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内 容 提 要

本书分基础阅读材料,学校生活和学习方法,健康和运动,科普常识,动物和植物,地理知识、风俗和故事等单元,共收集了近 300 篇适合初中生阅读的短文。文章内容丰富,题材广泛,语言规范,难度适中,可帮助读者扩大知识面、提高阅读水平,增强应试能力。

为使读者加深对阅读中的难点和语言点的理解,每篇短文后配以有针对性的适量练习,起到了巩固知识、指导学习的目的。书末附有全部练习的参考答案。

本书可供广大初中生及同等英语水平学习者课外阅读;也可作为参加中考复习的初中学生的阅读材料。

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再版前言

《初中英语阅读 300 篇》自 2000 年 11 月出版以来,已多次重印,得到读者的广泛欢迎和好评。由于所编内容及语言程度适合初中学生的需要,不少学校将本书指定为初中学生的主要英语课外读物,影响遍及全国各地。继后编者又编写出版了《初中英语听力 300 题》、《初中英语综合知识 300 题》、《初中英语完形填空 300 题》、《初中英语写作 300 篇》和《初中英语语法 300 题》等书,《初中英语词汇 300 题》也已付印。本套丛书在全国中学生中产生了一定影响。

近年来,我国英语教学形势发展很快,教育部新制订、颁发的《国家基础教育阶段英语课程标准》,对英语教学,特别是英语的阅读能力和英语课外阅读量提出了新的要求,做出了具体规定。教育部对初中毕业生要达到的英语三级,提出课外阅读量应达到 10 万字以上,而上海及沿海发达地区的要求则更高一些。考虑到随着各地英语教学水平的提高及新版教材的使用,几年前出版的《初中英语阅读 300 篇》已不能完全适合当前初中学生扩大英语阅读量的需求,而且不同地区、不同学校及不同年级也对英语阅读提出了不同的要求。为此编者趁势对本书做了一次全面的修订改版。新版《初中英语阅读 300 篇》共分两卷,其中“基础卷”保留了原书较多的内容,删除和更新了原书中内容较陈旧、篇幅过短,已不符合目前初中阶段教学需要的选篇,主要供一般中学的初中学生使用。“提高卷”全书收集了反映当前国内外发展潮流的时文,编写了大量不同种类的习题,主要供初三毕业生及重点中学的初中学生使用。一般初中学生使用过“基础卷”后,如果感到学有余力,可继续使用“提高卷”。

“提高卷”在栏目设置方面也较以前更细致,分题型阅读有判

断对错、回答问题、选择填空；内容阅读包括各行各业的最新资讯。与此同时，选文体裁多样，其中应用文和新闻报道反映了近年中考命题的趋势，全书有很强的可读性和趣味性，对希望提高英语阅读能力和应试能力的初中学生来说，不失为一本适用的好书。

这几年形势发展很快，全国各地中小学已实施新课程标准；对英语阅读的重视，也随之达到了前所未有的高度。

本版对部分篇目进行调整，替换了个别不符合时势的短文或题目，纠正了一些错漏之处。希望新版能更好地满足读者提高英语学习水平的要求。

本书由冯大雄、俞珮华主编，杨扬、卢璐、陈洁、俞海英、王美华、汤华、陈婕编写，黄教英、毕铭等协助搜集和整理资料。

期盼读者能继续喜爱并使用本书，并诚恳希望得到教师同行与广大读者的批评指正。

编者

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基础阅读材料

1

The Smiths are Americans. They are now in Beijing. This is their first visit to China. They are going to stay in China for two months. They want to visit some cities and villages. They hope to learn some Chinese, too.

Mr. Smith is a doctor. He will visit a hospital in Shanghai. Mrs. Smith is a school teacher. She is going to visit some city schools and village schools. Their daughter is a middle school student. She wants to meet some children students.

They are going to take a lot of pictures in China. When they are back in America, they will show the pictures to their American friends. They want the American people to know more about China.

True or False:

- () 1. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their daughter are now in America.
- () 2. They want to stay in China for about fifty days.
- () 3. Mrs. Smith is going to see a few schools both in cities and villages.
- () 4. They will show the photos to their Chinese friends when they are back from China.
- () 5. They hope that the American will know more about China.

