

List 16

“所谓抱负就是对现状的永不满足，有变化的生活才精彩，永远不要停下追逐梦想的脚步。”
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Unit 1

MINGLE
MINUTIA

MINIMIZE
MIRAGE

MINT
MIRE

MINUSCULE
MIRTH

MINUTE
MISANTHROPIC

mingle ['mɪŋɡl]

【考法 1】vi. 参加社交活动：to take part in **social** activities

【例】mingling at a cocktail party 在鸡尾酒会上与他人交往

【近】associate, fraternize, socialize

【考法 2】vt. 混合，结合：to **mix** so that the components become united

【例】mingle the ingredients 将调料混合 || mingle fact and fiction 糅杂了现实与幻想

【近】mix, amalgamate, blend, commingle, immingle, intermix, merge

【反】divide, separate, sunder 分开

minimize ['mɪnɪmaɪz]

【考法 1】vt. 将…减到最少：to **reduce to** the **smallest** possible amount, extent, size, or degree

【例】All striking forces are told to minimize civilian casualties. 所有攻击部队被要求尽可能减少平民伤亡

【近】deprecate, diminish, discount, reduce

【反】inflate, magnify 膨胀，扩大；maximize 最大化

【考法 2】vt. 刻意低估：to **underestimate** intentionally

【例】minimize losses in our own company while maximize those of the rival 低估我方损失而高估对手损失

【近】underestimate, underrate, undervalue

【反】overestimate 高估；exaggerate 夸张，夸大

【考法 3】vt. 表示鄙夷：to express **scornfully** one's **low opinion** of

【例】Sore losers minimized the other team's victory. 愤愤不平的失败者对获胜方的胜利表现出鄙夷

【近】belittle, denigrate, deprecate, depreciate, derogate, diminish, disparage, trash, vilipend

【反】acclaim, applaud, exalt, extol, glorify, laud, magnify, praise 欢呼，赞扬

【派】minimum adj. 最小的

mint [mɪnt]

【考法 1】n. 巨额：an **abundant amount**, especially of money

【例】worth a mint 价值连城

【近】bomb, boodle, bundle, fortune, pile, wad

【反】mite, modicum 少量

【考法 2】adj. 无损坏的：**unmarred** as if fresh from a mint

【例】 a second-handed laptop in mint condition 一台几乎全新的二手笔记本电脑

【近】 intact, original, perfect, pristine, unmarred, virginal

【反】 impaired, damaged 有损坏的; stale 陈腐的

miniscule ['minɪskju:l]

【考法 1】 adj. 极小的: **very small**

【例】 a miniscule progress 极小的进步

【近】 atomic, infinitesimal, microscopic, miniature, minute, tiny

【反】 colossal, elephantine, enormous, gargantuan, gigantic, huge, immense, mammoth, prodigious 巨大的

minute [maɪ'nju:t]

【考法 1】 adj. 仔细的, 谨小慎微的: characterized by **careful scrutiny** and close examination

【例】 a minute description of the setting of the story 故事背景的详细介绍

【近】 circumstantial, elaborate, full, particular, particularized, thorough

【反】 brief, compendious, concise, succinct, summary, terse 摘要性的, 简述的

【考法 2】 adj. 小的, 不重要的: very small or **of small importance**

【例】 It is not sagacious to invest excessively in minute details. 过分投入于不重要的细枝末节上是不明智的

【近】 frivolous, incidental, inconsiderable, insignificant, little, minor, negligible, nugatory, slight, trifling, trivial

【反】 consequential, critical, crucial, momentous, significant, vital, weighty 关键的, 重要的

【派】 minutes n. 会议记录

minutia [maɪ'nju:ʃiə]

【考法 1】 n. 次要的细节, 小事: a minute or **minor detail**

【例】 plagued by minutiae 被不重要的细节困扰

【近】 triviality

【反】 gist 要点

mirage ['mɪrɑ:ʒ]

【考法 1】 n. 海市蜃楼, 幻想: something **illusory** and unattainable like a mirage

【例】 Reunion with her husband has become a mirage. 与他丈夫重逢已是可望而不可及的幻象 || A peaceful solution proved to be a mirage. 和平解决问题是不可能的了

【近】 chimera, delusion, hallucination, illusion, phantom, vision

【反】 reality 现实

mire ['maɪə]

【考法 1】 n. 困境: a **difficult**, puzzling, or embarrassing **situation** from which there is no easy escape

【例】 stuck in a mire of emotional dependency 陷于感情依赖的困境中

【近】 dilemma, hole, impasse, jam, pickle, quagmire, rattrap, swamp

【考法 2】 vt. 使陷入困境, 拖后腿: to hamper or **hold back** as if by mire

【例】 be mired in the past 陷于过去的回忆不能自拔

【近】 bog, broil, delay, detain, entangle, entrap, retard

【反】 enfranchise, extricate, free, liberate, rescue 使解脱

mirth [mɜ:θ]

【考法 1】 n. 欢乐, 欢笑: **gladness** or gaiety as shown by or accompanied with **laughter**

【例】 a man of little mirth 不苟言笑之人

【近】 cheer, festivity, gaiety, glee, happiness, hilarity, jocundity, joviality, lightheartedness

【反】 dejection, depression, desolation, despondence, doldrums, melancholy, oppression 沮丧, 忧伤

【派】 mirthful adj. 高兴的

misanthropic [mɪsən'θrəʊpɪk]

【考法 1】 adj. 反人类的: having or showing a **deep distrust of human** beings and their motives

【例】 a solitary and misanthropic artist 一个孤立的反人类艺术家

【近】 antisocial, cynical, pessimistic

【反】 philanthropic 博爱的; uncynical 不愤世嫉俗的

【派】 misanthrope n. 反人类份子

Unit 2

MISBEHAVING
MISERLY

MISCHIEVOUS
MISFORTUNE

MISCONTRUE
MISGIVING

MISCREANT
MISHAP

MISDEMEANOR
MISREPRESENT

misbehaving ['mɪsbɪ'heɪvɪŋ]

