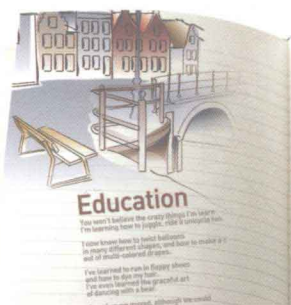


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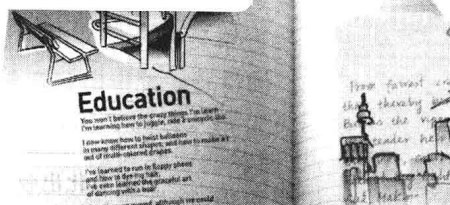
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前 言

英国诗人威廉·布莱克说：“一颗沙里看出一个世界，一朵野花里一座天堂。”其实，一本好书能让您同时感受世界的奇妙与天堂的永恒。在每天清晨起床后的一刻钟，用书中清新怡人的美文唤醒惺忪的大脑，用抑扬流畅的朗读迎来愉悦的黎明。一天的好心情，从此时开始，一天的好时光，在此时把握。

人类祖先发明的语言是人类交流和传递知识的工具，不是光用来考试的。换句话说，以考试为目的的英语学习很难学好英语。事实证明，一个善于使用英语的人，应付各种考试的能力也自然要强得多。在我们这样一个汉语占绝对主导地位的语言环境里，怎样才能在使用中学习英语呢？一个最简便易行而又经济实用的好办法就是阅读。阅读可以提高多方面的素养，提高听、说、读、写、译等多方面的能力，可以学习多方面的知识，可以非常有效地复习、巩固所学语言知识点。阅读在给人们带来快感的同时，从根本上提高了读者们的语言感受力。

那么，从现在开始让我们一起享受阅读的乐趣吧！本书分为七大部分：智慧人生、精美散文、名家演讲、经典对白、报刊文摘、名篇欣赏、名人故事，与六级考试紧密联系。您在朗读美文的过程中，不仅可以启迪心智，丰富思想，感悟人生，同时还能提高六级听说能力，增强学习英语的兴趣和信心。本书主要有以下特点：

新——书中文章语言地道、内容新颖。

精——书中的文章短小精悍,诵读起来琅琅上口,无论是在写作还是日常交流中都可以信手拈来,非常实用。

博——本书题材广泛,内容涉及大学生生活中的方方面面,贴近大学英语六级考试中常见题材,丰富了读者的知识面,给读者以广阔的思考空间。

《大学英语六级考试晨读美文》主要读者对象为六级考试的备考学生,选文广,内容宽,分类、分级循序渐进,相信翻开本书,您就会明白该如何读它,且如何更有效地去读懂它。只需一份坚持,只需一个习惯,数天过去,你会发现,不知不觉间,自己的欣赏水平已经大大提高,自己的语言感觉已经产生飞跃。

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智慧人生

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诚实的重要性

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晨读精选

In the busy city of New York, such an astonishing thing that ever happened.

On a Friday night, a poor young artist stood at the gate of the subway station, playing his violin. Though the music was great, people were quickly going home for the weekend. In this case, many of them slowed down their paces and put some money into the hat of the young man.

The next day, the young artist came to the gate of the subway station, and put his hat on the ground gracefully. Different than the day before, he took out a large piece of paper and laid it on the ground and put some stones on it. Then he adjusted the violin and began playing. It seemed more pleasant to listen to.

Before long, the young violinist was surrounded with people, who were all attracted by the words on that paper. It said, "last night, a gentleman named George Sang put an important thing into my hat by mistake. Please come to claim it soon."

Seeing this, it caused a great excitement and people wondered what it could be. After about half an hour, a middle-aged man ran there in a hurry and rushed through the crowd to the violinist and grabbed his shoulders and said, "Yes, it's you. You did come here. I knew that you're an honest man and would certainly come here."

The young violinist asked calmly, "Are you Mr. George Sang?"

