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前 言

《阅读理解双百篇》是为配合中学英语教学而编写的,分为上下两篇,各一百篇文章,系精选古今中外适宜的阅读材料,其中包括风趣故事、幽默短文、知识小品、寓言和童话等,选题广泛,内容丰富、文字由浅入深。上篇的使用对象主要是初中二年级以上的学生及英语初学者,下篇主要适用于高中学生,也可作为英语爱好者提高阅读能力的教材。

在每篇短文后,编写了各种类型的练习题。书后附有参考答案。

练习题题型基本上分为四种:

- A. True or False (是非题)
- B. Question (问答题)
- C. Multiple Choice Question (选择题)
- D. Put in the Missing Words from the Text (填空题)

由于编写时间仓促,书中难免存在缺点和错误,敬请广大师生和英语爱好者不吝赐教。

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1. Jimmy Mended Watches

When Jimmy was a boy, he always liked watches and clocks very much. When he was eighteen years old, he went into the army. And after a year, he began to teach himself to mend (修理) watches. A lot of his friends brought him broken (坏的) watches, and he mended them for them.

Then his captain heard about this and one day he brought him a watch too and said, "My watch has stopped. Can you mend it for me, please?"

Jimmy said, "Yes, sir, I can." After a few days, he brought the watch back to the captain.

"How much do I owe (应付) you?" the officer said.

"One pound, sir," Jimmy answered. Then he took a small box out of his pocket and gave it to the captain, saying, "Here are three wheels (齿轮) from your watch. I don't find a place for them when I put everything back."

True or False:

1. Jimmy learnt to mend watches from a teacher. ()
2. He mended watches for his friends. ()
3. Officers did not bring watches. ()
4. He mended a watch for an officer. ()
5. He wanted the captain to pay him £1. ()
6. He mended the captain's watch very well. ()

2. How Old Is She ?

A woman had got a headache. So she went to see a doctor. As the doctor was new, he didn't know her, he asked her some questions. At last he asked, "How old are you?"

"Well," she answered, "I don't remember, doctor, but I will try to think." She thought for a while and then said, "Yes, I remember now, doctor. When I married, husband was thirty years old, and I was eighteen. Now my husband is sixty, I know, and that is twice thirty. So I'm twice eighteen. That is thirty-six, isn't it?"

According to the Story, Put a Proper Word in the Blank:

1. A woman went to see a doctor, because her head _____.

2. She was not familiar _____ the doctor.
3. The woman said she was eighteen when she _____ married.
4. She was clear enough to _____ to be younger in age.
5. In _____, she was _____ years old.
6. Can you _____ she is clever or foolish?

3. Olaf Mails a Letter

"Olaf," said his mother, "Will you mail(post) this letter for me?"

"What will you give me?" Olaf asked.

"Nothing," said his mother. "You should do it because I asked."

"OK," said Olaf.

"I will give you a cookie(小甜饼) when you get back," said his mother.

"For mailing the letter?" asked Olaf.

"No! Because I want you to have a cookie," said his mother.

Olaf went to the corner. There was no mailbox there. But there was a basket.

The sign(指示牌) on the basket said PUT LITTER (纸屑, 垃圾) HERE.

"I can read," said Olaf. "But they can't spell." He put the letter in the basket.

Olaf ran home and told his mother.

"Oh, no, Olaf!" his mother said, "A litter basket is to throw things away in. Now go to get the letter and mail it. Eat this cookie on the way."

Olaf hurried back. There was a truck by the basket. A man was throwing the paper into the truck.

"Stop!" said Olaf.

It was too late. Olaf told the man about the letter.

"Let me help you," said the man. They looked for the letter. Some of paper blew away(刮跑了). Olaf ran after them. "Here it is!" said Olaf, and he thanked the man for his help.

Olaf put the letter in the mailbox. He said, "Why don't they tell us all the words at the same time? Then things like this can't happen."

故事告诉我们, 英语拼写是很重要的, 一个字母之差会造成词义迥异。

Choose the Correct Word and Put It in the Blank One by One :

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| 1. except, expect | 2. through, thorough | 3. quite, quiet |
| 4. peasant, parent | 5. marry, merry | 6. below, blow |

1) The wind will _____ my hat off.

