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Good heaven! A bottle of beer plus a piece of  
beefsteak, should it cost \$3000 dollars?

天啊，一瓶啤酒加一块牛排要三千美元？

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you a after-meal-tea free of charge!

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Please step aside! Here is Mr Mike's tea!

快让开，给这位先生的茶来了！

Lucy: Has Mr Mike been always complaining  
about the lack of stimulation in his life?

露西：迈克尔先生总是抱怨生活缺乏刺激吗？

Oh, I suppose he will not today.

哦，估计今天不会了！



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# 前 言

要适应二十一世纪人才对英语学科知识培养的要求,适应面向英语运用能力的英语学科中,高考对英语知识掌握的要求,阅读能力的培养是一个非常重要的环节。为此,我们为初一至高三各年级学生编写了一套阅读丛书。这套丛书紧扣中、高考试题的命题思路及中学教材的词汇和文法。从大量的英、美国家的幽默,简易故事读物,报刊和日常生活常见的英文原文材料中,精心选编了各种体裁的文章。如:人物,历史,风土人情,广告信息,图表等。通过阅读,学生不仅可以提高阅读能力,还能更好地领会地道的英文语句。

本书根据各年级学生的特点选编文章内容,文章的编排由易到难,由短到长。初一、初二年级,主要选编了幽默、趣味故事,并配有图画。以开阔读者的视野,增加知识,同时帮助巩固和运用所学过的知识。初三和高中的阅读选编主要以中、高考为目标,旨在培养学生的自学能力和提高阅读理解能力。每册书分为两大部分:第一部分是阅读技巧和典型题例分析,第二布分是各类型文章短文练习。

阅读教学要做到精读与泛读的统一,要重视“质”,还要尽可能重视“量”。阅读是个渐进的复杂过程,切忌操之过急。通过培养学生的阅读兴趣,要求学生尽量不查词典,坚持每天阅读,培养良好的阅读习惯。要记住:“Roman wasn't built in a day.”

本书是由海淀区多年从事高、初三教学的高级教师共同编写。参加编写的有:北京首都师范大学附中,北京 101 中学,人大附中,19 中学,科大附中等共同编写。

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## 第一部分 阅读理解技巧和典型题例分析

阅读理解是全面测试考生语言知识和综合运用能力的客观题型,是在历年高考试题中所占分值最重的试题。

英语教学大纲和新教材教学目标都明确指出,在英语教学中要侧重培养学生的阅读能力。学生具备较强的阅读能力是考试获得成功的关键。因此提高阅读能力是学好英语的重要环节。那么阅读能力指的是什么呢?一是理解程度,二是阅读速度。高中毕业生在阅读与课文难易相当的文章时,速度一般为每分钟一百字左右,理解正确率达到70%以上。

要想提高阅读能力,同学们就要注意在平常要养成阅读英文短文的习惯。通过经常阅读来扩展自己的词汇,同时还能提高自己的阅读速度。高考《考试说明》对阅读理解题有以下明确要求,阅读量不少于3篇,总字数不得少于1000字;题材要多样化,包括科普、社会、文化、政治、经济等内容;体裁避免单一化,应包括记叙文、说明文、应用文等。考生在限定时间内读懂与其内容相关的阅读材料,了解其大意和主旨,以及用来说明主旨和大意的具体事实和细节;既理解具体的事实,也理解抽象的概念;既理解字面意思,也理解深层含义,包括作者的态度、意图等;既能理解某句、某段的意义,也能理解全篇的逻辑关系,并能据此进行推理和判断;同时还能根据材料所提供的信息,结合中学生应有的常识正确判断生词和短语的含义。由此可以看出要想提高阅读能力就要在平时阅读时注意按上述几方面要求去做。在平常学习过程中不断进行大量阅读实践,在阅读过程中逐渐掌握一些基本技巧。

下面让我们分析一下阅读中常考查的几种题型。

## 1. 考查综合概括能力题与技巧

——理解文章主旨大意,找出文章的中心思想。

文章的主旨大意就是指对文章中心思想的理解。一篇文章通常是围绕一个中心思想展开的。许多文章一开头便展示出文章的主题,以概述开始,然后详细解说。特别是新闻报导类的文章,也有有的文章中心思想贯穿于全文中或放在文章的结尾。先通过细节对人物事物进行描述,然后总结细节内容,引起结论性句子。因此要弄清文章的中心思想,考生就必须具备归纳和概括等方面的能力。一般考察的类型有:为短文找出最佳标题(title)或中心思想(main idea)等。常见题型有: The text is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_. What would be the best title for the text? The best headline for this article is \_\_\_\_\_. What is the subject discussed in the text? 等。

### 【例1】

Today, roller skating is easy and fun. But a long time ago, it wasn't easy at all. Before 1750, the idea of skating didn't exist. That changed because of a man named Joseph Merlin. Merlin's work was making musical instruments. In his spare time he liked to play the violin. Joseph Merlin was a man of ideas and dreams. People called him a dreamer.

