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Preface

前言

编写一流的大学英语学习手册，全心全意为同学们服务，是我们编写本书的宗旨。

我们首创课文、译文和疑难详解对照编排，特别方便同学们听课与老师授课同步跟进。对于课文疑难重点，既可同步对照左栏的课文和译文，又可相互比较参考右栏的疑难详解，从而极大地节省宝贵的时间，倍增学习效率。

我们解释课文的所有难点，不放过每一个重要词组，不漏掉每一个关键句型，不管是语言语法现象，还是文化背景知识，统统一网打尽。

我们认真讲解每一个重难点单词，给出经典例句，介绍记忆技巧，提供典型考题，再进行详细解答。

随着英语学习的深入，我们遇到的同义词语越来越多，正是这些词语之间的某种同义，增加了我们学习英语的难度，使得我们在各种交际场合，在四、六级考试中频频出错。因此，我们特设易错易混词语辨析栏目，对这些词语进行分析比较，帮助同学们弄清它们在不同语言环境下的真正含义。

为了使大学英语学习和四、六级考试更加紧密地结合起来，我们让四、六级考试的最新信息和精神贯穿全套丛书，让最新试卷的典型例子频繁穿插于各分册之中。

始终坚持品牌领先战略，永远提供最新、最权威的信息，是王迈迈英语系列丛书十余年来畅销全国、领军同行、傲视群雄的根本原因。我们决心百尺竿头，更进一步，把为同学们服务的工作做得更好。

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Section A

Time-Conscious Americans

时间观念强的美国人



一、课文、译文和疑难详解(对照编排)



课文英汉对照

^① Americans believe no one stands still. If you are not moving ahead, you are falling behind. This attitude results in a nation of people committed to researching, experimenting and exploring. Time

美国人认为没有人会停止不前。
如果你不思进取,就会落伍。
这种态度造就了一个
决心投身于研究、
实验和探索的民族。 时间



重难点详解

^①【英文释义】Americans think that no one keeps motionless and every moves forward.

stand 在这儿是系动词,意为停止,保持不动。系动词后接形容词或者类似形容词的短语。类似的有:
The sun rises red. 太阳升起来,红彤彤的。
Mary remains silent. 玛丽保持沉默。



is one of the two elements that Americans are Americans注意节约的两个要素之一,另一— save carefully, the other being labor.

个则是劳力。

② “We are slaves to nothing but the

美国人说:“只有时间才能支配我 clock,” it has been said. Time is treated 们。”

人们似乎是把时 as if it were something almost real. We 间当作一个几乎是实实在在的东西来对待 budget it, save it, waste it, steal it, kill 的。我们安排、节约、浪费、挤抢、消磨和缩 it, cut it, account for it; we also charge 减时间、对时间的支配作出解释;

for it. It is a precious resource. ③ Many

我们还要因时间而收取费用。 people have a rather acute sense of the 时间是一种宝贵的资源。许多人都深感— shortness of each lifetime. ④ Once the 生短暂。一旦人生的沙漏中的沙粒流尽, sands have run out of a person's hour-

就再也

glass, they cannot be replaced. We 无法复原。

所以我们希望每 want every minute to count.

一分钟都过得有意义。

A foreigner's first impression of the

外国人对美国的第一印象很可能就

US is likely to be that everyone is in a 是:每个人都显得匆匆忙忙——常常是处 rush——often under pressure. City peo- 于压力之下。

城里人看 ple always appear to be hurrying to get 上去总是在匆匆地赶往他们要去的地方, where they are going, restlessly seeking 在商店里焦躁不安地指望店员能马上来为 attention in a store, or elbowing others as 他们服务,或者为了想赶快买完东

The children in the classroom keep quiet.

教室里的孩子安安静静的。

②【英文释义】We are controlled only by time.

slave: *n.* one who is abjectly subser- vient to a specified person or influ- ence 奴隶般受控的人,卑贱地屈从 于某个特定的人或某种特定影响 的人

e. g. I was still the slave of education and prejudice. (Edward Gibbon) 我 受教育和偏见的影响还很深。(爱 德华·吉本)

slave to sth.: one who is completely influenced or dominated by sth. 完全 受他人或事物支配的人;受控制的 人,如:

a slave to smoke 烟鬼

a slave to drink 酒鬼

nothing but: only 仅仅;只

e. g. They are nothing but paper ti- gers.

