
	ic, social, and politic			
	A. continued	B. outlived	C. survived	D. remained
2.	The oil industry of In	ndia has, through th	e decades,	for technical excel-
	lence, established a f	irm infrastructure.		
	A. consistent	B. striven	C. charted	D. dedicated
3.	What is needed is the	great leap forward,	a dynamic surge to clo	ose the gap and thus
	ward a serie	ous economic danger	•	
	A. for	B. in	C. on	D. off
4.	However, there is one	e ingredient of succes	ss which cannot be _	in the class-
	room.			
	A. contemplate	B. parted	C. imparted	D. exhorted
5.	One hundred of the s	stamps sold to the þ	ublic became known	as "", for
	the plane was printed	l upside down.		
	A. inventions	B. converts	C. intensity	D. inverts
6.	Some of these "upside	e-down" airmail stan	nps are now	over \$6,000.
	A. worth	B. worthy	C. worthful	D. worthless
7.	He reached	the new sheets and	handed one to Robey	•
	A. after	B. back	C. for	D. out
8.	Not being a rich man	, Robey decided to o	eash his goo	od fortune.
	A. up	B. in	C. in on	D. out
9.	Take a cell, practical	ly any cell, from you	r body, and through	appropriate biologi-
	cal repairing, you can	n cause it to grow in	to a duplicate of you	rselffrom
	eyelashes to toenails.			
	A. duplicable	B. indicate	C. identifiable	D. identical
10	. With this system, y	ou can repi	oduce yourself witho	ut any partner. It is

	called human clon	ing.		
	A. practically	B. neatly	C. supposedly	D. appropriately
11	. Clone movies and	clone jokes sprang	overnight.	
	A. at	B. forth	C. on	D. up
12	2. But some	_ biologists offered t	heir opinion that the	book was pure fanta-
	sy.		1 1	
	A. distinguished	B. distinguishabl	e C. complicated	D. reproductive
13	3. People began to	realize that we are o	on the of a	new age in the bio-
	sciences.			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
	A. threshold	B. breakthrough	C. uproar	D. feat
14	. Recent intrusions	into the lives of pub	lic figures have	the lack of laws
	guarding privacy	in Britain.		
	A. invaded	B. highlighted	C. curbed	D. regulated
15	. It also proposed a	new criminal offence	of physical	to obtain information
	for publication.			
:	A. introduction		B. property	
	C. intrusion		D. recommendation	on
16	6. Hence, some edite	ors say they are justif	ied in prying into pri	vate lives to
	any faults.	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -		
	A. dispose	B. discover	C. uncover	D. parade
17	'. The need for	public speaking	will almost certainly	y touch you sometime
	in your life.			
	A. affective	B. affect	C. effect	D. effective
18	3. Speech training is	for every t	ype of communication	n.
	A. ethical	B. invaluable	C. verbal	D. distracting
19	. Effective speakers	s adjust their voices	the larger	audience and work at
	avoiding distraction	ng physical mannerisi	n and verbal habits.	
	A. at	B. with	C. to	D. in
20	. You will take a b	ig step toward overc	oming stage fright if	you think positively,
	choose speech top	ics you really care ab	oout, prepare thoroug	ghly, and concentrate
	commun	icating with your au	dience.	F
	A. on	B. with	C. to	D. in
II. Gr	ammatical Structure	:		
Di	rections: There are	20 incomplete sente	nces in this part. Fo	r each sentence there
are fou	r choices marked A	B, C, and D. Choos	se the ONE answer th	nat best completes the
senten	ce.			
21	fails to	see this will make a l	oig blunder.	
	A. Whenever	B. Whoever	C. Wherever	D. It