【考法】 adj. 调皮的, 行为不端的: engaging in or marked by **childish misbehavior**

【例】 a new approach for disciplining a chronically misbehaving child 一个教育调皮小孩的新方法

【近】 annoying, devious, errant, impish, mischievous, naughty, playful, wicked

【反】 decorous, urbane 举止得体的

mischievous ['mɪstʃɪvəs]

【考法 1】 adj. 调皮的, 调皮的: playful in a **naughty** or **teasing** way

【例】 The mischievous child broke the vase. 调皮的孩子打碎了花瓶

【近】 annoying, devious, errant, impish, misbehaving, naughty, playful, wicked

【反】 decorous, urbane 举止得体的

【考法 2】 adj. 有害的: **causing harm** or trouble

【例】 mischievous rumors that defame him 恶意中伤他的谣言

【近】 adverse, baleful, baneful, deleterious, detrimental, evil, hurtful, injurious, nocuous, noxious, pernicious

【反】 beneficial 有益的; anodyne, benign, harmless, innocent, innocuous, inoffensive, safe 无害的

misconstrue ['mɪskən'stru:]

【考法 1】 vt. 误解, 曲解: to **mistake** the meaning of

【例】 An outsider might misconstrue the nature of the phenomenon. 局外者可能会曲解这个现象的本质

【近】 garble, misapprehend, misinterpret, misperceive, misread, misrepresent, mistake

【反】 appreciate, apprehend, catch, comprehend, fathom, grasp, perceive, savvy, seize, understand 获知

miscreant ['mɪskrɪənt]

【考法 1】 n. 恶棍, 罪犯: one who **behaves criminally** or viciously

【例】 robbed by a bunch of miscreants 遭到了一伙歹徒的抢劫

【近】brute, culprit, devil, felon, fiend, offender, rascal, reprobate, villain

【反】cavalier, chevalier （尤指对女士）彬彬有礼的绅士

misdemeanor [ˌmɪsdiˈmiːnə]

【考法1】n. 轻罪： a **crime less serious** than a felony

【例】charged with several misdemeanors 被指控几项轻罪

【近】infraction, infringement, offense, peccadillo, violation

【反】felony 重罪

miserly [ˈmaɪzəli]

【考法1】adj. 吝啬的： marked by grasping meanness and **penuriousness**

【例】a miserly couple devoid of social conscience and responsibility 一对没有社会良心和责任感的吝啬夫妻

【近】closefisted, mean, niggard, parsimonious, penurious, stingy, tightfisted

【反】lavish, prodigal, spendthrift, squandering 浪费的； generous, liberal, munificent, openhanded 慷慨的

【派】miser n. 守财奴

misfortune [mɪsˈfɔːtʃən]

【考法1】n. 不幸： **bad fortune** or ill luck

【例】unable to grasp why he had been struck by such a misfortune 无法理解他为何会遇上如此不幸之事

【近】adversity, calamity, cataclysm, catastrophe, disaster, ill, mischance, mishap, tragedy

【反】fortune, luck, serendipity 幸事

misgiving [mɪsˈɡɪvɪŋ]

【考法1】n. 担忧，疑虑： a feeling of **doubt** or suspicion especially concerning a future event

【例】No one can dispel his misgiving. 没有人能打消他的疑虑

【近】apprehension, distrust, doubt, dread, fear, foreboding, incertitude, skepticism, suspicion

【反】assurance, belief, certainty, certitude, confidence, conviction, sureness, surety, trust 信心

mishap [ˈmɪʃæp]

【考法1】n. 不幸之事： an **unfortunate** accident

【例】Mishap followed wherever he went. 不论他走到哪里，厄运总是形影相随

【近】adversity, calamity, cataclysm, catastrophe, disaster, ill, mischance, misfortune, tragedy

【反】fortune, luck, serendipity 幸事

misrepresent [ˌmɪsˌreprɪˈzent]

【考法1】vt. 误传，篡改： to **give** an incorrect or **misleading representation** of

【例】misrepresent the facts 篡改事实真相

【近】believe, color, distort, falsify, garble, misinterpret, misrelate, misstate, pervert

【反】clarify, explain, illuminate, illustrate 澄清，阐明

【派】misrepresentation n. 篡改

MITE
MODICUM

MITIGATE
MOLLIFY

MOBILE
MOLLYCODDLE

MOCKERY
MOLT

MODERATE
MOMENTOUS

mite [maɪt]

【考法 1】 n. 微小的东西，很少的钱： a very **small object**, creature, or particle, a very small sum of money

【例】 I have only a mite left to buy lunch for the rest of the week. 我只剩下一点钱来买剩下一周几天的午饭了

【近】 atom, bit, hint, iota, molecule, particle, pittance, trace

【反】 boodle, bundle, fortune 大笔（金钱）； colossus 巨大的事物

mitigate ['mɪtɪgeɪt]

【考法 1】 vt. 减轻痛苦，使缓和： to make **less severe** or painful

【例】 powerful drugs that mitigate pains 强力的镇痛剂

【近】 allay, alleviate, assuage, ease, mitigate, mollify, palliate, relieve, soothe

【反】 aggravate, exacerbate, intensify 加剧

【派】 mitigation n. 缓和

mobile ['məʊbaɪl]

【考法 1】 adj. 可移动的： **capable of moving** or being moved

【例】 a mobile missile launcher 可移动导弹发射装置

【近】 motile, movable, portable, transportable

【反】 immobile, immovable 不可移动的

【考法 2】 adj. 可变的： **changeable** in appearance, mood, or purpose

【例】 a highly mobile face 善变的面孔

【近】 adaptable, fluid, inconstant, mercurial, mutable, protean, unstable, unsteady, variable, versatile

【反】 fixed, steadfast, stable 稳定的，不变的

【派】 mobility n. 可移动性； mobilize v. 动员

mockery ['mɒkəri]