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Today I'm going to show Mr. Li around Shanghai. This is

the biggest and busiest city in China. I live and work here. I know Shanghai very well, but Mr. Li doesn't know it. He is from Beijing. He knows the north of China but he doesn't know the south. My parents live in Beijing too, and they know Mr. Li very well.

I've got plans for today. This morning we are going to visit Nanpu Bridge and Yangpu Bridge by taxi. It is cheaper to take a bus, but a taxi goes much faster. Before lunch we are also going to Yu Garden, and we are going to have lunch there. This afternoon we are going to the Great World. We are going to have dinner in my house. After dinner we are going to a concert at the City Concert Hall.

What a busy day!

True or False:

- () 1. Mr. Li comes from the north of China.
- () 2. I know Shanghai much better than Mr. Li.
- () 3. I am not quite clear about how to show Mr. Li around the city.
- () 4. We are going to visit the two big bridges and the Great World before lunch time.
- () 5. Mr. Li is going to have a good time.



Judy works in a sports shop. She loves all kinds of sports. She can swim and skate very well.

She often plays basketball and volleyball. These days, she is taking her tennis lessons at a tennis club. She goes to the club at weekends. There she meets Kate and Joan. The three of them become good friends. Kate and Joan started their tennis lessons earlier than Judy, but Judy learns the fastest. Now she plays the best of the three.

"You must take part in the tennis match in our town next

year," Kate says to Judy.

"But I have sports only for exercise and fun, you know."
Judy answers.

True or False:

- () 1. Judy is learning to play tennis at a tennis club.
- () 2. Kate and Joan are Judy's new friends.
- () 3. Judy starts her tennis lessons earliest of the three.
- () 4. Judy can play tennis better than Kate and Joan.
- () 5. Judy is going to take part in the tennis match next year.



It was raining hard. Mrs. Smith was sitting in a car. The car was not going fast. It was going very slowly. The car was on a road near a park. There was a lot of water on the road. Mr. Smith was behind the car. He was Mrs. Smith's husband. He was pushing the car. His sons, Peter and John were helping him. The water on the road was so deep that the car couldn't go fast. Mrs. Smith was not wet. The boys and their father were very wet.

True or False:

- () 1. Mrs. Smith's husband is Mr. Smith.
- () 2. Mrs. Smith was driving the car.
- () 3. Peter was sitting in the car.
- () 4. Mr. Smith was in the car.
- () 5. John was helping his father.



Henry was at Peter's party. He met a beautiful girl there, but he was shy when he was with the girl. When he was dancing with her, he couldn't say a word to her. Then the music stopped. Henry finally managed to get up enough nerve(鼓起足够勇气) to say a few words to her.

Henry: Thank you very much for the dance.

Girl: You're welcome. I enjoyed it very much, but now I must go.

Henry: Oh... uh... Miss...

Girl: Yes?

Henry: Can I call you tomorrow?

Girl: Of course, if you want to.

Henry: Will you give me your phone number?

Girl: You can find it in the telephone directory.

Henry: Oh, of course. How foolish I am!

Girl: Now I must go.

Henry: But... uh... uh... I don't know your name.

Girl: You can find my name in the telephone directory too!
Good-bye.

True or False:

- () 1. Henry and the girl didn't talk to each other when they were dancing.
- () 2. Henry wanted to keep in touch with the girl.
- () 3. The girl told Henry her number and name.
- () 4. Henry could find the girl's name because the directory had it.



There were two brothers. They had different ways of life. One lived on the farm, married, had children, and lived a full and happy life. The other travelled all around the world. He saw everything that there was to see and collected many memories. When the brothers were old, the first brother had children and grandchildren to take care of him. He had the fruits of his work to make him happy. The second brother had nothing but memories.

True or False:

- () 1. The two brothers lived together for all their life.
- () 2. One of the two brothers lived a full life. It means he was satisfied.
- () 3. The second travelled a lot and collected many memories. It means he had a lot to look back.
- () 4. When the second returned, the children of the first brother looked after him.
- () 5. The first felt sorry for not having travelled when he was young.



