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前 言

阅读能力是体现学生外语综合素质的一个重要方面,有针对性地进行阅读,在阅读中思考,才能增强思维的灵活性和判断的准确性,为帮助学生迅速提高阅读能力,我们想广大学生之所想,急广大学生之所急,精心编写了指南针英语素能提高丛书——名师点睛书系。

好老师不一定能写出好书,但好书的作者必须是好老师,作者是一部作品成功与否的关键,为此,我们特聘了北大附中、清华附中、北京四中、北师大附中等全国著名重点中学的英语学科带头人,组成了超豪华阵容,根据学生的实际、高考的需要和教育部素能并重的教育方针,精心编写了本套丛书。

兴趣是最好的老师。为了提高学生的学习兴趣,我们对本书的内容进行了精心编排,坚决摒除以往本类图书互相摘抄、拼凑的编写弊端,所选作品,均为**精典文章**,内容大多摘自国外的教材及各类文萃,内容新颖,不仅涉及人文、地理,更注重选摘一些政治、经济、科技、环保等方面的内容,旨在提高学生阅读能力的同时,使他们在科技知识等方面也受到潜移默化的教育,从而提高学生各方面的素质,一举多得。为了帮助学生更好地理解文章,提高阅读能力,本套丛书一改其他同类作品简单答案罗列的编排方式,特设了两方面的解析,一是**疑难点解析**,主要精析文章中的疑难点,以增加学生的词汇量,提高其分析问题、解决问题的能力。二是**答案解析**,对较复杂问题的选项进行了具体分析,从而使学生加深对文章的理解,起到事半功倍的作用。

本书特别注重对学生综合能力的培养,因此,能使学生从茫茫题海中解放出来,变被动为主动。我们相信,本书一定会帮你打好基础,对你的高考起到重要作用。

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Unit 1

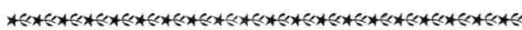
Passage 1

Birds use many different materials to build nests. Some birds use bits of grass. The tailor bird of Africa and India uses grass to sew leaves together. Other birds find twigs and pebbles useful.

Building a nest takes time and effort. But some starlings in Australia have had human help. People in Ingham, a town in northern Queensland, cut rope into short lengths. The rope was frayed and dyed in bright colors. Then the pieces were left for the starlings to find.

The result pleased the people as well as the birds. In one week the starlings had turned a large tree into a blaze of color.

- Two nesting materials not named are _____.
A. grass and leaves B. twigs and pebbles
C. mud and straw D. ropes and trees
- A detail explaining the name of the tailor bird is that it _____.
A. sews leaves together
B. measures its nest carefully
C. neither A nor B
D. make use of twigs and pebbles
- The rope supplied by the town people was in _____.
A. foot-long pieces B. long, solid pieces



- C. short, frayed pieces D. not mentioned
4. The starlings gathered the rope because _____.
- A. they could easily find it
- B. they wished to please the people
- C. there were no other materials handy
- D. they wanted to fray it
5. The person who suggested the plan must have thought about _____.
- A. materials the birds would want
- B. the likely result
- C. how to help the starlings
- D. both A and B

Passage 2

A man and his wife were very poor. They kept hoping for new clothes and good food. The man enjoyed eating, and he especially liked noodles. One night an old woman came to their house and told them she would let them have three wishes. They could wish for anything they wanted.

The man had just finished eating a little bread for his dinner, and was still hungry. He said, "I wish I had a big plate of noodles!"

Suddenly a plate of noodles appeared on his plate.

"You fool!" his wife cried. "You could have wished for a house full of wonderful food, but you wished for some noodles. I wish the noodles were on your head!"

Immediately the noodles stuck to his head.

"Oh!" the wife cried. "I wish none of this had ever happened!"

Immediately the noodles were gone, and the man was saying, "I'm





still hungry. Now I wish I had some noodles!"

But of course nothing happened.

