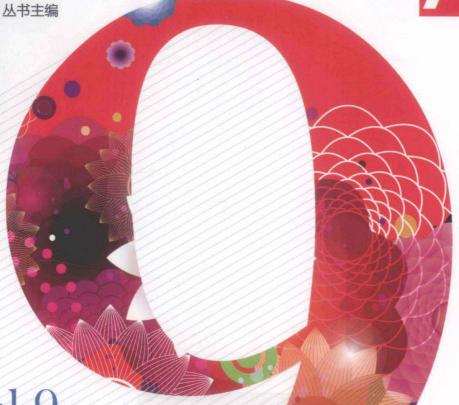


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《2014 职称英语通关9 套题(综合类 A 级)》为5+4 的体例,一方面深度剖析 2009—2013 年五年的真题,体例按照【答案】、【题干】、【解析】、【考点延伸】四个部分来设计。【答案】明确标出正确选项;【题干】对题目和选项进行了完整的中文翻译,以便考生做真题就能复习大量词汇,省去查词典之苦;【解析】对本题正确答案进行了全面完整的分析;【考点延伸】则对该题体现的考点进行了延展,以便达到举一反三的目的。另一方面设置 4 套高度仿真的预测试题,解析部分具深度和高度,使考生在历年真题的基础上,有机会将自己所学所知进行强化训练,提前体验亲临考场的感觉。

本书目的在于"从历年真题学习考点,做历年真题以通过考试",用目前市面其他图书没有使用的方式来剖析真题,将真题价值最大化,帮助考生用最少的时间和最小的投入,成功通过 2014 年职称英语综合类 A 级考试,顺利晋升职称。

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但凡参加职称英语考试的考生,大都工作忙、时间紧、压力大,晋升职称的刚性需求 很高。在职业生涯发展的道路上,广大考生平时工作接触英语不多,加之英语基础比较薄弱,职称评定时英语这一关总是如鲠在喉,但又决不能轻言放弃。是的,谁不想一次性通 过呢?

在这种情况下,考生如何能在有限的时间、精力、金钱投入下,成功通过 A、B、C 级的考试呢?经过为上万人次的成功培训后,我们发现,全面深入地掌握历年真题是成功的关键。目前市面上各种"历年真题及模拟题"如汗牛充栋,但一览其模式之后,却发现真题的价值在这种模式下根本无法发挥其指导性的作用。简单总结起来,真题有以下特点: 1. 囊括了所有考点; 2. 涉猎了全部题型; 3. 有一定程度的重复。

因此,我们提出一个口号:从历年真题学习考点,做历年真题以通过考试!为了让历年真题充分发挥其应有的价值,让考生朋友们用最少的时间、最小的投入赢得最大的回报率,我们特意编写了这套《2014 职称英语通关9套题》,针对不同类别和级别,共9册:《2014 职称英语通关9套题(综合类A级)》、《2014 职称英语通关9套题(综合类B级)》、《2014 职称英语通关9套题(理工类A级)》、《2014 职称英语通关9套题(理工类A级)》、《2014 职称英语通关9套题(理工类A级)》、《2014 职称英语通关9套题(理工类C级)》、《2014 职称英语通关9套题(理工类C级)》、《2014 职称英语通关9套题(理工类C级)》、《2014 职称英语通关9套题(卫生类A级)》、《2014 职称英语通关9套题(卫生类B级)》、《2014 职称英语通关9套题(卫生类B级)》、《2016 职称英语通关9套题(卫生类B级)》。

本丛书透彻分析了 2009—2013 年真题,将每个考题体现的考点和隐藏的考点如数展现,引导考生朋友们体验真题的同时,更好地把握 2014 年考试命题趋势和特点。同时为了让考生在通过真题学到考点和技巧后进行强化练习,本丛书组编了 4 套高度仿真模拟题,并对模拟题进行深度解析,让考生深刻把握命题命脉。

本丛书有以下特点:

