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序言

PREFACE

学在此，乐在此，爱在此

(代序)

“爱在此，乐在此”，是香港旅游发展局为“精彩香港旅游年”设计的口号。说起香港，很多人的心目中会首先想到的是高耸入云的中银大厦、碧波荡漾的维多利亚港、光怪陆离的夜中环和歌舞升平的兰桂坊，还有一些人会想到熙熙攘攘的人群、步伐匆匆的行人、礼貌而又高效的警官和日夜忙碌却又井然有序的街道。但是对于我而言，香港永远意味着温暖和感动、激情和奋斗。太平山下的这座充满活力的国际化大都市，无疑是我生命中最重要的驿站之一，在我的记忆中留下了永远不可磨灭的痕迹。在这里，我有幸获得了一笔金额不菲的奖学金，进入到亚太地区最著名的学府之一继续深造，衣食无忧、心平气和地研究自己从小就喜欢的课题，在科研和生活的点点滴滴中亲身体会六百万香港人最引以为豪的“香港效率”和“香港品质”。也正是在这里，我终于完成了《剑桥雅思写作高分范文》以及《剑桥雅思词汇掌中宝》这几本雅思辅导书的全部书稿。尽管这几本书的创作过程似乎远远没有达到“香港效率”，但是我自信，这两套书的质量绝对可以和“香港品质”媲美。

这两套书的历史要追溯到上个世纪末。当时我还在哈尔滨的一所工科院校的英语系读书。四周浓郁的理工氛围让当时踌躇满志、视学好英语为人生最高目标的我倍感压抑和绝望，甚至开始怀疑自己选择英语作为专业是不是一个美丽的错误。我喜欢学英语，也擅长学英语，这是我很小的时候就明白的事实；不该来到这里学英语，或者确切地说，来到这里就不该学英语，也是我不接受的事实。书本里，哲人说生活会因为一些突如其来的阴差阳错而变得幸福；现实中，我的生活却因为这样而变得痛苦。不过我很快在绝望中找到了希望。在阴差阳错地参加了一次当时报名费不低的雅思考试后，凭借着相当不错的考试成绩，我意外地在一家著名的雅思培训机构中觅得了一个兼职的机会，在18岁生日的前几天登上了雅思的讲台，在“暗无天日”的岁月里为自己打开了一扇通往自信和幸福的大门。我的教学从一开始就大获成功，学生和校方的反馈都极好，

教授的科目也从最初的雅思阅读一直扩展到雅思考试的各个板块。事实证明，我在语言学习和语言使用方面确实是有过人的天赋的。在我人生的那个阶段，意识到这一点所带来的快感，远胜过手里揣着对于一个大学生而言几近天文数字的工资所带来的兴奋。于是，我无条件地爱上了教英语，疯狂地逃掉了大学里所有我觉得没有意义的课，义无反顾地投入到教学中，沉溺于其中，完全不能自拔。我的大学生活也因此而由原来的图书馆一个据点，变成了“图书馆——讲台”的两点一线。后来，这间培训机构有了将教师的教学心得整理成册正式出版的意向，于是就有了我写这几本书的初衷。当年我还满怀信心地盘算着，在自己20岁大学毕业的时候，怀里不仅要捧着毕业证和学位证，而且还要揣着几本自己写的书。

事实证明，我高估了自己的能力，低估了写书的难度。我自认是个做事相当努力和拼命的人，可惜生性平和，而生性平和的人做事情的效率往往就不会太高；我又很固执，坚决不愿意放弃品质来换取效率。于是乎，这套书一写就是好几年。在这个过程中，我自己的生活发生了巨大的改变。2002年，我从白雪皑皑的冰城哈尔滨飞到了四季如春的花城广州，在这里开始了我在新东方的工作。新东方的日子，是我过去27年生命中最振奋人心的岁月。每天都全身心地投入、非常忘我地做事，全身的每个细胞都处于高度兴奋的工作状态，感觉非常亢奋，也很是尽兴和过瘾。常常是白天上10个小时的课，晚上回来还要备课、写文章，一直干到凌晨三四点。有时候合上笔记本电脑抬头看看闹钟已经是早上六点多了，就干脆再打开电脑继续写到七点多，然后冲个热水澡，直接出门，精神抖擞地上一天的课。后来我顺利地通过各轮面试拿到奖学金去香港继续深造，做的课题是我最感兴趣的方向，导师也是公认的这方面的权威，生活就变得更加充实和忙碌。有时甚至是上午在香港的大学课堂里做学生，晚上又要回到广州新东方的课堂里做老师，中间还在往来香港九龙和广州火车站的KCR九广直通车上用笔记本电脑打书稿或博士论文。我没有详细统计过在这几本雅思辅导书的全部内容中，有多少是在KCR列车上完成的，但是我相信比例一定不低。这样的生活，让很多关心我的健康的人感觉到不可思议和惨不忍睹。但是，我却的确在这个过程中获得了巨大的满足感和成就感，也的确收获了很多的成绩。在过去的几年中，我连续三次被新东方评为“集团优秀教师”。虽然因为身在香港，最终未能去北京总部领奖，但是依然很得意于学生的认可；已经出版的《雅思阅读高分榜中榜》成绩也很喜人，业界的反响亦非常好，2006年更是被一家台湾的出版社成功引入海外市场，正式出版了繁体字的海外版；香港的学业也由始

