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⇒ 能够识记英语文章中的词汇和短语。

⇒ 能够迅速找出语篇中的主要思想和次要信息，即阐述细节，能看出部分与整体关系、时间关系、地点关系、并列关系与从属关系等，并摘取可用于总结的具体信息。

⇒ 能阅读上下文推测不熟悉的词汇意义和用法，看出不影响理解的语言冗余现象。

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⇒ 能在速读中获取文章主旨大意，并看出文章中的思想和组织关系等。

⇒ 能看出作者的目的、态度、口气和文章的基调。

⇒ 能看出印刷版面、标题、目录、书写符号和斜体等的作用。

本书特点

✧ 本套书主要有四项内容,即 ~~马列主义~~ 概念阅读理解, ~~马列主义~~ 增强实力阅读理解, ~~马列主义~~ 高考阅读理解测验, ~~马列主义~~ 高考阅读理解导读。采用了符合中学生心理特点和逻辑思维方式的知识性材料,题材广泛,篇幅适中,极富启发性。每篇文章包括三项内容:①本文,②文章注释,③理解题。其中理解题部分的设置遵循一定的理论依据,指导学生从不同的方面提高阅读能力和理解水平,理解题的设计原则是:

- ⇒ 获知能力,要求回忆起一个具体事实。
- ⇒ 理解文章暗含意思与推理能力。
- ⇒ 证实文章中一个具体的句子。
- ⇒ 理解文章的中心意思。

✧ 全书在编排中做到由浅入深,循序渐进,尽量符合学生对于事物的认知过程,并力求满足不同英语程度的学生的不同需求。

✧ 全书注释繁简得当,版面图文并茂,清爽易读。

✧ 全书特别注意选用新鲜的,且趣味性、知识性极强的阅读材料,经过精心编辑,图文并茂,语言地道,力求给学生留下较深的印象,并循序渐进地使学生的阅读理解能力切实得以提高。

Unit One

I

概念阅读理解

A

The Model and the Mimic

1



Two brightly colored butterflies have just flown by. They appear to be exactly alike, but actually one is a little larger than the other. The larger insect has a wingspread of up to four inches. The smaller one has a wingspread of less than three inches. The smaller butterfly also has an extra black line on its rear wings.

At first glance, it is hard to tell them apart. Would you guess from this that they are different-sized butterflies of the same species? Or that they are different species of butterflies but close relatives belonging to the same family? If you said yes to either question, you would be wrong, for these look-alikes belong to quite different families.

The larger insect is the monarch butterfly. In its larva stage, the monarch feeds on milkweed, which





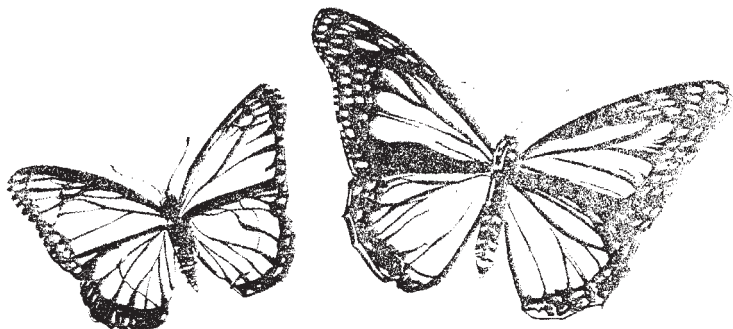
seems to give the monarch a disagreeable taste and smell. The bright coloring of the monarch acts as a warning sign to predators. Birds that eat butterflies soon recognize the monarch and quickly learn to leave it alone.

The smaller insect is the viceroy, which feeds on the leaves of aspen, poplar, and willow trees in its larva stage. Birds would find this insect tasty, but because it resembles the monarch, birds avoid it. The viceroy's resemblance to the monarch gives it some protection from its enemies and helps it survive.

There are other pairs of look-alike butterflies, moths, bees, and wasps. In each case, one either has a disagreeable taste or odor, or can give a painful sting. This one is called the model. The insect that imitates this model for protection is called the mimic.

Notes

1. mimic n. 善于模仿之人或物
2. wingspread n. 翼展
3. rear adj. 后部的
4. glance n. 一瞥
5. species n. (生物) 种
6. relative n. 亲戚, 亲族
7. monarch butterfly 一种有桔黄色与黑色的大蝴蝶
8. larva n. (昆虫的) 幼虫
9. milkweed n. (植物) 马利筋属植物; 任何能产乳汁状的植物
10. disagreeable adj. 讨厌的
11. predator n. 捕食其他动物之动物



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| 12. viceroy n. 副王蝶 | 13. aspen n. 白杨 |
| 14. poplar n. 白杨 | 15. willow n. 柳树 |
| 16. resemble v. 相似 | 17. avoid v. 避开 |
| 18. resemblance n. 相似, 相似之处 | |
| 19. survive v. 活下来, 残存 | 20. moth n. 蛾子 |
| 21. wasp n. 大黄蜂 | 22. odor n. 气味 |
| 23. sting n. 刺 | 24. imitate v. 模仿 |



Comprehension Questions

- The bright coloring of the monarch warns away _____.
A. butterflies B. small insects
C. the minics D. predators
- While it is not directly stated, the article suggests that _____.
A. birds don't know too much about insects.
B. butterflies have a lot of relatives.
C. imitation is another kind of camouflage.
- The rear wings of the viceroy have _____.
A. a wide colored line.
B. an extra black line.



