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前言

《新理念大学英语泛读教程》是英语教学不可缺少的教学内容,也是英语其他课程的一个重要补充。本“教程”内容是围绕提高学生的英语能力所设计的。为了达到这个目的,根据“泛读教程”的教学特点和要求,在编写过程中着重强调了如下几个方面的内容:

一、为了扩大学生的英语词汇量,拓宽知识范围,获得更多的知识信息,丰富学生的语言知识,本教材注重选材范围,力求涵盖社会科学、人文科学以及自然科学等方面的内容。一、二册着重选择适用英语,如:电子商务、经济、贸易、金融、证券交易等方面的文章;三、四册侧重于选择社会科学和人文科学以及自然学科等方面的文章。本教材的教学目的是要求学生以自学为主,故文章的篇幅不宜太长。一、二册的文章 250~300 个单词,三、四册的文章 350~400 个单词。文章由易到难,便于学生阅读、理解和掌握,从而提高学生的阅读兴趣和学习效果。

二、为了帮助学生在 学习过程中更好地理解 和掌握文中的语言词汇知识,课文后列出了文中的词语和词组,并针对重点常用词语和词组设计了 10 个句子为填空题,帮助学生掌握这些词语和词组的用法。

三、每篇文章设计 5 个理解题,每道题含有 4 个选项,选项中包括对词组、段落以及全文的理解,从中选择最佳答案,提高学生的理解力。

本教材适用于专科院校和本科院校的学生阅读教学,包括英语专业学生和公共英语的学生。为了使本教程更具有适用性、针对性,编写组特邀请了东南大学、河海大学、新疆医科大学、安徽农业大学、湖州师范学院、江阴职业技术学院、无锡科技职业技术学院等院校的教师参加了集体编写工作,由东南大学外国语学院教授、浙江越秀外国语学院聘用教授梁为祥先生以及南京财经大学肖辉教授担任总主编,并审阅了全部书稿。在编写过程中,史建农编辑给予了大力支持与协作。书中如有谬误之处,欢迎读者给予指正。

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Unit One

Life is wonderful, but it is also challenging at times. The following advice comes from one of the most successful businessmen in history, Bill Gates. He recently told a group of high schoolers about 11 things they did not learn in school. He talked about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a full generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world. I want all of you to be very successful, so consider some of his words:

Rule 1: Life is not fair — get used to it.

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something **BEFORE** you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will **NOT** make 40 thousand dollars a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone, until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss. He doesn't have tenure.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping; they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to **ANYTHING** in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is **NOT** real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.



There may be virtual reality, but there is no such thing as virtual happiness.
(402 words)

I. New Words and Expressions

self-esteem	[self-'is'ti:m]	(n.) 自尊, 自负, 自大, 自尊心
tenure	['tenjʊə]	(n.) (工作一定年限之后授予任职者, 尤指大学教师的) 终身职位; 职位地位等的保有期, 任期
flip	[flɪp]	(vt.) 掷, 轻击, 弹
whine	[(h)'waɪn]	(v.) 哭诉, 发牢骚
parasite	['pærəsart]	(n.) 寄生虫, 寄生生物, 食客
delouse	[di:'ləʊs]	(v.) 灭虱
nerd	[nɜ:d]	(n.) 书呆子, 专心致志搞科研或精于科研的人, 但令人感到不善社交

II. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the listed words or expressions.

tenure	self-esteem	mess up	do away with	resemblance
whine	abolish	virtual	end up	get used to

1. They do not sweat and _____ about their condition.
2. Teenagers' _____ is based on how many friends they have.
3. It is difficult to _____ another country's customs.
4. She _____ on the math test.
5. We must _____ illiteracy.
6. The children have a great _____ to their parents.
7. After teaching at Yale for 5 years he was granted _____.
8. There is growing recognition that we should _____ segregation.
9. Completely banning nuclear weapons is a _____ impossibility.
10. Most of us _____ living bland and troubled lives.

III. Comprehension: circle the letter of the best answer.

1. In the eyes of Bill Gates, life could be described by the following words except _____.
A. unfair B. challenging C. televised D. tough
2. Bill Gates advises that flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity, which means that _____.
A. flipping burgers can be done and it could be taken as an opportunity
B. flipping burgers can't be done because it is beneath your dignity



Unit Two

Belonging to a family is one bond almost everyone in the world shares, but family patterns vary from country to country. The United States has many different types of families, but the traditional structure of the American family — mother, father and children — continues to prevail for the most part as a new century unfolds. Yet, over the past several decades, US society has witnessed an evolution in family structure and daily life in many respects, because of myriad factors, running the gamut from advancements in science to the composition of the workplace. Single parenthood, adoptive households, step-parenting, stay-at-home fathers, grandparents raising children are but a few of the newer tiles in the mosaic.

