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前言

英语阅读理解从形式上来看可分为广义上的阅读理解和狭义上的阅读理解。广义上的阅读理解,即通过对一篇文章、一段对话,甚至一个句子的阅读,以达到理解之目的。在现代各类考试中的表现形式有:完形填空、阅读理解、短文改错、补全对话、短文填空等;狭义上的阅读理解就是我们常见的一种 Reading Comprehension 题目,这种阅读理解题目的表现形式又可细分为回答问题、正误判断、单项选择等。

为了帮助高考考生提高英语的阅读能力,我们根据教育部考试中心制定的《2009 年普通高等学校招生全国统一考试大纲》中对阅读理解方面所作的要求编写了《大赢家·高考英语阅读实战演练》。全书分两轮进行演练,第一轮按狭义上的阅读理解,即我们常见的 Reading Comprehension 题型进行编写,共包括 48 次实战演练;第二轮按广义上的阅读理解的各种题型进行编写,共包括 40 次实战演练。具体地说,第一轮是单题型训练,第二轮是综合题型训练。所有实战演练内容按“时尚性、趣味性、知识性”的标准进行筛选,题材丰富多样、立意新颖、语言风格鲜明、涉及内容广泛,具有浓烈的文化气息;文章的编排基本上是按照“先易后难”进行,文章的长短也是严格控制在高考阅读文章要求的字数范围之内;文章还提供了建议阅读时间、难度系数,使考生在训练过程中能有的放矢。同时,为了方便老师让学生进行全班统一训练,每一次演练题都可撕下来,让全班学生在课堂 45 分钟内完成,然后让学生对照其“答案及详析”纠正错误。

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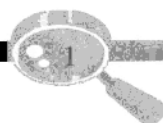
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实战演练 1

A

总词数 336 建议阅读时间 6 分钟 难度系数 ★★★

Who is the most charming man in the world? David Beckham, Brad Pitt or Tom Cruise? Neither of them, at least in the eyes of a salesman surnamed Lin who claims to be the most attractive guy on the globe.

...Many people say that I am far more charming than the movie stars, say, Takeshi Kaneshiro and Tse Ting Fung and I know this. I look young and mature. "I believe no one can top me in appearance," Lin said, "I am ten times more handsome than any one else." "Handsome guys seldom brag about their outlooks, while the braggers are anything but handsome," Lin responded to those who may doubt that he is exaggerating about his appearance.

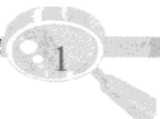
Lin, 165cm (5.4 feet) tall, called the news hotline of the Southern China Metropolis Daily earlier this month, asking the paper to help promote him into a celebrity. He offered to treat a dinner to anyone who can make him famous. "I'll be very grateful to my future patrons. They are ten times more important than my parents. I will pay back by inviting them to a meal," Lin said.

Eager to become a star, Lin claimed that his face was more than enough to make him famous, though he was not gifted in arts and performing. When asked about the best-looking part on him, Lin alleged that each part was perfect and no defects could be found. "It's standard" was his reply to questions about his 165-cm statue.

Lin used to be a waiter and now works as a salesman at a market selling steel products. The 24-year-old man has never formally dated a girl though quite a number of women have shown interests in him, according to Lin. Whenever he is idle, he just looks into the mirror to enjoy his handsome appearance or poses for pictures, according to Lin.

"His illusion originates from narcissism," a psychologist in Hainan University said, adding that narcissism can often make people feel too good about themselves.

- () 1. Which of the following is true according to the passage?
- A. Lin is not only eager to become famous but gifted in arts and performing.
 - B. Lin thinks he is the most handsome person in the world.
 - C. Lin was once a waiter, but now works at a small company.
 - D. However busy Lin is, he spends hours every day enjoying himself in the mirror.
- () 2. Why did he call the news hotline of the Southern China Metropolis Daily?
- A. To make friends with David Beckham, Brad Pitt or Tom Cruise.
 - B. To date a girl whom he had fallen in love with.
 - C. To ask for help for he thinks he is suffering from narcissism.
 - D. To be a famous person.



- () 3. What kind of person do you think Lin is?
 A. Confident. B. Normal.
 C. Abnormal(病态的). D. Modest(谦虚的).
- () 4. Which would be the best title for this passage?
 A. Most Handsome Man Seeking Fame B. A Salesman Surnamed Lin
 C. A Handsome Young Man D. The Most Attractive Guy

B

总词数 335 建议阅读时间 6.5 分钟 难度系数 ★★

The crow (乌鸦) has long been part of man's history. More than any other bird, the crow has been both criticised (批判) and praised. Some have feared it as a sign of bad luck.

