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随着全国性的考博热潮的到来,越来越多的人加入到考博的行列中。但令他们失望的是,目前尚无一本针对考博的英语辅导用书,他们只好拿一些四级、六级或硕士研究生入学考试的英语书,来准备博士入学考试。他们迫切需要一本适合博士考试的英语用书,本书就是为了满足他们的需要及时编写的博士入学英语用书。本书有以下三个重要特点:

内容全面、重点突出 作者参考全国十多所重点大学博士入学英语考试试卷,综合各种题型,编写了这本包括听力理解、语法结构、词汇知识、阅读理解、完型填空、综合改错以及英译汉等所有题型的用书。另外,在选材上,无论是听力理解还是阅读理解,无论是词汇用法还是辨别改错,作者都力争做到既内容全面,又重点突出。需要特别指出的是,针对重点内容,作者通过不同的题目,从不同的角度、不同的方面来考查,并通过考查来加深读者对这一重点内容的掌握。

详解精解、点面结合 在为试题做精解时,作者坚持这样一个原则:不但告诉读者答案,而且告诉读者解题的思路与方法,要使读者不但知其然,而且知其所以然。因此,在对词汇和结构解析时,作者注重指出试题考查的重点,也就是作者所说的题眼,然后援引经典例句来补充说明。此外,作者还对干扰项,尤其是考查词汇知识的干扰项进行了详细的解析,并给出了恰当的例句。对阅读理解解析时,作者在给出参考答案的同时,还指出回答问题的关键句,因为找对关键句,就意味着成功的一半。针对干扰项,作者会帮助读者弄明白为什么错,错在何处。

新颖版式、别具一格 当读者打开本书时,你就会发现本书的别样版式。无论是试题部分,还是试题解析,无论是正文内容,还是版心以外的名人名言,作者都设计了层次分明、一目了然、易读易学易记的版式,充分展示了本书与众不同的风格。读者会觉得这不仅是一本开卷有益的英语用书,而且是一件令人赏心悦目的艺术品。另外,为了减少读者的经济负担,全书以大开制版,正文以小五号字排印,版面紧凑,成本低。

本书自出版以来,已印刷多次,发行数万册,在国内考博界产生了巨大影响。随着影响越来越大,作者感到有必要对书中的不尽如人意之处进行修订。

此次修订,我们根据广大读者的强烈要求,充实了听力内容。充实后的听力部分不仅包含了传统的听力和理解两种题型,而且增加了一些新题型,如:听力和理解相结合的题目,从而增加了试题的难度,使读者真正做到有备无患。

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第一章 听力理解 250 题

SECTION A STATEMENTS

Directions: In this section you will hear 50 statements. At the end of each statement a question will be asked about what was said. After the question, you will be given 10 seconds to answer.

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| 1. [A] He works hard. | [B] He drinks a lot. |
| [C] He smokes a lot. | [D] He is healthy. |
| 2. [A] He was satisfied. | [B] He was annoyed. |
| [C] He was astonished. | [D] He was relieved. |
| 3. [A] At 9:10. | [B] At 9:15. |
| [C] At 9:20. | [D] At 9:05. |
| 4. [A] A better marriage. | [B] A better career. |
| [C] A better education. | [D] A better family life. |
| 5. [A] I am too happy to be helpful in any way. | |
| [B] I am willing but unable to help you. | |
| [C] I shall be very glad to offer my help. | |
| [D] I promise to think about how to help you. | |
| 6. [A] An architect. | [B] A construction worker. |
| [C] A tourist guide. | [D] A housing agent. |
| 7. [A] Travel is much faster and convenient now than before. | |
| [B] People are now traveling much more than in old days. | |
| [C] Traveling to far-away places has become very common. | |
| [D] It used to take two more weeks to travel by coach than now. | |
| 8. [A] Because he can't attend tomorrow's dinner. | |
| [B] Because his wife can't attend tomorrow's dinner. | |
| [C] Because the couple can't attend tomorrow's dinner. | |
| [D] Because the couple would be unable to cook the dinner. | |
| 9. [A] In the zoo. | [B] In the classroom. |
| [C] In the library. | [D] At a meeting. |





