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前言

《大学英语课程教学要求》指出,大学阶段的英语阅读教学要求要分为三个层次,即一般要求、较高要求和更高要求。随着形势的发展,特别是自2013年12月大学英语四级考试起,对阅读能力的要求提出了新的要求。为此,结合《大学英语课程教学要求》和四级新题型对词汇阅读理解、长篇阅读理解和仔细阅读理解能力的要求,考虑到地区和个性化教学之需要,我们编写了这套教材。

根据由浅入深、由易到难、循序渐进的原则,本套教材具有如下特点:

一是选材具有时代气息。教材所选内容新颖,富有时代感,能给读者以耳目一新的感觉。

二是体裁和题材出现多样化。教材兼顾了各类体裁和题材,尤其是侧重考试性的题材,比如知识性、科技类、人文性等。其范围分为文科、理科、工科、医科,即文化、语言、教育、生活、媒介、历史、科技、人性、哲学、文学等,同时兼顾各地区文化、风俗等,注重文理工医等学科的通识教育。

三是词汇难度适当控制,对过难词汇进行了改写,对一些生词词义作了适当标注。

四是趣味性。教材所选取的文章有趣,能使读者读起来感到顺畅有意思。

本教材共四个分册,是集体努力的结晶,由张树德(广西科技大学)任总主编,实行分册责任制(其中第一册和第二册的主编单位为河池学院,第三册的主编单位为广西科技大学鹿山学院,第四册的主编单位为广西科技大学)。第一册的主编为谢雨利、龙星源,副主编为何秋萍、梁菊宝;第二册的主编为李晓兰、钟伟轩,副主编为雷炎炎、刘稳亮;第三册的主编为黄锦华,副主编为孙远用、邝江红、董月琳、陆梅华、卢淑玲、刘甜甜、宋琳琳、韦俊;第四册的主编为周柳琴,副主编为黄影妮、赵足娥、吴玲、莫旻荧。

由于时间紧迫,加之水平有限,本教材难免有所疏漏,敬请读者批评指正。

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Unit 1



Sports

Section A

Directions: *In this section, there is a passage with ten blanks. You are required to select one word for each blank from a list of choices given in a word bank following the passage. Read the passage through carefully before making your choices. Each choice in the bank is identified by a letter. Please write down your answer to each item in the corresponding blank. You may not use any of the words in the bank more than once.*

Questions 1 to 10 are based on the following passage.

Former England captain David Beckham is to 1 at the end of the season.

Beckham made 115 2 for England and 394 for Manchester United, winning six Premier League titles and the Champions League.

Here, in his statement 3 today, Beckham talks about his decision to retire from playing.

"If you had told me as a young boy I 4 have played for and won

trophies with my boyhood club Manchester United, proudly captained and played for my country over one hundred times and 5 for some of the biggest clubs in the world, I would have told you it was a fantasy. I'm fortunate to have realized those dreams."

"I wouldn't have achieved what I have done today without my family. I'm grateful for my parents' sacrifice, which made me 6 my dreams. I owe everything to Victoria and the kids, who have given me the inspiration and support to play at the highest level for such a long period. I also want to thank Simon Fuller and his team for their continued 7."

"I want to thank all my teammates, the great managers that I had the pleasure of learning from. I also want to thank the fans who have all supported me and given me the 8 to succeed."

"Nothing will ever completely replace playing the game I love, however I feel like I'm starting a new adventure and I'm 9 excited about what lies ahead. I'm fortunate to have been given many opportunities throughout my career and now I feel it's my time to give back."

The midfielder made his England 10 against Moldova in 1996 and captained the side from 2000 to 2006, making his 115th and final England appearance in a 3-0 win over Belarus in 2009.