To the farmer, the crow is a hungry robber. Most people see the crow as a big, noisy, troublesome bird.

It is easy, therefore, to understand how the crow got its name into the language. Any person who talks loudly about himself or his deeds is said to "crow" about himself.

This expression came from Old English or French. But there is a saying about the crow in America that is different. A person may be too sure of himself and say something in a loud and boastful (自夸的) way. Later, he may admit he is wrong. Then he is "eating crow".

No one knows how this saying got started. But one story about it appeared in a Louisiana newspaper in 1851:

A man who owned a house served food, and his customers complained about it. One day, they complained so loudly that the owner of the house laughed at them and said, "Why, I can eat anything and enjoy it."

Some decided to test him. They killed a large crow and cooked it and made it look nice. Secretly, however, they added hot pepper (胡椒) and salt. They put the tasty-looking dish before the owner and invited him to eat.

The owner took a big bite out of the crow. It was terrible. He pushed the dish away from him, "Yes," he said, "I can eat crow, but I'll be damned (下地狱) if I like it!"

So, being too certain has its price, if later you must admit you are wrong. You may have to swallow your pride as well as your words. And that may be as unpleasant as eating crow.

- () 1. Farmers dislike crows because they are _____.
 A. thought of as signs of bad luck B. harmful to their crops
 C. noisy D. troublesome
- () 2. The saying "to eat crow" came from _____.
 A. Old English B. French
 C. an unknown origin (起源) D. a Louisiana newspaper
- () 3. When we say "someone eats crow", we mean that _____.
 A. he talks loudly about himself
 B. he is too sure of himself
 C. he says something in a loud and boastful way

- D. he boasts of something and then admits he is wrong
- () 4. The customers cooked a crow for the owner of the house because _____.
 A. they wanted to prove he was lying B. he laughed at them
 C. he treated them badly D. they thought crows were delicious
- () 5. In the end, the owner of the house _____.
 A. ate up the crow
 B. insisted that he could eat anything and enjoy it
 C. kept his promise
 D. had to admit that he was wrong

C

总词数 357 建议阅读时间 7 分钟 难度系数 ★★★

A couple of years ago, before a trip to China, Nicole Davis and her US women's volleyball teammates were warned about the prominence (显著、突出) of coach "Jenny" Lang Ping in her native country.

"I was pushed over by Chinese journalists while I was just trying to put my luggage on the bus," said Davis.

Known as the "Iron Hammer" for her punishing spikes (扣球), Lang made it possible for China to dominate in the sport in the early 1980s. She was a key player on China's 1984 Olympic gold medal-winning team.

When the US team arrived for the Olympics, Lang, 48, who is from Beijing, had to take a different route to avoid a crowd of reporters and fans.

Then came the greatest moment to Lang: While the US team was playing in a packed gym, at least 8,000 Chinese fans unfurled an American flag.

"That really says it all," Davis said. "They look at her as an icon (偶像). I'm sure it's hard for them to see her coaching another country, but they love her so dearly that her success is their success."

The loyalty of the Chinese fans was tested on Friday, when China lost a match to the US.

"It's a pity that China lost the match, but I'm still glad that Lang Ping's team won, since she is the pride of China's volleyball," said Liu Chengli, a spectator. "We also cheered for Lang's victory."

Lang says she just tries to stay professional when the two teams meet. "It doesn't matter if we play China or any other team. It's the same," Lang said.

Davis said she and her teammates could not have imagined the passion for volleyball among Chinese because of the sport's lack of popularity in the US. The reception from Chinese fans has touched the US players, said US volleyball player Lindsey Berg.

"It's such an honor to be here and play for our coach here in China," she said. "The amount of support that the Chinese give to her and us has been tremendous. The whole event has been unbelievable."