10. [A] One's success is largely dependent on intelligence.
[B] Low motivation may lead to poor performance.
[C] Motivated people are more likely to succeed.
[D] Both motivation and intelligence are important.
11. [A] Because teaching is interesting.
[B] Because it offers a good salary.
[C] Because the teacher can contact with the young.
[D] Because it offers a longer summer holidays.
12. [A] Bad living conditions are due to the poor city.
[B] Bad planning is responsible for poor living conditions.
[C] Living conditions are bad because the city is too big.
[D] Small cities have better living conditions than large ones.
13. [A] Many people are concerned about their security.
[B] Social security bears no relation to population.
[C] Most social security problems are caused by a few people.
[D] Too many people may result in social security problems.
14. [A] By 10:30 am. [B] By 10:00 am.
[C] By 11:30 am. [D] By 11:00 am.
15. [A] An insurance agent. [B] A fireman.
[C] A salesman. [D] A policeman.
16. [A] He is happy with his job. [B] He is a very ambitious man.
[C] He is too ambitious to be an engine driver. [D] He doesn't like to be an engine driver.
17. [A] She has been waiting. [B] She is examining her patient.
[C] She is seeing her doctor. [D] She wouldn't mind waiting.
18. [A] A nurse. [B] A doctor.
[C] A lawyer. [D] A saleswoman.
19. [A] 2. [B] 5.
[C] 7. [D] 6.
20. [A] East Croydon. [B] Victoria.
[C] Southeast. [D] Red Hill.
21. [A] He answered the last four questions.
[B] He answered the last few questions first.
[C] He answered only some of the questions.
[D] He answered all the questions except the first.





22. [A] It tastes best. [B] It tastes very bad.
[C] It is better than butter cheese. [D] It is no better than other cheese.
23. [A] The cinema. [B] The repair shop.
[C] The gas station. [D] The service station.
24. [A] Send away the cleaning lady. [B] Replace the cleaning lady.
[C] Keep the cleaning lady. [D] Do the house cleaning.
25. [A] He paid half the price the salesman asked.
[B] He paid twice as much as the salesman asked.
[C] He paid the price the salesman asked.
[D] He needn't have paid that much for the car.
26. [A] A doctor. [B] A pharmacist.
[C] A mechanic. [D] A waiter.
27. [A] He couldn't agree any more. [B] He agrees completely.
[C] He agrees partially. [D] He couldn't stand it any more.
28. [A] \$ 30. [B] \$ 13.
[C] \$ 80. [D] \$ 18.
29. [A] You should often go to a doctor. [B] Going to a doctor regularly helps.
[C] Keeping fit and strong all the time. [D] You should never go to a doctor.
30. [A] In a bank. [B] In a restaurant.
[C] In an office. [D] In a shop.
31. [A] John was unhappy with his dormitory. [B] John's dormitory wasn't full.
[C] John didn't meet me at the door. [D] There wasn't any vacant room.
32. [A] We are sorry that we both failed. [B] Mary is envious of Jane's success.
[C] We are amazed by the fact. [D] Jane is envious of Mary's success.
33. [A] Writing is his favorite course.
[B] He prefers other courses to composition.
[C] One particular course is better than writing.
[D] He doesn't like any course, least of writing.
34. [A] He didn't finish the exercises yesterday.
[B] The exercises were handed in yesterday.
[C] He knew the exercises should be handed in today.
[D] He doesn't need to hand in the exercises today.
35. [A] 50 minutes. [B] 15 minutes.
[C] 30 minutes. [D] 10 minutes.





