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前 言

从多年教学实践中，我们体会到，要学好外语必须掌握语言的基本功。基本功的掌握只靠教科书是难以奏效的。有计划、有系统地大量阅读是学好外语的重要环节。它不仅可以帮助学生巩固已学的语言知识，更重要的是能帮助学生扩大词汇量，开阔视野，提高应用外语的能力。

多年来，我们就是这样做的，学生受益匪浅。这不仅使学生在中学阶段打下良好的外语基础，而且为他们在高考中取得优异成绩创造了条件。

为此，我们汇集整理出这本《高中英语阅读训练》，帮助在校高中学生提高高考应试能力和英语水平。

鉴于我们的水平有限，本书选材远非完美。恳请使用本书的师生对本书提出批评指正。

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Jonnathan Swift

在下面短文的空格内填入一个在语法上和意义上都正确的词。

Jonnathan Swift, the famous English writer, was one day travelling on horseback with a servant. It was raining 1 the roads were muddy. In the evening the two men came to a hotel. Before 2 to bed, Swift told his servant 3 clean his boots, as they were very dirty. But the servant was very lazy and did not do what his master had said. The next morning, 4 Swift saw the dirty boots, he asked the servant 5 he had not cleaned the boots. The servant answered that he had not cleaned the boots 6 they would soon become dirty again.

"The roads are muddy, 7 is the use of cleaning the boots now? They will soon be dirty 8," he said.

Swift didn't say anything and soon told the servant to get ready because they 9 start at once. But the servant looked very displeased and said that he had not eaten his breakfast yet.

Swift answered that they would go without any breakfast. "What is the 10 of eating now? You will soon be hungry," he said.

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Arthur

Every day Arthur cooks breakfast, lunch and dinner for more than one hundred men. Arthur is an army cook. He loves his work and the soldiers love his food. They like his cakes and pies^① especially. Arthur probably makes more than a thousand cakes every year and, of course, sometimes he needs a rest. Last summer he went on holiday—a soldier's holiday from the army. He stayed with his brother who is a cook in a big hotel. Arthur didn't cook at all on holiday. His brother cooked his meals for him and sometimes he went to a restaurant.

"Of course, I can cook better food than this." thought Arthur, "but I need a rest."

After three weeks, Arthur went back to the army. And he cooked hundreds of meals and baked^② hundreds of pies and cakes. One day he saw something in the newspaper:

Three-day Baking Contest

Big Prize for the Best Cakes and Pies

But the contest was in another town and he only had three weeks' leave every year. He couldn't go away for three days. He asked the captain.

"No," said the captain, "every soldier has three weeks' leave, I'm afraid."

Then Arthur had an idea. He went to the big kitchen and baked a very large cake. He wrote on the top with icing^③, Eat This Cake, please. Can I Go? Another soldier took the cake to the captain's house. An hour later the soldier returned with a note,

"Delicious^④. Good luck in the contest. Captain Harris."

Notes,

- ① pie [pai] n. 馅饼
- ② bake [beik] v. 烤
- ③ icing [aisiŋ] n. 糕饼表层的糖霜
- ④ delicious [di'liʃəs] adj. 可口的

Exercises

Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the best answer; a, b or c.

1. Arthur cooks for about _____.
a. 300 men b. 110 men c. 98 men
2. He cooks the soldiers' _____.
a. lunches b. dinners c. meals
3. Arthur loves his work and the soldiers love _____.
a. him b. his food c. his work
4. Arthur probably makes _____ a thousand cakes a year.

- a. no more than b. not more than c. more than
5. Last year Arthur _____.
- a. made a large cake and then rested.
b. went on holiday. c. left the army.
6. While he was on holiday Arthur cooked _____.
- a. everything b. nothing c. for his brother
7. Sometimes Arthur went to _____.
- a. a cinema b. town c. a restaurant
8. The food Arthur cooks is _____ the food in restaurants.
- a. better than b. worse than c. exactly like
9. Arthur stayed with his brother in a hotel _____.
- a. for 10 days b. for 24 days c. for 21 days
10. Arthur opened his newspaper and saw _____.
- a. a letter b. an advertisement (广告)
c. a note
11. He couldn't go to the contest for _____.
- a. he had finished his holidays.
b. he was not free.
c. the captain didn't allow him to.
12. The captain was _____.
- a. sorry b. afraid c. angry
13. Arthur baked a big cake _____.
- a. for the soldiers b. for the contest

c. for the captain

14. He wrote _____; Eat This Cake, please.

Can I Go?

a. on a piece of paper with a pen.

b. on the top with icing

c. on the table

15. In the end, Arthur _____.

a. went to the contest b. received a note

c. was lucky in the contest

Mr. and Mrs. Brown's Dog

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were going abroad for their holidays. They had a dog called Blackie. They were very fond of him. But they couldn't take him abroad with them. They had to look for a place to leave him while they were away, and at last they found a place. It was a nice place to look after dogs while their owners were away. They took Blackie there just before they left for their holidays and sadly said goodbye to him.

At the end of their holidays, they got back to England very late at night.

As they thought that the dogkeeper's house might be closed at that late hour, they decided to wait until the next morning.

So the next morning Mr. Brown got into his car and drove off happily to collect Blackie.

When he reached home with the dog, he said to his wife, "Do you know, dear, I don't think Blackie enjoyed his stay at that place very much. He barked^① all the way home in the car as if he wanted to tell me something."

Mrs. Brown looked at the dog carefully and then answered.

ered. "You are quite right, dear. He was certainly trying to tell you something. But he wasn't trying to tell you that he hadn't enjoyed his stay at that place. He was only trying to tell that you were bringing home the wrong dog."

Notes:

① bark [bɑ:k] v. 狗的叫声

阅读短文后, 根据下列问题判断正误, 如正确在题号左方写 T, 如错误写 F。

- () 1. Mr. Brown and Mrs. Brown were from France.
- () 2. They were going abroad for finding a job.
- () 3. Blackie was the name of their dog.
- () 4. They took Blackie abroad with them.
- () 5. They made Blackie stay at home with their children.
- () 6. Blackie was looked after by a dogkeeper when they were away.
- () 7. When they reached England from their holidays it was quite early in the morning.
- () 8. Mrs. Brown went to collect Blackie with her husband.
- () 9. Blackie barked all the way in the car because he was eager to go home.
- () 10. Mrs. Brown found it wasn't their Blackie after looking at the dog carefully.

Robeson

完形填空 先读短文，然后从下边四个答案中选择可以填入相应空白处的最佳答案。

Robeson was born in a very poor black family. 1 seven, he had to pick coal in the deserted mine near his home, then he 2 what he had picked and earned a few coins to help his parents. He had 3 schooling, for 4 so poor, how could they afford the school fees^①.

When he was fifteen, he worked 5 a servant in a school. 6 other children studying in the classroom, he felt 7 for himself. How he wished to have the same chance! He decided to study 8. In the daytime, after the sweeping and cleaning was over, he would stand by the window 9 the classroom trying to catch what the teacher said. At night he tried his best to remember what he had learned during the day. He worked so hard at the 10 that he sometimes had just three or four hours' sleep. The more he learned, the greater he 11. A maths teacher discovered him and came to like this diligent boy and 12 him to sit at the back of class.