- () 1. What's the passage mainly about?
 A. Staying professional. B. Cheering for the Iron Hammer.
 C. A match between China and the US. D. Lang Ping's career as a coach.
- () 2. Lang Ping avoided meeting the reporters and fans probably because she _____.
 A. was afraid to be questioned about her strategy
 B. didn't want to be paid much attention to
 C. disliked to be with her fans
 D. didn't want to disturb public order
- () 3. What does the underlined word "unfurled" exactly mean?
 A. destroyed completely B. tore into pieces
 C. spread out to the wind D. rolled up
- () 4. What impressed the US team players most?
 A. The tolerance of Chinese people.
 B. The popularity of volleyball in China.
 C. Lang Ping's coaching skills.
 D. Chinese people's loyalty for volleyball.

D

总词数 297 建议阅读时间 5.5 分钟 难度系数 ★★

When a group of children politely stop a conversation with you, saying: "We have to go to work now," you're left feeling surprised and certainly uneasy. After all, this is the 1990s and the idea of children working is just unthinkable. That is, until you are told that they are all pupils of stage schools, and that the "work" they go off to is to go on the stage in a theatre.

Stage schools often act as agencies (代理机构) to supply children for stage and television work. More worthy of the name "stage school" are those few places where children attend full time, with a training for the theatre and a general education. A visit to such schools will leave you in no doubt that the children enjoy themselves. After all, what lively children wouldn't settle for spending only half the day doing ordinary school work, and acting, singing or dancing their way through the other half of the day?

Then of course there are times for the children to make a name and make a little money in some big shows. Some stage schools give their children too much professional work at such a young age. But the law is very tight on the amount they can do.

Those under 13 are limited to 40 days in the year; those over 13 to 80 days. The schools themselves admit that not all children will be successful in the profession for which they are being trained. So what happens to those who don't make it? While all the leading schools say they place great importance on children getting good study results, the facts seem to suggest this is not always the case.

- A. attend a stage school B. are going to the theatre
C. have got some work to do D. love singing and dancing
- ()2. In the writer's opinion, a good stage school should _____.
A. produce star performers
B. help pupils improve their study skills
C. train pupils in language and performing arts
D. provide a general education and stage training
- ()3. "Professional work" as used in the text means _____.
A. ordinary school work
B. money-making performances
C. stage training at school
D. acting, singing or dancing after class
- ()4. Which of the following best describes how the writer feels about stage schools?
A. He thinks highly of what they have to offer.
B. He favours and early starts in the training of performing arts.
C. He feels uncomfortable about children putting on night shows.
D. He doubts the standard of ordinary education they have reached.

总词数 338 建议阅读时间 5.5 分钟 难度系数 ★★

Even though she's quite young, Drew Barrymore can already be called a Hollywood legend. She's lived it up, she's done it all, and she has enough movies under her belt to put most young stars to shame.

Barrymore was born on February 22, 1975, in California. Being from a family that produced great actors, it's no wonder that she quickly found her way into the spotlight.

When she was 11 months old, she made her first commercial on TV. She made her first movie at the age of 2. Four years later, she showed up as Gertie in the director of Jurassic Park Series, Steven Spielberg's famous film E. T. the Extra-Terrestrial (1982).

Most kid stars in Hollywood fail to become stars as adults. And most of the time, once they're out of the spotlight, they stay out. Not so with Drew Barrymore.

As she was getting older, Barrymore started to realize that there is more to life than publicity stunts (惊人之举). She set out to build a career and made a series of successful films since 1997, including Charlie's Angels (2000) and 50 First Dates (2004).

“In my life, there is darkness and chaos(混乱) and drama, and I have yet to explore some of that in my work life. I sort of just want to quietly challenge myself and prove that I’m capable of more.”

Actually, anyone who's familiar with her disordered childhood might find it hard to believe

she's such a sweet person now. Like many of the characters she plays in her comedy, Drew is easygoing and laughs a lot. This year, she is on the cover of People magazine's 100 Most Beautiful People issue.

"Life is very interesting in the end, some of your greatest pains, become your greatest strengths." Drew said.

- () 1. In her first show in screen, Barrymore _____.
 A. acted for advertisement B. was only two years old
 C. acted a role in the famous film E. T. D. proved to be a good actress
- () 2. Which of the following is NOT Barrymore's film?
 A. Charlie's Angels. B. 50 First Dates.
 C. The Extra-Terrestrial. D. Jurassic Park Series.
- () 3. From the text we know all EXCEPT that _____.
 A. Barrymore was born in a film family
 B. Barrymore doesn't have a very smooth career
 C. Most Hollywood kid stars are ordinary when they are grown up
 D. Barrymore is regarded as one of 100 most beautiful people by Times magazine
- () 4. The underlined part in the first paragraph means _____.
 A. Barrymore always puts many films discs in her belt
 B. Barrymore likes to show off her success
 C. Barrymore has enough belts to carry her films
 D. Barrymore has acted in a great many films



实战演练 2

A

总词数 286 建议阅读时间 6 分钟 难度系数 ★★

About the Conference

The Athletic Business Conference & Expo is a premier educational event for athletic, fitness and recreation professionals. Through thought-provoking (发人深省的) seminars (研究会), outstanding keynotes, various trade shows and great networking, attendees get the latest information on building, managing, operating and marketing sports, recreation and fitness facilities and programs.

