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前 言

学习英语,我们可以通过听英文歌曲,看英文电影等形式一边玩一边学,在玩中学,在学中玩,但是学好英语,只靠这些是不够的。学习英语,首先要有扎实的英语基础,要做到这一点,就应当掌握基本的英语语法知识和阅读技巧,同时去做大量的专项练习,以便巩固所学的知识。为此,我们特地编写了这套《学生知识训练》丛书。

本套丛书分两大部分:一部分是英语语法的讲解与练习,另一部分是英语阅读理解讲解与练习。书中精选的练习题针对性强,并附有参考答案。语法部分系统介绍了英语新课程标准中所规定的语法项目,讲解简明扼要,重点内容详尽全面,并配有大量例句;阅读部分搜集了各种英语阅读文章,体裁多样、内容丰富,读者可结合自身学习特点,有选择地阅读,从而扩大知识面,提高阅读能力。

由于水平有限,加之编写的时间过于仓促,书中难免有不妥之处,敬请读者批评指正。

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Unit 1 The sounds of the world

预 测

预测是读者在对字、词、句的识别加工时,对它们蕴含的意义以及后面的内容的估测和预见。我们在阅读过程中,自始至终都在理解、揣测作者的意图,以达到心灵的沟通。预测是一种高级的、积极的阅读方法。

我们在阅读一篇文章前,可根据文章的标题、文章后面的理解问题以及问题中出现频率较高的词语等,预测该文可能要涉及到的内容或文章的主旨大意。预测并不只用在阅读之前,它还必须贯穿在整个阅读过程中,让大脑一直处于兴奋状态,积极主动地思维。一个积极主动的读者,往往读了前一句话,就会预测下一



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句话的内容，并不断根据下文来判断自己的预测是否正确，借此来调整自己的阅读思路，从而达到准确理解所阅读文章的目的。





阅读理解

Passage 1

Americans have contributed (做贡献) to many art forms, and jazz, a type of music, is one of the art forms that were started in the United States. Black Americans, who sang and played the music of their homeland, created jazz.

Jazz is a mixture of music of Africa, the work songs, the slaves song, and religious(宗教的) music. Improvisation (即兴演奏) is an important part of jazz. This is why a jazz song might sound a little different each time it is played. ^①

Jazz bands formed in the late 1800s. ^② They played in bars and clubs in many towns and cities of the South, especially New Orleans. New Orleans is an international seaport, and people from all over the world come to New Orleans to hear jazz.

Jazz became more and more popular. By the 1920s, jazz





was popular all over the United States. By the 1940s, you could hear jazz not only in clubs and bars, but in concert halls as well. Today, people from all over the world play jazz. Jazz musicians from the United States, Asia, Africa, South America, and Europe meet and share their music at festivals on every continent. In this way jazz continues to grow and change.

根据文章内容,选择正确答案:

1. What can be the best title of the passage?

- A. American Art Forms.
- B. The Development of Jazz.
- C. The Music of Black Americans.
- D. The Birthplace of Jazz.

2. From the text we can learn that _____ .

- A. New Orleans is the place where jazz was first produced
- B. the American people are all jazz lovers
- C. jazz is merrily sung by black people when working
- D. jazz may become less popular as time goes on

3. It took about _____ years to make jazz popular in the United States.

A. 200

B. 120





C. 80

D. 40

译 注

① This is why a jazz song might sound a little different each time it is played.

这就是爵士乐演奏每次听起来都有所不同的原因。

② in the late 1800s

在十九世纪末

Passage2

One of the most popular American singers of the twentieth century was Elvis Presley. ① He made the Rock & Roll music popular around the world. He sold millions of records and made many successful films, and he helped change the direction of popular music in the 1960s.

Elvis Presley was born in a poor family in 1935. His parents were simple country people who often took him to church, ② where he learned to sing and he never forgot the kind of songs that he used to sing in church as a child.

When he was a teenager, Elvis moved from Tulepo to Memphis in Tennessee, where he attended high school, but he





was not a good student. His only real interest was singing. He began to sing in the style that is called “country and western”.

In 1955 he recorded some songs for his mother’s birthday. The people at the recording studio (录音棚) liked his singing and his music. There was something different about it. It was country and western music, but it also sounded a little like the music, which black people used to sing in the American South, music known as “blues”.