1. 名牌机构策划, 名师主笔

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2. 最新五年真题,深度剖析

本丛书对 2009—2013 年真题进行了深度剖析,【答案】明确标出正确选项;【题干】对题目和选项进行了完整的中文翻译,以便考生做真题时就能复习大量词汇,省去查词典之苦;【解析】对本题正确答案进行了深度分析;【考点延伸】则对该题体现的考点进行了延展,以便达到举一反三的目的。"从历年真题出发,找到 2014 考题"的目的在潜移默

化中就能实现。

3. 四套仿真预测,提前入场

本丛书提供了四套高度仿真的模拟试题,解析部分具深度和高度,使考生在历年真题的基础上,有机会将自己所学所知进行强化训练,提前体验亲临考场的感觉。

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本套丛书体例设置脉络清晰,内容撰写针对性强,考点剖析深刻,技巧总结到位,加之附赠超值课程和服务,是广大职称英语考生必选的复习资料。真诚希望本套丛书能助大家一臂之力,顺利通过考试!

编 者 2013年9月

写在前面的话:关于职称英语考试的那些事

职称英语考试分为三个类别(综合、理工、卫生),每个类别又分为三个级别,而且重点考查的是应试者阅读英文专业文献的能力,因而,职称英语考试对不同级别的应试者提出了不同的要求:

申报 A 级的应试者要求应识别 6 000 个左右的单词和一定数量的短语,并要求在考试规定的时间内完成约 3 000 词的阅读任务。A 级考试中,每篇文章的长度为 400 词左右,要求应试者能正确理解所读材料的内容。

申报 B 级的应试者要求应识别 5 000 个左右的单词和一定数量的短语,并要求在考试规定的时间内完成约 2 600 词的阅读任务。B 级考试中,每篇文章的长度为 350 词左右,要求应试者能正确理解所读材料的内容。

申报 C 级的应试者要求应识别 4 000 个左右的单词和一定数量的短语,并要求在考试规定的时间内完成约 2 200 词的阅读任务。C 级考试中,每篇文章的长度为 300 词左右,要求应试者能正确理解所读材料的内容。

虽然对词汇量要求有所不同,但所有类别和级别的考试题型都是一样的,共分六大题型:词汇选项、阅读判断、概括大意与完成句子、阅读理解、补全短文、完形填空,分值 具体分布如下:

题型	单位分值	题量	该部分总分
词汇选项	1分	15	15 分
阅读判断	1分	7	7分
概括大意与完成句子	1分	8	8分
阅读理解	3分	15	45 分
补全短文	2分	5	10 分
完形填空	1分	15	15 分
总分			100分

由上表可见,职称英语考试题型丰富,考查全面。其中分值较大的有词汇选项、阅读 理解和完形填空。阅读判断、概括大意与完成句子、补全短文尽管分值不高,但比起传统 题型来,需要一定时间的认知和适应。然而,只要是考试,就一定有命题的规律和应对的 技巧。下面,我们就分题型来讲解各个部分的答题技巧。

● 词汇选项:活用词典、快准狠巧

词汇选项题一共15题,每题要求在四个词汇中选出一个最接近给出句子中的划横线单词的选项(近义词或同义词);由于可以带词典进入考场,这部分题目是"送分题",

所以,必须保证这部分拿到满分。做这一部分题最好做到"又准又快",一般掌握在 20 分钟以内,在备考时如果花的时间太多,这就说明对这部分题目的做题思路和技巧还没有一个全面的了解和掌握。当然,做这 15 题,尽管"快而不准"是很笨的做法,如果稳拿 15 分,就是多花点时间也是很值得的。

职称英语考试的词汇选项题目基本是考查同义词或近义词替换,但是有时候划线词与 正确选项并非同义词或者近义词,而是基本含义相同、同时能使句子通顺的单词替换,可 参考历年真题。