22.	A group of scientist	s demanded that the	reae	rai government	all the stud-
	ies it has funded on	cloning and related:	field	l of cell biology.	
	A. revealed	B. reveal	C.	. would reveal	D. had revealed
23.	This proposal,	was not acted	up	on, would have	made it unlawful to
	photograph people	on private property	or 1	ecord their con	versions without per-
	mission.				
	A. that	B. it	C.	which	D. as
24.	If that shell	us half a second s	oon	er, it might hav	e hit t he pilot.
	A. hit	B. would hit	C.	have hit	D. had hit
25.	by his fin	d, Robey shopped o	the	branch post of	fices for more sheets
	with inverted center	s but found none.			
	A. Exited	B. Exiting	C.	Having exited	D. Be exited
26.	Your speech class	will give you trainir	ıg i	n researching to	ppics, your
	ideas, and	_yourself skillfully.			
	A. organize, preser	nt	В.	organizing, pre	esenting
	C. organize, presen	iting	D.	organizing, pre	esent
27.	This example is par	t of a thesis that app	ears	s at Sv	vansea University.
	A. to plagiarize		В.	to be plagiarize	ed
	C. to have been play	giarized	D.	to have plagiar	ized
28.	The loudness of a so	ound is evidently pro	duc	ed by	to move.
	A. how much is the	membrane caused	В.	how much caus	sed the membrane is
	C. how is the memb	orane much caused	D.	how much the	membrane is caused
29.	It is for the valuable	e oil in blubber		whales are hun	ted.
	A. that	B. which	c.	who	D. whom
30.	It can be determine	d from samples		_ from the form	nation or by in-place
	testing.				
	A. extracting		В.	extracted	
	C. to extract		D.	to have extract	ed :
31.	Should airlines comp	ete on similar routes	allo	owing planes	long distances
	with empty passenge	er seats?			
	A. flying	B. fly	C.	to fly	D. flied
32.	Another said that th	e moon material wou	ld e	xplode	an astronaut's boot
	touched it.				
	A. where	B. when	C.	moment	D. as soon as
33.					sed for hundreds of
	years.				
	A. those	B. these	C.	this	D. that
34.	No party may impose	e his own will	á	another and no u	nit or individual may

	illegally interfere	•		
	A. to	B. on	C. of	D. with
35.	Do I spend too m	uch of my time	them?	
	A. maintained		B. to maintain	
	C. maintaining		D. to be mainta	ined
36.	We agreed that w	re are opposed	the domination of	the Pacific area by any
	one power.			
	A. with	B. of	C. on	D. to
37.	These names con	ne from the fact	the source of e	nergy, the nucleus, or
	core, of the atom	comes from.		
	A. that	B. which	C. where	D. whose
38.	First, it makes it	what is to	be exchanged is no	t restricted to tangible
		include concepts and		
	A. clearly	B. clear	C. more clear	D. more clearly
39.	As Europeans be	egan to go the Far E		ing the 17th century,
	happen	ed that they too grew	to like the little car	rp.
	A. that	B. this	C. it	D. what
40.	Only after drilling	g and testing	_ whether the trap o	contains oil or gas.
		B. known is it		

II. Reading Comprehension

Directions: There are 5 passages in this section. Each passage is followed by 4 questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. You should decide on the best choice.

Question 41 to 44 are based on the following passage:

There are many similarities between public speaking and daily conversation. The three major goals of public speaking—to inform, to persuade, to entertain— are also the three major goals of everyday conversation. In conversation, almost without thinking about it, you employ a wide range of skills. You organize your ideas logically. You tailor your message to your audience. You tell a story for maximum impact. You adapt to feedback from your listener. These are among the most important skills you will need for public speaking.

Of course, public speaking is also different from conversation. First, public speaking is more highly structured than conversation. It usually imposes strict time limitations on the speaker, and it requires more detailed preparation than does ordinary conversation. Second, speechmaking requires more formal language. Listeners react negatively to speeches loaded with slang, jargon, and bad grammar. Third, public speaking demands a different method of delivery. Effective speakers adjust their voices to the larger audience and work at avoiding distracting physical mannerism and verbal habits.

