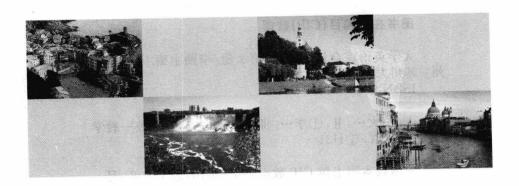
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本套教材共分四册,每一册内容和《新视野大学英语》读写教程相对应,每单元第一部分的同步辅导和教材各相应单元内容相配合,提供文章的背景知识、文章结构导读与分析、重点难点讲解等;第二部分综合训练试题与大学英语四级统考的最新题型相一致,为学生和教师提供丰富的单元测试、英语竞赛和四级强化辅导试题。

本套教材由于兴亭老师担任总主编,编者均为多年从事大学英语教学工作的一线教师,在编写过程中能结合教学情况,力求抓住学生学习过程中的主要问题进行循序渐进的辅导与练习。

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Time-Conscious Americans



I. Cultural Background

Cultural differences: Students and teachers need to be aware that the ethnocentric attitudes of writers are precisely the way cultural conflict is encouraged. Why is understanding a culture always the others' responsibility? Is it not possible that each culture could be made aware of different conventions? Both sides must work at rising above cultural differences and be willing to compromise and, in both cases, most likely neither side has access to the cultural conventions of the other, so blaming is not the answer. Educating is.

II. Text Learning Guide

1. Questions

- (1) What precious resource do Americans value?
- (2) What is considered to be a waste of time in the U.S.?
- (3) In what different ways do Americans approach time in business relations?

2. Structure Analysis

- Part I (Paras. 1 2) Americans value time and save time carefully. Time is regarded as precious resources.
- Part II (Paras. 3 7) Americans try every means to save time. They save time in their daily life, business and work as well. They also create a series of devices to improve efficiency.
- Part III (Para. 8) While new arrivals to the U.S. regard time differently, Americans do take it as a sign of skillfulness or being competent to solve a problem or fulfill a job with speed.

3. Summary

Americans believe so much in moving ahead that they are committed to researching, experimenting and exploring. They treat time as if it were real—a precious resource. Americans value time so highly, they dislike anyone "wasting" it beyond an appropriate amount. New arrivals to the States will miss the custom of social talk during a business call because Americans generally assess or enquire about their visitors professionally rather than socially. The impersonality of electronic communication has little to do with the significance of the matter at hand. Finishing a job or solving a problem rapidly in the U. S. is considered a sign of skillfulness.

${ m III}$. Key Sentences Comprehension

1. Time is one of the two elements that Americans save carefully, the other being labor. (Para. 1)

Paraphrase: Americans use two things with great care (or: Americans never waste two things). One is time and the other is labor.

译文:时间是美国人注意节约的两个要素之一,另一个则是劳力。 Notice here in this sentence we have a special type of adverbial



clause: "the other being labor" (独立主格结构). The structure is: subject + v.-ing (or v.-ed). This type of clause can also be put at the beginning of the whole sentence. For example:

Lunch finished, the young couple returned to the sitting room. 吃完午饭,这对年轻的夫妇回到了起居室。

This type of clause can be rewritten by adding the preposition "with". For example:

Time is one of the two elements that Americans save carefully, with the other being labor. 时间是美国人注意节约的两个要素之一,另一个则是劳力。

With lunch finished, the young couple returned to the sitting room. 吃完午饭,这对年轻的夫妇回到了起居室。

2. We budge it, save it, waste it, steal it, kill it, cut it, account for it; we also charge for it. (Para. 2)

Paraphrase: We deal with time in various ways as if time were something of real value.

译文:我们安排时间、节约时间、浪费时间、挤抢时间、消磨时间、缩减时间、对时间的利用做出解释:我们还要因为付出时间而收取费用。

kill it (time): make time pass quickly by finding sth. to do. For example:

We killed time by playing cards. 我们用玩纸牌来消磨时间。

account for: ① give a satisfactory explanation about (how sth. is used). For example:

Jenny had to account to her husband for every penny she spent. 珍妮不得不向丈夫说明每一个便士是怎么花的。

2) be the cause or origin of. For example:

North Sea oil accounts for a high proportion of our trade earnings. 北海石油占我国贸易收入的很大一部分。

charge for: ask (an amount of money) as a price. For example:
How much do you charge for washing a car? 你们洗一部车要收多少钱?

3. Once the sands have run out of a person's hourglass, they cannot be replaced. (Para.2)

Paraphrase: The whole sentence is a metaphor, which means: Once time has passed, it will not return.

译文:一旦人生的光阴逝去,就不能复返了。

run out of: 1 (of liquid or sth. like liquid) flow out of. For example:

Many rivers run out of the Himalayas. 许多河流发源于喜马拉雅山脉。

- ② use all one's supplies, have no more. For example: I am running out of patience. 我快没耐心了。
- 4. Don't take it personally. (Para. 3)

Paraphrase: Don't let it upset yourself because they are treating everybody this way or because they are not doing this to you in particularly.