(<http://www.en8848.com.cn/read/bi/sports/201964.html>)

A. released	F. lined	K. strength
B. realize	G. genuinely	L. support
C. debut	H. adapted	M. appearances
D. retire	I. would	N. identify
E. constant	J. belief	O. ideals

Your Answers:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____

Section B

Directions: *In this section, you are going to read a passage with ten statements attached to it. Each statement contains information given in one of the paragraphs. Identify the paragraph from which the information is derived. You may choose a paragraph more than once. Each paragraph is marked with a letter. Please write down your answer in the corresponding blank.*

Super Athlete of Sangamon

- A** Two wrestlers stood in a circle of shouting onlookers and sized up each other. One was of medium height, sturdily built and strong as an ox. He was stripped to the waist, revealing a huge chest overlaid with hard muscle. His arms were like the limb of a tree. The other man towered over him, six feet and four inches tall and slender, and his long arms dangling from his shoulders. His muscles were long and smooth, like those of a panther. The muscle man was Jack Armstrong. His tall opponent was 22-year-old Abraham Lincoln.
- B** Had Lincoln lived today, he would be a football coach's dream, a great tackle, a speed end, a genius at quarterback. He would be a one-man track team. As a baseball player, he would be a home-run hitter. But his day was yesterday, and he was destined for greater things. That Saturday afternoon in the village of New Salem, in Sangamon County, Illinois in the year 1831, every man and boy in town was at the circle that formed to watch the unknown Lincoln wrestle. Armstrong was the leader of a gang of rough men from Clary's Grove, a strip of land three miles from the village. Lincoln was a newcomer, almost a stranger.
- C** A vacant lot beside a store was the site chosen for the match. The men

agreed that it was to be a friendly affair, with such customary tricks as eye gouging, hair pulling, ear tearing and nose biting barred. At the signal Armstrong went after Lincoln with the rushes of a maddened bull, trying to knock him off his feet, but Abe held him off with his arms.

D Lincoln tried to lift his opponent off the ground and slam him hard on his back. Armstrong was not to be handled so easily and they shoved each other all over the lot. The crowd moved along with them. The Clary's Grove Champion finally lost his temper and fouled (对[对手]犯规) Lincoln by grinding his foot with a boot heel. That touched off the fireworks. All rules were now forgotten. His face dark with anger, Lincoln grasped Armstrong by the throat, lifted him clear of the ground, shocked him as though he were a rag and threw him so hard that he lay stunned(打昏).

E The Clary's Grove boys looked at their beaten leader and turned on Lincoln. He retreated a few steps to the grocery building, braced himself against the wall and told them to come and get him if they dared. Armstrong put an end to that. He got up, pushed his friends aside and grabbed Lincoln's hand. Turning to the crowd, Armstrong said he had been fairly beaten and that Abe Lincoln was the "best feller" who ever came to New Salem. Lincoln's feats of strength became the talk of the nearby town of Gentryville. A farmer wished to move a corncrib, so Abe picked it up and placed it on the desired spot while four men, who had come with poles to help, looked on, surprised. People in Gentryville saw him move a chicken house alone and they swore it weighed 600 pounds.

F One of the most frequently told tales about Lincoln's strength was that he won a bet that he could drink from a barrel held in his arms. It was a trick he did time and again. A man who knew him well in Indiana said he had often seen Lincoln grasp a barrel of cider and lift it to his face as if to drink. "And he did it," said his friend, "with the greatest ease."

- G When Lincoln was about 20 and still living in Indiana, he starred in a roughhouse that began with a fist fight. His sister, Sarah, married into the Grigsby family. The Grigsby family did not invite him at their two sons' wedding ceremonies and he evened (摆平) matters by writing some tomfoolery (愚蠢的行为) that was passed around the neighborhood with a chuckle. He later wrote a rhyme about another Grigsby son, William, noted for his ugly face and bald head. William threatened to beat up Lincoln, but Abe refused to fight him, saying he was much too big and too strong to meet a Grigsby.
- H Lincoln got his step-brother, John Johnston, as his proxy (代理人). The fight did not go as Lincoln figured; Grigsby gave John a sound thrashing, but broke the rules by jumping on him after he was down. Lincoln pulled Grigsby off, raised him shoulder-high and threw him aside as though he were a sack of meal.
- I Grigsby's friends thought Lincoln had no right to interfere and told him so. Waving his arms over his head, Lincoln declared he was the "big buck of the lick" and was ready to prove it. The Grigsby crowd rushed him and a free-for-all followed, much to the regret of the Grigsby's. Lincoln became the winner. After he had beaten Armstrong at New Salem, Lincoln added to his reputation by proving that wrestling was not the only sport at which he was good. He won race walking in the village streets. He had little competition in the high jump. When the boys were broad jumping (long jumping), Lincoln would wait until everyone had done his best, and then beat them all with a single effort.