【考法 1】 n. 鄙视，嘲弄： scornfully contemptuous **ridicule**

【例】 Her deliberate mockery triggered a fierce fight. 她的蓄意嘲弄引起了一场激烈的打斗

【近】 derision, joke, mock, ridicule, scoffing

【反】 respect, reverence, veneration 尊敬

【考法 2】 n. 以嘲笑为目的的模仿： a false, **derisive**, or impudent **imitation**

【例】 arbitrary methods that make a mockery of justice 嘲讽司法公正的仲裁体系

【近】 burlesque, caricature, farce, parody, sham, travesty

【派】 mock v. 愚弄，嘲弄

moderate ['mɒdəreɪt]

【考法 1】 vt. 使缓和： to **lessen** the **intensity** or extremeness of

【例】 Sopranos and tenors moderate their voices to fit the size of the theater. 女高音和男高音们根据剧场的大小调节他们的声音以创造合适的效果

【近】 abate, diminish, dwindle, ease, lessen, lower, modulate, subside, taper, temper, wane

【反】 escalate, enhance, expand, heighten, intensify 扩大，升级，增强

【考法 2】 adj. 适度的，中庸的： being **within** reasonable **limits**; not excessive or extreme

【例】 The new proposals regarding defense budget were met with only moderate enthusiasm. 关于国防预算的新提案只得到了平淡的回应

【近】 average, conservative, fair, intermediate, mediocre, modest, reasonable, temperate

【反】 exorbitant, excessive 过分的; extreme, radical 极端的

【派】 immoderate adj. 不适度的

modicum ['mɒdɪkəm]

【考法 1】 n. 少量: a **small portion**; a limited quantity

【例】 a modicum of food quota 极少量的食物配额

【近】 atom, iota, mite, molecule, particle

【反】 abundance, affluence 大量

mollify ['mɒlɪfaɪ]

【考法 1】 vt. 平息抚慰, 缓和: to **calm** in temper or feeling

【例】 mollify the angry customer 平息消费者的怒气

【近】 allay, alleviate, appease, assuage, conciliate, mitigate, placate, propitiate, soothe

【反】 aggravate, enrage, exasperate, incense, inflame, infuriate, ire, rankle, vex 激怒; antagonize 使敌对

【派】 mollification n. 安抚

mollycoddle ['mɒlɪkɒdl]

【考法 1】 vt. 溺爱: to treat with an **excessive** or absurd degree of **indulgence** and attention

【例】 mollycoddle his only grandson 溺爱他唯一的孙子

【近】 coddle, cosset, indulge, pamper, spoil

【反】 abuse, ill-treat 虐待

molt [mɒlt]

【考法 1】 vi. 脱 (羽、皮等): to **shed** hair, **feathers**, shell, horns, or an outer layer periodically

【例】 Snakes molt as they grow, shedding the old skin and growing a larger new skin. 随着年龄的增长, 蛇会脱去老皮, 长出新皮

【近】 exfoliate, exuviate, shed

【反】 fledge 长羽毛

momentous [məu'mentəs]

【考法 1】 adj. 极重要的: of **utmost importance**; of outstanding significance or consequence

【例】 Battle of Stalingrad is a momentous campaign in World War 2. 斯大林格勒之战是第二次世界大战中具有重大意义的一次战役

【近】 consequential, considerable, crucial, eventful, important, monumental, pivotal, significant, vital, weighty

【反】 inconsequential, negligible, slight, trifling, trivial 无关紧要的

Unit 4

MONTAGE

MORATORIUM

MORBID

MORDANT

MORIBUND

momentum [məu'mentəm]

【考法 1】 n. 动力: impetus of a physical object in motion

【例】 Their luck began to pick up momentum. 他们的运气开始转旺

【近】 boost, encouragement, goad, impetus, incentive, incitation, instigation, motivation, spur, stimulus

【反】 deterrent 阻碍物; obstruction, resistance 阻力

mongrel ['mʌŋgrəl]

【考法 1】 adj. 杂种的, 混血儿的: of mixed origin or character

【例】 homeless mongrel dogs on the streets 街上的流浪杂种狗

【近】 crossbred, hybrid

【反】 purebred 纯种的

monochromatic ['mɒnəukrəu'mætɪk]

【考法 1】 adj. 单色的: having or consisting of one color or hue

【例】 monochromatic filter 单色滤光片

【近】 colorless, monochrome

【反】 chromatic, colorful, iridescent, motley, rainbow, variegated 五光十色的

【考法 2】 adj. 单调无聊的: lacking variety, creativity, or excitement

【例】 a monochromatic article eulogizing a hero 一个无聊的赞颂英雄的文章

【近】 arid, dreary, drudging, dull, jejune, monotonous, pedestrian, ponderous, stale, stodgy, tiresome

【反】 absorbing, engaging, engrossing, gripping, interesting, intriguing, involving, riveting 吸引人的

【派】 monochromatism n. 全色盲

monologue ['mɒnələʒ]

【考法 1】 n. 独白: a dramatic sketch performed by one actor

【例】 deliver a tedious monologue 做了一个冗长的独白

【近】 soliloquy, solo, speech

【反】 dialogue 对话

monotonous [mə'nɒtənəs]

【考法 1】 adj. (声音) 单调的: uttered or sounded in one unvarying tone

【例】 a monotonous apathetic voice 单调而冷漠的声音

【反】 vociferous 嘈杂的

【考法 2】 adj. 清一色的, 无聊的: tediously uniform or unvarying

【例】 a sparkle in the monotonous background 单调背景中的一个亮点

【近】 arid, dreary, drudging, dull, jejune, monochromatic, pedestrian, ponderous, stale, stodgy, tiresome

【反】 absorbing, engaging, engrossing, gripping, interesting, intriguing, involving, riveting 吸引人的

montage [mɒn'tɑ:ʒ]

【考法 1】 n. 大杂烩: an unorganized collection or mixture of various things

【例】 My memories of the childhood trip are a montage of the sights of two rivers, smells of hotpots, and sounds of light railway of Chongqing. 我孩提时代旅行的记忆就是由两江风光、火锅的香味以及重庆的轻轨声杂糅而成的

【近】 agglomerate, collage, hodgepodge, medley, motley, salad, variety

moratorium [ˌmɒrəˈtɔːriəm]

【考法 1】 n. 延期，暂缓施行： a **suspension** of activity

【例】 a moratorium on nuclear tests 暂缓核试验

【近】 abeyance, delay, doldrums, dormancy, latency, quiescence, postponement, suspension

