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内容提要

本书主要依据《大学英语教学大纲》(词汇表),以选择题型(形式)对同义词、近义词以及形近词进行了辨析。书中选词精当,解释准确,例句典型,句意翻译准确。对于参加各类英语考试的广大读者正确理解词义、扩大词汇量,提高翻译水平,本书一定大有裨益。

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前 言

词汇量的大小是一个人英语水平高低的标志之一。学英语难, 难就难在扩大词汇量上。扩大词汇量有多种方法,学习和辨析同义 词、近义词以及形近词不失为一种高明的方法。

当前有各种各样的英语考试,如全国大学英语四、六级考试 (CET-4/6),英语水平考试(EPT),TOEFL 和 GRE 考试等,而 大凡有实战经验的人都会发出这样的感慨:词汇题看起来容易,做 起来却很难。这种感慨是不无道理的。要辨别在词义上的细微差别、它们所包含的感情色彩,并将之使用在恰当的场合,的确是一件难之又难的事。在阅读文章中,一个关键的词往往会成为拦路虎;在英语写作中,很多人会为一个恰当的词而搜索枯肠、冥思苦想;在做翻译时,很多人为追求形神兼备的译文而颇费踌躇,为寻觅既在意义上忠实、又在风格上切合的词语而斟酌再三。可是,如果有足够大的词汇量作后盾,有对同义词、近义词的细微差别的洞察与把握,解决这些问题就会变得事半功倍,一蹴而就。基于这些考虑,我们参阅了大量文献,认真地编写了本书。

本书有以下几大特点:

- 1. 科学性:《大学英语教学大纲》(修订本)(以下简称《大纲》) 对学生在基础阶段和应用提高阶段的词汇学习有着较为详细的、 具体的要求,如对高级英语的词汇要求是领会式掌握 6500 个单词,其中复用式掌握的单词为 3300 个。本书就是以《大纲》为依据而编写的。所选的单词大都是大纲中规定的、在各类各级考试中常考的词。仔细阅读本书会做到心中有数,这样就能沉着应付各类考试。
 - 2. 准确性:本书编写的形式是英汉双解,对所选的每一个词,

既有英语注解,又有汉语释义。英语注释是以国际权威词典为依据,汉语释义则以国内著名权威词典为蓝本,目的就是以准确、地道的解释显豁词义,使之明白晓畅,为读者所喜闻乐见。

- 3. 创新性:本书的创新之处在于精选历年各类各级英语试题,并在此基础上加以整理、分类、分析、详解后编著而成。做到了集众家之长,使所选的试题更具有权威性、实战性、科学性,更容易为读者所熟悉和掌握。
- 4. 实用性:本书以选择题型立意,目的是想让读者先自己判断答题,然后通过"解析"检查,最后看参考答案及译文,完全理解题目。若要了解某个单词,则可查阅附录索引,非常方便。

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由于编者水平有限,加之时间仓促,遗漏、错误在所难免,敬请广大读者及英语界同仁批评指正。

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缩写符号说明

e.g.—exempli gratia 例如

esp.——especially 尤其是

etc.---et cetera 等等

sb.——somebody 某人

sth.—something 某(事)物

usu. ----usually 通常

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解析:abandon:give up completely 完全放弃[其内涵是境况所迫
不得不完全丢弃]
forsake: leave (sb.), esp. when one should be helping him
遗弃;抛弃[侧重与某人或某事断绝关系,常含有批判或指
责的意思]
desert:leave(sb.) without help or support 背弃,离弃[多指
放弃信仰、违背誓言、逃避责任或义务等,强调违法性或不
道德]
quit:stop(doing sth.) and leave 停止(做某事);放弃;离职
[该词含义为停止,多指放弃工作]
答案:A。句意:比赛因天气恶劣而取消了。
2. We have bought several machines with the to cope
with large loads.
A. capacity B. ability C. talent D. genius
解析:capacity:ability to produce, experience, understand or learn
sth. (生产、体会、理解或学习的)能力
ability:capacity or power to do sth. physical or mental(做
体力、脑力或机械工作的)能力或力量
talent:special or very great ability(特殊的)能力;才干
genius:exceptionally great mental or creative ability 天才;
创造力
答案:B。句意:我们已购买了几台能处理大负荷量的机器。
3. An hailstorm fell in July, which caused a lot of
damage to people and their property.
A. irregular B. unusual C. abnormal D. innormal
解析:irregular: not happening, coming, going, etc. regularly;
varying or unequal(发生、来、夫等)无规律的,变化的,不均