One of the major concerns of students in any speech is stage fright. Actually, most successfully speakers are nervous before making a speech. Your speech class will give you an opportunity to gain confidence and make your nervousness work for you rather than against you. You will take a big step toward overcoming stage fright if you think positively, choose speech topics you really care about, prepare thoroughly, and concentrate on communicating with your audience. Like many students over the years, you too can develop confidence in your speechmaking abilities.

The speech communication process as a whole includes seven elements — speaker, message, channel, listener, feedback, interference, and situation. The speaker is the person who initiates a speech transaction. Whatever the speaker communicates is the message, which is sent by means of particular channel. The listener receives the communicated message and may provide feedback to the speaker. Interference is anything that impedes the communication of a message, and the situation is the time and place in which speech communication occurs. The interaction of these seven elements is what determines the outcome in any instance of speech communication.

Because speechmaking is a form of power, it carries with it heavy ethical responsibilities. Ethical speakers use sound means to achieve sound goals. They do this by being well informed about their subjects, by being honest in what they say, by using sound evidence, and by employing valid reasoning.

•			
41.	Public speaking is different from daily co	onversation in	_•
	A. the major goals of speaking		
	B. the language of speaking		
	C. organizing ideas logically		
	D. the purpose of message communication	on	
42.	According to the author, most of the	speakers are	before making a
	speech.		
	A. confident	B. careless	
	C. nervous	D. overcoming stage	fright
43.	The word "jargon" in the second paragra	aph means	
	A. language difficult to understand		
	B. words not suitable for formal occasio	ns	
	C. language full of technical or special v	vords	
	D. language of bad spelling		
44.	Which of the following means can a succ	cessful spea <mark>ker use to a</mark>	chieve his goals?
	A. Knowing well about the subject.		
	B. Using sound evidence.		
	C. Concentrating on communicating with	h the audience.	
	D. All of the above.		

Question 45 to 48 are based on the following passage:

When we talk about ears, we usually mean the oddly wrinkled appendages on the side of our heads.

We are aware that at the end of the central hole in this outer ear there is something called the middle ear, with an eardrum and a few little bones. Even deeper lies the inner ear, the organ with which we "hear".

Animals such as dogs and cats also have conspicuous outer ears, but few of us probably ever stopped to think whether there might be such a thing as a middle and inner ear beneath those pointed tips. Yet, we know very well that these animals hear.

Birds are even more mysterious, because here we do not even see an outer ear. The same is true to still a larger degree of such animals as frogs and fishes, although in the frog we can at least see an eardrum.

Again, at one time or another, you may have found that all such animals hear. Hunters know that birds attracted by artificial calls, and fishermen emphasize that you should be as possible if you don't want to go home empty handed. And if you ever hunted frogs in your childhood, you know how softly you had to tread! Moreover, it seems absurd that birds should sing and frogs croak, if they could not even hear their own voices.

By direct observations and many experiments, biologists have discovered that practically all animals have some sense of hearing or vibration. Earthworms feel vibrations in the soil, fish can be trained to respond to certain tones, male mosquitoes are attracted by the sound of female, and frogs will respond to a tape recording of their own voices.

The inner ear is composed of delicate membranes which bear dense patches of specialized cells called maculae. Each of these collections of cells can carry a message to the brain. What message is carried by a macula depends upon how it is affected. The message which is carried is not, however, always connected with the hearing sense. For instance, a certain kind of tadpole can tell the depth of the water it is swimming in by the pitch of a tone which is produced by its own lungs.

In the human and all other mammals, the macula has developed into an organ which can easily be seen. This organ is called the cochlea. This spiral shaped organ contains the macula itself and it is called "organ of Corti" after its discoverer. If you have ever seen a snail shell, you know how a cochlea looks.

When sound waves enter the cochlea, which is really a tube coiled around, they set a membrane into a back and forth motion and cause a new wave. This is something like the way in which high and low sounds are produced by a flute or whistle. The high sounds are produced when the air is prevented by the holes from going through, while the low sounds are produced by allowing more of the air to pass. All this is what produces the differences between high and low sounds. The loudness of a sound is evidently produced by how much the membrane is caused to move.