【反】 resumption (从中断处) 继续进行

morbid [ˈmɔːbɪd]

【考法 1】 adj. 病态的： affected with or induced **by disease**

【例】 exhibit a morbid fascination 展现出一种病态的迷恋

【近】 diseased, pathological

【反】 verdant 青翠的

【考法 2】 adj. 思想性格变态的： characterized by preoccupation with **unwholesome thoughts** or feelings

【例】 read the account of the murder with a morbid interest 怀着病态的心态读谋杀报告

【近】 brainsick, crazy, deranged, lunatic, psychotic

【反】 hale, salubrious, wholesome 健康的

【派】 morbidity n. 病态

mordant [ˈmɔːdənt]

【考法 1】 adj. 尖酸刻薄的： **biting** and **caustic** in thought, manner, or style

【例】 feel embarrassed about the mordant satire of the critics 对评论家刻薄的讽刺感到尴尬

【近】 acerbic, acid, acrid, barbed, caustic, corrosive, pungent, sardonic, satiric, scalding, scathing, tart

【反】 congenial, genial 和蔼的

moribund [ˈmɔːrɪbʌnd]

【考法 1】 adj. 即将结束的，垂死的： **approaching death**; about to die

【例】 The nation's banking industry was moribund. 这个国家的银行业危在旦夕

【近】 decadent, deteriorating, dying, expiring, fading

【反】 beginning, nascent 初生的，刚开始的； lively, thriving, vigorous, vital 有活力的

【考法 2】 adj. 即将过时的： on the verge of becoming **obsolete**

【例】 Some social conventions have been rendered moribund in face of modernization. 不少传统习俗在现代化的影响下变得岌岌可危

【近】 antiquated, archaic, dated, fossilized, moth-eaten, outdated, outworn, rusty

【反】 fresh, new 崭新的； promising 充满希望的

Unit 5

MOROSE
MOTIVATE

MOSAIC
MOTLEY

MOSQUE
MOTTLE

MOTH-EATEN
MOTTO

MOTILE
MOURNFUL

morose [məˈreʊs]

【考法 1】adj. 忧郁的: having a **sullen** and **gloomy** disposition

【例】morose job seekers who are inured to rejection 习惯了被拒的郁郁寡欢的求职者

【近】bleak, chill, dark, depressed, dire, dour, gloomy, lugubrious, saturnine, solemn, sulky, sullen, surly

【反】bright, cheerful, festive, jovial, jocund, sanguine, lighthearted, rejoiced 高兴的, 欢快的

mosaic [mə'zeɪk]

【考法 1】n. 综合物, 马赛克般的东西: an unorganized **collection** or mixture of various things

【例】a mosaic of testimony from various witnesses 从不同证人中得来的综合证词

【近】agglomerate, collage, hodgepodge, jumble, montage, motley, muddle, salad, shuffle, variety, welter

mosque [mɒsk]

【考法 1】n. 清真寺: a building used for public **worship** by **Muslim**

【例】a deadly suicide attack at the mosque 在清真寺发生的致命自杀性袭击

【近】cathedral, chapel, church, temple

moth-eaten ['mɒθ,i:tən]

【考法 1】adj. 过时的: having **passed its time** of use or usefulness

【例】dressed in a moth-eaten style 过时的衣着

【近】antiquated, archaic, dated, fossilized, moribund, outdated, outworn, rusty

【反】fresh, new 崭新的; promising 充满希望的

motile ['məʊtaɪl]

【考法 1】adj. 能动的: exhibiting or capable of **movement**

【例】Aircraft carriers are recognized as a motile combat platform. 航空母舰是一种移动作战平台

【近】mobile, movable, portable, transportable

【反】immobile 不可移动的

【派】motility n. 可运动性

motivate ['məʊtɪveɪt]

【考法 1】vt. 刺激, 激发: to **provide** with an **incentive**; move to action

【例】questions that excite and motivate youth 激发青年人的问题

【近】excite, galvanize, impel, innervate, provoke, rouse, stimulate

【反】discourage, dishearten 使泄气

【派】motivation n. 动机; motivated adj. 被激励的

motley ['mɒtli]

【考法 1】adj. 混杂的, 富于变化的: (especially of colors) having elements of great **variety** or incongruity

【例】an arrangement of motley flowers 多种不同花束的组合

【近】assorted, chromatic, kaleidoscopic, heterogeneous, indiscriminate, magpie, piebald, variegated

【反】homogeneous, monochromatic, monotonous, unvaried 单一的, 同一性的

mottle ['mɒtl]

【考法 1】vt. 标记上杂色斑点: to **mark** with **spots** or blotches of different shades or colors

【例】a black horse mottled with white 身上带有白色斑点的黑马

【近】blotch, dapple, dot, marble, splotch, spot, stain

【反】blanch 漂白

【派】 mottled adj. 斑驳的

motto ['mɒtəʊ]

【考法 1】 n. 座右铭: a short expression of a **guiding principle**

【例】 “Semper fidelis” is the motto of US Marine Corps. “永远忠诚”是美国海军陆战队的格言

【近】 catchword, doctrine, dogma, idiom, slogan

mournful ['mɔ:nfʊl]

【考法 1】 adj. 悲伤的: feeling or **expressing sorrow** or grief

【例】 The mournful survivors of the disaster were faced with the grim task of burying the dead. 悲伤的幸存者面临着掩埋灾难中死者尸体的可怕任务 || Mrs. Murphy fainted at the mournful news of her son's death. Murphy 太太听到她儿子的死讯后晕了过去

【近】 aching, agonized, anguished, doleful, dolorous, grievous, lamentable, lugubrious, melancholy, sad, woeful

【反】 cheerful, delighted, jocund, jovial, jubilant 快活的

【派】 mournfulness n. 悲伤

Unit 6

MOVEMENT
MUNDANE

MUDDY
MUNIFICENT

MUFFLER
MURKY

MULISH
MURMUR

MUMBLE
MUTATE

movement ['mu:vmənt]

