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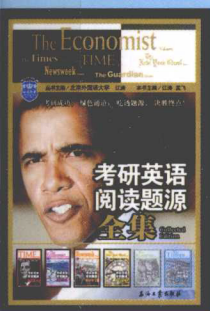
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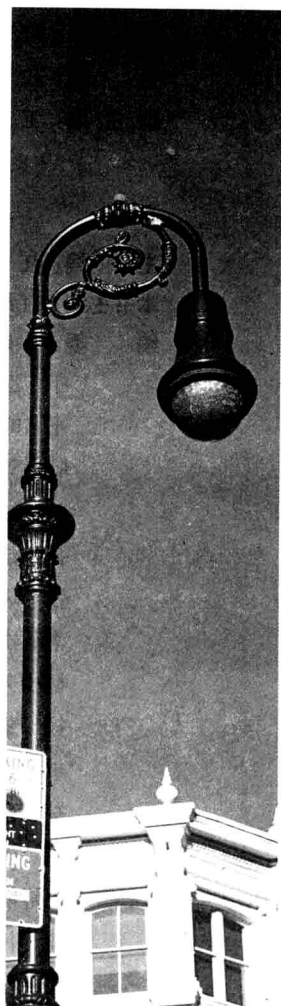
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《考研英语阅读题源》第二版（修订版）出版之后，我们未敢有丝毫懈怠，立即全身心地投入到了《考研英语阅读题源II》的编写工作之中。历经一年的资料搜集、整理、精选和编译，全新的《考研英语阅读题源II》系列终于与大家见面了。

《考研英语阅读题源II》系列结合大家对于前两版的反馈意见，以及近年考研英语阅读的命题实际，选取了符合大家阅读偏好，同时也是考研英语阅读理解文章最集中的题源*The Economist*《经济学家》、*Newsweek*《新闻周刊》、*Time*《时代周刊》、*The New York Times*《纽约时报》4份期刊杂志，从这些为考研命题者所青睐的优秀原版期刊杂志中分别精选出50篇与考研英语阅读命题趋势相贴近的最新文章，具有较强的时效性。

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对于大家而言，见到这些期刊杂志，往往发现自己无从下手，不知如何读起。是篇篇通读？还是自己选读？选读的标准又如何确定？这些问题往往使得不少掌握英文原版期刊杂志这一“稀缺”资源的您如堕迷雾之中，不知所措。

为了解决大家的这些困惑，《考研英语阅读题源II》每本分册根据考研英语阅读文章的题材类型将精选的文章分为社会类、文教类、经济类、科技类和健康类五部分，同时进行了贴心的设置安排，具体请看范例：

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为了保证文章原汁原味的基础上更好地体现考研英语的阅读特色，特节选结构内容相对完整、篇幅相当的部分作为重点段落（即铺底色部分），便于大家有重点地阅读。

超纲单词

Road Deaths Nationwide Fell Sharply in 2008

清晰标注文章来源、作者及文章发表时间

Highway *fatalities* dropped by 9 percent nationally from 2007 to 2008, a federal agency found, falling to their lowest level in nearly 50 years.

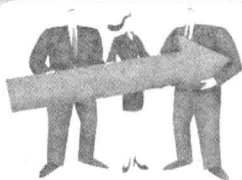
From *The New York Times*
By Abby Goodnough
April 7, 2009

New England saw the nation's steepest drop in such deaths, even as three of its states, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, reported some of the lowest rates of seat belt use.

Preliminary data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration showed a decline in deaths of 14 percent in New England. The smallest drop in the nation, 1 percent, was in the region comprising Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

重点单词

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Lauren Stewart, director of the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety, said the drop in her state could also be due to a stricter seatbelt law that went into effect in September 2007. Maine had 129 traffic deaths last year, down from 138 in 2007.



词汇注解

列出文中需大家掌握的核心词汇和超纲单词

重点单词

列出文中出现的、考研大纲中所包含的词汇，附有音标、文中释义及大纲全义，在原文中以加粗字体标出，帮助大家在阅读的同时更全面地掌握重点单词，并通过对单词的理解更好地进行阅读。

