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本教材共四册,两年学完(约需240课时)。第一、二册着重传 授英语基础知识,第三、四册着重培养学生运用英语的能力。

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习题则为多项选择与正误判断等客观性习题,系为检查学生对文章的理解程度而设计的,一般可用以衡量和检查学生阅读理解能力。

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UNIT ONE

Part A Intensive Reading Soil Losses Eroding Food Security

Soil erosion is a natural physical process. It can't be prevented. In fact, it is not even cause for much concern unless the rate of soil loss exceeds the rate of new soil formation. But close to half the world's croplands are losing topsoil at rates that undermine their inherent productivity, according to a new study by the Washington, D. C. -based Worldwatch Institute, a think tank focusing on resource conservation issues. The study, the first to attempt quantification of global erosion rates, estimates that cropland losses now exceed new soil formation by 25.4 billion tons per year.

With topsoil being on average only 7 inches deep worldwide, this rate could correspond to mining the resource at a rate of about 7 percent per decade, according to agricultural economist Lester Brown, one of the study's authors. That's almost the same rate by which world oil supplies are currently being depleted; he adds. But in contrast to the concern over oil, he says, world leaders have tended not to worry about quantifying soil depletion, nor have they

redirected national policies toward conserving this resource. And that's significant, Brown says, because even though the world has survived a sevenfold increase in oil prices during the last 10 years, it is not well equipped to cope with even a modest rise in food prices. Moreover, he says, with the growing interdependence of world markets today, "excessive loss of topsoil anywhere ultimately affects food prices everywhere."

A leading pressure driving farmers to "mine" their soils in a nonsustainable fashion is the ever growing demand for food. "Each year the world's farmers must now attempt to feed 81 million more people, good weather or bad, "the study notes. To do so, many farmers have abandoned sound soil conservation principles and taken to "intensified cropping patterns" (less rotation of crops, greater reliance on row crops and more plantings between fallow periods) and the plowing of marginal land (often hilly, dry or supporting a fragile, thin topsoil).

In the short term, these measures may generate big gains in productivity, but once the topsoil is reduced to a few inches or disappears, crop productivity will fall precipitously and, for economic purposes, often irretrievably.

Brown and coauthor Edward Wolf anchored their erosion estimate on the "big four" food producers—the United States, the Soviet Union; India and China—using whatever statistical data were available. In fact, good, hard data exist only for the United States. As a result, Brown says, they've probably underestimated the real problem.

Because soil conservation practices may not be profitable

for the individual farmer in many cases, the study's authors believe that controlling erosion globally will probably require the involvement of governments. In fact, the study points out, measuring soil loss—necessary for targeting control strategies—is beyond the abilities of most farmers.

New Words

- erode [i'rəud] ν. wear away, eat into 侵蚀, 腐 蚀
- security [si 'kjuəriti] n.
 safety, freedom from
 danger 安全
- erosion [i'rəuʒən] n.
 eroding or being eroded
 侵蚀
- undermine [, Andə 'main]
 destroy by stages
 逐步毁坏
- 5. inherent [in' hiərənt] adj. existing in sth. as a natural and permant quality 固有的, 天生的
- 6. focus ['fəukəs] v. concentrate 集中
- 7. conservation [,konso' veifon] n. keeping in a safe and entire state, preservation 保护, 保存

- 8. issue ['isju:] n, question that arises for discussion 引起讨论的问题
- 9. attempt [ə'tempt] v. make a start at doing sth., try 开始做,试图
- 10.quantification [ˌkwəntifi 'keiʃən] n. 定量
- 11.correspond [,kɔris' pɔnd] v. be equal (to) 相等
- 12 decade ['dekeid] n. period of ten years 十年
- 13.currently ['karəntli] adv. in a current manner 最近;流行地
- 14.deplete [di'pli;t] ν. use up 用尽
- 15 quantify ['kwontifai] vt.
 measure the quantity of
 定量
- 16, conserve [kən'səiv] ν.keep in a safe or sound state,

- preserve 保护,保全,保存
- 17.significant [sig'nifikənt]
 adj. having a special
 meaning; important 有特
 殊含意的; 重大的
- 18. survive [sə'vaiv] ν. continue to live or exist 残存;经历……之后仍然存在
- 19. modest ['modist] adj.
 moderate 适度的,普通的
 20. interdependence [,intədi
 'pendəns] n. depending on
 each other 互相依赖
- 21. excessive [ik'sesiv] adj. too much, too great 过多 的, 过度的
- 22. ultimately ['Altimitli]
 adv. finally, in the end
 最后
- 23. nonsustainable [ˌnənsəs
 'teinəbl] adj. 不能支持的, 不能忍受的
- 24. abandon [əˈbændən] ν .
- 25. intensify [in'tensifai] φ. make or become more

intense 使更剧烈

- 26. fallow ['fæləu] adj.
 ploughed but not sown
 or planted 休辨的
- 27. marginal ['maːʤinəl] adj.
 of a margin or edge空白
 处的,边际的
- 28. fragile ['fræʤail] adj. casily destroyed易毁坏的
- 29. precipitously [pri'sipitas li] adv. 险峻地
- 30. irretrievably [ˌiri' tri:və bli] adv. not to restore to a flourishing state 不能复原
- 31. anchor ['æŋkə] ν. fix firmly as by an anchor 固定、扣牢
- 32. statistical [stəˈtistikəl] adj. of statistics 统计的
- 33. underestimate [ˌʌndə 'estimeit] vt. form too low an estimate of 过低评价……, 低估
- 34. profitable['profitəbl] adj. bringing profit 賺錢的
- 35. involvement [in volv-ment] n.having as a necessary consequence 牵涉,连累

