**Unit 1 Money Smarts**

Active Reading: Look After Yourself

**Getting the idea**

**1 Reference answers**

1) eight

2) circus

3) actor

4) precarious

5) look after

6) respectful of

**2 Reference answers**

1) accessories

2) consultations

3) medications

4) Premiums

5) paper round

6) Saturday job in a shop

**Analyzing writing techniques**

**Teaching suggestions**

In this section, T can make it clear that story-telling is key to enabling the reader to understand and embrace

the point the author intends to make and then empathize with the author. To help Ss better understand the

author’s techniques in this story, T can ask Ss to underline the details that reflect the father’s attitudes to

money and the daughter’s gradual understanding of money wisdom. This will enable Ss to summarize the

details and sort out the author’s writing techniques. T can also emphasize the use of signpost expressions in

telling a story. There are more details than what are listed in the reference answers.

**Reference answers**

Give a backstory

 **Imagine me as** an eleven-year-old girl, growing up in London.

 **Let me tell you a bit about my daddy.**

 **After a few years,** he decided to come to England and try his luck

as an actor here.

…

Use foreshadowing

 My easy-going father always looked **unnaturally sombre when he**

**was doing the bills**.

 He looked up slowly from his papers, his **mind still occupied with**

**numbers**.

…

Use details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings

 … his **forehead creased in concentration** as he went through all

sorts of papers …

 Anyway, back to my birthday present. **I took a deep breath**.

 There was a **long pause**. He **looked at me seriously**.

…

Reflect on what has been learned

 I **learnt how to look after my finances and care for my own three**

**sons**.

…

**Building your language**

**1 Reference answers**

1 medication costs

2 keep some savings

3 a sizeable amount of

4 informed predictions

5 regular premiums

6 calculate the cost of **10** / **24**

**2 Reference answers**

1 on / upon

2 through

3 by

4 for

5 out

6 over

**3 Reference answers**

Diligence and frugality are traditional Chinese virtues. My parents set an example to me when I was young. At the beginning of each month, they would plan their finances to ensure that their income of this month could cover the **household bills**, while at the same time, they could keep some savings **for a rainy day**. For this reason, they rarely **spent money on** unnecessary things. Under their guidance, I learned to keep accounts and tried to **reckon** daily expenditures. Now, I am able to **look after my personal finances**.

Further Exploration: Enjoy Studying in China on a Budget

**1 Reference answers**

1) track your daily spending

2) special discounts for students and faculty

3) cook your own food

4) public transportation

5) bike-sharing systems

**2 Reference answers**

1 × Learning how to study and live on a budget in China is actually quite simple, and you certainly don’t

need an accountant.

2 √

3 × Buses, subways, and the train system are budget-friendly transit options in China. However, taxis can

be convenient but pricier than some public transportation.

4 × Biking around town will bring you the greatest amount of freedom for the least amount of money.

5 √

**Steps to better money management (Audio)**

**Reference answers**

1) budget

2) financial and personal

3) overspending

4) savings

5) unexpected expenses

6) long-term savings goals

7) debts you have

8) the debts you already have

9) pay it off

Extended Reading:Tuesday with Morrie

**Reference answers**

1 A

2 C

3 B

4 C

5 A

**Unit 2 A Good Read**

Active Reading: Danger !Books may change your life

**Getting the idea**

**1 Reference answers**

1) observers

2) variety and difference

3) immediate surroundings

4) vistas

5) distant

6) our lives

7) real meaning

8) pleasure and satisfaction

9) reproduce

**2 Reference answers**

1 C ; 2 B ; 3 A; 4 C ; 5 C

**Analyzing writing techniques**

**1 Repetition**

⚫ But we know he was right. We know we live in a world of variety and difference. We

know that people live different lives, spend their time in different ways, have different

occupations, believe in different things, have different opinions and different customs,

and speak different languages.

⚫ It’s as if the right book comes to seek us out at the right moment, and offers itself to

us – it’s not us who seek out the book.