comprise /kəm'praɪz/

【文中释义】v. 包含

【文中释义】v. 包含，包括，由……组成；构成，组成

超纲单词

列出文中出现的、不属于考研大纲考查范围的生词，在原文中以斜体标出，为大家排除阅读中的障碍，帮助扩展词汇量。

fatality

n. (因意外事故的)死亡

skyrocket

v. 使……上升

重点段落译文

针对原文中的重点段落，提供精准的译文，为理解文章提供借鉴。

据联邦机构的调查显示，在2007年到2008年间全国高速公路事故率下降了9个百分点，是近50年来的最低点。

新英格兰地区是全国这类事故死亡率下降速度最快的地区，同时马萨诸塞州、新罕布什尔州和罗得岛州三个州也都公布了最低的安全带佩戴率。

美国全国公路交通安全管理局初步调查的数据显示，新英格兰地区的交通事故死亡率下降了14个百分点。而路易斯安那州、密西西比州、新墨西哥州、俄克拉何马州与得克萨斯州这五个州的事故死亡率降幅最低，仅下降了1%。

我们发现，我们的读者中除了考研考生外，还有不少大众英语学习爱好者，其中不乏白领读者，他们把这套书当作原版报刊杂志的“精编合订本”，用做泛读，或用做了解更广阔的世界。因此，强烈建议考研考生在考研过后，也尽量抽时间再看看我们这几套书，让它们继续发挥“余热”。其他英语学习爱好者也大可以读读我们的书，相信一定会有意想不到的收获！

希望我们能和考研考生以及大众英语学习爱好者一起，在英语学习的海洋中同舟共济，不断前行！

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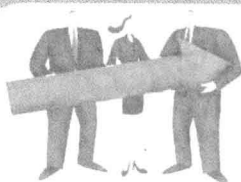
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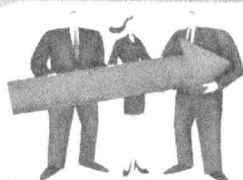
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California Seeks Thermostat Control

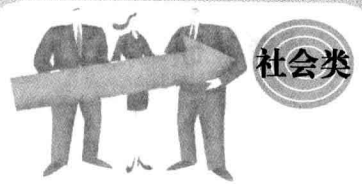
The *conceit* in the 1960s show *The Outer Limits* was that outside forces had taken control of your television set.

Next year in California, state regulators are likely to have the emergency power to control individual thermostats, sending temperatures up or down through a radio-controlled device that will be required in new or substantially modified houses and buildings to manage electricity shortages.

The proposed rules are contained in a document circulated by the California Energy Commission, which for more than three decades has set state energy efficiency standards for home appliances, like water heaters, air conditioners and refrigerators. The changes would allow utilities to adjust customers' preset temperatures when the price of electricity is soaring. Customers could *override* the utilities' suggested temperatures. But in emergencies, the utilities could override customers' wishes.

Final approval is expected next month.

"You realize there are times—very rarely, once every few years—when you would be subject to a rotating outage and everything would crash including your computer and traffic lights, and you don't want to do that,"



said Arthur H. Rosenfeld, a member of the energy commission.

Reducing individual customers' electrical use—if necessary, involuntarily—could avoid that, Dr. Rosenfeld said. “If you can control rotating outages by letting everyone in the state share the pain,” he said, “there’s a lot less pain to go around.”

While the proposals have received little attention in California, the Internet and talk radio are abuzz with indignation at the idea.

The radio-controlled *thermostat* is not a new technology, though it is constantly being *tweaked*; the latest *iterations* were on display this week at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

Pacific Gas and Electric, the major utility in Northern California, already has a pilot program in Stockton that allows customers to choose to have their air-conditioning systems attached to a radiocontrolled device to reduce use during periods when electricity rates are at their peak.

But the idea that a government would *mandate* use of these devices and reserve the power to override a building owner's wishes galls some people.

“This is an outrage,” one Californian said in an e-mail message to Dr. Rosenfeld. “We need to build new facilities to handle the growth in this state, not become Big Brother to the citizens of California.”

The broader stir on the Internet began when Joseph Somsel, a San Jose-based contributor to the publication *American Thinker*, wrote an article a week ago on the programmable communicating thermostat, or P.C.T..

Mr. Somsel went after the proposal with arguments that were by turns populist (“Come the next heat wave, the elites might be comfortably lolling in La Jolla’s ocean breezes” while “the Central Valley’s poor peons are baking in Bakersfield”), free-market (“P.C.T.’s will obscure the price signals to power plant developers”) and civil libertarian (“the new P.C.T. requirement certainly seems to violate the ‘a man’s home is his castle’ common-law dictum”).

Word of the California proposal hit the outrage button in corners of the Internet, was written about in *The North County Times* in Southern California, and got a *derisive* mention on Wednesday on Rush Limbaugh's radio program.