The conference and trade show will take place at the Orange County Convention Center, Nov. 29 ~ Dec. 1 in Orlando.

Conference Seminars and Workshops

Wednesday, Nov. 28, through Saturday, Dec. 1. Workshops will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 28, while seminars will be held Nov. 29 ~ Dec. 1. A complete seminar schedule will be available in July.

Golf Classic, Tours

The ABC Golf Classic and tours of area sports and recreation facilities will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Exhibit Hall Hours

Thursday, Nov. 29	Trade Show Grand Opening	3:00 p. m. ~ 7:00 p. m.
Friday, Nov. 30	Early-morning workouts	6:30 a. m. ~ 8:30 a. m.
Friday, Nov. 30	Show Hours	1:15 p. m. ~ 5:15 p. m.
Saturday, Dec. 1	Early-morning workouts	8:00 a. m. ~ 9:30 a. m.
Saturday, Dec. 1	Show Hours	9:30 a. m. ~ 12:30 p. m.

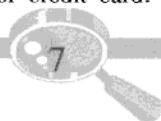
Welcome Reception

Thursday, Nov. 29. Location to be announced.

Cost

- * Workshops, tours, CEUs and the Golf Classic have an additional cost.
- * \$ 395 first person.
- * \$ 340 per person for 2nd and 3rd person from the same organization.
- * Multi-attendee discount: \$ 160 per person for each additional person(4th and beyond) from the same organization.

Note: To receive multi-attendee discount, all attendees from the same organization must register at the same time and pay with one check or credit card. Workshops, tour, CEUS and the Golf



Classic have an additional cost.

- () 1. The above advertisement is most likely to catch the eyes of _____.
 A. Tom, who majors in Sports Education in university
 B. Jane, who is considering losing some weight these days
 C. Jack, who is going to invest in a recreation center
 D. Emma, who does cleaning work in a barber shop
- () 2. When does the advertisement most probably appear?
 A. In June. B. In July. C. In August. D. In September.
- () 3. When should you arrive at the site of the conference if you want to attend the workshops?
 A. On Wednesday. B. On Thursday.
 C. On Friday. D. On Saturday.
- () 4. A party of 3 people and a registered party of 6 people will have to pay _____ in total for the admission.
 A. 1075 B. 1555 C. 2630 D. 3555

B

总词数 300 建议阅读时间 7 分钟 难度系数 ★★★

SEOUL—Discussions to transfer North Korean funds held at a Macau bank, central to the hidden state moving on nuclear, are in their final stages, South Korea's foreign minister said on Wednesday.

And Yonhap news agency quoted a South Korean official as saying the transfer could be completed by the end of the week. "Related countries have entered the final stages of resolving the BDA (Banco Delta Asia) issue." Foreign minsiter Song Minsoon told reporters. Song added that North Korea was among those countries looking for a way out of the problem but said it was too early to talk of a time-frame.

Pyongyang has refused to honor a February deal to begin shutting its Yongbyon nuclear reactor and source of material for atomic bombs until the \$ 25 million of its funds stuck in BDA in Macau is released through normal banking channels. That would in effect allow DPRK back into the international banking system which it can not enter now. "There is a high possibility all of North Korea's funds in BDA will be transferred within this week." Yonhap quoted what it called a key government official as saying. The funds were effectively frozen in BDA and, because of the embarrassment attached to holding North Korean assets (财产), banks have avoided playing a role in the process of the money being returned to Pyongyang.

The official denied some media reports that some of the money had already been withdrawn. Optimism that the bank issue could finally be resolved has grown following the word from Russia that it would help out. Russia is one of five regional powers-along with China, Japan, South Korea and the United States-which has been communicating with North Korea to end its nuclear weapons program in exchange for massive economic aid.