6. What can be implied from this story? _____.
A. Wives are often wiser than their husbands
B. It is wrong to waste food
C. Wise people work instead of wishing
D. Foolish people waste their opportunities
7. The three wishes were _____.
A. realized
B. not realized
C. half realized
D. hardly realized
8. The old woman _____.
A. was a relative of the man and his wife
B. knew the family very well
C. did not know the family
D. was a friend of the man and his wife
9. The man _____.
A. had his noodles at last
B. lost his noodles at last
C. didn't finish eating his noodles
D. only ate a little of the noodles

Passage 3

An election year is one in which all four numbers are evenly divisible by four (1944, 1948, etc.). Since 1840, American presidents elected in years ending in zero have been destined to die in office. William H. Harrison, the man who served the shortest term, died of pneumonia several



weeks after his inauguration(就职典礼)。

Abraham Lincoln was one of four presidents who were assassinated(暗杀)。He was elected in 1860, and his untimely death came just five years later.

While in his second term of office(1901), William McKinley, another Ohioan, attended the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, New York. During the reception, he was assassinated while shaking hands with some of the guests.

Three years after his election in 1920, Warren G. Harding died in office. Although it was never proved, many believe he was poisoned.

Franklin D. Roosevelt had been elected four times(1932, 1936, 1940 and 1944), the only man to serve so long a term. He had contracted polio in 1921 and died of the illness in 1945.

John F. Kennedy, the last of the line, was assassinated in 1963, only three years after his election.

10. Which of the following was not an election year? _____.
A. 1960 B. 1930 C. 1888 D. 1824
11. Which president served the shortest term in office? _____.
A. Abraham Lincoln B. William McKinley
C. Warren G. Harding D. William H. Harrison
12. Which of the following is true? _____.
A. All presidents elected in years ending in zero have died in office
B. Only presidents from Ohio have died in office
C. Franklin D. Roosevelt completed four terms as president
D. Four American presidents have been assassinated
13. How many presidents elected in years ending in zero since 1840 have



died in office? _____.

- A. 7 B. 5 C. 4 D. 3

14. In this reading, what does "inauguration" mean? _____.

- A. Election B. Acceptance speech
C. Swearing-in ceremonies D. Campaign

15. Which of the following was not assassinated? _____.

- A. John F. Kennedy B. Franklin D. Roosevelt
C. Abraham Lincoln D. James A. Garfield

Passage 4

Ever since humans have inhabited the earth, they have made use of various forms of communication. Generally, this expression of thoughts and feelings has been in the form of oral speech. When there is a language barrier, communication is accomplished through sign language in which motions stand for letters, words, and ideas. Tourists, the deaf, and the mute have had to resort to (采取) this form of expression. Many of these symbols of whole words are very picturesque and exact and can be used internationally; spelling, however, cannot.

Body language transmits ideas or thoughts by certain actions, either intentionally or unintentionally. A wink can be a way of flirting or indicating that the party is only joking. A nod signifies approval, while shaking the head indicates a negative reaction.

Other forms of nonlinguistic language can be found in Braille (a system of raised dots read with the fingertips), signal flags, Morse code, and smoke signals. Road maps and picture signs also guide, warn, and instruct people.

While verbalization is the most common form of language, other sys-



tems and techniques also express human thoughts and feelings.

16. Which of the following best summarizes this passage? _____.
A. When language is a barrier, people will find other forms of communication
B. Everybody uses only one form of communication
C. Nonlinguistic language is invaluable to foreigners
D. Although other forms of communication exist, verbalization is the fastest
17. Which of the following statements is not true? _____.
A. There are many forms of communication in existence today
B. Verbalization is the most common form of communication
C. The deaf and mute use an oral form of communication
D. Ideas and thoughts can be transmitted by body language
18. Which form other than oral speech would be most commonly used among blind people? _____.
A. Picture signs B. Braille
C. Body language D. Signal flags
19. How many different forms of communication are mentioned here? _____.
A. 5 B. 7 C. 9 D. 11
20. Sign language is said to be very picturesque and exact and can be used internationally except for _____.
A. spelling B. ideas
C. whole words D. expressions



Passage 5

During the Emergency(非常时期) in Malaya, a police officer was usually with British troops when they were searching for terrorist. One day, a police officer went into the jungle(丛林) with the patrol(巡逻队) in Malaya. Before he started on patrol, the officer filled his water-bottle with beer.