2) From the top of the hill, we could see the blue ocean _____

- 3) Today is Children's Day, all of us are _____.
- 4) When I _____, I was eighteen.
- 5) My _____ is a _____.
- 6) The teacher said to the students, "Be _____!"
- 7) He works every day _____ Sunday.
- 8) It is _____ hot, but the workers still work hard.
- 9) Two young men walk _____ the forest.
- 10) We _____ it will rain today.
- 11) She gives the room a _____ cleaning.

4. A Clever Man

John thought that he was very clever. He thought that no one could play a trick on him because he was too clever. He often talked about his cleverness. He once spoke very rudely (粗鲁地) to Tom.

"You will never play a trick on me, Tom. You are too stupid (愚蠢, 笨)."

"Wait here by this gate," replied Tom. "I will find a way to trick you." Then he went home.

Two hours later, Lucy (露希) came along.

"Why are you standing there?" she asked John.

"I am waiting for Tom," replied John. "He is going to try to trick me."

"Tom has gone home," said Lucy. "You have already been tricked!"

John never spoke about the cleverness again.

Answer the Following Questions :

1. Is John very clever or stupid ?
2. Could any one play a trick on John ?
3. Who tried to play a trick on John ?
4. Did Tom succeed in playing a trick ?
5. Did John speak about the cleverness again ? Why or why not ?

5. "Don't Tell Anybody..."

There was once a bad king and he was hated (憎恨, 不喜欢) by all his people. One hot day, he was taking a walk along a river when he decided to have a swim in it. Though he was a good swimmer, he suddenly fell ill (生病) while he was in the water and he nearly drowned (溺死). At that time two farmers were working

in the fields nearby. They came over and saved him. They didn't know that he was the king until he was pulled out of the water.

The king was happy, so he said to the two farmers, "Ask for anything, and I will give it to you, because you have saved my life."

One farmer said, "My son broke his leg last year, and he still cannot walk well. Please send him to a good doctor."

The king promised to do this, and then spoke to the other farmer, "And what can I do for you, old man?"

The old farmer thought for a few seconds and then he answered, "You can do one very important thing for me."

"What's that?" asked the king. He thought the old man would ask for a lot of money, or a good job (work) for his son.

"Don't tell anybody that I helped to save you," he answered the king.

True or False :

1. There was a good king and he was kind to the people. ()
2. The king was a good swimmer, but he suddenly fell in while he was in water and nearly drowned. ()
3. Two farmers jumped into the river and saved him. ()
4. They know that he was the king so they pulled him out of the water. ()
5. The king told them that he would give something to them, because they had saved his life. ()
6. The king promised to send a good doctor for one farmer's son. ()
7. The old farmer asked the king to give him a lot of money. ()
8. The old farmer is a very kind man. ()

6. The Bat

Bats can fly in the sky with their wings, but they have teeth. They are not birds. Bats have two legs, but they can not walk, they are not beasts.

Bats have eyes, but they can see nothing. How can they catch insects (昆虫)? A bat makes sounds when it flies. If a bat meets with something, the sounds go back to the bat's ears. Then it can find whether it is a wall or a flying insect in front of it.

You can't see even a bat fly in the day time. Bats always hide themselves in dark (黑暗的) places. When they rest, they hang themselves.

In the evening, they fly out. Some people have them as bad animals. They catch insects for food and kill a lot of insects for the people.

True or False :

1. Bats walk on their legs. ()
2. Bats are neither birds nor beasts. ()
3. A bat can find a flying insect with its eyes. ()
4. You can not find any bats in the dark place in the daytime. ()
5. Bats stand straight in dark places to have a rest. ()
6. Bats catch insects after the sun rises and rest before the sun sets. ()
7. Bats live on (以...为生) insects. ()
8. Bats are bad animals. ()
9. Bats have teeth in their mouths. ()
10. Bats are useful to the people. ()

7. My Name Is Very Very Long

Tom and Fred are students. They are both twelve years old, and they are in the same (同一的) class in their school. Last Friday afternoon they have a fight (打架) in class, and their teacher is very angry. He says to both of them, "Stay here after the lessons this afternoon, and write your names a hundred times."