(<http://www.en8848.com.cn/read/bi/xxzm/151246.html>)

- B. According to the passage, had Lincoln lived today, he would be a master of sports.
- Lincoln came to the village of New Salem for a short time.
 - It is agreed to be a civilized match by Lincoln and Armstrong.
 - Both performers got worse as the game went on.
 - People saw Lincoln move a chicken house of 600 pounds.

6. William was Grigsby's son noted for his ugly face and bald head.
7. Besides wrestling, Lincoln also did well in races and jumping.
8. According to the passage, Jack Armstrong was of medium height, slender and shorter than Abraham Lincoln.
9. Lincoln's step-brother was given a sound thrashing by Grigsby and fell down.
10. Lincoln won a bet that he could drink from a barrel held in his arms.

Your Answers:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____

Section C

Directions: *There are 2 passages in this section. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. You should decide on the best choice and write down your answer in the corresponding blank.*

Passage One

Questions 1 to 5 are based on the following passage.

May 21st, it's been going for just three days and 115 miles but the Olympic Torch Relay has already burnt out, organizers confirmed.

Shortly before 10 am the torch that was attached to the side of parabadminton star David Follett's wheelchair went out during his leg of the relay in Great Torrington, Devon.

But just up the road in Hatherleigh, an extremely unofficial torch kept burning despite the wind.

Back in Great Torrington, a spokeswoman for LOCOG said: "The flame

went out due to a malfunctioning burner. ”

“It is not uncommon for a flame to go out and this can happen for a number of reasons, for example, in extreme winds. ”

“A replacement torch was brought out from the convoy of vehicles and was lit from the mother flame. ”

“We keep the mother flame in specially designed miners’ lanterns so if the flame does go out for some reason on the relay we relight it from the source of the flame, ” the spokeswoman added.

The torch relay entered its third day today and will see dozens of unsung and hard-working individuals get their moment in the spotlight as they carry the torch from Exeter to Taunton.

However, some of the Olympic torchbearers have caused a stir after cashing in on their once-in-a-lifetime privilege by selling their torches on eBay.

Before the first day of the relay was completed, the gold torches appeared on the online auction site. A torch used during the relay on Saturday is currently attracting bids of more than £ 30,000.

The seller lists the item as: “An amazing sporting souvenir, be one of the first to have one!” Other torchbearers have pledged(保证给予, 承诺) to donate the proceeds from the sale to charity.

Sarah Milner Simonds, from Burnham-on-Sea, who is selling her torch to raise money for the project she represents, said she had received a bid of more than £ 150,000.

(<http://www.hekenet.com/read/201205/183289.shtml>)

1. When did the London Olympic Games Torch Relay begin?

A. On May 21st. B. On May 22nd.

C. On May 18th. D. On May 19th.

2. Why did the Olympic torch go out?

A. Because of the wind.

B. Because it ran out of fuel.

C. Because of the failure of a burner.

- D. Because the torch was broken.
3. The underlined word “unsung” (Line 2, Para. 8) means “_____”.
- A. unacknowledged B. unusual C. outstanding D. underestimate
4. Some of the Olympic torchbearers sold their torches on the online auction site in order to _____.
- A. get money
B. get money and then donated the sale to charity
C. express their dislike to the Olympic Games
D. Both A and B
5. According to the passage, which of the following statements is NOT mentioned?
- A. A replacement torch was brought out to replace the extinguished.
B. The charity funds mainly came from the donators who sold their torches.
C. A torch is attracting bids of more than £30,000 and Sarah Milner Simonds received a bid of more than £150,000.
D. The journey of the torch relay in the third day was from Exeter to Taunton.