One day Merlin received an invitation to attend a fancy dress ball (化装舞会). He was very pleased and a little excited. As the day of the party came near, Merlin began to think how to make a grand entrance at the party. He had an idea. He thought he would get a lot of attention if he could skate into the room. Merlin tried different ways to make himself roll. Finally, he decided to put two wheels under each shoe. These were the first roller skates. Merlin was very proud of his invention and dreamed of

arriving at the party on wheels while playing the violin.

On the night of the party Merlin rolled into the room playing his violin. Everyone was astonished to see him. Suddenly, he ran into a huge mirror that was hanging on the wall. Down fell the mirror, breaking to pieces. Nobody forgot Merlin's grand entrance for a long time!

The text is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a strange man
- B. an unusual party
- C. how roller skating began
- D. how people enjoyed themselves in the 18th century

此题的编制意图是检查考生概括全语段中心思想的能力。本语段一开头就指出“今天旱冰运动既简单又有趣,但很久以前,滑旱冰根本不是容易的事。早在 1750 年,滑旱冰的想法根本不存在。就是因为一个叫 Joseph Merlin 的人改变了没有旱冰这种运动的局面。”紧接着作者细致地描述了 Joseph Merlin 如何为了吸引舞会参加者的注意力,别出心裁地在每只鞋子上安上两个轮子而滑进舞会会场的场面。并指出这是旱冰鞋的首次出现。综观全文,不难看出此段文章的中心是向我们说明旱冰运动是如何起源的。所以本题答案是 C。

### 【例 2】

In the 1930s, a lot of people in the USA were out of work. Among these people was a man named Alfred Butts. He always had an interest in word games and so, to fill his time, he planned a game which he called 'Lexico'. However, he was not completely satisfied with the game, so he made a number of changes to it and, in time, changed its name from 'Lexico' to 'Alph' and then to 'Criss Cross'. He wanted to make some money from his new game but he didn't have any real commercial (商业性的) success.



In 1939, Butts happened to meet a man called Jim Brunot who showed an interest in the new game. The two men worked together on developing the game and in 1948 it was offered for sale in the United States under its new name - 'Scrabble'.

At first, it didn't sell very well. In the first year it sold just 2,250 sets and by 1951 it had only reached 8,500 sets a year.

Then, in 1952 the manager of Macy's department store in New York, Jack Strauss, happened to play 'Scrabble' while he was on holiday. He thought it was a wonderful game and, when he went back to work after his holiday, he insisted that Macy's should stock (储备) the game and make an effort (努力) to call the public's attention to it.

As a result, 'Scrabble' became a big success in the United States and it soon spread to Australia and then to other English-speaking countries.

The text is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Lexico B. three men C. a word game D. Alfred Butts

此题也是检查考生综合概括全语段的能力。这篇短文虽然分为五个自然段,但仔细读一下就会发现每个自然段都在围绕一个话题来说。即 a word game 的形成与发展。第一自然段交代出 Alfred Butts 设计出一种,起名为“Lexico”的 word game。第二、三自然段讲的是 Jim Brunot 与 Alfred Butts 发展了这种 word game,将其改名为“Scrabble”。并将其销量倍增。第四、五自然段又讲了这种 word game 深受纽约 Macy's department store 经理 Jack Strauss 的喜爱,并受到该公司的推崇,结果走红于美国、澳大利亚及其他讲英语的国家。所以本题正确答案是 C。选项 A 和 D 都是文章中的一个细节。

本文只提到 Alfred Butts, Jim Brunot 和 Jack Strauss 这三个人对 word game 感兴趣,但对他们其他方面未做详细介绍。所以选项 B.

three men 不是本文要讲的中心内容。由上面两个例题我们可以看出,文章的中心思想或主要话题一定带有综合概括性。

## 专题练习

I. 阅读下列各段(篇)文章,并找出文章中的中心思想或最佳标题。

### (1)

There is a public library in every town in Britain. There are branch libraries in many villages.