36. [A] Because he was a law breaker. [B] Because he was a trainee lawyer.
[C] Because he was a friend of the judge. [D] Because he was a traffic policeman.
37. [A] On the platform. [B] On the train.
[C] Near the stairs. [D] At the information desk.
38. [A] Telephone. [B] Telegraph.
[C] Microfilm. [D] Microscope.
39. [A] Three hours and forty five minutes. [B] Five and a half hours.
[C] Two hours and forty five minutes. [D] Eight hours and fifteen minutes.
40. [A] I want you to have a fully enjoyable holiday.
[B] Your plans for the trip interest me a lot.
[C] I think you should arrive according to the plan.
[D] We are now making plans for your journey.
41. [A] On the approach to High Road. [B] On the approach to West Road.
[C] Between West Hill and the junction. [D] Between High Road and West Hill.
42. [A] Moving to London. [B] Looking for a new job.
[C] Searching for a flat. [D] Hunting for a house.
43. [A] A doctor. [B] A typist.
[C] A lecturer. [D] A mathematician.
44. [A] She is helpful. [B] She is unprofessional.
[C] She is professional. [D] She is unskillful.
45. [A] She's not definite about the trip. [B] She would like to take more trips.
[C] She's decided against taking the trip. [D] She doesn't like discussing the trip.
46. [A] Invite a friend to dinner. [B] Ask for help.
[C] Make a date. [D] Visit a friend.
47. [A] She is a bank clerk. [B] She is a shop assistant.
[C] She is a waitress. [D] She is a receptionist.
48. [A] To inquire. [B] To request.
[C] To help. [D] To offer.
49. [A] Mark hadn't got any money. [B] Mark rented a sports car.
[C] Mark had got enough money for the car. [D] Mark didn't buy the sports car.
50. [A] In a bookstore. [B] In a newsagent's.
[C] In a library. [D] In a gift shop.





SECTION B SHORT CONVERSATIONS

Directions: In this section, you will hear 50 short conversations. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. Both the conversation and the question will be spoken only once. After each question, you will be given 10 seconds to answer.

51. [A] Took a photo of him. [B] Bought him a picture.
[C] Held a birthday party. [D] Bought him a frame for his picture.
52. [A] At 7 : 30. [B] At 8 : 30.
[C] At 9 : 00. [D] At 9 : 30.
53. [A] Her teaching assistant would grade the exam papers.
[B] She would collect the exam papers herself.
[C] She would mark the exam papers herself.
[D] She would not give her students an exam.
54. [A] No, it's open only to teachers and postgraduates.
[B] Yes, he can study there if he is writing a research paper.
[C] Yes, because he is a senior student.
[D] Yes, but he needs the approval of his professor.
55. [A] He has edited three books. [B] He has bought the wrong book.
[C] He has lost half of his money. [D] He has found the book that will be used.
56. [A] She's scornful. [B] She's angry.
[C] She's sympathetic. [D] She's worried.
57. [A] Enjoyable. [B] Inspiring.
[C] Moving. [D] Dull.
58. [A] In Mexico. [B] In California.
[C] In the city. [D] In New Mexico.
59. [A] On the 6th of June. [B] On the 8th of June.
[C] On the 9th of June. [D] On the 19th of June.
60. [A] She could help him with the problems. [B] He should go out for a while.
[C] She could go out together with him. [D] He should do the problems himself.
61. [A] She has been dismissed for her poor performance.
[B] She has been fired by the company.
[C] She has been granted leave for one month.
[D] She has been offered a new job.
62. [A] The flight has been canceled.