Whether or not hearing is really produced in all animals by the effect of pressure is not definitely known by scientists as yet. We do know, however, that nature has set up some very delicate hearing mechanisms for its creature. Scientists must explore much further for more knowledge about how animals use their ears.

45.	We can	see ar	ı outer	ear	in	the	body	of	•
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- A. a dog
- B. fish
- C. a bird
- D. a frog
- 46. The passage mainly introduces to us .
 - A. the formation of human ear
- B. how animals hear
- C, why animals can not hear
- D. sound waves
- 47. In paragraph 7, the example of tadpole is used to show _____
 - A. tadpole can tell the depth of the water
 - B. tadpole also has inner ear
 - C. the message carried by a macula is not always connected with the hearing
 - D. frogs have some sense of hearing and vibration
- 48. Which of the following statements is true?
 - A. For all animals, scientists still do not know whether hearing is produced by the effect of pressure.
 - B. Scientists have enough knowledge about how animals use their ears.
 - C. The differences between high and low sounds are produced by how much the membrane is caused to move.
 - D. A flute produces a high sound, while a whistle produces a low sound.

Question 49 to 52 are based on the following passage:

If the salinity of ocean waters, that is, how much salt the ocean waters contain, is analyzed, it is found to vary only slightly from place to place. Nevertheless, some of these small changes are important. There are three basic processes that cause a change in oceanic salinity. One of these is the subtraction of water from the ocean by means of evaporation—change of liquid water to water vapor. In this manner, the salinity is increased, since the salts stay behind. If these carried to the extreme, of course, white crystals of salt would be left behind; this, by way, is how much of the table salt we use is actually obtained.

The opposite of evaporation is precipitation, such as rain, by which water is added to the ocean. Here the ocean is being diluted so that the salinity is decreased. This may occur in areas of high rainfall or coastal regions where rivers flow into the ocean. Thus salinity may be increased by the subtraction of water by evaporation, or decreased by the addition of fresh water by precipitation of runoff.

Normally, in tropical regions where the sun is very strong, the ocean salinity is somewhat higher than it is in other parts of the world where there is not as much evaporation.

Similarly in coastal regions where rivers dilute the sea, salinity is somewhat lower than in other oceanic areas.

A third process by which salinity may be altered is associated with the formation and melting of sea ice. When seawater is frozen, the dissolved materials are left behind. In this manner, seawater directly beneath freshly formed sea ice has a higher salinity than it did before the ice appeared. Of course, when this ice melts, it will tend to decrease the salinity of the surrounding water.

In the Weddell Sea, off Antarctica, the densest water in the oceans is formed as a result of this freezing process, which increases the salinity of cold water. This heavy water sinks and is found in the deeper portions of the oceans of the world.

- 49. What does the passage mainly discuss?
 - A. The elements of salt.
 - B. The bodies of water of the world.
 - C. The many forms of ocean life.
 - D. The salinity of ocean water.
- 50. All of the following are processes that decrease salinity EXCEPT _____.
 - A. evaporation
- B. precipitation
- C. runoff
- D. melting
- 51. Which of the following statements about the salinity of a body of water can best be inferred from the passage?
 - A. The temperature of the water is a very important factor.
 - B. How quickly the water moves is directly related to the amount of salt.
 - C. Ocean salinity has little effect on sea life.
 - D. We are not sure about the causes of variations in the salt content of water.
- 52. Which of the following is NOT a result of the formation of ocean ice?
 - A. The salt remains in the water.
- B. The surrounding water sinks.
- C. Water salinity decreases.
- D. The water becomes denser.