Anyone may borrow books, and it costs nothing to borrow them. In some places you may borrow as many books as you need, but in others you are limited to a certain number of books, including novels. You may keep the books for several weeks so that you can have enough time to finish all the books you have borrowed.

The latest novels are always in great demand, and nonfiction books, for example, books on history, science and gardening are also very popular.

If the book you want is out, you may ask for it to be kept for you, and if you pay the cost of sending a postcard, the librarian will let you know when the book has been returned and is ready for you.

Most public libraries also have a reading room, there are tables and desks at which you can sit and read the daily newspapers and all the other important periodicals(期刊): weeklies, monthlies and quarterlies. In the reference library there are encyclopaedias(百科全书), dictionaries, atlases(地图册) and other useful books. But you can only use these books there, you can not take them out.

1. The main idea of the first paragraph is: \_\_\_\_.

- A. There is a public libraries in very town in Britain
  - B. There are branch libraries in many villages
  - C. It costs nothing to borrow books from the libraries
  - D. There are big and small libraries everywhere in Britain, and people can borrow book there without pay
2. The general idea of the second paragraph is : \_\_\_\_ .
- A. People like to borrow novels best
  - B. Some people like to read books on history
  - C. People like to borrow novels as well as nonfiction books
  - D. Books on history, science and gardening are very popular
3. Paragraph Three mainly tells us \_\_\_\_ .
- A. you can ask the librarian to keep the book you want for you if you pay him some money
  - B. you must pay the cost of sending a postcard if you want the book to be kept for you
  - C. the librarian will tell you when to come and borrow the book if you give him some money
  - D. even the book you want is out, the librarian will help you to borrow it in many ways
4. The main idea of this passage is \_\_\_\_ .
- A. England is a country with many libraries
  - B. English people like to read novels and nonfiction books very much
  - C. English libraries have reading - rooms and reference libraries
  - D. It is easy for English people to read books in the libraries or borrow books from them

(2)

Football is, I suppose, the most popular game in England; one has

only to go to one of the important matches to see. Rich and poor, young and old, one can see them all there, shouting or cheering for one side or the other.

One of the most surprising things about football in England to a stranger is the great knowledge of the game which even the smallest boy seems to have. He can tell you the names of the players in most of the important teams. He has photos of them and knows the results of many matches. He will tell you proudly who he expects will win a game, and his opinion is usually right.

Most schools in England take football seriously - much more seriously than all the other schools, where lessons are the most important. In England, it is believed that education is not only a matter of filling a boy's mind with facts in a classroom, education also means character training; and one of the best ways to do this is to play team games. The school, therefore, arranges games and matches for its pupils. Football is a good team game for the body, skill and a quick brain. As a result, it is the schools' favorite game in winter.

5. The main idea of paragraph 1 is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. One must often go to a football match by law
- B. Football is the most popular game in Britain
- C. Many children like to play football
- D. Many people are always shouting for their favorite football team

6. Paragraph 2 tells us that \_\_\_\_\_ a good knowledge of the football game.

- A. none of the English people has
- B. some of the English people have
- C. almost everyone in England has
- D. almost no one in England has

7. Paragraph 3 is mainly about \_\_\_\_ .

- A. no school in England pay attention to football
- B. most schools in Europe take football seriously
- C. England pays great attention to football
- D. football is a favorite game in winter

(3)

Xi' An - A fire at a large shopping mall in the city of Baoji in North-west Shaanxi Province killed at least eight people and injured 23 others, a local official said on Saturday. The fire broke out at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday on the third floor of the six-story Renmin Shopping Mall, the official said. Eight victims, including one woman, died while trying to escape the blaze. Six suffocated, and two fell to their deaths.

8. Which of the following do you think is the best title for this passage?

- A. Shopping Mall Fire
- B. Danger of fire
- C. A Report from a Local Official
- D. Fire on Saturday

(4)

Sheffield

Lincoln College of English

Classes for foreign students at all levels 3 mths, 6 mths, 9 mths and one-year course open all year.

Small class (maximum 12 students), library language lab and listening center, accommodations (膳食供应) with selected families 25 minutes from London.

Course fee for English for one year are \$ 1380 with reduction (减

少) for shorter periods of study.