同时,该部分在历年的考试中有重复考查的特征,建议考生要注意历年词汇选项真题的复习(详见本书附录部分——历年真题词汇选项考查)。

◎ 阅读判断:正误好辩,C项是宝

职称英语的阅读判断题目的关键是定位到原文的相关句子,从而才能对题干进行正确 (Right)、错误(Wrong)、未提及(Not Mentioned)的判断。定位原句子主要是利用题干的关键词,如大写字母的单词、数字、时间、名词、动词、形容词和短语等。

此外,根据历年真题分析,阅读判断题目每年有 1~2 道题目为 C (未提及),这一点要引起考生的注意。"正确"题干一般很好分辨,"错误"和"未提及"不太好分辨。"错误"的情况是题干的信息,原文有所提及,但两者内容是不吻合的。"未提及"则是题干的内容在原文根本没出现。拿不准时多选 C。

同时,题目的顺序与原文的段落顺序一般保持一致,所以考生在定位原句时根据题目顺序依次往下找即可。

● 概括大意与完成句子: 主题在首, 定位为先

段落的大意可通过寻找段落的主题句来获得。段落的主题句一般是段落的首句或尾句,如23题和24题;有时候是中间的句子(特别是有表示转折意思的连接词,如but、however,nevertheless,although,though等);很少的情况下需要根据段落意思总结其段落大意,这时候要注意段落的高频词汇,高频词汇一般与段落的大意有关。

完成句子的关键则是首先在原文中定位到相关的原句,定位的方法也是利用题干的关键词,诸如大写字母的单词、数字、时间、名词、动词、形容词和短语等。此外,如果题干不容易定位,可以定位选项,看哪个选项对应的原句与题干一致。

🦠 阅读理解:既快又准地"找",精心细致地"比"

阅读理解题目常考的题型主要有细节题、词汇题、主旨题、态度题、例证题等。

做阅读理解的关键在于"找",即用关键词定位到原文;"比",即将选项与定位的信息进行比较。

细节题是考试中最常见的题型,占据总分值的80%左右。解细节题的关键点在于上一段中讲到的用关键词回到原文定位,将定位好的细节信息与选项进行一一比对,重合度高的选项即为正确答案。正确选项往往会对原文信息进行改写,常见方式为同义替换(词汇层面)和句式改写(句法层面);错误选项也有明显的特征:带有绝对词(always、absolutely、

only 等)、偷换概念、文不对题(选项内容正确,但与该题题干没有关系)等。

主旨题分为段落主旨和篇章主旨,段落的主旨一般是看段落的首尾句,而篇章的主旨则是看所有段落的首尾句,并结合篇章的题目。词汇题可以通过查词典的方式解决。

推断题是阅读理解中比较难的题目类型,需要在读懂文章的基础上进行推断,但因为时间所限,通读全篇的可能性不大,可以利用每段的首尾句来确定每段的大意,然后各段大意联系在一起就掌握全文大意,可以据此进行推断;或者也可以结合其他四道题目的理解进行推断。态度题则需要利用所使用词汇的褒贬色彩进行判断。例证题则需要关注例子前后的表示论点或观点的句子。

№ 补全短文:转承启合,线索为先

这类题要求根据给定短文(原文)的意思,在6个选项句子(陈述句)中分别选出5个符合语法知识、逻辑结构和前后内容意思衔接的选项,补充到原文划线的填充处,使原文成为一篇意思完整、前后连贯的短文,所以这类题实际上是段落填充题。这类题本意是要考查较高的阅读能力、基础知识(语法、词汇等)和综合逻辑思维推理能力,其难度较大,是最令人头痛的题型,各选项环环相扣,选错了一个至少错两个甚至更多,所以填错一个选项,就意味着至少丢掉了4分。