After the last lesson, all the other boys go home, but Tom and Fred stay in the classroom with their teacher. They begin writing their names.

The teacher looks at him and says, "Why are you crying, Fred?"

"Because his name is Tomay, and my name is very very long. My name is Frederick Hollingsworth." Fred says.

True or False :

1. Tom and Fred are classmates. ()
2. Last Friday Fred and Tom have a fight in class, and their teacher is very happy. ()
3. All the other boys go home after school. ()
4. Tom and Fred do not go home. They stay in the classroom and write their teacher's name. ()
5. Fred begins crying, because he can't write his name. ()

8. It's Dangerous For Me

A man always went to the same store at the same time every day and asked

for two glasses of beer (啤酒). He drank them and then asked for more.

One day the owner of the store (店主人) said to him, "Why do you always ask for two glasses of beer? Why don't you get one big glass instead (换一个)?"

The man answered, "Because I don't like to drink alone. I drink with my friend."

But a few days later the man came in and asked only for one glass of beer.

"Oh," said the owner of the store, "Has your friend died?"

"Oh, no" said the man. "He is very well. This beer is for him. But I have stopped drinking beer. My doctor doesn't want me to drink any more because it was dangerous for me."

Answer the Following Questions :

1. How many glasses of beer did the man ask for ?
2. Why did he always ask for two glasses of beer? Why didn't he get one big glass instead ?
3. How many glasses did the man ask a few days later ?
4. Had his friend died ?
5. Why had the man stopped drinking beer ?

9. An Old Farmhouse

Mr Wilson was too old to work. He bought a small farmhouse and hoped to live a quiet life. The farmhouse is 400 years old and it was the oldest building in the village. Hundreds of people came to see it every day. They looked through windows and even went into the garden. Mr Wilson was angry, but he could do nothing about it. Finally he sold the farmhouse and bought a small modern house. It was not interesting and no one wanted to see it. But Mr Wilson could now live a quiet life.

True or False :

1. Mr Wilson was old enough to work. ()
2. He got a small house and wanted to live in it quietly. ()
3. The farmhouse was built 400 years ago. ()
4. Mr Wilson felt happy when lots of people came to visit the building every day. ()
5. Finally he could live a quiet life because he moved into a small modern house. ()

10. The Compass And The Magnets

Do you know who made the first compass (指南针, 罗盘仪)? The Chinese made it long long ago. They used magnet (磁铁) to make a hand for the compass and the hand pointed to the north all the time.

Why could the compass do this? We all know a magnet has two poles (磁极), the N pole and S pole. The N poles or the S poles of two magnets will repel (相斥) each other and the N and S poles will attract (吸引) each other.

Now our earth is also a big magnet with a N pole and S pole. The earth's N pole (the north pole) attracts the S pole of the compass and makes it point to the north. Today the compass is still very useful. It is much used in navigation (航海) and in other fields (领域).

True or False :

1. The Indochina's people made the world's first compass. ()
2. The world's first compass was made in China. ()
3. The magnetic hand pointed to the north sometimes. ()
4. The N poles or the S poles of two magnets will attract each other. ()
5. The compass points to the north because the earth's N pole attracts the S pole of the compass. ()

11. The Wild Cat (野猫)

Once there was an old man. The man built himself a house. This is how he built it.

He put a wall in it so he could have two rooms.

Then he put the window in each room.

Then he put a chimney (烟囱) in each room.

Then he planted some grass beside the door.

Then he thought it would be nice to have a barn (谷仓) near his house, so he built a barn.

Then he put a small road to the barn.

Well, one night he heard a noise. He thought it was at the barn, so he went out of his house and fell down, ran on again, fell again, climbed up every time. Fell again, climbed again, ran to the barn, and found it was only a wild cat.

Answer the Following Questions :

1. Who built himself a house ?
2. Why did he put a wall in it ?
3. What did he put each room then ?
4. What did he put again ?
5. What did he plant beside the door ?
6. What did he build near his house ?
7. Why did he put a small road to the barn ?
8. What did he hear one night ?
9. Where was the noise from ?
10. What did he do then ?
11. Is he easy to the barn ?
12. What did he find when he went to the barn ?