What is it like to be a young person in the United States?

The typical American child spends six hours a day, five days a week, 180 days a year in school. Children in the US start preschool or nursery school at age four or under, kindergarten at five years of age. Schools provide American children with much more than academic education. More than 80 percent of all students participate in extracurricular activities, such as sports, student newspapers, drama clubs, debate teams, choral groups and bands.

During their leisure time, American kids spend much time watching television, listening to music or playing computer games, but many also have after school jobs. One recent poll indicated that nine out of 10 teenagers polled said they either had a job or would like one. Child labor laws set restrictions on the types of work that youths under 16 years can do. Many youths work part-time on weekends or after school at fast-food restaurants, baby-sit for neighbors, hold delivery jobs or work in stores. Many youths are also involved in community service organizations or are active in church and religious-group activities. Others belong to youth groups such as Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts, where they learn about citizenship, crafts, arts, camping and other outdoor activities.

Thousands of young Americans volunteer to help take care of the elderly, the handicapped and hospital patients, or help clean up the environment. While for most American children and teenagers life today is nearly free of serious conflict, young people are still under many types of stress. Peer pressure, changing family conditions, mobility of families, unemployment and problems at school may lead to use of alcohol or drugs, the refusal to attend school, running away from home, teenage pregnancies or juvenile delinquency. (409



words)

From: <http://usa.usembassy.de/society-family.htm>

I. New Words and Expressions

myriad	[ˈmɪrɪəd]	(adj.) 无数的 (n.) 极大数量
gamut	[ˈɡæmət]	(n.) 整个, 域[范围], 全部
tile	[taɪl]	(n.) 瓦片, 瓷砖
mosaic	[məˈzeɪk]	(n.) (将许多航空拍摄照片接构成某一地区全景的)镶嵌地图
handicapped	[ˈhændɪkæpt]	(adj.) 残废的, 有生理缺陷的
peer	[pɪə]	(n.) 同辈; 同龄人; 身份(或地位)相同的人
pregnancy	[ˈpregnənsɪ]	(n.) 怀孕, 妊娠, 含蓄, 丰富
juvenile	[ˈdʒuːvɪnaɪl]	(n.) 少年, 少年读物 (a.) 少年的, 不成熟的, 适于少年的
delinquency	[dɪˈlɪŋkwənsɪ]	(n.) (少年)犯罪, 失职

II. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the listed words or expressions.

prevail	peer	evolution	handicap	myriad
mobility	delinquency	vary	leisure	participate

- One of the first things you learn with e-commerce is to deal with _____ files.
- They are holding a forum on juvenile _____.
- He is profoundly _____, both mentally and physically.
- We are expected to _____ actively in English class.
- Children are easily influenced by their _____.
- This old custom does not _____ now.
- The _____ of city life, with its increase in the number and intensity of stimulations, tends inevitably to confuse and to demoralize the person.
- Yoga as a _____ occupation is increasing in popularity in the West.
- She _____ her dress as fashion changes.
- The _____ of modern motor car is an interesting subject.

III. Comprehension: circle the letter of the best answer.

- It's held that _____ is one bond that almost everyone shares in the world.
 - belonging to a family
 - belonging to a marriage
 - belonging to a country



- D. belonging to a school
2. The American family structure and daily life have experienced great changes because of _____.
- A. the prevailing tradition
B. the coming of the new century
C. the increasing population
D. advancements in science and the composition of the workplace
3. The volunteer work that the young Americans do includes the following except _____.
- A. to take care of the elderly
B. to help clean up the environment
C. to baby-sit
D. to care for the handicapped and hospital patients
4. It could be inferred from the text that _____.
- A. the USA has many types of families and the traditional one has disappeared
B. a typical American child doesn't have too much pressure from school
C. young people in America are under many types of stress
D. many American youths choose to take part-time jobs with no restrictions
5. This text reveals the American life from the aspect of _____.
- A. family patterns and young people's life
B. family patterns and adults' life
C. family tradition and young people's life
D. family patterns and American tradition



Unit Three

To me family is a union of a group of people, togetherness, and a strength that is in some cases unstable. A strong and nurturing moral icon or icons, loyalty and respect; Marriage is a partnership between two individuals one of both financial and self-fulfilling accomplishment.