9. The college that placed the advertisement is attempting (企图) to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. take on English teachers
- B. introduce itself to the public
- C. take in the students who want to get accommodation there
- D. take in the students who want to study English there

(5)

All over the world people begin their exciting day by drinking a cup of several cups of coffee. People have always said that a cup of coffee in the morning helps them begin their day on the right foot. They need this cup of coffee to get going in the morning. It is not the coffee but something in the coffee that stimulates excites our bodies and brains. It is a substance (物质) called caffeine.

Caffeine may increase a person's mental and physical abilities. For instance, two cups of coffee will increase blood flow, breathing and body heat production by 10 to 20 percent. All of this makes your heart beat faster, and doctors warn that this may be somewhat dangerous.

Caffeine is found in tea, coffee, chocolate, and many other common foods. A little caffeine is probably not harmful, but too much caffeine can result in nervousness and sleeplessness.

10. The best title of the passage is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Losing Sleep from Coffee
- B. Coffee and Tea
- C. Coffee and Disease
- D. About Caffeine

(6)

Scientists have written a report on the future of trade and industry. They talk about the role robots will play in industry.

What is a robot? Basically it is a machine which is designed to do the work of a human being. It is usually controlled by a computer. Once it has been given a set of things to do, it will do the job on its own.

Nowadays, Britain has 120 Robots at work in industry. This compares badly with other industrial countries. In Japan, there are 4,000 robots in use. In the USA there are 2,000 and in Germany there are 500, according to the report, the government must help people understand how technology can be used. Also, people must be educated to know how important this new technology is. The designing of new robots will be very important in the future. The report says that special robot centers should be set up where people who design robots and people who will use them work together. The assembly (装配) work of the future will be complex (复杂的). So firms must develop robots to do it.

11. The title which best suits this passage is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. The Development Of Robots
- B. The Use Of Robots
- C. The Robots In The Future
- D. Robot Industry

(7)

Many children act in TV shows. They work several hours every day, so they cannot go to a regular school. How do they get an education?

In Hollywood, where many TV shows are made, about forty teachers, their pupils are working.

Their teacher's job is very important. She is responsible (负责) for making sure that the children work only the permitted hours each week. She is also responsible for making sure that the children learn the required subjects. She makes sure, too, that the children get enough rest and play, give lessons to the children in the shows. They teach wherever along with their education.

Child actors are required to attend classes twenty hours each week. California law says that they must be taught from September to the middle of June. If they do not get good marks in school, they are not permitted to continue working in TV shows.

TV children are usually good pupils, and most of their teachers like this special kind of work. Their classes are held in many interesting places. Sometimes the 'classroom' is a Mississippi riverboat. Sometimes it is the inside of a spaceship. Often the pupils become famous stars.

12. What is this talk mainly about?

- A. The Education of TV Children.
- B. Child Actors in TV.
- C. How Good Pupils Become TV Children.
- D. A Special Kind of School in TV.

(8)

"Other countries have a climate; in England we have weather."

This statement, often made by Englishmen to decide the weather conditions of their country, is both revealing (泄露) and true. In no country other than England, it has been said, can one experience four seasons in the course of a single day! Day may break as a sweet spring morning, an hour or so later black clouds may have appeared from nowhere and the rain may be pouring down. At midday conditions may be really wintry with the



temperature down by almost about eight degrees or more centigrade. And then, in the late afternoon the sky will be clear, the sun will begin to shine and for an hour or two before darkness falls, it will be summer.

13. The main topic of the passage is that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the weather in England is often nice in spring
- B. there is a lot of rain in England
- C. there is a lot of fog in England
- D. the weather in England is changeable

(9)

Light travels at a speed which is about a million times faster than that of sound. In one second, light travels about 300,000 kilometers, but sound travels only 344 meters. You can get some idea of this difference by watching the start of a running match. If you stand quite far away from the starter, you can see smoke come from his gun before the sound reaches your ears.

The fast speed of light produces some strange facts. Sunlight takes about 8 minutes to reach us. If you look at the light of the moon to - night, remember that the light rays(射线)

left the moon 1.3 seconds before they reached you. The nearest star is so far away that the light which you can see from it tonight started to travel to you 4 years ago at a speed of nearly 2 million kilometers every minute. The light from some of tonight's stars started on its journey towards you even before you were born.

Thus, if we want to be honest, we cannot say, "The stars are shining brightly tonight." We have to see, "The stars look pretty. They were shining for years ago but their light has just reached our earth."

14. The best title of this passage is \_\_\_\_\_.