- () 1. The underlined word "withdrawn" in the last paragraph means "_____".
 A. cancelled B. stolen C. taken out D. picked out

- () 2. Pyongyang would begin shutting Yongbyon nuclear reactor on condition that _____.
- the world would help its economic development
 - South Korea gave back its funds
 - the Macau bank returned its funds
 - its funds stuck in BDA was released
- () 3. According to the text, which of the following statements is NOT true?
- A South Korean official said the transfer could be completed by the end of the week.
 - The news that some of the money had already been withdrawn is wrong.
 - Russia has agreed to provide North Korea with economic aid.
 - The related countries to the problem are Russia, China, Japan, South Korea, North Korea and the United States.
- () 4. The best title for the text is _____.
- North Korea Bank Issue Nearly Over
 - The Time of Disarm Nuclear Weapons Near
 - The Related Countries Negotiating on Nuclear Disarmament
 - North Korea in Difficulty

C

总词数 272 建议阅读时间 6 分钟 难度系数 ★★

When people get bad toothaches, they often have to eat soft, easily chewed food. When lions get bad toothaches, they eat people? That's the conclusion of a zoologist at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and a dentist who works on carnivores (食肉动物).

Lions don't normally prey on people. Every once in a while, however, a lion will go on a human-eating diet. The most famous of such tragedy happened in 1898, when two lions killed and ate 135 railway workers in Kenya.

Examining the preserved skulls (骷髅) of the two big cats, zoologist Bruce Patterson and dentist Ellis Neiburger found that both animals had been suffering from several dental problems. One lion had three missing teeth and a loose, unsteady lower canine that was probably useless. Canines are pointed teeth that hunting animals use for gripping and piercing prey (刺穿猎物).

The two lions might have been so badly disabled that they couldn't bite down forcefully, say the researchers. Consequently, the lions might have abandoned their normal, more difficult prey and turned to humans. "Humans are easy preys," said Patterson. "We're very slow, we don't hear very well, and we don't see very well in the darkness."

The research calls their idea the Infirmary Theory. It was inspired partly by the work of Jim Corbett, a tiger hunter in India in the 1930s. Corbett was regularly called in to hunt tigers that had been dining on Indian villagers. Time after time, Patterson discovered that the killer tigers were suffering from some ill-healthy conditions.

- () 1. The original aim of the study is to look for _____.
- ways of protecting wild animals
 - ways of treating toothaches of lions
 - when and where lions eat people
 - reasons for some lions eating people

- () 2. The reason why lions don't normally prey on people is _____.
 A. that they like wild preys better B. they just hunt for preys at night
 C. that humans are difficult to catch D. not mentioned in the passage
- () 3. Jim Corbett's story is mentioned in the last paragraph to show that _____.
 A. tigers have the same eating habits and preys as lions
 B. carnivores hunt people mostly under ill-healthy conditions
 C. tigers like hunting villagers while lions like railway workers
 D. wild animals swallow humans when they suffer from toothaches
- () 4. The best title of the passage could be _____.
 A. A Zoologist And a Dentist
 B. Why Do Some Wild Animals Eat People
 C. A Discovery of the Skulls of Lions
 D. How Can Health Influence Eating Habits

D

总词数 316 建议阅读时间 6.5 分钟 难度系数 ★★★

Crime in the city of Clio hit a 30-year low last year. "This is absolutely wonderful for our citizens, our businesses, and our visitors", said Police Chief Louis Gates. Clio has a population of 28,000, but it has at least 30 gangs (帮派). The gangs make most of their money from dealing drugs and offering "protection". They also commit violent crimes, such as stealing, robbery or even murder.

There were 1,486 thefts last year. Most of the thefts involved cars. Thieves also robbed the people at gunpoint or pickpocketed them. They broke into houses and businesses at the alarming rate of two a day two years ago, but that rate was down to only one a day last year. "That's a 50-percent decrease in one year," said Gates. "I think the police officers deserve a big pat on the back. Even better, maybe they'll get that 10-percent raise that they are all hoping for."

With an example of how the police force has helped reduce crime, Gates talked about bicycle thefts. "For years and years, kids were locking up their bikes at bike stands in front of schools, libraries, and shopping malls. About 10 percent of the time, the kids would come out of the school or wherever and discover that their bikes were no longer there. We wracked our brains(绞尽脑汁) trying to find a solution to this problem. Finally, at the beginning of last year, when we simply removed most of the bike stands, then the bicycle theft rate came down quickly.