People marry for love, wealth, stability and even fear of being alone. The issue is vast but the expectation of it is as small as an ant. Get married and live happily ever after, but over time things have changed. The traditional 40 or 50 year marriages have been reduced to 4 or 5 years at the maximum. Divorce, is the result of a failed or unsuccessful marriage; it has become more common in our culture these days. This in turn has a negative effect on most children today.

Mother, father, and maybe 2 or 3 kids; this is what people call a traditional family. The roles are simple; the father is the head of the household keeping order and setting discipline when needed. The mother's role is to provide stability and comfort to her family if needed. However in today's society the mother and father can be replaced by one parent if not two of the same sex. An alternative family is one that breaks tradition but still keeping family values in tact. For example, an unfortunate accident leave 3 kids without parents, the oldest being the most wise watches over his or her siblings as if they were their own children.

I believe that culture plays an important role in marriage today due to the fact that the experiences of it such as love, sex, and commitment even starting a family have been felt long before marriage can even come up in a topic between couples. Television and music of the present are more descriptive and clear on their messages' on sex and its appeal. Today more and more teens are sexually active than ever and commercials, billboards and ads just make it worse. When it comes to culture and the new age families I suggest a more direct and appropriate ways of applying discipline.

Marriage and family both are depicted in different ways but both portray togetherness, happiness, love and support, loyalty, partnership, argument, and the occasional hardships of life. A divorce may be able to separate a family but a family can never be broken. (395 words)



I. New Words and Expressions

icon	[ˈaɪkɒn]	(n.) 偶像, 肖像, 图符, 象征
maximum	[ˈmæksɪməm]	(n.) 最大量, 最大限度, 极大 (adj.) 最高的, 最多的, 最大极限的
sibling	[ˈsɪblɪŋ]	(n.) 同胞(兄弟姐妹)
depict	[dɪˈpɪkt]	(vt.) 描述, 描写
portray	[pɔːˈtreɪ]	(vt.) 描写, 描绘, 饰演

II. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the listed words or expressions.

sibling	depict	effect	maximum	appeal
discipline	commercial	icon	alternative	due to

- Koalas are considered an Australian national _____.
- The dress is carefully styled for _____ comfort.
- And if one adult sibling became obese, the chances that the other _____ would also become obese increased by 40 percent.
- The book _____ him as a rather unpleasant character.
- The government's action had no _____ on the trade imbalance.
- She was a harsh mother and imposed severe _____ on her children.
- What is an image of _____ morality? How can it be developed or restored?
- This kind of music hasn't much _____ for me.
- _____ the recent unpredictable weather, one can easily catch a cold.
- The mayor had no _____ but to apologize to the towns people.

III. Comprehension: circle the letter of the best answer.

- According to the text, the following ideas about divorce are all right except _____.
 - divorce is the result of a failed or unsuccessful marriage
 - divorce is becoming more common these days
 - divorce can separate a family and make a family broken
 - divorce has an effect on children negatively
- Culture plays an important role in marriage today because _____.
 - people are influenced by many factors in the marriage before they get married
 - people are influenced by many factors in the marriage only after they get married
 - people will be not influenced by many factors in the marriage until they get married



Unit Four

Love is a telephone which always keeps silent when you are longing for a call, but rings when you are not ready for it. As a result, we often miss the sweetness from the other end.

Love is a telephone which is seldom program-controlled or directly dialed. You cannot get an immediate answer by a mere "hello", let alone go deep into your lover's heart by one call. Usually it had to be relayed by an operator, and you have to be patient in waiting. Destiny is the operator of this phone, who is always irresponsible and fond of laying practical jokes to which she may make you a lifelong victim intentionally or unintentionally.

Love is a telephone which is always busy, when you are ready to die for love, you only find, to your disappointment, the line is already occupied by someone else, and you are greeted only by a busy line. This is an eternal regret handed down from generation to generation and you are only one of those who languish for followers.

Love is telephone, but it is difficult to seize the center time for dialing, and you will let slip the opportunity if your call is either too early or too late.

Love is a telephone which is not always associated with happiness. Honeyed words are transmitted by sound waves, but when the lovers are brought together, the phone serves no purpose that many lovers observe that marriage is the doom of love.

Love is a telephone which, when you use it for the first time, makes you so nervous and excited that you either hold the receiver upside down or dial the wrong number. By the time you've calmed down, you will beat a loss to whom you should make the call.

Love is a telephone which often has crossed lines. And this usually happens to you unexpectedly. Your time will either cross or be crossed. Both cases are referred to as "triangle". Fortunately, all such occurrences are transient. (338 words)

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