【考法 1】 n. 运动: the act or process of **moving**

【例】 There appears to be some movement in the bush. 树丛中似乎有动静

【近】 action, motion, operation, shifting, stir

【反】 motionlessness, stasis 静止

muddy ['mʌdi]

【考法 1】 adj. 不干净的: **not clean**

【例】 got muddy after playing outside 在外面玩弄得很脏

【近】 besmirched, dingy, draggled, dusty, filthy, foul, nasty, smudged, smutty, soiled, sordid, stained, sullied

【反】 clean, immaculate, spotless, stainless, unsoiled, unstained, unsullied 干净的

【考法 2】 adj. 浑浊的, 不清晰的: **lacking in clarity** or brightness

【例】 a muddy recording 嘈杂不清的纪录

【近】 cloudy, foul, murky, obscure, turbid

【反】 clear 清晰的

【考法 3】 v. 使难以理解: to **make** (something) **unclear** to the understanding

【例】 That point is irrelevant and will just muddy the issue we're trying to resolve. 那个观点和讨论我们的问题毫不相干, 它只会妨碍我们对于问题的理解

【近】 becloud, befog, blur, cloud, fog, obfuscate

【反】 clarify, illuminate 阐明

muffle ['mʌfl]

【考法 1】 vt. 使消声: to wrap or pad in order to **deaden the sound**

【例】 close the window to muffle the outside noises 关上窗户以减少外界的噪音

【近】 attenuate, dampen, deaden, mute, soften, stifle, suppress

【反】 amplify, enhance, magnify 放大, 增强

【派】 muffler n. 围巾; 消音器

mulish ['mju:liʃ]

【考法 1】 adj. 固执的: unreasonably and inflexibly **obstinate**

【例】 a mulish determination to act on his own 铁了心要单打独斗

【近】 adamant, headstrong, immovable, intractable, obstinate, pertinacious, perverse, refractory, stubborn

【反】 flexible, pliable, pliant, yielding 易改变立场的, 易受影响的

【派】 mulishly adv. 固执地

mumble ['mʌmbəl]

【考法 1】 v. 说话含糊: to **utter** words in a low **confused** indistinct manner

【例】 He mumbled an apology reluctantly. 他不情愿地咕哝了句抱歉

【近】 grunt, murmur, mutter, whisper

【反】 articulate, enunciate 清楚地表达

mundane ['mʌndeɪn]

【考法 1】 adj. 尘世的, 世俗化的: of, **relating to**, or typical of this **world**

【例】 As for opera, I prefer mundane to religious themes. 与宗教主题相比, 我更喜欢世俗主题的歌剧

【近】 carnal, earthly, materialistic, secular, sensual, worldly

【反】 spiritual 精神上的; ethereal 虚无缥缈的, 非尘世的

【考法 2】 adj. 平凡的: relating to, characteristic of, or concerned with **commonplaces**

【例】 mundane concerns of day-to-day life 关于日常生活的一般顾虑

【近】 common, ordinary, prosaic

【反】 extraordinary 非凡的

munificent [mju:'nɪfɪsnt]

【考法 1】 adj. 慷慨的: very **liberal in giving**

【例】 The university received a munificent foundation grant. 大学收到了一笔慷慨的基金资助

【近】 bountiful, charitable, generous, liberal, openhanded, unsparing

【反】 closefisted, mean, miserly, niggardly, parsimonious, penurious, stingy, tightfisted 小气的

【派】 munificence n. 慷慨

murky ['mɜ:kɪ]

【考法 1】 adj. 黯淡的, 昏暗的: being **without light** or without much light

【例】 I didn't like walking around the murky campground without a flashlight. 我不喜欢在没有手电的情况下在营地走动

【近】 black, caliginous, darkened, dim, gloomy, stygian

【反】 bright, brightened, brilliant, illuminated, illumined, lucent, lucid, luminous 明亮的

【考法 2】 adj. 模糊的, 晦涩的: **lacking clarity** or distinctness

【例】 He felt lost in the murky bureaucratic rhetoric. 他感觉自己被官僚主义的晦涩说辞弄晕了

【近】 ambiguous, arcane, cloudy, equivocal, muddy, nebulous, obscure, occult, vague

【反】 clear, limpid, pellucid, plain 清晰的

murmur ['mɜ:mə]

【考法 1】 n. 小声的话语: a **low**, indistinct, continuous **sound**

【例】 We could hear the murmur of the audience throughout the entire performance. 我们在整个演出当中都能听到观众的窃窃私语

【近】 grunt, mumble, mutter, undertone, whisper

【反】 roar 怒吼

【考法 2】 v. 低声抱怨, 发牢骚: to complain in low mumbling tones; **grumble**

【例】 We could hear the murmur of the audience throughout the entire performance. 我们在整个演出当中都能听到观众的窃窃私语

【近】 carp, fuss, gripe, grizzle, grouch, grouse, grumble, moan, repine, whine

【反】 crow, delight, rejoice 欢呼, 高兴

mutate [mju:'teit]

【考法 1】 v. (使) 改变, (使) 变异: to undergo or cause to **undergo mutation**

【例】 Some chromosomes started to mutate after exposure to X-Ray. 经 X 光照射之后部分染色体发生了变异

【近】 alter, change, fluctuate, modify, shift, transfigure, transform, vary

【反】 remain 保持不变; plateau, stabilize 使稳定

【派】 mutation n. 改变; 变异

Unit 7

MUTE
NAÏVE

MUTTER
NARCISSISM

MYOPIC
NASCENT

MYRIAD
NATTY

NADIR
NAUSEATE

mute [mju:t]

【考法 1】 adj. 不说话的, 缄默的: deliberately **refraining from speech**

【例】 He always remained mute no matter how much we pleaded for an answer 不论我们怎么恳求回答, 他总是保持沉默

【近】 dumb, inarticulate, speechless, uncommunicative, voiceless, wordless

【反】 communicative, expansive, loquacious, talkative 爱说话的, 话多的

【考法 2】 vt. 使颜色、音调等柔和: to **soften** the tone, color, shade, or hue of

【例】 mute a color 对颜色进行柔化

【近】 attenuate, soften, subdue

【反】 sharpen 锐化

【考法 3】 vt. 减弱声音: to soften or **muffle the sound** of

【近】 dampen, deaden, muffle, stifle

【反】 amplify, magnify 增强, 放大

【派】 muted adj. 消声的, 静音的

mutter ['mʌtə]