Beckham on the Cover of Big Comics Superior(《大漫画高手》)

If you like football, you must know David Beckham. He is a famous football player from England. But do you know that he is on the cover of *Big Comics Superior*? *Big Comics Superior* is a magazine in Japan. Football can go around the world.

Zebra-crossing

October 31, 1951: People first walked over a zebra-crossing in England. A zebra-crossing is white and black. People can see it easily. People walk over a zebra-crossing when they want to cross the road. This can make them safe from cars.

Birthday of Today's Football

Today is the birthday of modern football. The FA is the oldest football group in the world. It started in London on that day. The FA made the rules of football. Before that, there were no rules. People played football with their own rules.

True or False:

- () 1. *Big Comics Superior* is a famous English magazine.
- () 2. Beckham is on the cover of a Japanese magazine.
- () 3. Walking over a zebra-crossing makes people safe from cars.

- () 4. Today people play football with the FA's rules.
() 5. These three paragraphs are all advertisements.

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One night a man came upon a boy looking for something under a streetlight(街灯). The man asked the boy what he had lost. The boy said that he had lost his watch. Since it was obviously not there, the man asked the boy if he was sure that he lost the watch down the street. The man then asked the boy why he was looking for the watch under the streetlight. The boy said, "Well, sir, the light's much better here."

True or False:

- () 1. The boy lost his watch in daytime.
() 2. The boy lost his watch down the street.
() 3. The boy was looking for his watch under a streetlight.
() 4. The streetlight was bright, so he could find his watch there.

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It was difficult to find jobs in the northeast of England, and when John lost his job, he found it impossible to get a new one, so he decided to go down to the south of the country, where he had heard that it was easier to find work. He went to the station and got on a train which was going to London.

He was the only person in the car(车厢) when another man rushed in carrying a gun and said, "Your money or your life?"

"I haven't got any money," John answered, full of fear.

"Then why are you trembling so much?" the man with the gun asked him angrily.

"Because I thought you were the ticket-collector, and I haven't even got a ticket," answered John.

True or False:

- () 1. It was impossible for John to find a new job in northeast England.
- () 2. John decided to go to the north of the country.
- () 3. John went there by car.
- () 4. John was the only one in his car.
- () 5. John had no money with him.
- () 6. John was frightened when the man with a gun rushed in.
- () 7. The man was the ticket-collector.
- () 8. John didn't buy the ticket.



An old woman opens her windows and looks out of it. The sun shines brightly. There is a man in the garden in the front of her house. The old woman looks at him and says, "He is eating grass." She goes out into the garden and says to the man, "Are you very hungry?"

The man says, "Yes, I am. I'm a poor man. I haven't had my breakfast today, and I'm hungry."

The old woman says to him, "Come to the back of my house." And she goes in again.

The man smiles happily and goes to the back door of the house. The old woman opens the door and says to the poor man, "The grass is longer behind the house."

True or False:

- () 1. The old woman sees a poor man.
- () 2. The man is eating grass behind the woman's house.
- () 3. The man eats grass because he is hungry.
- () 4. The old woman doesn't let the man in.
- () 5. From the story we know the woman is very kind.

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Mr. White looks out of his window. There is a boy in the street. He is eating some food.

There is a dog in the street, too. The boy says, "Come here, I'm going to give you some bread." The dog comes up. The boy kicks(踢) the dog. The dog runs away.

Mr. White comes out of his home and says to the boy, "Come here, I'm going to give you some money." The boy is happy and he goes to Mr. White. But Mr. White doesn't give him any money. He kicks the boy. The boy cries(哭) and says, "Why do you kick me? I don't ask you for any money."

"The dog doesn't ask you for any bread," Mr. White says, "but you kick it."

True or False:

- () 1. The boy is eating something in the street.
- () 2. The boy likes the dog.
- () 3. The dog doesn't want to eat anything.
- () 4. The boy asks Mr White for some money.
- () 5. Mr White is going to give the boy a lesson(教训).