他们不过是纸老虎。

③【英文释义】Many people are keenly aware that life is short.

acute sense: 敏锐的感觉

④【英文释义】once a person has spent all his time

hourglass: *n.* an instrument for measuring time, consisting of two glass chambers connected by a nar- row neck and containing a quantity of sand, mercury, or another flowing substance that trickles from the upper



they try to complete their shopping. Racing
西,用肘来推搡他人。

白天人 through daytime meals is part of the pace of
人都急急忙忙地吃饭则部分地体现了这个国家
life in this country. Working time is consid-
的生活节奏。

工作时间被认为是宝贵
ered precious. Others in public eating-places
的。

在公共用餐场所,
are waiting for you to finish so they, too, can
人们等着别人吃完,

这样可以轮到 he
be served and get back to work within the
们, 以按时赶回去工作。

time allowed. You also find drivers will be ab-

你还会发现汽车司机开车很冒
rupt and people will push past you. ⑤ You will
失,人们推搡着在你身边过去。

你会怀
miss smiles, brief conversations, and small
念起微笑、简短的对话及与陌生人的闲谈来。
exchanges with strangers. Don't take it per-

不要觉得这是针对
sonally. This is because people value time
你个人的,这是因为人们把时间看得很宝贵,
highly, and they resent someone else "wast-

而且也讨厌他人不得当地“浪
ing" it beyond a certain appropriate point.
费”时间。

Many new arrivals to the States will miss
许多初到美国的人会怀念诸如商务拜访等
the opening exchanges of a business call,
场合开始时的寒暄。

for example. ⑥ They will miss the ritual inter-

他们也会怀念那种喝着招待客
action that goes with a welcoming cup of tea

人的茶或咖啡的礼节性交往,
or coffee that may be a convention in their
这也许是他们自己国家的一种习俗。

own country. They may miss leisurely busi-

他们也许还会想念在饭店或咖
ness chats in a restaurant or coffee house.
啡馆里谈生意时的那种悠闲自在的交谈。

chamber to the lower in a fixed
amount of time, often one hour
沙漏;水漏(用于计时的仪器,
由两个玻璃盒组成,中由一细
颈相连,盒内装有一定量的沙
子、水银或其他流动物质,这
些物质在一固定量的时间里,
通常为一个小时,从上方的盒
内慢慢流入下方的盒子中)

⑤【英文释义】As every American
is time-conscious, smiles and
brief conversations and small
exchanges are no longer common
in daily life, you will feel the
lack of them.

brief: *adj.* short in time, dura-
tion, length, or extent

简单的;短暂的;简洁的;简
短的

e. g. a cold and brief welcome

冷淡而简短的欢迎

make a brief visit

作短暂的访问

⑥【英文释义】They will feel the
lack of the ceremonial communi-
cation when they drink the wel-
coming tea or coffee, which may
be a custom in their own coun-
try.

go with:

1) exist or take place at the
same time 伴随;陪伴

Happiness doesn't always
go with money. 幸福未必总
是伴随金钱而来。



⑦ Normally, Americans do not assess 而一般说来,美国人是不会在如此轻松的 their visitors in such relaxed surround- 环境里通过长时间的闲聊来评估他们的客 ing over extended small talk; much less 人的, 更不用说 he do they take them out for dinner, or a- 们会在增进相互间信任的过程中带他们出 round on the golf course while they de- 去吃饭, 或带他们去高 velop a sense of trust. ⑧ Since we gener- 尔夫球场。 既然我们通常 ally assess, and probe professionally 是通过工作而不是社交来评估来了解他人 rather than socially, we start talking bus- 的, 我们就开门见山地谈 iness very quickly. Time is, therefore, 正事。 因此时间老是在我 always ticking in our inner ear. 们的耳朵里滴滴答答地响着。