不过,容易丢分的题,也是最容易得分的题,每选对一个,就意味着其他选项选择的成功率大大提高,何况只有1个干扰项,排除起来更容易。所以,如果做得好,它比"阅读理解"更容易拿分。做题时要注意:如果基础较好,可以快速浏览一遍原文,但不必精读;千万要注意选项的中心词和句子第一个词、填充处前后句子的大概意思和第一个和最后一个词;做每个填充处要认真阅读其前后段或句子,但不必阅读其他段落;要注意代词的线索功能,比如空格后有 it 或是 this,那么空格处一定有一个单数物体或事件,同时还要关注上下文语义的起承转合等逻辑关系词,比如转折代表要寻找反义词,原因要寻找合理的解释等等;确定了所有答案后,划去干扰项,把各选项对号入座,进行检查和印证。做题时千万要把已确定的选项划去,以便利用排除法解决问题。

完形填空:上下求索,瞻前顾后

完形填空是传统题型,一篇文章中 15 个空白对应着 15 个选项,要求填入实词(动词、名词和形容词等)的约占 70%,其他为虚词(介词、副词等)的约占 30%。要填的词几乎涉及各个词类,动词含有不同的时态、语态和语气。

做题步骤可以分为以下三步: (1) 通读全文。首先要阅读整篇文章,理解全文内容。同时对全文的语言表达方式,比如文章用的时态、语态、文章的措辞与口气等方面得出大致印象; (2) 逻辑判断。在阅读全篇的基础上,开始从头判断每个空所缺的词的语言形式,如词类、时态、语态;并判断该词应具有的符合文章上下文的词意; (3) 理解选择。从给出的4个选项中,选出在语法与词意上均与原文相符合的一个。

做完形填空要特别注意固定搭配和习惯用语,比如看见空格前有 so,那么就应该下意识地到选项中找 that;看见空格前有 as well,就应该下意识地寻找 as。同时要注意寻找上

下文中的线索词,即"上下求索,瞻前顾后"。

以上的技巧和步骤,我们可以到真题中得到足够的训练和强化。换句话讲,鉴于职称 英语命题重复率大的特征,只要将真题研究透彻了,将延伸的考点也掌握了,那么通过也 就不是难题了。

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2013 年职称英语等级考试真题 (综合类 A 级)

第1部分: 词汇选项 (第1~15题, 每题1分, 共15分)

下面每个句子中均有1个词或短语有下划线,请为每处划线部分确定1个意义最为接近的选项。

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1.	Respect for life is	a cardinal principl	e of the law.	
	A. fundamental	B. moral	C. regular	D. hard
2.	The proposal was	endorsed by the r	majority of members.	
	A. rejected	B. approved	C. submitted	D. considered
3.	Many experts rema	ain <u>skeptical</u> abou	t his claims.	
	A. untouched	B. certain	C. silent	D. doubtful
4.	This species has r	nearly died out bed	cause its habitat is being	destroyed.
511	A. turned dead	B. passed b	y C. carried away	D. become extinct
5.	The methods of co	ommunication used	d during the war were pr	imitive.
	A. reliable	B. effective	C. simple	D. alternative
6.	Three world-class	tennis players car	ne to contend for this titl	e.
	A. argue	B. claim	C. wish	D. compete
7.	Come out, or I'll b	oust the door down		
	A. shut	B. beat	C. set	D. break
8.	The rules are too	rigid to allow for hi	uman error.	
	A. general	B. complex	C. inflexible	D. direct
9.	The tower remains	intact ever after to	wo hundred years.	the set bear not set guile
	A. unknown	B. undamag	ed C. unusual	D. unstable
10). They didn't seem	to appreciate the	magnitude of the proble	em.
	A. existence		C. importance	
11	. The contract bety	ween the two comp	panies will expire soon.	
	A. shorten	B. start	C. end	D. resume
12	2. The drinking water	er has become <u>co</u>	ntaminated with lead.	
	A polluted	D trooted	C tosted	Descripted

- 13. She shed a few tears at her daughter's wedding.
 - A. produced
- B. wiped
- C. injected
- D. removed
- 14. Rumors began to circulate about his financial problems.
 - A. send
- B. hear
- C. confirm
- D. spread
- 15. The police will need to keep a wary eye on this area of town.
 - A. cautious
- B. naked
- C. blind
- D. private