【考法 1】vi. 低声抱怨: to **murmur complainingly** or angrily

【例】mutter about the difficult assignment 抱怨作业太难

【近】carp, fuss, gripe, grizzle, grouch, grouse, grumble, moan, murmur, repine, whine

【反】crow, delight, rejoice 欢呼, 高兴

myopic [maɪ'ɒpɪk]

【考法 1】adj. 缺乏远见的, 缺乏辨别能力的: a **lack of foresight** or discernment

【例】a myopic view on climate change 关于气候变化缺乏远见的观点

【近】shortsighted, narrow-minded

【反】far-sighted, foreseeing, improvident 有远见的; discerning 有辨别能力的

【派】myopia n. 近视; 鼠目寸光

myriad ['mɪriəd]

【考法 1】adj. 无限的, 大量的: constituting a very large, **indefinite number**

【例】the myriad stars of a summer night 夏日夜空中的无尽繁星

【近】innumerable, numerous, uncountable, untold

【反】few, scarce, scanty 少的, 缺乏的; countable, enumerable 可数清的

nadir ['neɪdɪə]

【考法 1】n. 最低点: the **lowest point**

【例】the nadir on the curve 曲线上的最低点

【近】base, bottom, foot

【反】acme, apex, climax, meridian, peak, pinnacle, summit, top, zenith 最高点

naïve [naɪ'ɪv]

【考法 1】adj. 天真纯朴的: **lacking worldly experience** and understanding, simple and guileless

【例】a child with a naïve charm 天真无邪的孩子

【近】artless, guileless, ingenuous, innocent, natural, simple, unaffected, unsophisticated

【反】sophisticated, worldly 世故的; affected, artful, assuming, dishonest, dissembling, guileful 虚伪、做作的

【派】naivety n. 天真

narcissism ['nɑ:sɪsɪzəm]

【考法 1】n. 自恋: excessive love or **admiration of oneself**

【例】In his narcissism, he just assumed that everyone else wanted to hear the tiny details of his day. 在他自恋的眼中, 所有人仿佛都想要听他日常生活里的细枝末节

【近】egocentricity, egotism, self-absorption

【反】self-hatred 自我憎恨

【派】narcissistic adj. 自恋的

nascent ['næsn̩t]

【考法 1】adj. 新生的: coming or having **recently come into existence**

【例】The rise of the nascent middle class catalyzed a new economic boom. 新生中产阶级的崛起催生了一场新的经济繁荣

【近】beginning, emerging, inceptive, inchoate, incipient, initial, introductory

【反】 full-blown, full-fledged, mature, ripe 成熟的; moribund 将死的

【派】 nascence n. 新生的状态

natty ['næti]

【考法 1】 adj. 整洁的，时髦的: trimly neat and **tidy**

【例】 a natty young woman 整洁漂亮的年轻女子

【近】 dapper, smart, spruce

【反】 frowsy, sloppy, slovenly 邋遢的

nauseate ['nɔ:siət]

【考法 1】 v. (使) 厌恶，(使) 作呕: to feel or **cause** to feel loathing or **disgust**

【例】 The malodor of the rotten meat made us nauseate. 腐肉的恶臭让我们恶心

【近】 disgust, repel, repulse, revolt, sicken

【反】 delight 使愉悦

【派】 nausea n. 恶心反胃

Unit 8

NAUTICAL
NEGATION

NAYSAY
NEGLIGENT

NEBULOUS
NEGOTIATE

NEEDY
NEOPHYTE

NEFARIOUS
NERVE

nautical ['nɔ:tikəl]

【考法 1】 adj. 航海的: of, relating to, or characteristic of ships, shipping, sailors, or navigation **on** a body of **water**

【例】 nautical mile 海里

【近】 marine, maritime, navigational

【反】 aeronautic 航空的; astronautic 航天的

naysay ['neisei]

【考法 1】 vt. 拒绝，否认: to **oppose**, **deny**, or take a pessimistic or negative view of

【近】 decline, deny, deject, disallow, gainsay, oppose, refuse, reject

【反】 accede, agree, concur, consent 同意

【派】 naysayer n. 反对者

nebulous ['nebjuləs]

【考法 1】 adj. 模糊的: **indistinct**, vague

【例】 a nebulous description of the topic 对于主题的模糊描述

【近】 ambiguous, arcane, equivocal, hazy, indistinct, muddy, murky, obscure, occult, vague

【反】 distinct 明显的; clear, definite, unambiguous, unequivocal 明确的

【派】 nebula n. 星云

needy ['ni:di]

【考法 1】adj. 贫困的: being in need; **impoverished**, poor

【例】As a child, she was extremely needy and had no self-confidence. 她是一个非常贫穷的小孩, 因此缺乏自信

【近】destitute, impecunious, impoverished, indigent, penurious, poor, threadbare

【反】affluent, opulent, wealthy 富有的

nefarious [ni'fæəriəs]

【考法 1】adj. 极坏的, 邪恶的: flagrantly **wicked** or impious

【例】a nefarious scheme to assassinate the archbishop 企图刺杀大主教的邪恶阴谋

【近】atrocious, degenerate, devious, evil, heinous, infamous, miscreant, vicious, villainous, wicked

【反】ethical, righteous, upright, virtuous 品德高尚的; beneficial 有益的; exemplary 模范的

negation [ni'geiʃən]

【考法 1】n. 否定: the **opposite** or absence of something regarded as actual, positive, or affirmative

【例】issued specific negations of all of the charges against her 发表了明确的声明, 否定了所有对她的指控

【近】contradiction, denegation, denial, gainsaying, rejection, repudiation

【反】acknowledgement, affirmation, avowal 肯定, 同意

【派】negative adj. 否定的; 负面的

negligent ['neglidʒənt]