Consequently, we work hard at the 因而我们千方百计地节约时间。
task of saving time. We produce a 我们发明了一套 steady flow of labor-saving devices; we 节省劳动力的装置; 我们 communicate rapidly through faxes, 通过传真, 电话和电子邮件与人 phone calls or emails rather than through 迅速交流, 而不是与人亲自接触。 personal contacts, which though pleas- 虽然与人亲自接触让 ant, take longer — ⑨ especially given our 人感觉愉快,却要花更长的时间,尤其是街 traffic-filled streets. 上交通拥挤的时候。

2) be in harmony with 配合;调和
This color doesn't go with that.
这颜色和那颜色不调和。

⑦【英文释义】Commonly Americans do not judge their visitors in relaxed places, such as restaurants or coffee houses, through long and leisure conversations; and it is even less likely that Americans take their visitors out for dinner or around on the golf course during the process of developing a sense of mutual trust.

assess: *v.* to determine the value, significance, or extent of; appraise
评估;评价

e. g. assess somebody's efforts 评价某人的工作

It's difficult to assess the influences of the May 4 Movement upon the Chinese youth. 很难评估五四运动对中国青年的影响。

Damages were assessed at RMB 1, 000 Yuan. 损失估计达一千元人民币。

extended: *adj.* continued for a long period of time; protracted 延长的

e. g. They had an extended vacation at Alps. 他们延长了在阿尔卑斯山的度假时间。

Professor Smith has an extended family. 史密斯教授有一个大家庭。

⑧【英文释义】Since we usually evaluate and get to know about our visitors from a professional perspective instead of a social one.

在这句里, professionally 和 socially 都是副词,指用职业的还是用社交的观点来评价人。



⑨ We, therefore, save most personal
因此,我们把大多数私人间的拜访留在
visiting for after-work hours or for social
工作之余, 或者留
weekend gatherings.
到周末的社交聚会。

⑩ To us the impersonality of elec-
对我们来说,通过电子交流缺乏人
tronic communication has little or no rela-
情味, 但它跟手头的事务的重要
tion to the significance of the matter at
性关系不大或者说没有关系。

hand. ⑪ In some countries no major bus-
在有些国家,任何重要的商务都
iness is conducted without eye contact,
要经过眼睛的接触,

requiring face-to-face conversation. ⑫ In
面对面的交谈才能完成。 在
America, too, a final agreement will nor-
美国也一样, 最后的协议通
mally be signed in person. However,
常都要双方亲自签字。 然而,

people are meeting increasingly on
人们越来越多的在电视屏幕上见面,
television screens, conducting "telecon-

召开“电视
ferences" to settle problems not only in
会议”不仅能解决在本国内的问题;而且
this country but also — by satellite — in-
还可以——通过卫星——来解决国际间的
ternationally.

问题。

The US is definitely a telephone
美国是一个彻底的电话国度。
country. Almost everyone uses the tele-

几乎每一个人使用电话做生
phone to conduct business,
意,

⑨【英文释义】especially when we take
into account the busy streets that are
crowded with traffic.

given: *prep.* taking into account 考虑
到

e. g. Given the former one, the plan
is considerably improved. 考虑到前
一个计划,这个有了很大的改进。

⑩【英文释义】So we can receive or
pay personal visits after work or at
social weekend gatherings.

save for: keep sth. for future use 留
供……用

e. g. Save your strength for hard work
you will have later. 养精蓄锐以应
付今后你得去做的繁重工作。

⑪【英文释义】When we communicate
through electronic means, which may
seem not involving human feelings, it
does not mean that we consider the
matter under discussion unimportant.

significance: *n.* the state or quality
of being significant

e. g. What is the significance of this
speech? 这个讲话有什么意义?

of no [little] significance 无关紧要
的

⑫【英文释义】In some countries, im-
portant business must be carried out
with eye contact, through face-to-face
conversation.

conduct: *v.*

1) to direct the course of; manage or
control 指挥,指引……的路线;管
理或控制

2) to lead or guide 领导,引导

e. g. Your children conduct them-
selves well. 你的孩子们表现甚佳。

to chat with friends, to make or break social ap-
跟朋友聊天, 安排或者取消约会,
pointments, to say "Thank you", to shop and to ob-
对人说“谢谢”, 电话购物以及获
tain all kinds of information. Telephones save the
取各种各样的信息。 电话节省了脚的工夫
feet and endless amounts of time. This is due partly
和无数的时间。 这种状况部分起
to the fact that the telephone service is superb here,
因于这儿的电话服务很好,
whereas the postal service is less efficient.
而邮递服务效率较低。