1. The match was _____ because of bad weather.

A. abandoned B. forsaken C. deserted D. quit

等的

unusual: rare or exceptional 罕有的;异乎寻常的 abnormal: different, esp. in an undesirable way, from what is normal, ordinary or expected 反常的;不正常的;变态的 innormal: [虽然 in 是否定前缀,但不能构成 normal 的否定 含意词】

- 答案:C。句意:七月下了一场雹暴,这给人们及其财产造成了很大 损失。
- **4.** He was already ___ the ship.

A. aboard

B. board

C. abroad

D. broad

解析:aboard: into or on a ship, an aircraft, a train or a bus 上 船;登机;上车;在船(或飞机、车)上

board: long thin flat piece of cut wood used for building walls, floors, boats, etc. (长而薄的)木板「用于建造墙壁、 地板、船身等〕

abroad: in or to a foreign country or countries; away from one's own country 在国外;到国外

broad: wide 宽的;广的

答案:A。句意:他已经上船了。

5. Should the death penalty be?

A. extinguished B. abated C. abolished D. canceled 解析:extinguish: 1) cause(sth.) to stop burning; put out 使(某 物)熄灭;扑灭 2) end the existence of (hope, love, passion,

etc.)使(希望、爱情、激情等)不复存在

abate: (of wind, noise, pain, etc.) make or become less(指 风力、声音、痛苦等)减小、减少、减轻

abolish: end the existence of (a custom, an institution, etc.)废除、废止(习俗、制度等)

cancel: 1) decide not to do sth. 取消:废除 2) cross out

(sth. written)删除(所写的内容)

答案:C。	旬章,	死刑应	该废除	吗?
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- 6. She was so _____ in her job that she didn't hear anybody knocking at the door.
 - A. attracted

B. absorbed

C. drawn

D. concentrated

(1996.1. 全真题)

解析:attract: arouse interest or pleasure in (sb.)引起(某人的) 兴趣或快感:激发

absorb: hold the attention or interest of(sb.) fully 完全吸引住(某人的)注意力或兴趣

drawn: (of a person or his face) looking very tired or worried(指人或人脸)疲惫的;憔悴的;愁眉苦脸的

concentrate: focus (one's attention, effort, etc.) exclusively and intensely (on sth.) 全神贯注, 专心致志(于某事物)

答案:B。句意:她对工作如此专注以至于没有听到有人敲门。

7. This is your _____ of title-deed.

A. abstract B. summany C. outline D. digest 解析:abstract: short account of the contents of a book,etc. (书籍等的)摘要;概括[多指学术或法律方面比较艰深或复杂的文字摘要]

summary: brief statement of the main points of sth. 总结; 摘要[最常用,可指任何经过压缩而得到的简洁清晰的文字或看法]

outline: statemeat of the main facts or points 要点;大纲;纲要[多用于数字或字母,逐条逐款地列举原来的事实或细节]

digest: short condensed account 摘要[强调对原文融汇贯通,重新谋篇布局,以简短的篇幅,但常常保留原作的语言和

风格,展示原作的精髓]

答案:A。句意:这是你的房地产所有权契据的摘要。

- 8. We have lived in a broad and _____ land, and we have made it flourish.
 - A. plentiful B. abundant C. ample D. copious
- 解析: plentiful: in large quantities or numbers 丰富的; 充裕的 [指某物十分充足、丰富,但不过剩]

abundant: more than enough 充足的[指事物极为丰富,或有大量供应]

ample: enough 足够的,大量的[专指能充裕得满足某一特定的需求]

copious: plentiful 丰富的;大量的[侧重量大,而不一定丰富]

- 答案:B。句意:我们生活在广阔而富饶的土地上,我们已经使这块 土地繁荣兴旺。
- 9. It has been revealed that some government leaders _____ their authority and position to get illegal profits for themselves.
 - A. employ B. take C. abuse D. overlook (1996. 6. 全真题)
- 解析:employ: make use of (sb./sth.); occupy(time, attention, etc.) 使用(某人/某事物);利用(时间、注意力等)

take: gain possession of (sth.); capture or win(sth.) 占有(某物);夺得或赢得(某物)

abuse: make bad or wrong use of(sth.) 滥用、妄用(某事物)

overlook: fail to see or notice(sth.) 未看到、未注意到(某事物)

答案:C。句意:有关方面揭露一些政府领导滥用职权为自己谋取 4

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10. The question is purely _____, not political.