至终一直进展很顺利。更令人称奇的是,在这个过程中,我的健康状况也达到了历史最高水平。除了视力不幸下降外,我的各项健康指标都明显好过从前。“生命在于做事”,我常跟新东方的同事自嘲。

虽然这几本雅思辅导书中有不少内容是在九龙—广州的KCR列车上完成的,算是车轮上的作品,但是这几本书却绝对不是马虎之作。正式出版之前,我在香港参阅了大量国外出版的英文词汇、写作以及雅思备考方面的书籍,自认为和已经出版的数目繁多的雅思方面的书籍相比较,这几本雅思辅导书的确有不少自身所特有的优势,现列举如下:

1. 对词汇进行了语用学分析,确保单词使用的得体性

语用学是语言学的重要分支,主要研究词的使用方法和语言使用者所期望表达的真正含义。以往,大多数的雅思考生在学习英语的过程中,最关心的是如何用英语正确地交谈和写作,对语言的认识停留在了语法这个层面。跨出国门、真正开始海外生活后,他们当中的很多人却发现,其实更需要关注的是如何得体地使用英语。外国同学和老师通常都会善意地原谅中国学生的语法错误,却无法接受和容忍一些因语言使用欠妥而引起的尴尬甚至是冒犯。《剑桥雅思写作高分范文》以及《剑桥雅思词汇掌中宝》这几本雅思备考用书中的很多单词,尤其是词汇掌中宝系列口语和写作分册中的绝大多数单词,都特别配置了用法方面的指导,请考生用心阅读。

2. 分类归纳词汇,配合“真题回放”环节,直接命中考点

《剑桥雅思词汇掌中宝》丛书将雅思词汇按照听、说、读、写四个考试部分进行归类,避免了机械地将各类词汇汇编于一册词汇书中的做法。同时,各分册的各个小节前,都特别设置了“真题回放”环节,让考生直接了解到所记忆的词汇在雅思考试中的实际考查方向和出题方法,真正做到心中有数、有的放矢。

3. 严格区分书面语和口语

中国考生在雅思复习备考乃至整个英语学习的过程中,一个非常突出的问题,就是不能正确区分书面语和口语。很多学生在口语考试中直接照搬写作范文中的句子,然后又将不少口语课上

学会的“口语”词汇写进了原本应该非常“书面”的雅思作文，导致了很低的得分。事实上，英语和汉语一样，口语和书面语有严格的区分，无论是《剑桥雅思写作高分范文》还是《剑桥雅思词汇掌中宝》，都在这方面有做特别的提醒，请广大考生用心体会。

4. 突出单词在实际生活中的运用，治标治本

在《剑桥雅思词汇掌中宝》各分册所收集的单词中，大多数都不仅是雅思考试中的核心词汇，而且还是英语国家人士日常生活中的常用词汇。希望考生利用复习备考雅思的机会，用心记忆这些词汇，真正提高自己的英文实力，为即将开始的海外生活打下坚实的基础。

5. 例句简短精练，适合自学

词汇书的例句一旦过于复杂，往往就会在彰显作者不俗的英语实力的同时，妨碍了考生的记忆。例句的功能在于辅助考生记忆单词。显然，一个生词众多、句式复杂的例句，是不可能帮助考生记忆单词的。《剑桥雅思词汇掌中宝》丛书除写作分册外，其他分册的例句均简短精练，适合雅思考生自学使用。复习备考的过程中，考生完全可以直接背诵丛书中的例句。《剑桥雅思写作高分范文》也特别配备了“词汇升级”栏目，提供了大量可供替换的同义词，方便考生快速积累写作词汇。

在多年的心血即将付诸出版之际，我想特别感谢很多人。感谢上海交通大学高级金融学院的 Golden Tsui 先生的大力支持。感谢我父母从小的言传身教。最后要特别感谢广州新东方的前任校长沙云龙先生、张隽女士和现任校长桂淳先生，以及我的博士生导师 Dr. David Qian 和 Professor Martin Warren，是他们的宽容、支持和协作，让我能够在相对比较宽松的环境中同时完成自己的工作和学业，在精神和物质的世界里找到了最好的平衡。感谢我的母校香港理工大学为我提供了全额奖学金并多次资助我远赴海外参加学术活动，让我在非常优越的环境中从事自己最感兴趣的课题研究，最大程度地挖掘了自己的学术潜力。我将会充分利用自己的学习所得，真正践行理大“开物成务，励学利民”的校训，以作为对母校资助和培养的感谢和回报。