Question 53 to 56 are based on the following passage:

Traditionally, savings and loans provided most of the funds for building, buying, or remodeling homes in the United States. They still fund about 15% of all US home mortgages. In the early 1990's, these mortgages amounted to about \$335 billion. But today, savings and loans also make consumer and commercial loans and invest directly in real estate. Savings and loans also offer a wide range of other financial services for individuals and companies. These services include checking accounts, saving accounts, individual retirement accounts, insurance, stock and real estate brokerage services.

Large companies need a way to reach the savings of the public at large. The same problem, on a smaller scale, faces practically every company trying to develop new products and create new jobs. There can be little prospect of raising the sort of sums needed from friends and people we know, and while banks may agree to provide short-term fi-

nance, they are generally unwilling to provide money on a permanent basis for long term projects. So companies turn to the public, inviting people to lend them money, or take a share in the business in exchange for a share in the business through the stock exchange. By doing so they can put into the circulation savings both at home and overseas.

When the saver needs his money back, he does not have to go to the company with whom he originally placed. Instead he sells his shares through a stockbroker to some other saver who is seeking to invest his money.

Many of the services needed both by industry and by each of us are provided by the government or by local authorities. Without hospitals, roads, electricity, telephones, railways, this country could not function. All these require continuous spending on new equipment and new development if they are to serve us properly, requiring more money than is raised through taxes alone. The government, local authorities, and nationalized industries therefore frequently need to borrow money to finance major capital spending, and they too, come to the Stock Exchange.

There is hardly a man or woman in this country whose job or whose standard of living does not depend upon the ability of his or her employers to raise money to finance new development. In one way or another this new money must come from the savings of the country. The Stock Exchange exists to provide a channel through which these savings can reach those who need finance.

- 53. Almost all companies involved in new production and development must
 - A. rely on their own financial resources
 - B. persuade the banks to provide long term finance
 - C. borrow large sum of money from friends and people they know
 - D. depend on the population as a whole for finance
- 54. The money which enables these companies to go ahead with their projects is

A. repaid to its original owners as soon as possible

B. raised by the selling of shares in the companies

C. exchange for part ownership in the Stock Exchange

D. invest in different companies on the Stock Exchange

^{55.} When the saver want their money back, they

A. ask another company to obtain their money for them

B. look for other people to borrow money from

C. put their shares in the company back on the market

D. transfer their money to a more successful company

^{56.} All the essential services on which we depend are

A. run by the government or our local authorities

- B. in a constant need for a financial support
- C. financed wholly by rates and taxes
- D. unable to provide for the needs of the population

Question 57 to 60 are based on the following passage:

The developing countries themselves, lacking the proper resources, have often been unable to generate or implement the plans necessary to provide required services at the village or urban poor level. It has, however, become clear that the system of health care that is appropriate for one country is often unsuitable for another. Research has established that effective health care is related to the special circumstances of the individual country, its people, culture, ideology, and economic and natural resources.

The rising costs of providing health care have influenced a trend, especially among developing nations, to promote services that employ less highly trained primary health-care personnel who can be distributed more widely in order to reach the largest possible proportion of the community. The principal medical problems to be dealt with in the developing world include undernourishment, infection, gastrointestinal (肠胃的) disorders, and respiratory complaints, which themselves may be the result of poverty, ignorance, and poor hygiene. For the most part, these are easy to identify and to treat. Furthermore, preventive measures are usually simple and cheap. Neither treatment nor prevention requires extensive professional training: in most cases they can be dealt with adequately by the "primary health worker", a term that includes all nonprofessional health personnel.

The diseases so prevalent in the Third World have, for the most part, been eliminated or are readily treatable. Many of the adverse environmental conditions and public health hazards have been conquered. Social services of varying degrees of adequacy have been provided. Public funds can be called upon to support the cost medical care, and there are a variety of private insurance plans available to the consumer. Nevertheless, the funds that a government can devote to health care are limited and the cost of modern medicine continues to increase, thus putting adequate medical services beyond the reach of many. Adding to the expense of modern medical practices is the increasing demand for greater funding of health education and preventive measures specifically directed toward the poor.

