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Part I

命题特点与应试策略





一、题型分析

大学英语六级考试中的快速阅读属于客观题与主观题合二为一的复合型阅读理解。全篇字数在 1000 字左右,题材多以人物传记和科普文章为主。客观题型包括 7 个选择题,主观题型为三个填空题。选择题主要围绕主题、细节等问题展开,填空题所要求的字数控制在 1 - 5 个字不等。题干的设计为问题和不完整的句子。

例如:

What is the focus of Ashby Plant's study? (问题题干)

- A) Racist sentiments in America.
- B) The power of role models.
- C) Personality traits of successful blacks.
- D) The dual character of African Americans.

According to Professor Richard Miller of the University of Michigan, people will _____. (不完整句子题干)

- A) life for as long as they wish
- B) be relieved from all sufferings
- C) live to 100 and more with vitality
- D) be able to live longer than whales

所有问题的选择和不完整句子的填空在 15 分钟内完成。六级快速阅读的选择填空每题 1 分,填空题也是每空 1 分,但是考生在填写时意思必须正确,没有语法错误。



二、解 题 技 巧

六级快速阅读主要是考查考生在短时间内快速掌握文章的主旨大意,快速获取重要信息、了解文章中的主要细节的能力。因此考生在正式参加考试前必须进行以下训练,以提高做题质量,避免不必要的失分。

快速阅读题也是一种阅读理解,因此,阅读理解的多数方法也可以用在快速阅读上,如跳读、略读、详读、定位等。要准确、高效做好快速阅读题,下列基本的阅读技巧是必备的。

考点1 快速掌握主旨大意

分析近几年的快速阅读试卷,我们不难发现主旨大意题在历年阅读考试中经常出现,至少1题,多则2~3题,因此快速掌握主旨大意非常重要。因此,在考试实践中,考生应该注重寻找主题句。一般主题句在首段首句,另外为了前后呼应,最后一段也可以找到对文章主题的综述。例如:

What Will the World Be Like in Fifty Years?

This week some top scientists, including Nobel Prize winners, gave their vision of how the world will look in 2056, from gas-powered cars to extraordinary health advances, John Ingham reports on what the world's finest minds believe our futures will be.

第一个问题为:

What is John Ingham's report about?

- A) A solution to the global energy crisis
- B) Extraordinary advances in technology.
- C) The latest developments of medical science
- D) Scientists' vision of the world in half a century

这是一个主旨题。考生应该通过标题就能窥见主旨大意,然后在第一段的文字中不难读到“...gave their vision of how the world will look in 2056”和“John Ingham reports on what the world's finest minds believe our futures will be”,这显然与选项 D) Scientists' vision of the world in half a century 相符。

考点2 注意时间分配

六级快速阅读的做题时间为 15 分钟,因此,这就要求考生尽量快的进入做题阶段。有的考生读完全文,再看选项,这对于基础一般的考生来说是不现实的。因此,建议考生开始就带着问题去阅读全文,会事半功倍。这样,每个题目就有近 1.5 分钟的做题时间,比较有把握。

考点3 快速、准确定位

一般来说,六级快速阅读设计者都遵循文章的阅读顺序进行编排问题的原则。因此,考生可以根据题目的序号,由上而下地进行定位,加上题干关键词的引导,一次到位是没有问题的。在快速定位的过程中,自然段、小标题、人名、地名等专有名词,都是快速、准确定位的关键。

考点4 了解设空难度

由于是快速阅读,设空的难度一般都是直接选择,间接选择的选项不多,因此,只要定位准确,就很容易找到正确答案。

考点5 单位时间内做完

这是很关键的,尤其是快速阅读,没有速度是做不完题目的。因此,在平时练习中,一定要规定自己在 15 分钟内完成答题,并不断地总结自己失误的原因,这样,在正式的考试中才会沉着,答题质量才能提高。

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Part II

快速阅读模拟训练



Test 1

Directions: In this part, you will have 15 minutes to go over the passage quickly and answer the questions on Answer Sheet 1. For questions 1 ~ 7, choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). For questions 8 ~ 10, complete the sentences with the information given in the passage.

Pony Guides Student at School

Cali is believed to be the first miniature horse to attend college

Lansing, Michigan-Mona Ramouni was taking notes with a braille device when her guide pony Cali joined the class discussion with a sudden snort.

"What do you think Cali?" professor Shelley Smithson said with a laugh, and then steered¹ the conversation back to theories of counseling and psychotherapy.

Cali is just one of a handful of miniature² horses in the United States known to be used as guide animals for the blind and is likely the first pony to attend college.

The click of her hooves in the halls of Michigan State University is still turning heads three months after Ramouni and Cali moved to Lansing for graduate school.

Shocked students stare, shake their heads, pull out their cell phone cameras and some can't help asking "Is that a horse?"

"Usually I'm good about it because you have to educate people," Ramouni said. "Sometimes I'll say, no, it's a really cool toy."

The university has an internationally recognized center which assists disabled students and employees integrate into³ the community and achieve their full potential.

While there was some initial concern about whether Cali would make a mess

or be a distraction⁴, the tiny brown horse with a shiny black mane is surprisingly tidy and even gets along with the guide dog of one of Ramouni's classmates.

"The thing that I love about having Cali and the dog Harper in the class is that it's such a vivid example to people about how adaptive students can be in going about their lives and achieving what they want to achieve,"^① Smithson said.

Weighing in at under 45 kg, miniature horses are about the same size as a large dog but are much stockier and can help support people with mobility issues.

