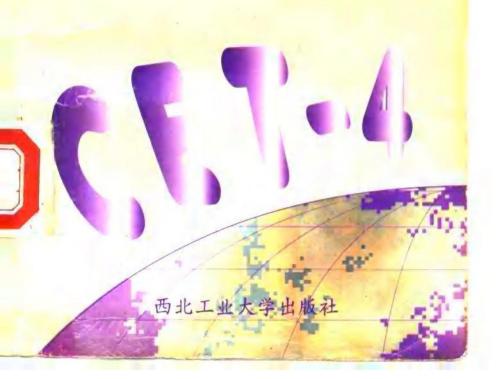
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古人云:"熟读唐诗三百首,不会作诗也会吟",可见"熟读"的重要。目前,有许多写作指南书,但专供学生学习、背诵、模仿练习的写作书还比较少。针对这一状况,作者从好的学生习作中精选、修改了一些作文,并参考了其他有关的写作书籍,选编了100篇范文。

本书有如下主要特点:

- 1. 文章题材贴近学生生活,或是永恒话题,或是热门话题,可实践性强;
  - 2. 选编了范文 100 篇,提供了足够的学习、练习量;
  - 3. 全部文章附有汉语译文,便于读者学习参考。由于作者水平有限,错误在所难免,敬请读者批评指正。

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### 第一部分 范 文

#### 1. LIFE AT COLLEGE

Life at college is simple and interesting. Everyday I attend four to six periods of lessons. Sometimes we hold a discussion, on other occasions, we do an experiment. After class, I often study in the library. The many magazines and reference books there are very helpful. The home assignments always keep me quite busy. And I am rather afraid of the many tests and exams.

Still, I manage to set aside some time for friends and for various activities. As I am of a social nature and play all kinds of games, I have made many friends. We like to talk about our life at college and life in the future. We often have a lot of fun together.

I am now about half-way through my degree courses. I have made much progress in my study. I will make good use of the remaining time. There is so much to learn in our everchanging world. So I have decided to have further education in this field after graduation.

#### 2. CHOOSING AN OCCUPATION

Everyone faces the problem of choosing an occupation

after graduation from university, which is of vital importance in his whole life. An appropriate occupation makes a man work with vigor and zest. Besides, it is beneficial both for the individual and for the country.

To make a wise choice, two important things should be taken into consideration. One is the interest of the individual, the other, the demands of the people and the country. Only when the two aspects are connected, can a man show his ability and talent to the best advantage. If the two conflict, then the former should give way to the latter, for the people's interests are the most important.

In regard to my choice in the future, I want to work as an interpreter. I am fond of learning foreign languages and quite good at English. Moreover, with the implementation of the Open-Door Policy, exchanges between home and abroad in economy and culture has been growing significantly. But enough competent interpreters are hard to find. So I am determined to be a qualified interpreter.

#### 3. MAKING DECISIONS

Parents in China tend to make all decisions for their children. It is only too common for them to choose schooling for their children. Upon graduation, they tend to pick up a profession for their children. After that they will decide whom their children are to marry. Even such things as clothing and time table are often decided by the parents.

Deciding everything for your children does not help them make way in the world. It is obvious that parents cannot accompany their children and make decisions on everything all the time. Besides, deciding all things for your children will make them form passive and dependent habit, which will do more harm than good in the long run.

Growing to be independent is the natural way for every-body. As a child grows up, he will go and graduate from a school or college. After that he will build up a family of his own. This is the way every parents has experienced. Therefore, giving more advice rather than making decisions is more helpful.

#### 4. THE VALUE OF TIME

Nobody knows what time is like, for we cannot see it, nor can we touch it. Time is abstract, which we can only imagine in our mind.

But we do know that time passes very quickly. Some students, however, do not know the value of time, nor do they know how to make the best use of it, for they waste it in going to films, playing games and doing other useless things. Why do we go to school early in the morning? Why do trains run so fast? Why do most people prefer taking buses instead of walking? The answer is very simple; we wish to save time because time is precious.

Today we are living in the twentieth century. We know that time is life. When a person dies, his time has ended. Since life is short, we must devote our time and energy to our studies so that we may be able to serve our country and the people; But since time is invisible, we often neglect it.

Laziness is the thief of time, for laziness not only brings us a lot of harm, it also brings us failure. If it is necessary for us to do some work today, let us do it today and not leave it until tomorrow. Remember that time is more valuable than money.

# 5. THE HAPPINESS OF READING BOOKS

People often say that gold and silver are the most valuable things in the world. But I must assert that reading books is more valuable than anything else, because books give us knowledge which in turn gives us the power to make fortune.

The old saying "To open a book is always beneficial" sufficiently shows us how good it is to read a book. It must be noticed, however, that some books are written without any purpose and even with indecency. They may corrupt the character of the readers. Such books must be absolutely avoided when reading.

Books are our friends and teachers. As friends, they are always kind to us whether we are happy or angry. They can always give us comfort when we are sad. As teachers, they not only increase our knowledge, they also enlarge our experience, strengthen our character. Moreover, they teach us truth and philosophy of life. They can lead us on the road to success.

Knowledge is boundless, whereas life is limited. We have to learn since our life is continued. There are many

things which are very necessary to learn and there are also many things which should be avoided. Books tell us what is good and what is evil. And they protect us from the evil and guide us to the good.

Therefore, to read more books is the best policy for us young students.

#### 6. DILIGENCE

It is the duty of every man to work. An idler wastes his time, and his life is of no use to himself or to others. The man who is too lazy to work is the man who is generally most ready to beg or to steal. Every one should learn some useful things when he is young.

But it is not enough that a person should only learn some kind of work. He should devote himself to his work with a strong will, and not waste his half hours or spare minutes. There is an English proverb "Lost time never returns". This means that everybody must be diligent, and must make a good use of his time. One must study hard when he is young, so that he may succeed in his life and become useful to his country.

There is no better aid to diligence than the habit of early rising and this, like all other good habits, is most easily formed in youth. I have never heard that those who are diligent will become beggars, but I know that idle fellows will become beggars. Be diligent, because I believe that it is the mother of success.