The fact that similar radio-controlled technologies have been used on a **voluntary** basis in **irrigation** systems on farm fields and golf courses and in limited programs for buildings on Long Island is seldom mentioned in Internet postings that make liberal use of references of George Orwell's *dystopian* novel *1984* and Big Brother, the *omnipresent* voice of Orwell's police state.

Ralph Cavanagh, an energy expert with the Natural Resources Defense Council, said in an interview that at a time of peak electricity use, "most people given a choice of two degrees of temperature setback and 14th-century living would happily embrace this capacity."

Mr. Somsel, in an interview Thursday, said he had done further research and was concerned that the radio signal—or the Internet instructions that would be sent, in an emergency, from utilities' central control stations to the broadcasters sending the FM signal—could be hacked into.

That is not possible, said Nicole Tam, a spokeswoman for P.G.& E. who works with the pilot program in Stockton. Radio pages "are encrypted and encoded," Ms. Tam said.



词汇注解

重点单词

modified /ˈmɒdɪfaɪd/

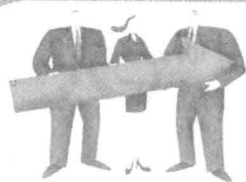
[文中释义] *adj.* 修改的

[大纲全义] *adj.* 修改的; 改良的; 重建的

appliance /əˈpleɪəns/

[文中释义] *n.* 电器

[大纲全义] *n.* 电器; 器械, 装置, 设备; 应用, 适用



adjust /ə'dʒʌst/

[文中释义] *v.* 调节[大纲全义] *v.* 调节; 整顿; 适应(to); 使调节

soaring /sɔ:'riŋ/

[文中释义] *adj.* 猛增的[大纲全义] *adj.* 猛增的; 高飞的; 翱翔的

display /di'splei/

[文中释义] *n.* 展览, 展示[大纲全义] *n.* 陈列, 展览, 展示; 显示(器); 炫耀 *v.* 展示, 表现, 夸示

voluntary /'voləntəri/

[文中释义] *adj.* 自动的, 主动的[大纲全义] *adj.* 自愿的, 志愿的, 自动的, 主动的; 故意的; 非官办的

irrigation /iri'geiʃən/

[文中释义] *n.* 灌溉[大纲全义] *n.* 灌溉, 冲洗

council /'kaunsil/

[文中释义] *n.* 委员会[大纲全义] *n.* 理事会, 委员会, 议事机构

setback /'setbæk/

[文中释义] *n.* 挫折[大纲全义] *n.* 挫折; 失效; 复发; 倒退

超纲单词

conceit

n. 空想, 奇想

override

v. 无视; 不管

thermostat

n. 自动调温器

tweak

v. 做微调

iteration

n. 重复

mandate

v. 委任统治

derisive

adj. 嘲笑的

dystopian

adj. 反面乌托邦的

omnipresent

adj. 无所不在的

重点段落译文

20世纪60年代播出的节目《外星界限》里给出了这样一个断言，那就是外部的力量已经控制了你的电视机。

在接下来的一年，加州管理者很可能将利用紧急电源来控制个人自动调温器，即通过使用一个无线电控制设备来调节温度，这个设备将会安装在新的或是充分改装过的房子里和大厦中以应对电力不足。

所提议的规则包含在一份由加州能源委员会传阅的文件中，30多年来，该委员会已经给加州家用电器，如热水器、空调和冰箱等，制定了州能源效率标准。当电价飙升时，这些改变将使得公用工程能够调节顾客家中事先调好的温度。当然顾客可以拒绝公用工程建议的温度。但在紧急情况下，公用工程也可以采用强制执行的方式。

最后的批准预计下月出台。

然而这个提议在加州并未引起足够的重视，网络和日常电台讨论广播对这一提议争论不休，充满怨言。

尽管无线电遥控恒温器不断在改进，但它并不是一项新科技；其最近一次亮相是在这周美国拉斯维加斯的消费电子产品展上。

北加州最大的电力供应单位太平洋煤气与电力公司已经在斯托克顿有了一个试验项目，这个项目允许顾客选择将他们的空调系统依附在一个无线电控制设备上，从而就可以在电费高价时减少耗电量。

但是，政府要求强制使用这些设备以节省电量的想法，忽视了房屋业主的意愿，这触怒了一些人。

“这简直令人愤怒”，一位加州市民在给罗森菲尔德博士的电子邮件中写道：“我们需要建设新的设施来帮助这个州的发展，不是成为加州市民的老大哥”

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