√ 第2部分: 阅读判断 (第16~22 题, 每题1分, 共7分)

下面的短文后列出了7个句子,请根据短文的内容对每个句子作出判断:如果该句提供的是正确信息,请选择A;如果该句提供的是错误信息,请选择B;如果该句的信息文中没有提及,请选择C。

Mau Piailug, Ocean Navigator

Mau sailed from Hawaii to Tahiti using traditional methods. In early 1976, Mau Piailug, a freshman, led an expedition in which he sailed a traditional Polynesian boat across 25,000 miles of ocean from Hawaii to Tahiti. The Polynesian Voyaging Society had organized the expedition. Its purpose was to find out if seafarers (海员) in the distant past could have found their way from one island to the other without navigational instruments, or whether the islands had been populated by accident. At the time, Mau was the only man alive who know how to navigate just by observing the stars, the wind and the sea.

He had never before sailed to Tahiti, which was a long way to the south. However, he understood how the wind and the sea behave around islands, so he was confident he could find his way. The voyage took him and his crew a month to complete and he did it without a compass or charts.

His grandfather began the task of teaching him how to navigate when he was still a baby. He showed him pools of water on the beach to teach him how the behavior of the waves and wind changed in different places. Later, Mau used a circle of stones to memorize the positions of the stars. Each stone was laid out in the sand to represent a star.

The voyage proved that Hawaii's first inhabitants came in a small boats and navigated by reading the sea and the stars. Mau himself became a keen teacher, passing on his traditional secrets to people of other cultures so that his knowledge would not be lost. He explained the positions of the stars to his students, but he allowed them to write things down because he knew they would never be able to remember everything as he had done.

- 16. At the time of his voyage, Mau had unique navigational skills.
 - A. Right
- B. Wrong
- C. Not mentioned
- 17. Mau was familiar with the sea around Tahiti.
 - A. Right
- B. Wrong
- C. Not mentioned

- 18. Mau could not afford a compass or charts.
 - A. Right
- B. Wrong
- C. Not mentioned
- 19. Mau learnt navigation skills from his grandfather.
 - A. Right
- B. Wrong
- C. Not mentioned
- 20. Mau used stones to memories where the stars were situated in the sky.
 - A. Right
- B. Wrong
- C. Not mentioned
- 21. The first inhabitants of Hawaii could read and write.
 - A. Right
- B. Wrong
- C. Not mentioned
- 22. Mau expected his students to remember the positions of the stars immediately.
 - A. Right
- B. Wrong
- C. Not mentioned

鄭 第 3 部分: 概括大意与完成句子(第 23 ~ 30 题, 每题 1 分, 共 8 分)

下面的短文后有 2 项测试任务: (1) 第 23 ~ 26 题要求从所给的 6 个选项中为指定段落每段选择 1 个小标题; (2) 第 27 ~ 30 题要求从所给的 6 个选项中为每个句子确定一个最佳选项。

Traffic Jams - No End in Sight

- 1. Traffic congestion (拥堵) affects people throughout the world. Traffic jams cause smog in dozens of cities across both the developed and developing world. In the U.S., commuters (通勤人员) spend an average of a full working week each year sitting in traffic jams, according to the Texas Transportation Institute. While alternative ways of getting around are available, most people still choose their cars because they are looking for convenience, comfort and privacy.
- 2. The most promising technique for reducing city traffic is called congestion pricing, whereby cities charge a toll to enter certain parts of town at certain times of day. In theory, if the toll is high enough, some drivers will cancel their trips or go by bus or train. And in practice it seems to work: Singapore, London and Stockholm have reduced traffic and pollution in city centers thanks to congestion pricing.
- 3. Another way to reduce rush-hour traffic is for employers to implement flextime, which lets employees travel to and from work at off-peak traffic times to avoid the rush hour. Those who have to travel during busy times can do their part by sharing cars. Employers can also allow more staff to telecommute (work from home) so as to keep more cars off the road altogether.
- 4. Some urban planners still believe that the best way to ease traffic congestion is to build more roads, especially roads that can take drivers around or overcrowded city streets. But such techniques do not really keep cars off the road; they only accommodate more of them.
- 5. Other, more forward-thinking, planners know that more and more drivers and cars are taking to the roads every day, and they are unwilling to encourage more private automobiles when

