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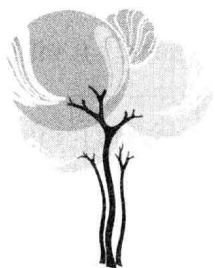
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# Preface

## 自序

2011 年研究生英语考试已经结束,认真分析近三年考研英语阅读真题的命题规律,发现有二大新特点:

第一个特点是文章新。文章大多为西方的报刊摘选,但是与往年不同的是:命题人节选的文章都很新。此特点充分体现在下面的 2011 年考研英语一和英语二客观试题部分的真题来源统计表。

2011 年考研英语真题(一)题源

真题部分		文章题目	杂志名称	时间
完形填空		How Humor Makes You Friendlier, Sexier	Scientific American 《科学美国人》	2009 年 3 月 25 日
阅读理解	Text1	Selling Classical Music	Commentary Magazine 《评论杂志》	2007 年 9 月刊
	Text2	Top Managers Are Quitting, Without a New Job	BusinessWeek 《商业周刊》	2009 年 11 月 5 日
	Text3	Beyond Paid Media: Marketing's New Vocabulary	McKinsey Quarterly 《麦肯锡季刊》	2010 年 11 月
	Text4	Not On Board With Baby	Newsweek 《新闻周刊》	2010 年 7 月 9 日
新题型		Professionalising the Professor	The Economist 《经济学人》	2010 年 2 月 25 日

## 2011 年考研英语真题(二)题源

真题部分		文章题目	杂志名称	时间
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阅读理解	Text1	Outside Directors and Children First	The Economist 《经济学家》	2010 年 5 月 4 日
	Text2	Not Dead Yet	The Economist 《经济学家》	2010 年 6 月 10 日
	Text3	When Less Was More	New York Times 《纽约时报》	2010 年 7 月 1 日
	Text4	The Future of Europe	The Economist 《经济学家》	2010 年 7 月 8 日

第二个新特点是偏好集中。虽然命题人选取文章时大多参考外刊,但是总结近五年的真题来源,真题绝大多数集中在几类杂志。命题人偏好的杂志包括: *The Economist*《经济学家》、*The New York Times*《纽约时报》、*Scientific American*《科学美国人》、*BusinessWeek*《商业周刊》、*Newsweek*《新闻周刊》、*Time*《时代周刊》、*U. S. News & World Report*《美国新闻周刊与世界报道》、*McKinsey Quarterly*《麦肯锡季刊》、*Science*《科学杂志》、*Harvard Business Review*《哈佛商业评论》。选自这十类杂志的文章几乎占考研英语客观试题总量的 90%。

为了更好的帮助广大考生理解文章和扩充知识面,从命题偏好的英文权威报刊杂志中选取了最接近考研真题命题特点的新文章,绝大部分文章精选自 2010 年 7 月——12 月时文,所涉及的内容广泛而丰富,从经济、外交、科技、文化、教育、体育、娱乐、音乐、电影等无所不有。选材贴近考研英语试题命题思路、角度和趋势,帮助考生节省了宝贵复习时间,得以从庞大的复习资源中获得更直接有效的备考资料,达到事半功倍的效果。同时,考虑到广大考生的经济负担,我们再优选出其中最有代表性的文章。

本书具有以下特色:

根据考研阅读文章的题材类型分为教育文化界、经贸风云榜、科普大世界、生活新风尚、娱乐百分百、世界任我行六大版块。其

中,每篇文章又包含以下特色:【**导读**】内容翔实的英语报刊文摘。或文章主题的提炼,既是对正文的铺垫,也是对文章背景和主题的简要介绍,帮助读者迅速了解文章的背景信息。【**文章**】从风格、内容、难易程度方面均逼近考研阅读文章。【**难词解释**】列出文中需考生掌握的重点单词。帮助考生在阅读报刊文章的同时增加词汇认知,扩充词汇量。【**难句释义**】每篇精选 2 至 4 个长难句,从句子结构、句意切割、语言难点解释等层面进行分析。【**译海拾贝**】每篇译文均经过字斟句酌,力求做到准确、流畅、优美,为考生理解文章提供借鉴。