需要特别向广大雅思考生说明的是，虽然我对这几本雅思词汇书以及写作书的词汇部分的品质充满了信心，它们却绝对代替不了词典。不论是单纯为了应付雅思考试，还是为了真正提高英语能力，词典都是必不可少的工具。无论你的英语处于哪个层次，词典都会是你的良师益友。这几本雅思词汇书无法代替词典，一般的电子词典更是无法代替词典。翻阅英文词典，不仅是很多语言大师和翻译大师的嗜好，也是英语学习的必由之路。在词典里认真地查找和阅读一个词条，可以获得很多相关的知识，自然会受益匪浅。日积月累，英语水平就必定会有很大的飞跃。我在本科、硕士和博士阶段的学习，一直都是以英语做为自己的专业。一路学过来，真的感觉其乐无穷。其实，英语和这个世界上的很多事情一样，只要你用心去学，用心去领悟，就一定会发现其中所蕴藏的巨大的乐趣，就会被它吸引，自然也就会上它。

“学在此，乐在此，爱在此”，与所有在英语学习的道路上奋勇向前的人共勉！

编者

2009年9月15日于香港红磡

如何 How to use this book 使用本书

本书收集了近十年来在雅思 A 类和 G 类写作考试的 Task 2 中出现过的各类题材的议论文写作题，并且为每道雅思题目提供了高质量的范文。除了范文之外，每一道雅思题目的后面还附有单词注解、汉语译文、特别提醒、相关题目、写作点拨、词汇升级、句型升级、论据积累等自学辅导栏目。考生在阅读本书之前，请先了解各个自学辅导栏目的设置目的以及学习重点，结合自身情况对这些内容进行取舍，以提高学习效率、取得最佳的复习效果。

1. 单词注释

这个栏目归纳整理了范文中出现的难度相对较高的词汇，并附有音标和汉语释义。

- 如果考生的复习时间多于三个月，请记忆这些单词
- 如果复习时间在三个月至一个月之间，请选择性地记忆范文中出现的、打算在考场里使用的单词
- 如果复习时间少于一个月，请跳过这个栏目，直接进入“词汇升级”环节

2. 汉语译文

这个栏目提供了范文的汉语译文。为了方便读者的理解，大部分译文以直译为主，因而部分语句会略显生涩，望考生见谅。立志在雅思写作考试中夺取高分并且有较长复习时间的考生，可以在精读完范文以后，试着对照范文的汉语译文，将文章再译成英文。用心比较自己的译文和范文在文字方面的不同，可以让你的英语表达能力在短时间内有一个很大的提高。

3. 特别提醒

这个栏目将雅思写作中出现的题目按照题材进行了分类，并且指出了各类题材在雅思考试中出现频率的高低。由于雅思写作试题重复使用的几率很高，请考生特别注意那些在近几年的雅思写作考试中反复出现的热门题材。

4. 推荐指数

这个栏目用星号★标注了每道写作题目在将来的雅思考试中出现几率的高低，最高推荐指数为五星。

5. 相关题目

这个栏目提供了与各道雅思写作题目类似的其他雅思写作题目在本书中的编号。这些题材类似的雅思题目，组成了“相关写作题目组”，方便考生复习。

How to use this book

- 如果考生的复习时间多于三个月，请认真阅读“相关写作题目组”里的各篇范文，并用心体会这些范文在构思和表达方面的异同
- 如果复习时间在三个月至一个月之间，请在阅读了“相关写作题目组”里的各篇范文之后，选择性地精读其中的一篇
- 如果复习时间少于一个月，请直接从每组“相关写作题目组”里挑选一篇范文进行精读

6. 写作点拨

这个栏目对每一道雅思写作题目进行了点评，并将雅思写作题目按照提问方式的不同分成了若干个类型，从写作构思的角度对每种类型的作文的写作进行了指导。

7. 词汇升级

这个栏目从范文中挑选出大量在雅思写作中高频使用的词汇，并提供它们的同义替换以及常见搭配。“词汇升级”旨在将考生通常使用的普通词汇或搭配升级到有一定难度的词汇或搭配，同时也特意避免了难度过高、在文章中有可能显得突兀的表达方式。词汇量有限的考生，请特别注意这个栏目。

8. 句型升级

这个栏目中列举了大量原本句式结构平淡无奇的句子，并将它们进行“句式升级”，修改成中国考生往往不能驾驭或是不擅长使用的复杂句式，确保作文满足雅思写作高分所必备的“句式多变”的要求。

9. 论据积累

这个栏目以中英双语例举出雅思写作考试中常见话题的经典论据，帮助考生拓展思路、提高表达能力。考生可以在雅思考试中借鉴这些论据。需要提醒的是，为了避免文字内容的雷同，一定要将这些论据进行恰当的改写。

本书的编写理念，是以雅思写作题目为出发点，从词汇、句型、篇章、思想四部分全面提高考生的写作能力。如果考生的复习时间充裕，建议从第一篇文章开始精读，在备考雅思的同时，让自己的英文水平有一个整体的提高！

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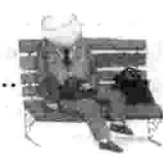
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