**Parallelism**

⚫ We’ll have experiences which are new, *sometimes bewildering*, *possibly unpleasant or painful*, *but never less than liberating* from the real world we come from.

⚫ From *the bedtime story read by a parent* all the way through to *the sitting room lined with books* in our adult homes, books define our lives.

**Both repetition and parallelism**

Every book will have its own *language and dialect*, its own *vocabulary and grammar*.

**Building your language**

**1 Reference answers**

1 liberating

2 immersed

3 stir

4 mysterious

5 thrilled

6 marvel

**2 Reference answers**

1 home-run book

2 reflect on

3 interact with

4 in one sitting

5 from the point of view of

6 is lined with

**3 Reference answers**

Reading **fiction** always brings me endless **pleasure and satisfaction**. Whether they are classical Chinese literature or excellent modern and contemporary works, I can seek strength from them. Fiction has broadened my horizons and allowed me to observe the world more comprehensively **through the eyes of** different

characters. Sometimes discovering a **mysterious wonderland** fills me with amazement, and sometimes the characters who **have experiences in common with** me help me better reflect on my own life. In a word, fiction has undoubtedly been **supremely influential** on me.

Further Exploration: The Old Man and the Sea

**1 Reference answers**

1) small fishing boat

2) fisherman

3) reels the marlin in

4) manliness, courage, and bravery

5) meaningful life

**2 Reference answers**

1) economy of words

2) simplicity

3) admire and sympathize with

4) easy and comfortable

5) harsh confrontations

6) endurance

Why we Read Harry Porter (video)

**1 Reference answers**

1) prejudice

2) negative attitudes

3) social conflicts

4) bitter

5) the same injustice

6) social environments

**2 Reference answers**

1) empathy

2) our understanding of other people

3) improved attitudes toward immigrants

4) social standings and backgrounds

Extended Reading: The Art of Slow Reading

**Reference answers**

1 B ; 2 D ; 3 C ; 4 B ; 5 A

**Unit 3 The age of AI**

Active Reading: How cities should prepare for artificial intelligence

**Getting the idea**

**1 Reference answers**

1) wounded

2) war adventures / stories of Normandy

3) how he had nearly died

4) could be here today

**2 Reference answers**

1) Purely functional

2) modesty

3) favorable impression

4) dress down

5) neutral colors

6) emotions

7) positive aspects of their personality

8) sense of occasion

**Analyzing writing techniques**

**Reference answers**

1 The anecdote includes the following elements:

Time: In 1944 on the second day of the D-Day invasion

Place: A beach in Normandy, France

Character: My father

Object: A battle jacket

2 The anecdote is nostalgic.

3 The message the author intends to convey through the anecdote is that with time passes, clothes may serve different functions in different periods. The function of the father’s battle jacket undergoes three stages of change:

⚫Stage 1 (on the second day of the D-day invasion): an ordinary military uniform, maybe serving to indicate identity;

⚫Stage 2 (in the father’s later life): a recorder of war adventures and a reminder of the impermanence of life;

⚫Stage 3 (in the author’s life): a generator of fond nostalgia, representing the good old times or quality time spent with the father.

In summary, the battle jacket not only connects the father’s past with the present, but also establishes a strong bond between the father and the son, and links the father’s past with the author’s present. It has become a tie that connects the whole family and an heirloom that will be passed down from generation to generation, carrying on the legacy of inheritance.

4 The story about the battle jacket ends with the author slipping his finger through the hole in the battle jacket and completing what the father had tactfully avoided mentioning by saying, “I wouldn’t be here today.” The author places the end of the story at the concluding part of the text to bring the text a natural ending, helping to achieve textual coherence and unity.

5 At the beginning of the text (Paragraphs 1–2), the battle jacket serves as a starter of the topic of the text that arouses the reader’s interest. At the end of the text, it serves as a closure of the topic that brings the text to a natural ending. Throughout the text, it links the beginning and end of the text, helping to achieve textual coherence and unity.