Shortly after that, Elvis met Tom Parker, who became his manager and arranged (安排) concerts for him across the United States and new recordings as well. Soon Elvis rose to fame^① all over the country. Later, Elvis went to Hollywood and began to appear in films like Love Me Tender and King Creole.

But Elvis found it hard to live with success, like many other entertainment personalities (娱乐圈内的人士)^②. He began to take drugs and his health began to suffer. When he died at an early age of 42 in 1977, his many millions of fans were shocked. “The King Is Dead!” the newspaper said. But today his memory and his music live on and he will always be remembered as the King of Rock & Roll.



根据文章内容,选择正确答案:

1. Which is the right order of Elvis Presley's life?

- a. Elvis went to high school in Memphis.
- b. Elvis was born in Tulepo, Mississippi.
- c. Tom Parker became Elvis's manager.
- d. Elvis recorded some songs for his mother's birthday.
- e. Elvis learned to sing at church.
- f. Elvis gave concerts all across America.

A. b, e, a, d, c, f

B. b, e, a, c, d, f

C. a, b, e, d, c, f

D. f, a, b, e, d, c

2. Judging from the passage, we may conclude _____ .

- A. Elvis forgot his church music at a later age
- B. his church songs helped his development in his singing
- C. Elvis didn't get any help from his parents in singing
- D. his church songs didn't help develop his own style

3. What was Elvis's style of singing like most probably?

- A. Only country and western.
- B. Only country and blue.



C. Both western and country.

D. Not only country and western but also a bit "blues".

译 注

① Elvis Presley 艾尔维斯·普雷斯利(1935-1977), 又称“猫王”, 是第一位将乡村音乐和布鲁斯音乐融进摇滚乐中的白人歌星。

② took him to church 带他去做礼拜

③ rose to fame 名声鹊起

④ But Elvis found it hard to live with success, like many other entertainment personalities.

但是和其他很多娱乐圈内的人士一样, 艾尔维斯自己很难在成功之后生活得很好。

Passage3

To me, life without music would not be exciting. I realize that this is not true for everybody. Many people get along quite well without going to the concert or listening to the record. But music plays an important part in everyone's life, whether he realizes it or not. ① Try to imagine, for example, what films or TV plays would be like without music. ② Would



the feelings, the moving plots (情节), and the greatest interests, be as exciting or dramatic (富有戏剧性的)? I'm not sure about it.

Now, we have been speaking of music in its more common meaning—the kind of music we hear in the concert hall. But if we look at some parts of music more closely, we discover them in our everyday life too—in the rhythm (旋律) of the sea, the melody of a bird in the woods and so on. So music surely has meanings for everyone in some way or other.^③ And, of course, it has special meaning for those who have spent all their lives working on playing or writing music.

Once a great man said, “Through music a child enters a world of beauty, expresses himself from his heart, feels the joy of doing things alone, learns to take care of others, develops his mind and makes his body strong.”

根据文章内容,选择正确答案:

1. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. Life full of music.
- B. Life without music.
- C. Importance of music.



D. Development of music.

2. From the text, we know that many people _____.

A. don't realize the importance of music

B. get along quite well without music

C. go to the concert instead of enjoying films

D. think music would be less exciting than films

3. In the writer's opinion, if there was no music in films or TV plays, _____.

A. the cinema and theatre would be quiet

B. we would lose some of the audience

C. everything would be as exciting as before

D. it would be hard to imagine the result

4. What does the underlined word "melody" mean in the text?

A. Flying.

B. Looking.

C. Singing.

D. Meaning.

译 注

① whether he realizes it or not

不论他是否意识到这一点

② Try to imagine, for example, what films or TV plays would be like without music.



例如,试想一下没有音乐的电影或电视剧会怎么样。

③ in some way or other

以这种或那种方式;在某方面





完形填空

Passage 4

One evening, long after most people had gone to bed, a friend of mine and I were 1 our way home happily through the 2 street. We had been to a musical(音乐喜剧)and were 3 about the people we had seen and heard in it.

“The show 4 him a star overnight.”^① said my friend about one of them, “He was completely 5 before. And now thousands of people 6 him gifts and letters.” “I thought him quite good,” I said, “but not 7 thousands of letters. As a matter of 8, one of his songs gave me a shock (震惊). It was too noisy.” “What was that?” my friend asked me. “9 it to me.” I began to sing. “Do be quiet. You will give everybody a shock and 10 them up for miles 11; besides, there will be a policeman in front of us.” My friend gave me a 12 look.