而且,书中配有精美插图,与熠熠生辉的文章相得益彰,增加阅读舒适度,让您享受英语阅读的乐趣。

此外,书中每篇文章均给出星级提示,不同的星级代表不同难度的文章,以助考生加深对英语原文的进一步理解,方便选读之用。

三颗星(★★★):文章有一些生词,但都较容易。句式多为简单句,读来通顺,适于背诵。

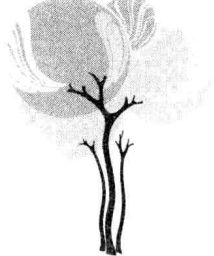
四颗星(★★★★):生词较多,句式较复杂,有个别长难句,理解有一定困难。

五颗星(★★★★★):生词较多,句式很复杂,长难句多。

行走的时代,珍惜阅读的契机。夜阑人静,清风徐来,细雨敲窗,香茗书卷,正是夜读之佳境。鲜活的语言,纯正地道的表达,受益终生英语学习的精英词汇,凝聚热点焦点的新鲜话题,短小精悍,滴水藏海。助你真正做到“阅读时文宝典,成就国际表达”。90 天突破考研英语阅读瓶颈。现在开始吧!

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# 教育文化界



## 教育文化界

# Too much demand for too few terminals

Economist Oct 21, 2010

★★★★

一直以来美国公共图书馆都倡导自由和免费，任何人都可以在图书馆中学习，也可以免费使用其宽带服务。经济危机使很多人停止了家庭的宽带服务，而到图书馆去上网。财政紧缩的公共图书馆已感受到不小的压力。



Usually by ten in the morning at the public library in Albuquerque a dozen people are waiting in line to use the computers. Shortly after the doors opened on a weekday this summer there was someone typing at every screen. Two young girls dressed an online doll together; next to them a man applied for a job at a hardware chain. He's living with his parents for a while, he explained, and he doesn't like to wait to use the internet.

Almost all of America's public libraries provide free internet access. Over the past two years, hard-hit Americans have been economizing by cancelling their broadband contracts at home and looking to public libraries to fill the gap.<sup>①</sup> At the same time, companies and government agencies are saving money by moving job applications and services online; so a rush of new visitors is arriving at libraries just as the local governments that fund them run out of money.

This year three-quarters of America's public libraries have told the American Library Association that public use of the internet increased at their branches, and roughly the same number said that they didn't have enough computers to meet demand. A majority of American states have cut funding to their libraries dur-



ing the year.

Perversely, computers are often more expensive for public libraries than for individuals, and harder to buy. In Albuquerque, any city purchase over \$ 500 requires approval by a technical review committee. A single library desktop, with all of the officially necessary licenses and security and session-management programs, costs the city a whopping \$ 1,800.

The best way for America to ease the new strain on its libraries is by closing the digital divide; companies and state agencies are unlikely ever to give up the efficiencies they won by moving online.<sup>②</sup> Around \$ 7 billion of 2009's stimulus went to expand broadband access. But encouraging competition among America's expensive broadband providers, and hence lower prices for consumers, might do this more cheaply than subsidies<sup>③</sup>.

### 难词解释

- |                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Albuquerque             | 阿尔布开克            |
| 2. hardware ['hɑ:dwɜ:]     | n. 五金器具          |
| 3. economize ['i:kənəmaiz] | vi. 节约, 节省       |
| 4. perversely [pə'vɜ:slɪ]  | ad. 反常的          |
| 5. whopping ['hwɒpiŋ]      | a. 巨大的           |
| 6. stimulus ['stimjʊləs]   | n. 促进(因素); 刺激(物) |
| 7. subsidy ['sʌbsɪdi]      | n. 补助            |

### 难句释义

① Over the past two years, hard-hit Americans have been economizing by cancelling their broadband contracts at home and looking to public libraries to fill the gap.

**【佳译】**过去两年里美国人经济上受到重创, 不得不打起了小算盘。他们取消了家中的宽带合同, 转而到公共图书馆上网。

**【精析】**这句话的主干部分是 Americans... have been economizing...。hard-hit, 形容词, “倍受打击的”, 形容美国人。by 是介词, 来表示方式手段, 后跟动词的现在分词形式, cancelling..., and looking to...。