**Building your language**

**1 Reference answers**

1 neutral colors

2 Low-maintenance clothes

3 warm and waterproof

4 is not dictated by

5 a sense of nostalgia

**2 Reference answers**

1 at the expense of comfort and practicality

2 inevitably end up being packed away

3 reminds / reminded me of the happy time we spent together

4 have fallen out of favor with young university students

5 dress down to avoid attracting too much attention

6 kept alive the memory of every step of my growth

**3 Reference answers**

Over the past 40 years of reform and opening up, the clothing of Chinese people has undergone tremendous changes. Chinese people are no longer **dressing exclusively for** keeping warm, but rather for comfort, personality, and beauty. **Fabrics** have developed from the few traditional natural materials of cotton and silk to delicately manufactured high-tech fabrics. Clothing colors and styles have also changed from being **uniform** to diverse. These changes **are indicative of** the growth of China’s economy, the upgrading of consumption levels, and the change of aesthetic concepts.

**Further Exploration：Tied up in knots**

**1 Reference answers**

1) uniform

2) decorative

3) all the rage4) signature piece

5) different ways to tie knots

6) power

**2 Reference answers**

1 × It is a nightmare.

2 **√**

3 × In the 19th century, each bow tie wearer experimented with fabrics, knots, and accessories of their own.

4 × When it came to the 20th century, a longer tie which was different from the bow tie came into being

to fit the turndown collars on shirts.

5 **√**

6 **√**

**Traditional Chinese clothing makes a comeback（Video）**

**1 Reference answers**

1 √

2 × *Hanfu* lovers started the revival in 2003, about 20 years ago.

3 √

4 √

5 √

6 × The number of *hanfu* lovers has increased from over three and a half million in 2019 to more than

five million in 2020.

**2**

1) social status

2) national symbol

3) Han Chinese

4) 90 percent

5) Qing Dynasty

1-c 2-a 3-b

**Extended reading**

**Circular Fashion: The shopping concept that could save the planet**

**Reference answers**

a-5; b-3; c-6; d-2; e-7; f-9; g-8.

**U****nit 4 The age of AI**

Active Reading: How cities should prepare for artificial intelligence

**Getting the idea**

**1 Reference answers**

1) AI-driven

2) disappear

3) professions

4) assistance

5) responding to technological change

6) activate new plans

7) educational institutions

8) seize new opportunities

**2 Reference answers**

1) (timely and thoughtful) workforce analysis

2) public-private partnerships

3) AI’s possibilities

4) re-skilling and development

5) job cuts

6) retraining programs

7) revamp

**Analyzing writing techniques**

**Reference answers**

1 The definition of smart cities; The context that many cities have transformed into smart cities.

2 Many existing jobs will disappear and many people will need to find new jobs in the AI-enabled future. The topic being discussed will guide city administrations in assisting these individuals.

3 Four essential qualities: a vision for responding to technological change; a city administration able to activate new plans; a strong foundation of readily available top talent, employers, and educational institutions; and the momentum to seize new opportunities.

**Building your language**

**1 Reference answers**

1 been completely transformed

2 thrive in the future

3 automate customer service

4 activate a plan / plans

5 controversy about

6 mitigate the risk

**2 Reference answers**

1-c

2-e

3-f

4-a

5-b

6-d

**3 Reference answers**

In recent years, China’s AI technology has maintained rapid development **momentum** and effectively promoted the construction of **smart cities**. Many achievements have been made in the construction of smart cities around the country. Smart government, smart medical treatment, smart transportation, smart environmental protection, etc. have effectively **mitigated** resource shortage, traffic congestion, environmental degradation, and other problems caused by urban expansion, and also improved the quality of life and happiness of citizens. In the future, there will be more **AI use cases** to help build livable, resilient, and smart cities.

Further exploration：Should robots be given the same rights as humans in the future?

**1 Reference answers**

1) sensitive information

2) societal values

3) violence against people

4) mental faculties

5) access the damage

6) sentient beings

7) lives or national security

**2 Reference answers**

1 In my opinion societal values refer to the criteria of being right or wrong, good or bad in a society, which decides what will be done to address specific issues.