【考法 1】adj. 疏忽大意的: **failing** to give proper attention or **care**

【例】negligent in taking care of the children 粗心大意地照顾孩子

【近】careless, derelict, heedless, neglectful, remiss

【反】attentive, careful, cautious, heedful 专心的, 谨慎的

【派】negligence n. 疏忽

negotiate [ni'gəʊʃieit]

【考法 1】vi. 商量, 谈判: to arrange or settle **by** discussion and **mutual agreement**

【例】negotiate the term of truce 共商停战事宜

【近】arrange, bargain, concert, settle

【反】break down (谈判等) 失败, 破产

【考法 2】vi. 谋划: **plan out** usually with subtle skill or care

【例】The prisoners negotiated their escape by using Morse code to tap messages to each other through the walls. 犯人们通过敲击墙壁来传达莫尔斯电码, 从而密谋了他们的逃跑计划

【近】contrive, finesse, frame, machinate, maneuver, manipulate, mastermind, wangle

【派】negotiable adj. 可商量的; negotiation n. 谈判

neophyte [ni(:)əʊfaɪt]

【考法 1】n. 初学者, 新手: a **beginner** or novice

【例】a novice in the theater who had never even had a walk-on role 一个连龙套都没跑过的新演员

【近】abecedarian, apprentice, fledgling, freshman, novice, recruit, rookie, tyro

【反】veteran 老兵, 身经百战的人

nerve [nə:v]

【考法 1】n. (坚强的) 意志, 勇气: **power of endurance** or control; strength of mind to carry on in spite of danger

【例】nerves of steel 钢铁般的意志

【近】bravery, fortitude, guts, intrepidity, resolution, stamina

【反】cowardice, pusillanimity 怯懦

【考法2】vt. 给予勇气，鼓励：to **give** strength or **courage** to

【例】needs to nerve himself for the big game tomorrow 需要为明天的比赛给自己加油鼓劲

【近】animate, brace, cheer, embolden, encourage, inspirit, steel, strengthen

【反】appall 使胆寒；discourage, dishearten 使沮丧

【派】nervy adj. 有勇气的

Unit 9

NETTLE
NIL

NEUTRALIZE
NIP

NICETY
NITPICK

NEXUS
NOCTURNAL

NIBBLE
NOISOME

nettle ['netl]

【考法1】vt. 惹怒：to **arouse** to sharp but transitory annoyance or **anger**

【例】His pompous attitude nettled several people. 他自大的性格得罪了不少人

【近】aggravate, annoy, exasperate, inflame, infuriate, irritate, peeve, pique, provoke, roil, ruffle, vex

【反】appease, assuage, conciliate, mollify, placate, propitiate 安抚

neutralize ['nju:trəlaɪz]

【考法1】vt. 中和：to cause (an **acid** or base) to **undergo neutralization**

【例】industrial exhaust neutralized by lime 被石灰中和的工业废气

【反】acidify 酸化

【考法2】vt. 破坏，使无效：to **make inoperative or ineffective** usually by means of an opposite force, influence, or effect

【例】influenced by the kind of propaganda that is difficult to neutralize 被一种难以消除的宣传攻势所影响

【近】annul, cancel, counteract, frustrate, negate, nullify

【反】activate, vitalize 激活

【派】neutralization n. 中和；消除

nicety ['naisiti]

【考法1】n. 准确，精确：**careful** attention to **details**; delicate exactness

【例】There's a nicety of detail in his meticulously painted landscapes. 在他精心绘制的景观图中，有着十分精准翔实的细节

【近】accuracy, delicacy, exactness, fineness, precision, veracity

【反】coarseness, imprecision, inaccuracy, roughness 不准确，粗糙

【考法2】n. 细微之处：a **fine point** or distinction

【例】the niceties of table manner 餐桌礼仪的细微之处 || niceties of diplomatic protocol 外交礼节中的细节

【近】detail, particular, nuance, subtlety

nexus ['neksəs]

【考法 1】 n. 连结: a means of **connection**

【例】 Correlativity does not sufficiently lead to causal nexus. 相关性不是因果关联的充分条件

【近】 bond, connection, link, tie

【考法 2】 n. 核心, 最重要的地带: a thing or place that is of **greatest importance** to an activity or interest

【例】 As the nexus for three great religions, Jerusalem has had a troubled as well as illustrious history. 作为三大宗教的圣城, 耶路撒冷有着动荡而辉煌的历史

【近】 base, capital, center, core, focus, kernel, heart, hub, nucleus

【反】 margin, periphery 边缘

nibble ['nibl]

【考法 1】 vt. 小口咬: to eat with **small**, quick **bites** or in small morsels

【例】 waves nibbling the shore 缓慢侵蚀海岸的浪

【近】 bite, nip, peck, sip, tipple

【反】 gobble 狼吞虎咽

nil [nil]

【考法 1】 n. 不存在, 零: **nothing**; zero

【例】 reduced to nil 消逝殆尽

【近】 nothing, nonentity, nullity, zip

【反】 existence 存在

nip [nip]

【考法 1】 n. 少量: a very **small amount**

【例】 I'll have just a nip of your sandwich. 我只吃一点点你的三明治

【近】 bit, hint, little, mite, ounce, snap, trace

【反】 abundance, affluence, avalanche 大量

【考法 2】 vi. 小口吃喝: to sip (alcoholic liquor) **in small amounts**

【近】 nibble, sip, tipple

【反】 guzzle, quaff, swill 大口吃喝

nitpick [nitpik]

【考法 1】 v. 吹毛求疵: to **criticize** by nit-picking

【例】 a peevish critic always ready to quibble 一个总是吹毛求疵的古怪评论家

【近】 carp, cavil, fuss, niggle, quibble, pick nits

【派】 nitpicker n. 吹毛求疵的人

nocturnal [nɒk'tɜ:nl]

【考法 1】 adj. 夜间的: of, relating to, or occurring **in the night**

【例】 a nocturnal raid 夜间突袭

【近】 nightly, nighttime

【反】 daily, diurnal 白昼的

【考法 2】 adj. 夜间活动的: **active at night**

【例】 a nocturnal predator 夜间活动的捕食者

【派】 nocturne n. 夜曲

noisome ['noisəm]