Most cities in the state have similar problems. They all involve too many people, too much crime, too few police, and too little money. These problems go along with civilization everywhere. They might reduce, but they will probably never disappear. All people can do is to hope for the best and to prepare for the worst.

- () 1. Crime in the city of Clio is mainly caused by _____.
 A. illegal gangs B. protection providers
 C. cruel murderers D. drug dealers

- () 2. The underlined part in the 2nd paragraph probably means the police in Clio _____.
A. hasn't done well in the prevention of crimes
B. is responsible for alarming rate of crimes
C. is worth praising for what they have done
D. is faced with sudden attacks from behind
- () 3. The police force has helped reduce the bicycle theft rate by _____.
A. removing most of the bike stands
B. asking kids to lock up their bikes
C. setting up more public bike stands
D. asking kids to park their bikes in front of schools
- () 4. The author wants to tell us that _____.
A. crimes are part of civilization in some of the cities
B. the best will completely defeat the worst in development
C. crimes and civilization are two sides in development
D. civilization development leads to problems in cities

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Much attention is presently being given to what is termed "functional illiteracy(文盲)". This should not be confused with the problem of illiteracy, that is, the inability to read and write. Current United Nations (UNESCO) figures indicate that 99 per cent of all Americans are literate, the same figure assigned to nations such as Britain and Germany. Functional illiteracy, by contrast, is concerned with how much difficulty people have in actually using and writing skills in everyday situations. This might be interpreted, for example, as the relative ability to understand federal income tax forms, or printed instructions, or how well someone can write a letter of complaint, or a job apply.

There are no agreed-upon definitions of what functional illiteracy is and, in practice, definitions vary widely. For many years, reading tests have been used throughout the country which define reading ability by grade level. "Tenth grade reading level" for instance, would be the average reading score of all pupils who have completed ten years of school. There are, of course, many different reading tests and types of tests. One definition of functional illiteracy holds that anyone is "illiterate" who reads at less than an eighth grade level. Another common definition uses a twelfth grade level (the last year of high school in the US).

There seems to be general agreement that at least one tenth of all Americans are functionally illiterate in English to some degree. It is also hardly surprising that those nations which (like the US) have paid most attention humourously put it, "Reading tests cause illiteracy". Canada, for example, which also has a large non-English speaking immigrant population, has recently found that many of her citizens, too, are functionally illiterate. The attention given to this problem, therefore, reflects the fact that in North America schools as well as pupils are continually tested.



实战演练 3

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Hillary Clinton, 59, with her famous "I'm in, and I'm in to win" 2008 Race, began her e-mail to supporters, saying "I want you to join me not for the campaign but for a conversation about the future of our country. Let's talk; let's chat."

Mrs Clinton said that she would focus on "practical changes" in foreign, domestic, and national security policy, such as finding "a fight end" to the Iraq war, expanding health insurance, pursuing greater energy independence and strengthening Social Security and Medicare, which satisfies many American people.

In her statement, Mrs Clinton also frankly talked about an issue that worries her a lot. Whether she can, in fact, win the presidency, some voters still associate her most with the Clinton government.

"I have never been afraid to stand up for my belief," Mrs Clinton said on the Website. "After nearly \$ 70 million spent against my campaigns in New York and two wins, I can say I know how Republicans think, how they operate, and how to beat them."

If successful, she would be the first female nominee of a major American political party, and the first wife of a former president to seek a return to the White House. President Bill Clinton left office in 2000 after two terms marked by economical expansion and a series of official examinations of his personal life and the Clinton's business dealings. But the successes and shadows of those years will likely affect Mrs Clinton, who was once an important adviser and caused some disagreements in his government.

Yet Mrs Clinton has become a major political figure in America.

- () 1. By saying "I'm in to win", Hillary Clinton probably means that _____.
A. she is online to get people's support to run for presidency
B. she is going to run for election and work hard to win
C. she is online to get more support and she's sure she will win
D. she has decided to run for presidency and work hard to win
- () 2. It can be inferred from the passage that _____.
A. Clinton left office only because of his personal life
B. Hillary once deeply involved in her husband's government
C. all her voters strongly support her and believe in her
D. the whole election campaign costs Hillary nearly \$ 70 million
- () 3. What many American people are least concerned about is _____.
A. how to pursue greater energy independence
B. when and how to find a proper solution to the Iraq war