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Helen was going to have her first baby very soon. One evening it was time to take her to the hospital, so her husband, Sam, helped her get into the car and drove her there. A nurse took Helen to her room and told Sam that he could go home and she would call him when the baby arrived, but Sam said he would rather wait at the hospital. The nurse smiled and said, "There's a waiting room at the end of the hall."

Sam was walking up and down near the waiting room at about midnight when the nurse came out of his wife's room and said, with a happy smile, "Which would you have preferred, a

boy or a girl?" "A girl," answered the husband. "I have an old sister, and she was always very kind to me when I was a child."

"Well," said the nurse, "It's a boy this time."

"That's all right," answered Sam happily, "That was my second choice."

True or False:

- () 1. One evening Helen was sent to the hospital to see her first baby.
- () 2. It was Helen's husband, Sam, who helped her get into the car and drove her to hospital.
- () 3. Sam was allowed to wait at a waiting-room at the end of the hall.
- () 4. The baby arrived at daytime.
- () 5. Sam was woken up by the crying of his baby.
- () 6. Sam would like both boy and girl.



Anna Louise Strong was a famous American writer. She was born in 1885. She spent her first thirty years in the west of America.

She was in China for the first time in 1925. Later she came to China several times. In August 1946, on her fifth trip through China, she went to Yan'an. She was very glad to have a chance to meet Mao Zedong. In the spring of 1958, at the age of 72, she came to China again and lived in Beijing until her death in 1970.

In her later years, she wrote some books about China in order to help the people all over the world understand New China. Among them are *Why I Came to China at the Age of 72* and *Letters from China*.

Anna Louise Strong was our true friend. Her name will be remembered by the Chinese people for ever.

True or False:

- () 1. She lived in the east of America before she was thirty

years old.

- () 2. She first came to China in 1885.
- () 3. She went to Yan'an on her sixth trip through China.
- () 4. She died in the west of America.
- () 5. She wished the people throughout the world should understand the New China.



Joe had a shop. He sold beef in his shop. One day a woman came into his shop at about five. "I'm sorry I'm late," she said, "I need some more beef for my dinner tonight."

Joe had only one piece of beef in his shop. He took it out of the fridge and said, "This is 6.50 dollars."

"That piece is too small," the woman said, "Haven't you got anything bigger?" Joe went into the room behind his shop, put the piece of beef into the fridge, took it out again and closed the door with a loud noise. Then he brought the piece of the beef to the woman and said, "This piece of beef is bigger and more expensive. It's 8.75 dollars."

"Good," the woman said with a smile, "Give me both of them, please."

True or False:

- () 1. The woman came to Joe's shop early in the morning.
- () 2. The woman didn't want that piece of beef at first because it smelt bad.
- () 3. The second piece of beef was as big as the first one.
- () 4. There were two pieces of beef in the fridge.
- () 5. Joe gave the woman both the pieces of beef, but the woman took only of them.
- () 6. Joe was very happy when he sold both the pieces of beef in the end.

Jack had a dog. One day he tied(系) his dog to a tree by a rope. He put his dish of food on the grass. Then he watched his dog out of his window. He saw the dog take the food. But all of a sudden, the dog stopped. He saw a fox watching the dog eating the food. The fox wanted to eat the dog's food. The fox came nearer and ran around the tree. The dog ran after it. The rope went round the tree, too. Round and round went the fox. Round and round went the rope. Soon all the rope was round the tree. Now think what happened next.

True or False:

- () 1. A fox came when the dog was eating the food.
- () 2. The fox wanted to eat the dog's food.
- () 3. The dog watched the fox going round and round the tree.
- () 4. The fox left quietly.
- () 5. The fox is cleverer than the dog.

John was fourteen years old and he was a very lazy boy. He had to go to school of course, but he wasn't interested in any of his subjects and never did his lessons. His father and mother were doctors and they hoped that he would be a doctor too, when he grew up. But one day John said to his mother, "When I finish school, I want to be a dustman(清除垃圾的工人)."

"A dustman?" his mother asked. She was very surprised. "That's not a very pleasant job. Why do you want to be a dustman?"

"Because then I will only have to work one day a week," John answered.

"Only one day a week?" his mother said. "What do you