Your Answers:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Passage Two

Questions 6 to 10 are based on the following passage.

Lin is the first Chinese-American player in the NBA, and spent his first season with the Golden State Warriors, who signed the undrafted Harvard graduate in July, 2010 to fill out their roster (候选名单). He saw limited minutes with the Warriors, but was cheered in arenas (圆形运动场) around the country, particularly in cities with large Asian communities, as fans came out in droves ([移动的]人群) to cheer their homegrown star.

To be sure, Lin is a different kind of Asian basketball player from Yao Ming. While Yao's size put him in a somewhat self-selecting group—people of seven feet tall can certainly do a wide range of things, but they're frequently drafted into playing basketball—Lin went from Palo Alto High School to an economics degree at Harvard, but remained committed to

making it as a professional basketball player. (Yao recently enrolled at Jiaotong University's Antai Economics and Management College as his post-retirement career rolls on.)

It hasn't been an easy road for Lin. He has made several trips to the NBA's Development League, a minor league for players who show promise but need seasoning before they can compete at the highest level.

It appears to have paid off. February 4, 2012, after keying the Knicks victory over New Jersey, Lin was named the starter for the Utah Jazz game, a position he appears to have a hold on in the short term, as Baron Davis, signed in December to play the position, lingers on the disabled list due to a herniated disk in his back.

Lin's knack (习惯, 癖好) for driving to the basket and finding open teammates makes him a good fit for the D'Antoni mold, but he still has a lot of work to do before he's a proven NBA star.

The constant running in D'Antoni's offense, dubbed "Seven Seconds or Less" for the time expected in which the team should shoot the ball, demands great fitness—Lin appeared winded at the end of the Utah Jazz game. But he'll likely get stronger the more minutes he plays, and even if Davis returns, spelling (替换) the older, recovering players could be productive for Lin, a proven good student who can learn a lot from practicing against a veteran (经验丰富的人; 老手).

(<http://www.en8848.com.cn/read/b1/mzy/152852.html>)

6. Lin's NBA career began in _____, played for _____.
 A. 2009; the Golden State Warriors B. 2010; the Utah Jazz
 C. 2010; the Golden State Warriors D. 2009; the Utah Jazz
7. As a basketball player, what is the similarity between Lin and Yao?
 A. Lin entered NBA after graduating from university.
 B. Yao entered university after retirement.
 C. Their major in university.
 D. Their height.
8. The underlined word "promise" (Line 2, Para. 3) means "_____".

- A. commitment B. potential C. affection D. intelligence
9. To be a starter for the Utah Jazz game, Lin waited for _____.
 A. one year B. two years
 C. two and a half years D. one year and a half
10. According to the passage, which of the following statements is true?
 A. Lin and Davis are teammates and opponents as well.
 B. Lin is the first Chinese-American player in the NBA's Development League.
 C. Lin's knack for driving to the basket and finding open teammates made him a real NBA star.
 D. Lin played well in the match with the Utah Jazz.

Your Answers:

6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____

Unit 2



Wealth

Section A

Directions: In this section, there is a passage with ten blanks. You are required to select one word for each blank from a list of choices given in a word bank following the passage. Read the passage through carefully before making your choices. Each choice in the bank is identified by a letter. Please write down your answer to each item in the corresponding blank. You may not use any of the words in the bank more than once.

Questions 1 to 10 are based on the following passage.

There are seven enemies of financial success:

1. Lack of discipline. Without discipline, it's difficult to 1 wealth. In fact, it's impossible to get rich—slowly or otherwise—if you spend more than you earn. Wilder also warns against 2 spending, and he urges readers to track where their money is going.
2. Materialism. Stuff will not 3 your life. It's very easy to find yourself "keeping up with the Joneses (攀比, 比富有)", succumbing (屈从,