The man nodded. The violinist asked, "Did you lose something?"

"Lottery. It's a lottery." said the man.

The violinist took out a lottery ticket on which George Sang's name was seen. "Is it?" he asked.

George nodded promptly and seized the lottery ticket and kissed it, then he danced with the violinist.

The story turned out to be this: George Sang is an office clerk. He bought a lottery ticket issued by a bank a few days ago. The awards opened yesterday and he won a prize of \$ 500,000. So he felt very happy after work and felt the music was so wonderful, that he took out 50 dollars and put in the hat. However, the lottery ticket was also thrown in. The violinist was a student at an Arts College and had planned to attend advanced studies in Vienna. He had booked the ticket and would fly that morning. However when he was cleaning up he found the lottery ticket. Thinking that the owner would return to look for it, he cancelled the flight and came back to where he was given the lottery ticket.

Later someone asked the violinist: "At that time you were in needed to pay the tuition fee and you had to play the violin in the subway station every day to make the money. Then why didn't you take the lottery ticket for yourself?"

The violinist said, "Although I don't have much money, I live happily; but if I lose honesty I won't be happy forever."

Through our lives, we can gain a lot or lose so much. But being honest should always be with us. If we bear ourselves in a deceptive and dishonest way, we may succeed temporarily. However, from the long-term view, we will be a loser. Such kind of people are just like the water on the mountain. It stands high above the masses at the beginning, but gradually it comes down inch by inch and loses the chance of going up.

精美译文

在繁华的纽约,曾经发生了这样一件震撼人心的事情。

星期五的傍晚,一个贫穷的年轻艺人仍然像往常一样站在地铁站门口,专心致志地拉着他的小提琴。琴声优美动听,虽然人们都急急忙忙地赶着回家过周末,但还是有很多人情不自禁地放慢了脚步,时不时地会有一些人在年轻艺人跟前的礼帽里放一些钱。

第二天黄昏,年轻的艺人又像往常一样准时来到地铁门口,把他的礼帽摘下来很优雅地放在地上。和前一天不同的是,他还从包里拿出一张大纸,然后很认真地铺在地上,四周还用自备的小石块压上。做完这一切以后,他调试好小提琴,又开始了演奏,声音似乎比以前更动听更悠扬。

不久,年轻的小提琴手周围站满了人,人们都被铺在地上的那张大纸上的字吸引了,上面写着:"昨天傍晚,有一位叫乔治·桑的先生错将一份很重要的东西放在我的礼帽里,请您速来认领。"

见此情景,人群之间引起一阵骚动,都想知道这是一份什么样的东西。过了半小时左右,一位中年男人急急忙忙跑过来,拨开人群就冲到小提琴手面前,抓住他的肩膀语无伦

次的说：“啊！是您呀，您真的来了，我就知道您是个诚实的人，您一定会来的。”

年轻的小提琴手冷静地问：“您是乔治·桑先生吗？”

那人连忙点头。小提琴手又问：“您遗落了什么东西吗？”

那位先生说：“奖票，奖票”。

小提琴手于是掏出一张奖票，上面还醒目地写着乔治·桑，小提琴手举着彩票问：“是这个吗？”

乔治·桑迅速地点点头，抢过奖票吻了一下，然后又抱着小提琴手在地上跳起了舞。

原来事情是这样的，乔治·桑是一家公司的小职员。他前些日子买了一张一家银行发行的奖票，昨天上午开奖，他中了50万美元的奖金。昨天下班，他心情很好，觉得音乐也特别美妙，于是就从钱包里掏出50美元，放在了礼帽里，可是不小心把奖票也扔了进去。小提琴手是一名艺术学院的学生，本来打算去维也纳进修，已经定好了机票，时间就在今天上午，可是他昨天整理东西时发现了这张奖票，想到失主会来找，于是今天就退掉了机票，又准时来到这里。

后来，有人问小提琴手：“你当时那么需要一笔学费，为了赚够这笔学费，你不得不每天到地铁站拉小提琴。那你为什么不把那50万元的奖票留下呢？”