A. academic B. academy C. theoretical D. speculative 解析:academic: scholarly; not technical or practical 学者式的; 非技术的或实用的

academy: society of distinguished scholars or artists; society for cultivating art, literature, etc., of which membership is an honour 高等学术团体

theoretical: concerned with the theory of a subject 理论的; 理论上的

speculative: concerned with or formed by speculation 思考的,思索的;有关推断的

答案:A。句意:这是一个纯学术性的问题,而不是什么政治性的。 11. He ____ his pace so as to overtake the leader.

A. quickened B. hastened C. accelerated D. hurried 解析:quicken: (cause sth. to) become quicker (使某事物)加快, 变快[指減少时间的消耗,暗示受到激励或刺激]

hasten: move or act with speed 急忙[强调加速取得成效或获得成果]

accelerate: make (sth.) move faster or happen earlier; increase the speed of 使(某事物)加快[侧重指频率或速率运转加快]

hurry: make(sb.) do sth. or move quickly or too quickly 使(某人)迅速地或仓促地做某事或移动[暗示草率或混乱]

答案:C。句意:他加快步伐,以便赶上领路人。

12. F	łе	speaks	s English	with	a	foreign	
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A. dialect

B. tone

C. pronounciation

D. accent

解析:dialect: form of a language (grammar, vocabulary and

pronounciation)used in a part of a country or by a class of people 方言;土语;地方话

tone: manner of expression in speaking 语气;口气;腔调 pronounciation: 1) way in which a language is spoken(一种语言的)发音(法) 2) way a person speaks(the words of) a language(一个人的)发音,发音方式

accent: national, local or individual way of pronouncing words(民族、地方或个人的)口音,腔调,土腔

答案:D。句意:他说英语带外国腔。

13. She offered him a lift and he it.

A. accepted B. received C. took D. admitted 解析:accept: take (sth. offered) willingly 欣然接受(他人提供的事物)

receive: get (sth. sent, given, etc.)收到,得到,领取(邮寄、赠送等之物)

take: receive(sth.)接受,收到(某物)[take 是 receive 的日常用语,指不带主观意愿地收下]

admit: accept (sb. into a hospital as a patient, or into a school, etc. as a pupil)接受(某人人院或人学等)

答案:A。句意:她请他坐她的车,他就领情了。

14.	Since we sent out	the invitations	we've received five	200
	and one refusal.			

A. acceptors

B. acceptances

C. acceptations

D. accepts

解析: acceptor: atom or molecule (able to receive an extra electron) (能够接受额外电子的)原子或分子;接受体 acceptance: (act of) accepting or being accepted 接受;答应;同意

acceptation: a particular sense or the generally recognized

meaning 词义;词语的通用意义

accept: take (sth. offered) willingly 欣然接受(他人提供的事物)[该词为动词]

- 答案:B。句意:我们发出请贴以后,收到的回复是五位接受,一位推辞。
- 15. Over a third of the population was estimated to have no _____ to the health service.
 - A. assessment

B. assignment

C. exception

D. access

(1998.6.全真题)

解析:assessment: 1) action of assessing 确定;评定 2) evaluation or opinion 评价;看法

assignment: task or duty(that is assigned to sb.) (指定给某人的)任务或职责

exception: (an instance of)leaving out or excluding; person or thing that is not included 除外;例外;不包括在内的人或物

access: opportunity or right (to use sth. or approach sb.) (使用某物或接近某人的)机会或权利

答案:D。句意:据估计,三分之一以上的人口无法获得保健。

16. He was _____ on the expedition by his wife.

A. attended

B. conducted

C. accompanied

D. convoyed

解析:attend: be with (sb./sth.) 陪(某人);伴随(某事)[侧重陪同者从属地位。有时含有"服务"或"殷勤"或"接踵而来"的意思]

conduct: lead or guide 引导[多指陪同旅客、客人等]

accompany: walk or travel with(sb.) as a companion or helper; escort 伴随或跟随(某人);陪伴

convoy: carry (sb./sth.); transmit(sb./sth.) 运送(某人/某物)[陪同者多为物,常指海上护送]