36. strategy ['strætidji] n. skill in managing any

affair 战略; 策略

Idioms and Expressions

- 1, close to: near 接近
- in contrast to (with): compared with 与……对 照(比较)
- be profitable for : be beneficial or helpful to

对……有益

- 4. correspond to : be equal to 相等
- 5. take to : take and use, adopt 采用

Notes

- 1. a think tank 智囊班子, 智囊机构
- 2. Lester Brown ['lestə braun] 理斯特·布朗
- 3. Edward Wolf ['edward vo:lf] 爱德华·沃尔夫
- 4. marginal land 边际土地

Exercises

- I. Answer the following questions:
 - 1. Why can't soil erosion be prevented?
 - 2. In what case may soil erosion cause people to show some concern?
 - 3. At what rate do cropland losses exceed new soil formation on the globe?
 - 4. Are world oil supplies currently being depleted by the rate of about 7 percent per decade?
 - 5. Excessive loss of topooil has nothing to do with food prices in the world, doesn't it?
 - 6. How many more people must the world's farmers now

attempt to supply with food each year?

- 7. Why have many farmers abandoned sound soil conservation principles?
- 8. What will these measures result in once the topcoil is reduced too much?
- 9. What countries are the "big four" food producers?
- 10. Why do the study's authors believe that controlling soil erosion globally will require the involvement of
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II.	Mato	ch th	le i	words	or	expression	ons	in	Column	A	with	those
	in (Colui	mn	B :								
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	()	2.	sevent	old		b,	giv	e up			
	()	3.	aband	on		c.	des	troy by :	stag	ges	
	()	4.	coautl	or		đ.	ten	years			
	()	5.	securi	tу		e.	too	much			
	()	6.	ultin	ate'	у	f.	εev	en times			
	()	7.	decade	:		g.	saf	ety			
	()	8.	target	(v.)	h.	all	over the	e w	orld	
	()	9.	world	wid	e	i,	per	on who	wr	ites a	took,
								pla	y, etc.	tog	gether	with
								oth	ers			
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	equi	ip,	ge	enerate	, е	rode, e	ros	ion,	, redire	ect,	con	serve,
	corr	'espo	nd	, dep	lete	, deple	etio	n,	exceed			
	1. I	Peop	le	can't	pre	vent soi	il f	rom		be	cause	soil

is a natural physical process.
2. The rate of cropland losses to the rate by
which world oil supplies are currently
3. He's himself to cope with the current
situation.
4. There is often the case that the supply the
demand.
5. These measures can big gains in productivity
just in the short period of time.
6. It seems that ordinary people don't worry about
soil
7. Governments should their national policies
toward the cropland.
IV. Translate the following into English:
A. 1. 控制出生率
2. 逐渐损毁固有生产力
3. 平均七吋深
4. 保护自然资源
5. 制定控制战略目标
B. 1. 与关心石油相对比,人们不太关心水土保持。
2. 世界石油贮藏量现正以每十年百分之七的比率在耗尽。
3. 任何地方的表土流失过度最终将影响到各地的粮 食 价
格。
4. 结果,他们可能低估了实际问题。
5. 控制土壤冲蚀需要各国政府的关注。
V. Cloze procedure;
What do you know (1) the sea? We have seen
it. Some of us have swum or bathed in it. We know that
it looks very pretty when the sun is shining on it. We

also know that it can be very rough when there is a strong wind. What other things do we know about it?

The first thing to remember is that the sea is very big. When you look at the map of the world you will find there is more sea (2) _____ land. The sea covers (3) of the world.

The sea is also very deep in some places. It is not deep everywhere. Some parts of the sea are very shallow. But in some places the depth of the sea is very (4) ______. There is one spot, near Japan, where the sea is nearly 11 kilometers deep. The highest mountain in the world is about 9 kilometers high. If that mountain were put into the sea at that place, there would be 2 kilometers of water above it. What a deep place!

If you have swum in the sea, you know that it is salty. You can taste the salt. Rivers, which flow into the sea, carry salt from the land into the sea. Some parts of the sea are more salty than other parts. There is one sea, called the Dead Sea, which is very salty. It is so salty (5) ______ swimmers cannot sink. Fish cannot live in the Dead Sea! What a (6) _____ sea!

In some parts of the sea, there are plenty of fishes and plants. Some live near the top of the sea. Others live deep down. There are also (7) ______ tiny living things that float in the sea. These floating things are so small that it is hard (8) _____ them. Many fish live by eating them.

The sea can be very cold. Divers, who dive deep down in the sea, know this. On the top the water may be warm. When the diver goes downwards, the sea becomes colder and

colder.

Another thing (9) _____. When the diver goes deeper, the water above presses down on him. It squeezes him. Then the diver (10) _____ wear clothes made of metal. But he cannot go very deep. Some people who wanted to go very deep used a very strong diving ship. They went down to the deepest part of the sea in it. They went down to a depth of eleven kilometers.

Fill in the blanks with the best answers:

- 1. A. about B. for C. at D. in
- 2. A. than B. to C. in D. on
- 3. A. three quarter B. three quarters
 C. three-third D. three-fourth
- 4. A. deep B. great C. deeply D. depth
- 5. A. to B. as to C. as D. that
- 6. A. nice B. wonderful C. strange
 D. beautiful
- 7. A. million B. million of C. millions of D. millions
- 8. A. to be seen B, see C, to see D, seen
- 9. A. happens B. has been happened
 - C happen D has been taken place
- 10. A. is oblige to B. ought C. has to D. must