- [B] The plane is late.
[C] The plane is on time.
[D] The tickets for this flight have been sold out.
63. [A] The man is a forgetful person. [B] The typewriter is not new.
[C] The man can have the typewriter later. [D] The man misunderstood her.
64. [A] She thinks it is easier said than done.
[B] She totally agrees with him.
[C] She feels that what he says is simply nonsense.
[D] She thinks that he is a rather impolite person.
65. [A] She must learn to understand John's humor better.
[B] She enjoys John's humor a great deal.
[C] She doesn't appreciate John's humor.
[D] She thinks John is not funny enough.
66. [A] Jack's car was stolen. [B] Jack sold his car.
[C] Jack bought a new car. [D] Jack had a car accident.
67. [A] The woman blames the man for his absence.
[B] The woman thinks that everything was all right.
[C] The woman thanks the man for his efforts.
[D] The woman doesn't think it was the man's fault.
68. [A] The woman is being interviewed by a reporter.
[B] The woman is asking for a promotion.
[C] The woman is applying for a job.
[D] The woman is being given an examination.
69. [A] She wants to return the skirt her husband bought.
[B] She wants to buy another skirt.
[C] She wants to change the blue skirt for a yellow one.
[D] She wants to change the yellow skirt for a blue one.
70. [A] The first house they saw is too expensive.
[B] They may save some money for the time being.
[C] She is happy with the price set by the seller.
[D] Less money will be spent in maintaining the house.
71. [A] Arguing. [B] Protesting.
[C] Complaining. [D] Bargaining.
72. [A] It's too expensive. [B] It isn't needed.
[C] It should be built. [D] A college would be better.





73. [A] The effects of the flood. [B] The heroic fight against a flood.
[C] The cause of the flood. [D] Floods of the past twenty years.
74. [A] They get a bargain right away. [B] They have a look at the advertisement.
[C] They sell their TV set. [D] They go and buy a big TV set.
75. [A] To run into each other. [B] To get bargains.
[C] To avoid the crowds. [D] To join the crowds.
76. [A] No medicine could solve the woman's problem.
[B] The woman should eat less to lose some weight.
[C] Nothing could help the woman if she ate too little.
[D] The woman should choose the right foods.
77. [A] Joan may have taken a wrong train. [B] Joan won't come to the conference.
[C] Joan will miss the next conference. [D] Joan may be late for the opening speech.
78. [A] He has too many dreams. [B] He likes to sleep.
[C] He doesn't put his ideas into practice. [D] He doesn't have many good ideas.
79. [A] Getting extra credits.
[B] The requirements of an M. A. thesis.
[C] The credit hours required for an M. A. degree.
[D] Taking more optional courses.
80. [A] To clean the yard. [B] To weed the garden.
[C] To hire a gardener. [D] To work in the flower beds.
81. [A] He meant she should make a phone call if anything went wrong.
[B] He meant for her just to wait till help came.
[C] He was afraid something would go wrong with her car.
[D] He promised to give her help himself.
82. [A] His car was hit by another car.
[B] He was hurt while playing volleyball.
[C] He fell down the stairs.
[D] While crossing the street, he was hit by a car.
83. [A] No, he missed it. [B] Yes, he did.
[C] No, he didn't. [D] Yes, he probably did.
84. [A] He likes the job of a dish-washer because it pays well.
[B] He thinks it's important to have a good job from the beginning.
[C] He hates to be a dish-washer because it's boring.
[D] He would work as a dish-washer in summer if he has to.





85. [A] They were both busy doing their own work.
[B] They waited for each other at different places.
[C] They went to the street corner at different times.
[D] The man went to the concert but the woman didn't.
86. [A] Customer and salesman. [B] Colleagues.
[C] Employee and boss. [D] Classmates.
87. [A] It will take about one month to repair the watch.
[B] The woman should have saved more money.
[C] It is a good idea to keep the old watch.
[D] The watch is no longer worth repairing.
88. [A] Six. [B] Seven.
[C] Eight. [D] Nine.
89. [A] The apples and pears might not be so good.
[B] The apples are not as good as the pears.
[C] The apples and pears are very good.
[D] The apples and pears are as good as they look.
90. [A] There will be heavy fog in all areas.
[B] There will be heavy rain by midnight.
[C] There will be heavy fog in the east.
[D] There will be fog in all areas by midnight.
91. [A] It was pretty good. [B] It was rather dull.
[C] It was not well organized. [D] It was attended by many people.
92. [A] Some people pretend to know what they really don't.
[B] What the woman said is true.
[C] What the woman said is wrong.
[D] He knows more than the woman does.
93. [A] The air is polluted. [B] The people there are terrible.
[C] It's too windy. [D] The beaches are dirty.
94. [A] It will last for two weeks. [B] It has come to a halt.
[C] It will end before long. [D] It will probably continue.
95. [A] The woman's job as a librarian. [B] Women's rights in society.
[C] An important election. [D] Career planning.
96. [A] It was probably Mr. Brown's phone number that the woman wrote down.
[B] It was just an hour ago that the man met Mr. Brown.