【考法 1】 adj. 有害的，有毒的：noxious, **harmful**

【例】noisome chemical fumes 有害的化学烟雾

【近】deleterious, detrimental, insalubrious, noxious, unhealthy, unwholesome

【反】beneficial 有益的；healthy, salubrious, wholesome 有益健康的

【考法 2】 adj. 恶臭的：offensive to the senses and especially to the sense of **smell**

【例】noisome garbage 恶臭的垃圾

【近】fetid, foul, malodorous, smelly, stinky

【反】ambrosial, aromatic, fragrant, perfumed, redolent, savory, scented, sweet 有香味的

【考法 3】 adj. 非常令人厌恶的：highly obnoxious or **objectionable**

【例】noisome habits of littering 让人反感的随地乱扔垃圾的坏习惯

【近】abhorrent, appalling, disgusting, hideous, loathsome, nauseating, offensive, repugnant, repulsive

【反】appealing, captivating, enchanting, fascinating 有吸引力的；agreeable, pleasant 令人愉悦的

Unit 10

NOMAD
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nomad ['nəʊmæd]

【考法 1】 adj./n. 游牧的；居无定所的人：a member of a people who have **no fixed residence** but move from place to place usually seasonally and within a well-defined territory

【例】after college she became quite the nomad, backpacking through Europe with no particular destination
大学毕业后她开始漂泊，漫无目的地游遍欧洲

【近】ambulant, fugitive, gallivanting, perambulatory, peripatetic, ranging, roaming, vagabond, vagrant, wandering, wayfaring

【反】settled 定居的

nominal ['nɒmɪnəl]

【考法 1】 adj. 不重要的：so small or **unimportant** as to warrant little or no attention

【例】His involvement was nominal. 他的参与不太重要。

【近】inconsequential, inconsiderable, paltry, trifling, trivial

【反】big, consequential, considerable, important, material, significant 重要的

【考法 2】 adj. 名义上的：existing or being **something in name** or form only

【例】nominal head of the party 党派的名义首领

【近】formal, paper, titular

nonchalant ['nɒnʃələnt]

【考法 1】 adj. 冷漠的：having an air of easy unconcern or **indifference**

【例】She was surprisingly nonchalant about winning the award. 她竟然对得奖很淡然。

【近】apathetic, disinterested, insensible, insouciant, perfunctory, unconcerned

【反】concerned, interested 忧虑的，有兴趣的

nondescript ['nɒndɪs'kript]

【考法 1】adj. 平凡的，不吸引人的： **lacking distinctive** or **interesting** qualities

【例】 Their performance was disappointingly nondescript. 他们的演出令人失望，味同嚼蜡。

【近】 beige, characterless, featureless, indistinctive, vanilla

【反】 conspicuous, remarkable, striking 明显的，惊人的

nonentity [nɒ'nentɪti]

【考法 1】 n. 不重要的人： a person or thing of **little consequence** or significance

【例】 she was so quiet she was almost a nonentity at the meeting 她非常沉默，在会议上是个边缘人物

【近】 cipher, half-pint, insignificance, lightweight, nullity, snippersnapper, twerp, whippersnapper, zero, zilch

【反】 mogul, big shot, big wheel, bigwig, eminence, figure, magnate, personage, somebody 显要人物

【考法 2】 n. 虚构的东西： a conception or image **created** by the imagination and having **no objective reality**

【例】 the arctic circle is a nonentity—you won't see it on the way to the north pole 北极圈是虚构的概念，去北极的路上你不会见到那么一个圈

【近】 chimera, conceit, daydream, delusion, fancy, figment, hallucination, illusion, phantasm, unreality, vision

nonplus ['nɒn'plʌs]

【考法 1】 vt. 迷惑，困惑： use to be at a loss as to what to say, think, or do: **perplex**

【例】 I was nonplussed by his openly expressed admiration of me. 我被她公开表现的仰慕弄得很窘迫。

【近】 confound, confuse, discomfit, disconcert, discountenance, mortify, abash, faze, fluster

nonsense ['nɒnsəns]

【考法 1】 n. 无意义的话，废话： words or language having **no meaning** or conveying no intelligible ideas

【例】 Many of the words in the poem are nonsense. 这首诗歌当中很多词都是废话。

【近】 babble, blabber, drivel, prattle, mumbo jumbo

notch [nɒtʃ]

【考法 1】 n. 刻痕： a V-shaped **cut**. Such a cut used for keeping a record

【反】 unserrated 没有刻痕的

【考法 2】 v. 通过努力获得： to **obtain** (as a goal) **through effort**

【例】 a stunning performance that notched up a second Academy Award for the actor 出色的表演为该演员拿到了第二座小金人

【近】 attain, bag, chalk up, clock up, gain, hit, log, make, rack up, ring up, score, win

novel ['nɒvəl]

【考法 1】 adj. 新奇的： strikingly **new**, unusual, or different

【例】 a novel scheme to collect money 一种新颖的筹钱手段

【近】 original, unaccustomed, unfamiliar, unheard-of, unknown, unprecedented

【反】 banal, timeworn, familiar, hackneyed, time-honored, tired, warmed-over 陈腐的

noxious ['nɒkʃəs]

【考法 1】 adj. 有害的，有毒的： **harmful** to living things; **injurious to health**

【例】 noxious waste 有害的废弃物

【近】 unwholesome, baneful, deleterious, detrimental, noxious, pernicious, wicked

【反】 beneficial, salubrious, anodyne, benign, harmless, hurtless, innocent, innocuous, inoffensive, safe 有

益的，无害的

【考法 2】 adj. 产生强烈厌恶的: **causing intense displeasure**, disgust, or resentment

【例】 a noxious new breed of horror movie in which graphic depictions of torture are presented as entertainment
在一部新的恐怖电影中，对于酷刑生动的描述被当做是娱乐

【近】 abhorrent, abominable, appalling, awful, disgusting, distasteful, dreadful, foul, fulsome, gross, hideous, horrid, loathsome, nasty, nauseating, noisome, obnoxious, odious, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, scandalous