

Part II Text A

Text Organization

1.

- 1) Para. 2 His interest in her had begun twelve months before in a Florida library.
2) Para. 7 I'll let Mr. Blanchard tell you what happened:
3) Para. 16 It's not difficult to understand and admire Miss Maynell's wisdom.

2.

Parts	Paragraphs	Main Ideas
Part Two	Paras. 2-6	How John Blanchard had fallen in love with Miss Maynell.
Part Three	Paras. 7-15	Miss Maynell put Blanchard to the test.
Part Four	Paras. 16-17	It was wise of Miss Maynell to give such a test.

Recounting the Story

I had no difficulty in identifying him, standing there with the book gripped firmly in his fingers. The book had seemed the natural choice for identification, as it had been my notes in its margins that had brought us together in the first place. He arrived on time at Grand Central Station, just as we had scheduled. I liked that. It seemed to fit well with everything I had gathered from corresponding with him while he was overseas. Now here he was in the flesh, looking amazingly handsome as he stood there in his army uniform. I almost regretted putting him to the test, but it was too late to change my mind now, and I was grateful to the middle-aged lady for agreeing to help. I made my way past him without taking notice of his reaction to my appearance. So here I am sitting in the restaurant, waiting to see whether he will end up joining me.

Interpreting Difficult Sentences

- 1) B 2) B 3) A 4) B

Language Sense Enhancement

1.

I squared my shoulders and saluted and 1) held out the book to the woman, even though while I spoke I felt 2) choked by the bitterness of my disappointment. "I'm Lieutenant John Blanchard, and you 3) must be Miss Maynell. I am so glad you could meet me; may I take you to dinner?"



The woman's face 4) broadened into a smile. "I don't know what this is 5) about, son," she answered, "but the young lady in the green suit who just 6) went by, she begged me to 7) wear this rose on my coat. And she said if you 8) were to ask me out to dinner, I should go and tell you that she is waiting for you in the big restaurant 9) across the street. She said it was some kind of 10) test!"

Language Focus

Vocabulary

I. Basic Practice

1.

- 1) The former lake bed is now a fertile plain producing good crops of wheat.
- 2) Aunt Pat's rough, red hands reflected a life of hard physical labor.
- 3) If you are living overseas, you may not have to pay tax in your own country.
- 4) Helen is pretty, of slim build, her blue eyes shining.
- 5) We split the boards down the middle to use them for the back of the shelves.
- 6) Only the hope that the rescuers were getting nearer sustained the people trapped in the cave.
- 7) The glow of the setting sun turned the stream red.
- 8) The young woman called the police when she saw kidnappers thrust the boy into their car.
- 9) It is common knowledge that dogs have a keen sense of smell.
- 10) The unusually cold winter caused many plants to bud later this year than usual.
- 11) We can go to the seven o'clock performance or the eight — whichever suits you best.
- 12) I'm going your way — I'll walk with you to the town square.
- 13) I have absolutely no idea who wrote the note in the margin of the book.
- 14) Even the smallest baby can identify its mother by her voice.
- 15) At the meeting some workers put forward sensible suggestions about improving the working environment.

2.

- 1) The sickly smell of carpets and furniture in the bedroom disgusts me.
- 2) Mary stopped corresponding with Henry when she went abroad.
- 3) A radio transmitter is best located at an isolated place far from cities.
- 4) I was so absorbed in the game on TV that I didn't hear Martin come in.
- 5) The rough surface of the basketball helps players grip the ball.
- 6) She was haunted by the memory of that day for a couple of years.



7) Mary is trying to find a publisher who will take a chance on her book.

8) Don't hesitate to call me if you need any more information.

3.

1) During the 1880s, several black colleges were founded in the U.S. to broaden educational opportunities for black students and help them make their way in the world.

2) My grandfather is a man of wisdom. He always comes up with an insightful view of the situation in response to a new challenge.

3) About 15,000 artists participated in the grand opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics, which left the 91,000 spectators from China and overseas mesmerized. The event, directed by Chinese filmmaker Zhang Yimou, reflected China's rich history and cultural heritage.

II. Usage

1.

1) A fire broke out at the school but the teachers were able to lead the frightened children to safety.

2) Don't be afraid/frightened to complain if the service is bad.

2.

1) Don't worry about which washing machine to buy, they are all alike/similar.

2) The twins insist on wearing similar clothes.

3.

1) The old man was lucky to be alive after such a devastating earthquake.

2) He is widely regarded as Australia's greatest living poet.

4.

1) She looked lovingly at the sleeping child.

2) I'm surprised to see you awake — ten minutes ago you were fast asleep.

III. Word Family

1.

1) If you're expecting that Dad will let you borrow his car, you're going to be disappointed.

2) She couldn't hide her disappointment at not getting the job.

3) It's disappointing that so few attended the concert.



- 4) I'm sorry to disappoint you, but I'm afraid I can't come after all.
- 5) Emma played rather disappointingly in the piano competition and only came third.
- 6) What a disappointing result! She should have done a lot better.

2.

- 1) The salary they're offering is very attractive, but I still don't want the job.
- 2) The local government is trying to attract high-tech companies to the area.
- 3) My wife is keen on shopping, but it holds absolutely no attraction for me.
- 4) Karen used to wear plain clothing. Surprisingly enough, I found her very attractively dressed when I dropped in yesterday.
- 5) She's got a lovely slim figure, but her face is unattractively long.
- 6) Wearing an unattractive coat and old-fashioned skirt, Dorothy looked older than she was.

Comprehensive Exercises

I. Cloze

(Jenny and Raymond had been lovers but then World War II ended their 1) budding romance. Six years later Raymond happened to learn that Jenny was still living alone in London...)

So Raymond found himself in a London hotel before he had decided on his approach to Jenny. This was a 2) delicate matter. He must give himself time to consider and 3) reflect. His first thought was to make a telephone call, but he knew that wouldn't be 4) sensible. Jenny believed that he was dead. He couldn't just ring and say he wasn't. He sat down at the writing desk and began a letter to 5) schedule a meeting with her. He 6) hesitated, tore it up and began another, only to tear that up, too. He threw down the pen and went out into the early October dawn of London. He felt as though he was 7) split in two. He was so 8) keen to see Jenny, yet he was avoiding the place where Jenny's home was 9) located. He was getting angry with himself and his heart was filled with 10) disappointment. He walked and walked. The city began to 11) come alive. He turned into a restaurant and had a lonely breakfast. He thought about his deep love for Jenny, which had 12) sustained him during the tough times. He knew he was wasting time — but after so many years, did a few more hours matter? He was so 13) absorbed in his thought that he didn't notice a lady came to his table. Her 14) glowing face 15) broadened out into a smile ...



II. Translation

As the G402 high-speed train pulls into Xinxiang East Station located in China's Henan Province, Li Xiang makes his way to coach No. 13 with a lunch-box. Li works at the railway station. His wife Zou Xiaojuan, a lady with very delicate features is on the train at the moment. She is not a passenger but a steward/member of staff in charge of catering services on board. The G402 high-speed train from the southwestern city of Guiyang to Beijing is scheduled to stop at Xinxiang every five days, each time for no more than two minutes. So the reality is that two minutes is the longest time the young couple can spend together at work. Li holds out the lunch-box to his wife after guiding passengers on and off the train. Zou, in return, expresses her love by gathering her fingers into a heart shape while no one is watching. The small lunch-box reflects the love from her thoughtful husband. Each reunion is like a seed of love falling on a fertile heart, even though it is so short.

Part III Text B

Comprehension Check