[C] The woman forgot to write down the phone number.

[D] The woman needed a sheet of paper to put down the number.

97. [A] He is not to blame.

[B] It was his fault.

[C] He will accept all responsibility.

[D] He will be more careful next time.

98. [A] Read four chapters.

[B] Write an article.

[C] Speak before the class.

[D] Preview two chapters.

99. [A] Families with cars.

[B] Americans' heavy dependence on cars.

[C] Roads and highways.

[D] Traffic problems in America.

100. [A] The man thinks the woman is wasting her time.

[B] The man thinks the woman should make full use of her time.

[C] The man is eager to know the woman's answer.

[D] The man can wait and there is no need for her to hurry.

SECTION C LONGER CONVERSATIONS

Directions: In this section you will hear 15 longer conversations. Listen to the conversations carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

Questions 101 to 103 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the conversation.

101. [A] They didn't have a credit card.

[B] They couldn't wait anymore.

[C] They had spent the night in the line.

[D] They felt ill.

102. [A] She is going to fight against the problem.

[B] She feels the school is justified.

[C] She is proud to be a student.

[D] She is resigned to what's happening.

103. [A] Registering for classes.

[B] The complexity of the registration procedure.

[C] A musical performance.

[D] The opportunity to speak with his fellow students.

Questions 104 to 107 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the conversation.

104. [A] It is about what a jellyfish looks like.

[B] It is about how a jellyfish moves.

[C] It is about what a jellyfish eats.

[D] It is about the location of where jellyfish live.





105. [A] It is a bell shape. [B] It has a long and narrow shape.
[C] It is shaped like a small locomotive. [D] It is shaped like a string.
106. [A] It dangles its tentacles. [B] It uses tiny jets.
[C] It waves its tail from side to side. [D] It expels water.
107. [A] While contracting its bell. [B] When the other fish surround it.
[C] When nearing the beach. [D] When sinking downward.

Questions 108 to 110 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the conversation.

108. [A] She thinks it will help him get out more often.
[B] He plays an instrument the band needs.
[C] She thinks it would improve his playing.
[D] The band is suitable to his tastes.
109. [A] He doesn't have a guitar anymore.
[B] He doesn't like the other members of the band.
[C] He doesn't think he is good enough.
[D] He doesn't have time to practice.
110. [A] Weddings and parties. [B] Concert halls.
[C] School events. [D] Where they can get the most people.

Questions 111 to 113 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the conversation.

111. [A] He is surprised. [B] He is skeptical.
[C] He is disgusted. [D] He is alarmed.
112. [A] They shine brightly. [B] They are extremely strong.
[C] They can store heat. [D] They can absorb water.
113. [A] The weight. [B] The chemical composition.
[C] The color. [D] The shape.

Questions 114 to 117 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the conversation.

114. [A] In a studio. [B] In a gallery.
[C] In an art supply store. [D] In a psychologist's office.





115. [A] Realistic. [B] Disproportionate.
[C] Abstract. [D] Unfinished.
116. [A] Logic. [B] Size.
[C] Deliberation. [D] Honesty.
117. [A] He hates modern art.
[B] He wants to understand the art.
[C] He doesn't like psychology.
[D] He doesn't want to hear any explanations.

Questions 118 to 120 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the conversation.