Several hours later, the patrol stopped for a rest. The officer took a tablet(药片) used by soldiers to make steam water fit to drink. He dropped the tablet into his water-bottle, knowing that it would not affect(影响) the beer. Two soldiers watched the officer with great interest.

"What are you doing?" they asked. "Making beer," the officer said. "if you drop one of these tablets into the bottle of steam water, it makes good quality beer. You can have a taste if you like."

The officer let the two soldiers drink the beer in his water-bottle. "Very good!" they said. "Very good. Where can we get these tablets?" "Oh, from most shops in town," the officer said. He did not tell the truth that it is impossible to change water into beer simply by dropping in a tablet. He knew that the soldiers had recently arrived from England did not know anything about Malaya.

For the next two months, traders(商人) in nearby town were surprised when British soldiers came in and wanted to buy beer tablets. It was a long time before the soldiers discovered that the officers had cheated them. By that time, the officer had been transferred(调动) to another city.

21. The probably Chinese meaning of "terrorist" is _____.

A. 恐怖分子

B. 商人



C. 医生

D. 马来西亚人

22. The police officer _____ in the jungle.

A. was searching for terrorists

B. was looking for a patrol of troops

C. was making an experiment

D. was having a rest

23. The officer let the soldiers drink some of the beer because _____.

A. he like the two soldiers

B. he wanted to sell his beer

C. he knew that two soldiers were eager to drink the beer

D. he wanted the soldiers to believe what he said

24. Which is NOT TRUE according to the story? _____.

A. The tablet is used to clean the steam water

B. The tablet cannot change steam water into beer

C. At first, the British soldiers knew nothing about Malaya

D. The soldiers soon found that they had been cheated

25. What do you think of the police officer? _____.

A. He was very clever

B. He was used to putting tablets into beer

C. He loved his country

D. Both A and C

【疑难点解析】

Passage 1

1) cut sth. into... 意思为: 把某物剪成……

2) turn sth. into... 意思为: 把……变成……



Passage 2

- 1) keep hoping for 句型是 keep doing, 意思为: 总是、不断地、念念不忘。
- 2) stick to sth. 中的 to 为介词, 这个短语的意思是“贴在……上”、“遵守……”

Passage 3

- 1) inauguration 意思为: 就职典礼。
- 2) assassinate 意思为: 暗杀。

Passage 4

- 1) resort to 意思为: 采取。
- 2) wink 意思为: 眨眼。

Passage 5

- 1) have a taste 意思为: 尝一下。
- 2) by that time 意思为: 到那时。

【答案解析】

1. C 2. A 3. C 4. A 5. D 6. D 7. A
8. C A、B、D 三个答案是讲 the old woman 认识或具有认识这个家庭的可能性, 但文章中根本没有这方面的内容, 所以这三个答案均不能成立。根据淘汰法可知正确答案应为 C。另一方面, 这是一篇寓言。这位老太太应属于“神”或者是“仙”之类的人物, 她不认识这个凡人的家庭是合情合理的。
9. B
10. B 短文中说选举的年份的四位数字要能够被 4 除尽, 由此可知 1930 年不符合此条件, 所以 1930 年不会是选举年。
11. D 12. D 13. A 14. C 15. B 16. A 17. C 18. B



19. C 本文提到的交际方式有: oral speech, sign language, body language, Braille, signal flags, Morse code, smoke signals, road maps, picture signs 等共九种, 因此 C 为正确答案。

20. A 21. A 22. A 23. D 24. A 25. D