public transport is so much better both for people and the environment. For this reason, the American government has decided to spend some \$7 billion on helping to increase capacity on public-transport systems and upgrade them with more efficient technologies. But environmentalists complain that such funding is tiny compared with the \$50 billion being spent on roads and bridges.

23.	Paragraph 1	
24.	Paragraph 2	
25.	Paragraph 3	
26.	Paragraph 4	
		 A. Changing work practice B. Not doing enough C. Closing city centers to traffic D. A global problem E. A solution which is no solution F. Paying to get in
27.	Most America	an drivers think it convenient to
28.	If charged hi	gh enough, some drivers may to enter certain parts of town.
29.	Building mor	e roads is not an effective way to
30.	The U.S. go	overnment has planned to updating public-transport systems.
		A. drive around B. go by bus C. travel regularly D. encourage more private cars E. spend more money F. reduce traffic jams

第4部分:阅读理解(第31~45题,每题3分,共45分)

下面有3篇短文,每篇短文后有5道题。请根据短文内容,为每题确定1个最佳 选项。



Why So Many Children

In many of the developing countries in Africa and Asia, the population is growing fast. The reason for this is simple: Women in these countries have a high birth rate — from 3.0 to 7.0 children per woman. The majority of these women are poor, without the food or resources to care for their families. Why do they have so many children? Why don't they limit the size of their families? The answer may be that they often have no choice. There are several reasons for this.

One reason is economic. In a traditional agricultural economy, large families are helpful. Having more children means having more workers in the fields and someone to take care of the parents in old age. In an industrial economy, the situation is different. Many children do not help a family; instead, they are an expense. Thus, industrialization has generally brought down the birth rate. This was the case in Italy, which was industrialized quite recently and rapidly. In the early part of the twentieth century, Italy was a poor, largely agricultural country with a high birth rate. After World War II, Italy's economy was rapidly modernized and industrialized. By the end of the century, the birth rate had dropped to 1.3 children per woman, the world's lowest.

However, the economy is not the only important factor that influences birth rate. Saudi Arabia, for example, does not have an agriculture-based economy, and it has one of the highest per capita incomes in the world. Nevertheless, it also has a very high birth rate (7.0). Mexico and Indonesia, on the other hand, are poor countries, with largely agricultural economies, but they have recently reduced their population growth.

Clearly, other factors are involved. The most important of these is the condition of women. A high birth rate almost always goes together with lack of education and low status for women. This would explain the high birth rate of Saudi Arabia. There, the traditional culture gives women little education or independence and few possibilities outside the home. On the other hand, the improved condition of women in Mexico, Thailand, and Indonesia explains the decline in birth rates in these countries. Their governments have taken measures to provide more education and opportunities for women.

Another key factor in the birth rate is birth control. Women may want to limit their families but have no way to do so. In countries where governments have made birth control easily available and inexpensive, birth rates have gone down. This is the case in Singapore, Sri Lanka, and India, as well as in Indonesia, Thailand, Mexico, and Brazil. In these countries, women have also been provided with health care and help in planning their families.

These trends show that an effective program to reduce population growth does not have to depend on better economic conditions. It can be effective if it aims to help women and meet their needs. Only then, in fact, does it have any real chance of success.