- C. five extra red dots.
4. On the whole, the article tells about _____
- A. the taste and smell of milkweed.
- B. a monarch who rules the butterflies.
- C. look - alike in the insect world.
5. Which statement does this article lead you to believe?
- A. There are not many look - alike among insects.
- B. Insects do not feed on the same kinds of plants.
- C. There is only one species of butterfly.
6. Why is the viceroy able to survive?
- A. Its resemblance to the monarch give it protection.
- B. Its resemblance to the larva helps it stay alive.
- C. Its appearance on the willow tree protects it.
7. Think about the concept for this group of articles. Which statement seems true both for the article and for the concept?
- A. Different - sized butterflies attack large birds.
- B. The eye is not always quick to see differences.
- C. The viceroy butterfly eats too much milkweed.

B

The Price Nobody Pays

In the villages of Mexico, as in some other parts of the world, shop-

ping is a kind of game. In the fine department stores, of course, buyers pay the prices listed on the tags. But in most villages, bargaining is a dramatic game both buyers and sellers enjoy.

Suppose a merchant is a Mexican shopkeeper who sells handmade silver jewelry to tourists. Among the items of jewelry is a pair of earrings a tourist wants to buy. The merchant names a price. Immediately the tourist makes a much lower offer. The price the merchant puts on an article is not usually the price he expects to be paid. But the merchant pretends to be shocked. He exclaims that the earrings are real silver, made by an old craftsman who lives in the mountains. It takes a long time to make such remarkable earrings. But at great sacrifice he will let the tourist have the earrings at a lower price. The two bargain. The tourist comes up a little; the merchant comes down a little. At last they agree on what both consider to be a fair price.

While the two bargain, they speak of other things as well. The merchant may gossip about life in his village or mention interesting sights the tourist should see before he leaves Mexico.

The merchant's way of doing business is much older than the supermarket way. It dates back to Old World times when the town market was the only place where people could exchange news and visit with friends. Bargaining made their lives a little more





colorful.

In Mexico today, bargaining still makes life colorful for some merchants.

Notes

1. prices listed on the tags 标在标签上的价钱; tag n. 标签
2. bargaining n. 议价, 讨价还价
3. dramatic adj. 戏剧性的
4. merchant n. 商人
5. tourist n. 游人
6. item n. 项目
7. earring n. 耳环
8. shock v. 震惊
9. craftsmen n. 手工艺人
10. at great sacrifice 做出巨大牺牲; sacrifice v. 损失, 亏本出售
11. bargain v. 争议价钱, 议价
12. gossip v. 闲谈, 说闲话
13. mention v. 提到
14. dates back to 始于 (某一历史时期)
15. Old World 东半球, 尤指欧洲
16. exchange v. 交换

Comprehension Questions

1. The way the Mexican merchant runs his business is _____.
 A. faster than ours B. an old way
 C. a new way D. like a supermarket
2. While it is not directly stated, the article suggests that _____.
 A. one cannot be sure of the real price of some things.
 B. merchants in Mexico would rather talk than sell things.



C. tourists do not enjoy bargaining for silver earrings.

3. The town market was once the only place where

- A. people could visit with friends.
- B. people could find department stores.
- C. people could fight with enemies.

4. On the whole, the article tells about _____

- A. tourists who go to town markets.
- B. craftsmen who live in mountains.
- C. bargaining in villages in Mexico.

5. Which statement does this article lead you to believe?

- A. All jewelry in Mexico costs too much money.
- B. Tourists who travel in Mexico are never fair.
- C. This kind of shopping can be fun for tourists.

6. Why is bargaining often carried on in the villages?

- A. It helps the people see interesting sights.





B. It helps make the people's lives more colorful.

C. It proves that jewelry can be made of silver.

7. Think about the concept for this group of articles.

Which statement seems true both for the article and for the concept?

A. The first price you hear may not be the real one.

B. Gossip is more important than money.

C. No one in Mexico will bargain with you.

II. 实力阅读理解

A

Lydia Darragh's husband was killed fighting the British in the Revolutionary War, and her only son was on duty with George Washington. Often she had to let British officers use her Philadelphia home for secret meetings. One night in December 1777, four British officers entered the house, went directly to the parlor, and closed the door. Mrs. Darragh could not resist the temptation to creep up to the door and put her ear to the keyhole. The conversation that she overheard terrified her. The British were planning to attack General Washington's troops!