118. [A] At a drug store. [B] At a university.
[C] On the street. [D] In an airplane.
119. [A] He met someone from Africa.
[B] He wants to go to a party in Sacramento.
[C] He calls the woman on the telephone.
[D] He invites the woman to his house.
120. [A] She has to work very late on Friday night.
[B] She's never met the man's sister.
[C] She never gave the man a call.
[D] She cannot accept the man's invitation.

Questions 121 to 123 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the conversation.

121. [A] On the way to the apartment building. [B] On the way to the Spanish class.
[C] On the way to the police station. [D] On the way home from the library.
122. [A] The man has hurt his arm.
[B] The man has too many books to carry himself.
[C] The man does not understand all the languages.
[D] The man has not decided what to do after college.
123. [A] There is a sale.
[B] There has been a robbery.
[C] The bookstore will move to the man's apartment.
[D] The store is throwing away old books.





Questions 124 to 127 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the conversation.

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| 124. [A] In a classroom. | [B] On an ocean boat. |
| [C] In experiments. | [D] On a hiking trip. |
| 125. [A] Small and useful. | [B] Small and useless. |
| [C] Large but useful. | [D] Light and round. |
| 126. [A] Ammonia from animals. | [B] Dangerous chemicals. |
| [C] Chemical salts. | [D] Bacteria. |
| 127. [A] Boiled water. | [B] Rivers polluted by factories. |
| [C] The ocean. | [D] Rivers in the wilderness. |

Questions 128 to 130 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the conversation.

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| 128. [A] He had a surfing accident. | [B] He changed the way he looked. |
| [C] He spent some time studying. | [D] He found a new hobby. |
| 129. [A] 1,000 years. | [B] 2,000 years. |
| [C] 3,000 years. | [D] 4,000 years. |
| 130. [A] Sharks. | [B] Larger boats. |
| [C] The creatures of the sea. | [D] The ocean itself. |

Questions 131 to 133 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the conversation.

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| 131. [A] To visit friends. | [B] To give concerts. |
| [C] To vacation. | [D] To give private lessons. |
| 132. [A] A full-sized cello. | [B] A half-sized cello. |
| [C] A two-thirds-sized cell. | [D] It is not mentioned. |
| 133. [A] He always takes it with him. | [B] It was made by his uncle. |
| [C] He borrowed it from his uncle. | [D] He got a seat free for his cello. |

Questions 134 to 137 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the conversation.

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| 134. [A] It is exciting. | [B] There is a lot of fun. |
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[C] It is a hard game.

[D] It is a slow game.

135. [A] Waiting for the other batsman.

[B] Standing in front of the wicket.

[C] Trying to hit the ball.

[D] Running to change positions.

136. [A] He runs after the ball.

[B] He changes positions.

[C] He throws the ball.

[D] He tries to hit the ball.

137. [A] Both prefer cricket to baseball.

[B] Both prefer baseball to cricket.

[C] Mark disagrees with John.

[D] It is not clear from the conversation.

Questions 138 to 140 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the conversation.

138. [A] Mike was eager to do the course.

[B] Mike had done outdoor activities.

[C] Mike enjoyed life in the open.

[D] Mike was reluctant and timid.

139. [A] Hiking.

[B] Canoeing.

[C] Swimming.

[D] Camping.

140. [A] Independent.

[B] Strong.

[C] Determined.

[D] Persistent.

Questions 141 to 143 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 15 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the conversation.

141. [A] At Jane's house.

[B] At Jane's aunt's house.

[C] At Jane's sister's house.

[D] At Jane's brother's house.

142. [A] Because she was worried about the birthday party.

[B] Because she finds this history course very challenging.

[C] Because she thought her term paper might be late.

[D] Because she has a very hard time sleeping.

143. [A] Plan a birthday party.

[B] Sleep during the day.

[C] Type his own term papers.

[D] Work well under pressure.

Questions 144 to 147 are based on the following conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the conversation.

144. [A] To make preparations for a new publication.

[B] To learn how couples spend their weekends.