They also have significantly longer life spans—they can live and work for more than 30 years while guide dogs are usually retired after about six to eight years—but require much more care and bear a far heftyier price tag.

Without Cali, Ramouni probably would never have pursued her dream of getting a master's degree in rehabilitation⁵ counseling so she can one day work with disabled children.

And she certainly would never have moved away from home.

"It's such a different life," Ramouni, 30, said in a recent interview.

"At home no matter how old you are, your parents will treat you like a kid."

Cali is the first guide animal for Ramouni, a devout Muslim whose parents—Jordanian immigrants—would not accept a dog into their tidy brick house.

Ramouni was taught as a child how to guide herself with a cane but never really took to it. With six siblings, there was always someone around to take her by the arm.

But a few years ago she started to get frustrated by her lack of independence.

She was sick of being afraid to go to new places, of having to ask someone to walk her to the store if she ran out of Pepsi, of being teased by her sisters because she spent so much time alone in her room.^②

Ramouni began looking into guide horses on a whim and soon became determined to make it happen.

She bought Cali in October 2008 and sent the retired show pony to a professional trainer to be taught to tap her hoof to point out obstacles, get in and out of cars and buses and even pick up misplaced objects with her teeth.

Seven months later, trainer Dolores Artse brought Cali to Dearborn, Michigan, where Ramouni had set up a small shed and pen in her parent's yard.

Whole world changes

"My whole world and my whole outlook on stuff has changed, because I feel that there are a lot more possibilities," Ramouni said in July 2009, six weeks after Cali arrived.

"Before Cali, I didn't feel like I could go places on my own, although theoretically I probably could have."

It generally takes six months to a year for the relationship with a service animal to solidify and the diminutive⁶ Ramouni had a lot to learn about Cali.

There were heavy bags of feed to lug around⁷, piles of manure to clean up, hooves to clean. Most importantly, she had to learn to read Cali's signals and trust that the little horse would not steer her wrong.

The biggest challenge was making the move to Lansing a few months ago.

Even though it was only a two-hour drive away, her parents were afraid to let her go.

"They want to take care of me," Ramouni said over a cup of tea at the house of her friend Claudia Combs-Wise, where she and Cali spend most of their days.

"My dad says I can become independent when they die—they'll be my guide dogs."

Combs-Wise, who met Ramouni while looking into getting a guide pony of her own, said her parents said the same things when she went away to college nearly 40 years ago.

"But they get old," Combs-Wise said, stressing that at some point people have to make their own way in the world.

Ramouni is reveling⁸ in her newfound freedom and the deep bond she's developed with Cali.

After 16 months together, they're both still learning new ways to work together—like when Ramouni forgot Cali's bowl at home and got the pony to drink from the tap in a bathroom sink during a break from class.

“We’ve had some adventures⁹,” Ramouni said with a laugh.

Cali is a smart and serious horse who is eager to learn new ways to guide Ramouni but is not afraid to assert¹⁰ her will.

“If she thinks she can do it, she will. If she thinks she can’t or doesn’t want to I swear she’s half mule because she’ll just stand there.”

1. We learn from the passage that _____.
 - A) there’s lots of ponies to be used as guide animals
 - B) it is constantly to see miniature horses in the United State campus
 - C) none but Ramouni is possessed of a guide miniature horse
 - D) the quality of guide miniature horses in the United States are small
2. The purpose of the internationally recognized center in Ramouni’s university is _____.
 - A) to make the disabled students and employees study or work more conveniently
 - B) to give the disabled students and employees some guidance on how to looking into a guide animal
 - C) to help the disabled students and employees on administering their guide animals
 - D) to help the disabled students and employees on promoting community with others and bringing out the best in them
3. According to the passage, _____ are to be recognized as the best kind of guide pony.
 - A) those whose size are as large as possible
 - B) those whose life spans are as long as possible
 - C) those who are as much stockier as possible
 - D) those who are as tidy as possible
4. Why is Ramouni never really keep on guiding herself with a cane?
 - A) Because she think it’s not pleasing to the eye to walking with a cane.
 - B) Because her siblings always around to give her some help.
 - C) Because she cannot use a cane faultlessly.

- D) Because she can't read the cane's signals and trust that it would not steer her wrong.
5. In the following circumstances, which one would not make Ramouni be sick before Cali arrived?
- A) She attended a lecture in an inexperienced auditorium.
- B) Her sisters called her to listening music together.
- C) Her sisters teased her on spending too much time alone in her room.
- D) She asked her sisters to string along with her to go shopping.
6. We learn from the passage that Cali began to serve Ramouni as a guide pony since _____.
- A) March 2008
- B) October 2008
- C) May 2009
- D) July 2009
7. Which of the following is true about Ramouni and Cali?
- A) Cali is a little bit short to guide Ramouni as a guide animal.
- B) Ramouni and Cali get along with each other so well that it is no need to learn new ways to work together.
- C) The biggest challenge for Ramouni and Cali was making a move to Lansing other than finding ways to get on harmoniously with each other.
- D) Cali isn't tidy and clean that Ramouni have to do cleaning for the pony.
8. Combs-Wise's parents said she can be independent after they die when she _____ to college.
9. Ramouni and Cali have some _____ on learning new ways to work together.
10. Cali would be very _____ if she thinks she can't or doesn't want to do something.

Bully on the Brain

The beginning of 21 century in Boston, for the first time, a brain defect¹ that