译文:不要觉得这是针对你个人的。

take ... personally: if you take someone's remarks personally, you are upset because you think that they are being critical about you in particular. For example:

You mustn't take her negative comments of your plan personally. 你不应该把她对你计划的批评当做对你个人的攻击。

5. ... especially given our traffic-filled streets... (Para. 5)

Paraphrase: ... especially when we take into account our busy streets that are often full of traffic...

译文: ……尤其是在马路上交通拥挤时……

given: prep. taking into account. For example:

Given their inexperience, they have done a good job. 考虑到他们缺乏经验,这工作他们算做得不错了。

We can also use "given that ..." for the same meaning. For example: Given that they are inexperienced; they have done a good job. 考虑到他们缺乏经验,这工作他们算做得不错了。



Notice that "given" is followed by a noun phrase, while "given that" is follow by a finite clause.



I. Writing (15%)

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a composition on the topic: **The Value of Time**. The outline is given in Chinese. Your composition should be no less than 120 words.

- 1. 时间比金钱还宝贵。
- 2. 应该充分利用时间。

Writing technique:

写作模式(观点类)

A proverb says But in my opinion,
. Why? Because However,
This is the reason why
It goes without saying that
Hence, We should
As a student, I must
But it is a pity that
They do not
in a word, we should
Do not

II. Reading Comprehension (Skimming and Scanning) (10%)

Here Comes the E-Book Revolution

At what temperature do electronic books catch fire? We're going to find out sometime this year. E-book sales are about to ignite.

On Monday, Amazon. com is expected to unveil a new version of its Kindle reader. It will probably be a lot better and a little cheaper than

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the first version. But the real news already broke this week: A company spokesman announced that Amazon plans to offer Kindle books on cell phones.

This news countered Google's announcement that the 1.5 million public domain books available on its Google Book Search offering will soon be available (free, of course) via a new cell phone application.

I believe that cell phones will quickly outpace the dedicated e-book readers, including the Kindle, as the platform of choice for e-book readers. Leading the pack? The iPhone, ironically.

It's worth noting that Amazon. com sold more Kindles (at least 500,000) in its first year of sales than Apple sold iPods in its first year (378,000).

Apple may not understand the value of e-books, but iPhone users will embrace them anyway. The reason is simple: The iPhone has a huge, high-quality screen. And its user base includes millions of people who love to do everything on their iPhones, including reading, which they're already doing with online content.

I (and others) have been predicting for some time that Apple will ship a killer tablet at some point. This device, I believe, will have the iPhone user interface and a super high-quality screen. It will be ideal for reading e-books as well.

Why People Read E-Books

Just because e-books are available on better (the new Kindle) and more (all cell phones) devices doesn't mean people will read them. But mark my words, read them they will. Six trends will conspire (共同促成) over the next year to drive e-book reading to levels that will surprise just about everybody.

The Economy

The economy is in the tank, and people are looking to cut costs any way they can. An Amazon Kindle pays for itself after the purchase, of 20 or 30 books, then starts paying dividends. You save big on books,



magazines and newspapers. These savings will grow even more attractive as the recession deepens.

The Environment

Interest in protecting the environment just keeps growing and growing. The idea of getting a daily newspaper or a weekly or monthly magazine on paper seems incredibly wasteful to the point of decadence. Environmental consciousness will drive e-book acceptance.

A Publishing Revolution

The book publishing industry is one of the most backward, musty, out-of-date businesses in our economy. While every other kind of information moves at the speed of light, the process of publishing a book is like something from the Middle Ages.

For authors, it can take months to even find a literary agent willing to represent their work. Then the agent takes months to find a publisher. Then it takes ages for the publishing company to get the book out there.

People are already circumventing(设法回避) all this by self-publishing. The self-publishing industry is the only area of paper-book publishing that's thriving right now. Soon enough, a huge number of authors are finally going to get fed up with the publishing industry and just self-publish electronically. They'll hire their own freelance editors, and do the marketing themselves. The publication of a finished manuscript will take minutes, rather than months.

Old-school thinkers in the publishing industry will lament (悲叹) the slap-dash nature of self-published e-books, and sniff that books are no longer published with the quality and care that they used to. (Never mind that book publishers abandoned high standards years ago in previous cost-cutting initiatives.) The world will pass them by as the book industry undergoes the same transition that happened with the media and blogs.

First, the media didn't understand blogs. Then they invalidated them. Then they accepted them. And now blogs are where the



credibility is. Every columnist and reporter has a blog, and now major TV news programs are built around the opinions of bloggers. A similar transformation will take place about the credibility of self-published and electronic books.

The Rise in Aggressive E-Book Marketing

Like the move from silent pictures to "talkies", the transition to electronic publishing will prove fatal to laggards. Those aggressively pursuing and developing e-books will rise to take control of the publishing industry. Part of this revolution will happen in e-book marketing.