31.	In a traditional agricultural economy, a l	arge family	
	A. may limit income	B. can be an advantage	
	C. isn't necessary	D. is expensive	
32.	When countries become industrialized,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

- A. the birth rate generally goes down
- B. families often become larger
- C. women usually decide not have a family
- D. the population generally grows rapidly
- 33. Italy today is an example of an
 - A. agricultural country with a high birth rate
 - B. agricultural country with a low birth rate
 - C. industrialized country with a low birth rate
 - D. industrialized country with a high birth rate
- 34. Saudi Arabia is mentioned in the passage because it shows that
 - A. the most important factor influencing birth rate is the economy
 - B. women who have a high income usually have few children
 - C. the birth rate depends on per capita income
 - D. factors other than the economy influence birth rate
- 35. In Mexico, Thailand, and Indonesia, the government
 - A. is not concerned about the status of women
 - B. has tried to improve the condition of women
 - C. has tried to industrialize the country rapidly
 - D. does not allow women to work outside the home



Making a Loss Is the Height of Fashion

Given that a good year in the haute couture (高级定制女装) business is one where you lose even more money than usual, the prevailing mood in Paris last week was sensational. The big-name designers were falling over themselves to boast of how many outfits they had sold at below cost price, and how this proved that the fashion business was healthier than ever. Jean-Paul Gaultier reported record sales. "but we don't make any money out of it," the designer assured journalists backstage. "No matter how successful you are, you can't make a profit from couture," explained Jean-Jacques Picart, a veteran fashion PR man, and co-founder of the now-bankrupt Lacroix house.

Almost 20 years have passed since the unusual economics of the couture business were first exposed. Outraged that he was losing money on evening dresses costing tens of thousands of pounds, the couturier Jean-Louis Scherrer published of his costs. One outfit he described curtained over half a mile of gold thread, 18,000 sequins (亮片), and had required hundreds of hours of hand-stitching in an atelier (制作室). A fair price would have been £ 50,000, but the couturier could only get £ 35,000 for it. Rather than riding high on the foolishness of the super-rich, he and his team could barely feed their hungry families.

The result was an outcry and the first of a series of government and industry-sponsored inquiries into the surreal (超现实的) world of ultimate fashion. The trade continues to insist that couture offers you more than you pay for, but it's not as simple as that. When such a temple of old wealth starts talking about value for money. It isn't to convince anyone that dresses costing as much as houses are a bargain. Rather, it is to preserve the peculiar mystique (神秘), lucrative (利润丰厚的) associations and threatened interests that couture represents.

Essentially, the arguments couldn't be simpler. On one side are those who say that the business will die if it doesn't change. On the other are those who say it will die if it does. Huge in its costs, tiny in its clientele and questionable in its influence, it still remains one of the great themes of Parisian life. In his book, The Fashion Conspiracy, Nicholas Coleridge estimates that the entire couture industry rests on the whims (一时兴起) of less than 30 immensely wealthy women, and although the number may have grown in recent years with the new prosperity of Asia, the number of couture customers worldwide is no more than 4,000.

To qualify as couture, a garment must be entirely handmade by one of the 11 Paris couture houses registered to the Chambre Syndicale de la Haute Couture. Each house must employ at least 20 people. and show a minimum of 75 new designs a year. So far, so traditional, but the Big Four operators — Chanel, Dior, Givenchy and Gaultier — increasingly use couture as a marketing device for their far more profitable ready-to-wear, fragrance and accessory lines.

- 36. What is the main idea of the first paragraph?
 - A. The haute couture designers claim losses in their sales.
 - B. The haute couture business is expanding guickly.
 - C. The haute couture designers make much profit in their sales.
 - D. The haute couture businessmen are happy with their profit.
- 37. According to the second paragraph, Jean-Louis Scherrer

 - A. was in a worse financial position than other couturiers
 - B. was very angry as he was losing money
 - C. was one of the best-know couturiers
 - D. stopped producing haute couture dresses
- 38. The writer says that the outfit Jean-Louis Scherrer described
 - A. was worth the price that was paid for it
 - B. should have cost the customer than it did
 - C. cost more to make than it should have
 - D. was never sold to anyone
- 39. The writer says in Paragraph 4 that there is disagreement over
 - A. the future of haute couture
 - B. the history of haute couture
 - C. the real costs of haute couture