- 57. The trend, especially among the developing nations, is to ______
 - A. cut down the costs of health care
 - B. employ more primary health-care personnel
 - C. employ highly trained health-care personnel
 - D. make the highly trained health-care personnel distribute more
- 58. In the second sentence of the second paragraph, the word "complaints" means
 - A. dissatisfactions B. diseases C. accusations D. grumbles
- 59. Which of the following is NOT an acute problem facing the developing countries?

- A. The increasing costs of medicine.
- B. The shortage of public funds.
- C. The inadequate funds of health education.
- D. The inadequate funds of preventive measures.
- 60. The author of this passage may be a(n) _____
 - A. official of the WHO
 - B. spokesman of the White House
 - C. social philanthropist
 - D. candidate for American President

IV. Cloze

Directions: There are 10 blanks in the following passage. For each blank there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. You should choose the ONE that best fits into the passage.

In many Western countries heavy industry is highly developed. The <u>61</u> between heavy industry and light industry is <u>62</u> on the nature of the goods produced. Heavy industry produces <u>63</u> while light industry uses machines to produce the smaller <u>64</u> required for various purposes in our homes and offices.

The growth of industry in a country depends on the 65 level of economic and industrial development. In its beginnings industrialization is likely to be 66. To reduce costs, industrialists in a given area usually depend on 67 supplies of electric power for their 68. Factories are usually 69 in places which can be 70 reached by road or railway, so that customers can be supplied regularly.

61. A. gap	B. distinction	C. separation	D. similarity
62. A. based	B. basis	C. funded	D. founded
63. A. devices	B. machines	C. mechanics	D. application
64. A. things	B. matters	C. objects	D. substances
65. A. ordinary	B. general	C. outstanding	D. extraordinary
66. A. expensive	B. excessive	C. valuable	D. technological
67. A. close	B. central	C. local	D. distant
68. A. conduct	B. behavior	C. operation	D. function
69. A. put	B. arranged	C. accepted	D. situated
70. A. purely	B. positively	C. financially	D. conveniently

V. Translation. 71 (A、B 级)

Directions: There is 1 passage in this part of the test. You are to translate the passage into Chinese.

A 级

What was the origin of the oil which now drives our motor-cars and aircraft? Scien-

tists are confident about the formation of coal, but they do not seem so sure when asked about oil. They think that the oil under the surface of the earth originated in the distant past, and was formed from living things in the sea. Countless billions of minute sea creatures and plants lived and sank to the sea bed. They were covered with huge deposits of mud; and by processes of chemistry, pressure and temperature were changed through long ages into what we know as oil. For these creatures to become oil, it was necessary that they should be imprisoned between layers of rock for an enormous length of time. The statement that oil originated in the sea is confirmed by a glance at a map showing the chief oilfield of the world; very few of them are far distant from the oceans of today. In some places gas and oil come up to the surface of the sea from its bed. The rocks in which oil is found are of marine origin too. They are sedimentary rocks, which were laid down by the action of water on the bed of the ocean. Almost always the remains of shells, and other proofs of sea life, are found close to the oil. A very common sedimentary rock is called shale, which is a soft rock and was obviously formed by being deposited on the sea bed. And where there is shale there is likely to be oil.

B级

The value of long-term observation of environmental factors has only been recognized relatively although some minitoring of the environmental factors have been in existence for over a century. The best known long-term study is probably the Broadbalk Experiment at Rothamsted. Broadbalk and the other long-term experiments at Rothamsted and elsewhere are now proving to be extremely valuable by answering questions not considered, nor even conceived, when they were originally set up. Even so they are limited in geographic scope and by the face that they are confined to one land use category. Current environmental and ecological monitoring networks, while not limited geographically, have in the main been set up to measure just one aspect of the environment. In contrast, the Environmental Change Network (ECN) was set up to give added value to long-term monitoring and data collection by providing a network of sites in different parts of the U.K. and under a variety of land use conditions where comparable long-term data on a wide variety of environmental variables could be recorded.