The new generation of e-book publishers will leverage social media, contextual advertising and other innovations. For anyone who spends time online, specific e-book titles will increasingly be advertised and marketed and integrated into other content. E-books, now mostly invisible, will soon be everywhere.

A Rise in Books Written for Electronic Reading

The shift from print to electronic will change the nature of the book itself. Many books will be shorter. They'll be more timely and culturally relevant. They'll be more colorfully and engagingly written. And they'll go after young readers like nothing before.

As in Japan, this will spark a new cultural phenomenon of young people not just reading, but also writing novels and other book types on their mobile devices.

The idea that "people don't read anymore", especially young people, will be revealed as false. Young people today read more, and write a lot more, than any generation in history. To date, they've been unexcited about books, magazines and newspapers because they grew up with social networking and social media. Once books are electronic, relevant and social, too, they'll start reading and writing books like crazy.

The Decline of the Newspaper Industry

And, finally, the newspaper industry is dying. The old method of



physically delivering blog entries on dead tree pulp is out-of-date. It's very simple. Newspapers that embrace e-books will survive. Those that don't, won't.

If you'd like to get a stark view of the relative economics of electronic vs. paper newspapers, check out a blog post on the *Silicon Valley Insider*. The blog did the math and determined that the *New York Times* could buy every single subscriber an Amazon Kindle e-book reader, and it would still cost them half as much as it will cost them to send paper newspapers for just one year.

After decades of false starts, the e-book revolution is finally upon us. By this time next year, e-books will be totally mainstream.

1.	Who is going to supply a new ve	ersion of Kindle reader?
	A) eBay.	B) Google.
	C) Amazon.com.	D) American Online.
2,	How many iPods did Apple sell i	n its first year?
	A) About 1.5 million.	B) About 1.4 million.
	C) About 500,000.	D) About 400,000.
з.	What is the price of an Amazor	National Kindle?
	A) It is free of charge from the	e third year of use.
	B) It costs an amount of mone	y of 20 or 30 books.
	C) It is the cheapest version of	e-books.
	D) It offers a free trial as long	as three months.
4.	A newspaper published on p	paper becomes wasteful out of
	concern about	
	A) environmental protection	B) economic development
	C) readers' convenience	D) marketing strategy
5.	How is the book publishing indus	stry developing at present?
	A) It is in a backward state.	
	B) It is a profitable business.	
	C) It moves at the speed of light	ht.

D) It develops in an abnormal direction.

6.		ndustry, the marketing of a book is done by
	A) the editor	B) the author
	C) an advertiser	D) a literary agent
7.	Nowadays, blogs are	_
	A) incredible	B) unintelligible
	C) trustworthy	D) notorious
8.	The publishing industr	ry will soon be taken control by those who
9.		keen on reading and writing books when
10.	According to the autincorporates with	thor, a newspaper will survive only when it
Ш	Banked Cloze (5%)
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rus		at when you are going to the1, your
	edit card when you are	
	•	ess may be <u>12</u> to you. Now British and
Ge		eloping memory glasses that 13 everything
	e user sees.	everyuming
		back memories14 to help the wearer
rer		e forgotten such as where they left their keys.
		allow the user to "label" items so information
caı	n be used later on.	
	The wearer could wal	k around an office or a factory15 certain
ite		n. Objects indicated are then given a blank
		ne glasses that the user then <u>16</u> in.
		17 plants by mechanics looking to identify
ma		icians wiring a complicated device.
		project said. "A car 18 for instance could

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find at a glance where a part on a certain car model is so that it can be identified and repaired. For the ______ the system could highlight accident black spots or dangers on the road."

In other cases the glasses could be worn by people going on a guided tour, indicating points of 20 or by people looking at panoramas where all the sites could be identified.

A) later	F) fills	K) cleaners
B) motorists	G) dashing	L) mechanic
C) moisture	H) necessity	M) industrial
D) noticeable	I) record	N) interest
E) frustrating	J) haits	O) identifying

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IV. Reading in Depth (20%)

Passage One

Scientists find that hard-working people live longer than <u>average</u> men and women. Career women are healthier than housewives. Evidence shows that the jobless are in poorer health than jobholders. An investigation shows that whenever the unemployment rate increases by 1%, the death rate increases by 2%. All this comes down to one point, work is helpful to health.

Why is work good for health? It is because work keeps people busy away from loneliness. Researches show that people feel unhappy, worried and lonely when they have nothing to do. Instead, the happiest are those who are busy. Many high achievers who love their careers feel that they are the happiest when they are working hard. Work serves as a bridge between man and reality. By work people come into contact with each other. By collective activity they find friendship and warmth. This is helpful to health. The loss of work means the loss of everything. It affects man spiritually and makes him ill.

Besides, work gives one a sense of fulfillment and a sense of