As soon as the officers left the house, Mrs. Darragh requested authorization from the British General Howe to go through the enemy lines. She said that she wanted to get some flour from the mill. The general did not guess her true motive and

granted her permission to leave. When she had passed the British lines, she hurried to the American camp and warned them of the impending British attack. Her quick action saved the Continental army from almost certain defeat.

Comprehension Questions

1. The best title is _____.
 - A. George Washington—President
 - B. Secret Meetings
 - C. Lydia Darragh's Quick Action
 - D. Lydia Helps the British
2. Attending the secret meeting in December 1777 were _____.
 - A. Washington's staff
 - B. Lydia and her son
 - C. four American officers
 - D. four British officers
3. The secret meeting was held in the _____.
 - A. cellar
 - B. parlor
 - C. attic
 - D. kitchen
4. Probably, the Continental army was not defeated because its leaders were _____.
 - A. warned
 - B. too strong
 - C. in America
 - D. fighters
5. The word "authorization" in line ten means _____.
 - A. strength
 - B. inspiration
 - C. permission
 - D. instruction





B

In 1940, the Tacoma Bridge was opened to the public. It was the third longest suspension bridge in the world—at least for a very short time!

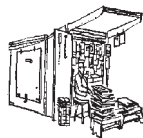
Spanning the narrows Strait near Tacoma, Washington, the bridge was 2, 800 feet long. The Golden Gate Bridge and the George Washington Bridge had been used for some years without problems, so it was believed that the engineering principles involved were thoroughly understood. Within a few weeks, however, the new bridge began to sway alarmingly. Several months later it buckled and was completely blown apart by a forty-two mile per hour gale. Fortunately, there were no cars crossing at the time, and no lives were lost. Engineers immediately began to look for the cause of the disaster. Other experts examined similar suspension bridges in the country.

In 1952, with the knowledge gained, a second Tacoma Bridge was built. This is in operation today and is one of the longest suspension bridges in the world.

Comprehension Questions

1. The best title is _____.
 - A. The Work of an Engineer
 - B. The Collapse of the Tacoma Bridge
 - C. The Golden Gate Bridge

- D. Examining Bridges in the United States
2. When the Tacoma Bridge was blown apart ____ .
 A. the weather was calm B. it was very old
 C. many lives were lost D. no lives were lost
3. Today, of all the suspension bridges in the world, the Tacoma Bridge is one of the ____ .
 A. heaviest B. highest C. longest D. widest
4. The story suggests that the George Washington Bridge is ____ .
 A. a suspension bridge B. dangerous to cross
 C. the longest bridge D. located in Washington
5. The word "gale" in the text means ____ .
 A. race B. cloud C. wind D. shower



III. 高考阅读理解测验

A

How Many Stars?

How many stars are in the sky? About A. D. 138, the Alexandrian astronomer Claudius Ptolemy made a list of 1, 038 stars. The only tools Ptolemy used were his eyes! Today's astronomers have many fine and new tools with which to scan the sky. But they say that they do not know the total number of stars.

One tool for counting stars is the Schmidt camera. This camera is a telescope which focuses light on a photographic plate. It has no eyepiece. Astronomers do not look through the Schmidt, as they



would through a telescope. They use it to take pictures of wide regions of the sky. The area covered by the Schmidt camera is 500 times greater than that covered by any ordinary reflecting telescope. Each star appears in the photographs as a round dot.

Beginning in July 1949, astronomers at Mt. Palomar, California, began a sky survey using the Schmidt camera. After more than seven years the total sky was photographed. The survey went three times farther into space than any previous attempt. The photographs showed many times more objects in the sky than had ever been seen before. Careful observation of the newly discovered objects is being made by the powerful 200-inch Mt. Palomar telescope. But it will be many years before each object can be studied.

Each galaxy contains billions of stars. The Schmidt photographs showed not only single galaxies, but new clusters of galaxies. The clusters are larger than any other objects in the universe.

How many stars are in the sky? Ptolemy thought he had the answer. Today, not even the wisest astronomer will say.

Comprehension Questions

1. To study the sky, Ptolemy used his _____.
A. glasses B. tools C. telescopes D. eyes
2. While it is not directly stated, the article sug-

gests that _____

- A. a list of 1,038 stars is long enough.
- B. only cameras are used to study stars today.
- C. we have much more to learn about the stars.

3. The total sky was photographed after more than

_____ .

- A. fifteen days
- B. two months
- C. seven years

4. On the whole, the article tells about _____

- A. the number of stars in the sky.
- B. an Alexandrian named Ptolemy.
- C. the new Schmidt telescopes.

5. Which statement does this article lead you to believe?

- A. Astronomers do not use guesses as proof.
- B. There are fewer objects in the sky now.
- C. Astronomers know the answers to everything.

6. Why was the survey important ?

A. It gave the astronomers at Mt. Palomar new cameras.

B. It went three times farther into space than ever before.

C. It proved to Ptolemy that he didn't know how to count.

7. Think about the concept for this group of articles. Which statement seems true both for the article and for the concept ?

A. As people learn more, they are sometimes less sure of their answers.