答案:C。句意:他那次远行有妻子陪同。

- 17. This project was so vast and quickly _____ that it has no parallel.
 - A. performed

B. effected

C. accomplished

D. executed

解析:perform:do (a piece of work, sth. one has agreed to do) 做;履行(某事)

effect: bring (sth.) about; cause to occur 使(某物)产生; 使发生

accomplish: succeed in doing sth. 成功完成预定任务 **execute**: carry out 执行;实行

- 答案:C。句意:这个项目如此宏大,完成得如此迅速,简直没有过 先例。
- 18. His behaviour does not _____ with his principles.

A. accord B. square C. conform D. correspond 解析:accord: agree or be in harmony with sth. (指事物)与某事物一致或相配合[强调在诸如性格、精神或语气等方面的绝对一致]

square: be or make(sth.) consistent with sth.; (cause sth. to)agree with sth. 使(某事物)与另一事物一致[强调两者之间完全一致,准确无误]

conform: agree or be consistent with sth. 与某事物相符合或相一致[强调在形状、性格、主要特点等方面的相似或一致]

correspond: be in agreement 相一致;相符合[强调因相辅相成、相互匹配而产生的一致]

答案:A。句意:他的行为与他的处事原则不符。

19.	energy under the earth	h must be rele	eased in one form
	or another, for exampe, an e	arthquake.	
	A. Accumulated	B. Gathered	
	C. Assembled	D. Collected	
			(2002.1.全真题)
解机	र्म :accumulate : gradually get o	r gather toget	her an inereasing
	number or quantity of (sth.		_
	gather: come or bring(sb./集;集合(某人/某物)	sth.) togethe	r in one place 聚
	assemble :(cause people o collect 集合;聚集	or things to)	come together;
	collect: bring or gather sth.	together 收集	₹;搜集
答案		量必须以这种	或那种形式释放
20.	The statistical figures in tha	t report are n	not You
	should not refer to them.	_	
	A. accurate B. fixed	C. delicate	D. rigid
		((2002.1.全真题)
解析	:accurate: free from error 正	确无误的	
	fixed: already arranged and 的;确定不变的	decided; not o	rhanging 已决定
	delicate: very carefully made 的	e or formed;fi	ne 精致的;优美
	rigid: stiff; not bending or yi	elding 坚硬的	;不弯曲的
答案	₹:A。句意:那个报告中的统计 们。	数字不准确,	你不应该参考它
	The soldier was of ruattacked.	inning away v	when the enemy

A. scolded B. charged C. accused D. punished (1997.6.全真题)

解析:**scold**: express anger, criticism, etc. (esp. to a child)责骂「尤指对儿童」

charge: accuse(sb.) of (sth.)(esp. formally in a court of law) (以某事)指控(某人);(尤指在法庭上)控告(某人) accuse: say that sb. has done wrong, is guilty(of sth.) or has broken the law 指责某人有错、犯(某)罪或犯法;指控 punish: hurt, imprison, fine, etc. (sb.) for wrongdoing 罚、处罚或惩罚(某人)

答案:C。句意:这个士兵因在敌人进攻时逃跑而受到指控。

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A. accustomed

B. accusatory

C. accountable

D. acquainted

解析:accustomed:used(to sth.) 习惯于(某事物);惯常的

accusatory: of or indicating an accusation 指责的;谴责的 accountable: required or expected to give an explanation for one's actions, etc. responsible(对自己的行为等)应作解说的;负责的

acquainted: familiar(with sth.)(对某事物)熟悉的答案:A。句意:他很快就习惯了学校生活。

23. I am ____ all over.

A. paining B. harming C. hurting D. aching 解析:pain: cause pain to (sb.) 使(某人)痛苦[为及物动词]

harm: cause harm to (sb./sth.) 损害或伤害(某人/某事) hurt: 1) cause physical injury or pain to (sb./oneself, a part of the body, an animal, etc.) 使(某人/自己、身体的某个部位、动物等)受伤或受肉体痛苦 2) cause mental pain to (a person, his feelings)使(某人)精神痛苦

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