**We talked to Sophia, the robot9（video)**

**1 Reference answers**

1) robot citizen

2) close

3) expand the knowledge

4) feelings and preferences

**Extended reading：How AI will change us**

1 B ；2 C ；3 B ；4 D ；5 A

**Unit 6 Past and Present**

Active Reading：China’s Underwater History

**Getting the idea**

**1 Reference answers**

1) the Age of Discovery

2) peak

3) fleet of sea vessels

4) the largest seaport

5) time capsules

6) clearer picture and deeper appreciation

**2 Reference answers**

1 B; 2 C; 3 C; 4 C; 5 B

**Analyzing writing techniques**

**Reference answers**

**Facts:**

These were durable ships, constructed from hard varieties of wood.

… the famed traveler and travel writer Ibn Battuta arrived in Quanzhou by sea.

*(These can be verified by observation or research.)*

**Statistics:**

Some were longer than 60 meters and could carry more than 600 people at a time.

… some of the large ships being able to transport up to 1,000 passengers.

Later work identified more than 67,000 pieces of porcelain, as well as the world’s only existing Tang Dynasty

Jiangxin Mirror.

*(Exact numbers are given in these sentences.)*

**Examples:**

One example of the power of this trade is the global spread of tea.

*(The popularity of a specific commodity illustrates the spread of goods globally.)*

**Expert opinions:**

Cui Yong, leader of the *Nanhai One* archeological team, has called the ship a “time capsule” that preserved the true state of maritime trade during the Song Dynasty.

*(This indirect quote from an expert shows the significance of the archeological findings.)*

**Building your language**

**1 Reference answers**

1 unprecedented operation

2 division of labor

3 preserve the true state

4 reached its peak

5 Sophisticated techniques

6 gain a deeper appreciation

**2 Reference answers**

1) has its roots in

2) was famed for

3) was home to

4) dissimilar from

5) dating back to

6) revealing the truth about

**3 Reference answers**

Dunhuang, the pearl on **the Silk Road**, has a history dating back to the Neolithic period. As early as the Han Dynasty, the Silk Road **stretched from** Dunhuang to Central Asia, South Asia, West Asia, and even further to Europe and North Africa. With the thriving of the Silk Road, Dunhuang became a trade hub where a large number of Chinese and foreign merchants gathered. In order to **gain a clearer picture** of the importance of Dunhuang to the **overland** Silk Road, a series of **archeological** research have been launched **in a joint effort by** China and many other countries.

**Sharing your ideas**

**Reference answers**

⚫ Time

The Maritime Silk Road began in the Qin and Han dynasties;

⚫ The routes

The specific route of the Maritime Silk Road varied over time, but it generally spanned from the Chinese coast, passing through Southeast Asia, the Indian Ocean, the Red Sea, and reaching as far as the eastern coast of Africa and the Mediterranean Sea.

⚫ Major events or changes

The Maritime Silk Road took shape during the Qin and Han dynasties, developed further during the Wei and Jin dynasties, gained popularity in the Sui and Tang dynasties, reached its peak during the Song and Yuan dynasties, and began to decline during the Ming Dynasty.

⚫ Important figures involved

➢ Wang Dayuan (汪大渊) (1311–?) embarked on two extensive sea voyages that spanned Asia, Africa, Oceania, and other regions. He documented his experiences in the book *Dao Yi Zhi Lue* (《岛夷志略》), which explored the history of Asian, European, and African countries in the South Ocean, Indian Ocean, and Mediterranean region during the first half of the 14th century. This work provides valuable historical material encompassing geography, economy, and culture, offering an objective reflection of the grand maritime history during the Yuan Dynasty.

➢ Zheng He was a Chinese explorer and admiral. He is best known for leading seven naval expeditions between 1405 and 1433, which were unprecedented in scale and range. Zheng He’s fleets consisted of hundreds of ships, including treasure ships that were among the largest wooden ships ever built. He led his fleets to various parts of Asia and beyond, reaching as far as the eastern coast of Africa. His voyages aimed to establish and enhance diplomatic and economic relations with other countries, promote Chinese culture, and showcase the might of the Ming Dynasty.