Some new arrivals will come from cultures
一些刚到美国的人可能来自其它的文化,
where it is considered impolite to work too quick-
而他们原来的文化认为工作太快不礼
ly. ⑭ Unless a certain amount of time is allowed to
貌。似乎在他们看来, 如果不花
elapse, it seems in their eyes as if the task being
一定的时间, 那么这项工作就无足轻重,
considered were insignificant, not worthy of prop-

er respect. ⑮ Assignments are, consequently, giv-

因而,人们通过花时间来增加事情的
en added weight by the passage of time. In the
重要性。

US, however, it is taken as a sign of skillfulness
然而在美国, 能迅速而成功
or being competent to solve a problem, or fulfill a
地解决问题或完成工作被认为是水平、有能力的
job successfully, with speed. Usually, the more
标志。

通常,一项工作越
important a task is, the more capital, energy,
是重要, 所投入的资金、精力和
and attention will be poured into it in order to "get
注意力越多, 从而使“工作开展
it moving".

起来”。

The guide conducted us on
a tour of the oldest museum
in the country. 导游带我
们游览了这个国家最老
的博物馆。

⑬【英文释义】In America,
it is the same that when it
is time to make a final a-
greement, people con-
cerned will meet together
and sign the agreement.

in person: (= in one's
own person) 亲自, 亲身

⑬【英文释义】If there is no
time limit, they would
think the task was not im-
portant, and would not
show much interests in it.

elapse: 1) *v.* to slip by;
pass 悄悄过去; 消逝

2) *n.* passage; lapse 过
去; 逝去

e. g. We met again after an
elapse of many years. 多
年后我们又相逢。

⑮【英文释义】As a result,
people think that assign-
ments are gaining addition-
al importance with the
passing of time.

passage: the process of e-
lapsing 消逝, 推移消逝的
过程

e. g. the passage of time
时间的消逝/推移



二、课文背景知识

美国是个年轻的国家,而且是一个移民大国。所以在美国其文化是多元的,没有哪种文化是占主导地位的。因此,美国有“大熔炉”之称。因为文化的多元性,以及少受传统的影响使得美国人在形成新观念上先于其它国家。



三、重点词汇讲解与典型考题预测



A 重点词汇讲解, 典型考题预测

1. **conscious** *adj.* 知道的, 意识到的, 有知觉的, 有觉悟的

【记忆技巧】con- [前缀, 表“和”]

【典型考题】She was not _____ of his presence in the room.

- A. realize B. conscious C. clear D. felt

2. **budget** *n.* 预算, 预算表, 经营费, 生活费; 供应; [方]皮包

【记忆技巧】中古英语 bouget 钱包

【典型考题】A new car will not be part of our _____ this year.

- A. cost B. payment C. budget D. plan

3. **acute** *adj.* 尖锐的; 敏感的; 精明的; 深刻的; 明显的; 剧烈的

【记忆技巧】来自拉丁语 acuere “使尖锐” 的过去分词 acutus

【典型考题】She still has very _____ hearing, though she is eighty years old.

- A. acute B. clear C. sharp D. well

4. **replace** *vt.* 把……放回原处; 使恢复; 代替; 取代; 替换; 归还; 赔偿

【记忆技巧】re- 回 + place 安放

【典型考题】Can anything _____ a mother's love and care?

- A. recover B. take C. replace D. supplant

5. **brief** *adj.* 短暂的, 简短的; *n.* 纲要, 摘要; 短文; *vt.* 节略, 作……的摘要

【记忆技巧】briefer *n.* briefly *adv.* briefness *n.*

【典型考题】To be _____, we can't accept such harsh terms.

- A. short B. brief C. wordless D. easy

6. **opening** *n.* 开始; 开盘; 口, 洞, 孔; 空隙 *adj.* 开着的; 开始的