小提琴手说：“虽然我没钱，但我活得很快乐；假如我没了诚信，我一天也不会快乐。”

在人的一生中，我们会得到许多，也会失去许多，但守信用却应是始终陪伴我们的。如果以虚伪、不诚实的方式为人处世，也许能获得暂时的“成功”，但从长远看，他最终是个失败者。这种人就像山上的水，刚开始的时候，是高高在上，但逐渐地它就越来越下降，再也没有一个上升的机会。



词汇注释

adjust /ə'dʒʌst/ *v.* 校准;调整

surround /sə'raʊnd/ *v.* 包围

tuition /tju:'iʃən/ *n.* 教学;学费

deceptive /di'septiv/ *adj.* 骗人的;靠不住的

dishonest /dis'ɒnɪst/ *adj.* 不诚实的;不老实的

succeed /sək'si:d/ *v.* 成功;完成

mountain /'maʊntɪn/ *n.* 山岳

gradual /'grædʒuəl/ *adv.* 逐渐地;逐步地



真题词汇

astonish⁵① /əs'tɒnɪʃ/ *vt.* 使惊讶

【同义】surprise, shock

【派生】astonished *adj.* (人) 惊讶的; astonishing *adj.*

(某事或物) 惊人的, 奇迹的 (同) astounding, miraculous

recorder⁵ /ri'kɔ:də/ *n.* 录音机, 录像机; 记录装置, 记录仪

【词组】a tape-recorder 录音机 / a video-recorder 录像机 /
chart recorder 图表记录器

【长难例句】Video recorders and photocopiers, even ticket machines on the railways, often seem unnecessarily difficult to use. 录像机、影印机, 甚至还有铁路部门的售票机, 使用起来往往非常复杂, 这很没有必要。

tuition⁴ /tu:'iʃən, tju:'iʃən/ *n.* 教学, 学费

【长难例句】Universities want the government to introduce a loan scheme for tuition fees and have suspended their

① 5 次是指该单词从 2000 年到目前为止在历年真题中出现的次数

own threatened action for now. 高等院校希望政府推出助学贷款计划,所以目前没有采用他们扬言要采取的做法。

[六级真题]

【报刊例句】 The cost of tuition continues to climb each year, yet students don't believe they are getting their money's worth of education. 译文: 学费每年都在上涨,但学生们却不认为他们得到了与学费等值的教育。

(*US News and World Report* • 美国新闻与世界报道)

fee³/fi:/ *n.* 费,报名费,会费

excitement²/ik'saitmənt/ *n.* 激动,兴奋;刺激

【派生】 excite *vt.* 刺激,使兴奋(同) arouse; exciting *adj.* 令人兴奋的,刺激的(同) sensational

2. How I Made My Dreams Come True

扬起梦想的风帆

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连绵的青山,似露似隐,望不见尽头;眼前的天幕,如火如荼,看不尽风景。看啊,那成片成片的金黄是水稻们的梦想,那鲜艳娇嫩是花儿们的梦想,那青翠茁壮是苗儿们的梦想,还有那雪花飘飘是冬的梦想,那甜蜜如糖的生活是蜂儿们的梦想……那么,你的梦想是什么呢?你将如何描绘你绚丽多姿的梦想呢?

晨读精选

Public schools are supposed to remove barriers so people can succeed. For some, the system does remove barriers and provide a solid base for achievement. For others, the system replaces one set of barriers with another. For example, creativity is killed by pressuring students to accept the status quo, by establishing a fear to be different and a fear of failure. Independent thinking is replaced by dependency. In some cases, pressure to excel in academics kills ethics, loyalty and motivation, skills needed for success in the real world. People who have a vision, that motivates them, can overcome all barriers with integrity intact.

My story begins in Summit, NJ, at the age of sixteen, where I am sitting in a classroom staring out the window. Out of the first window I could see myself exploring the jungles of South America searching for gold, I could see myself drifting