12. The Tiger and The Monkey

An old tiger lives in the forest. He does not want to look for food now. He often tells other animals to bring him something to eat.

He sees a monkey and says, "I am hungry, Monkey. Go to the village and bring me a fat pig."

"Oh, Tiger," says the monkey. "I cannot do that now. There is another tiger over there. He also wants a fat pig. He will not let me get anything for you to eat. I am afraid of him."

"What ?" cries the old tiger. "Show me that tiger. I will talk to him."

"Come with me," says the monkey.

The monkey and the tiger get to a bridge over the river.

"Now look down at the river," says the monkey.

"Do you see the head, the white teeth and the large green eyes of a tiger?"

"Yes, I do," cries the old tiger. "I will eat him up !"

With these words, the tiger jumps into the water.

True or False :

1. An old tiger often tells other animals to bring him something to eat. ()
2. He asks a monkey to go to town and bring him a fat pig. ()
3. The monkey don't promise to do that, because there is another tiger over there. ()
4. The old tiger wants a thin pig. ()

5. The monkey is afraid of another tiger. ()
6. The old tiger and the monkey go to see another tiger and they get to a bridge over the river. ()
7. The old tiger looks down at the water and sees a whole tiger. ()
8. The old tiger will eat another tiger up. ()
9. The old tiger jumps into the water. ()

13. The Letter-Box Key

Once an Englishman went to the seaside for his summer holiday. He asked his housekeeper (女管家) to post all letters that she would receive when he was out. She promised him to do that.

The Englishman had a very good time at the seaside. A month passed but he received no letters. He thought it strange and telephoned his housekeeper.

"Why didn't you post my letters to me?"

"Because I haven't got the key to the letter-box," was the reply.

He was very sorry and promised to send her the key. The next day he put the key in a letter and post it.

Another month passed but he did not get any letter.

His holiday ended and he returned home. He spoke angrily with her.

"But what could I do?" said the poor woman. "The key was in the locked letter-box, too"

True or False :

1. The Englishman went to the seaside for his winter holiday. ()
2. He would get the letters from his housekeeper when he went to the seaside for holiday. ()
3. A month passed but he hadn't heard from his housekeeper, so he wrote a letter to her. ()
4. His housekeeper did not post his letter to him because he had not left her the key of the letter-box. ()
5. He would let his housekeeper have the key. The next day he put the key in a letter and posted it. ()
6. He did not get any letter even another month passed. ()
7. Before he returned home, he received some letters, for he had posted the key back home. ()

14. Seeing a Friend Off

One afternoon, two friends went to see a friend off. They got to the station early, so they began to talk about something. They looked quite excited as they talked.

Half an hour later the train came in, but the men did not notice it and went on talking. Just as the train was starting, they looked up, then took up their bags and ran for the train. Two of the men got on, but the other one couldn't. He looked very worried as the train was going further and further away.

A train conductor at the station saw all this and spoke to him, "It's all right," the conductor said, "There will be another train this evening. You will soon be able to join your friends."

"But the trouble is," answered the man, "They came to see me off."

Multiple Choice Question :

1. What did the two friends go to the station to do one day? They went to _____.
A. wait for a friend B. see a friend off
2. What did the men do when the train came in? They _____.
A. were still talking B. took up their bags and got on the train.
3. When did they run for the train? They ran for the train _____.
A. just as the train came in B. just as the train was starting
4. One of them couldn't get on the train, could he? _____.
A. Yes, he could B. No, he couldn't
5. He was very worried because _____.
A. he couldn't give the bags to his friends.
B. he had to get on the train, but he couldn't.

15. The Foolish Young Man

An old man died and left his son a lot of money. But the son was a foolish young man, and he quickly spent all the money, so that soon he had nothing left. Of course, when that happened, all his friends left him. When he was quite poor and alone, he went to see Nasreddin, for he was a kind, clever old man and often helped people when they had troubles.

"My money has finished and my friends have gone," said the young man.