

托福单词含义题-ZJU托福阅读课程

Context & Clues

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Contrast/ Antonym Clues

- opposite meaning
 - instead; rather; but; however; nevertheless; nonetheless; **albeit**; unlike; conversely; reversely; on the contrary; on the reverse; in/by contrast; whereas; while; despite; in spite of; notwithstanding; even though
- eg

☰ The word **repudiates** is closest in meaning to >

"The major conflict in the novel is between a mother who places a high value on diligence and a son who **repudiates** his mother's value instead preferring an easier path to fortune and celebrity."

A) renounces B) sanctions C) appreciates D) reinforces

✎ Answer >

A 放弃, 抛弃, 拒绝, 否认

-nounce announce v.宣告 pronounced adj.显著的 denounce v.抨击, 否认, 拒绝

B 制裁, 处罚, 批准

sanc- sanctuary n.避难所 sanctimonious adj.道貌岸然的

C 欣赏, 重视, 感激, 理解

D 加固, 强化, 增强

☰ The word **unavailing** is closest in meaning to >

"Lou thought that her mother's recovery was **unavailing**, but Oz remained faithful to the course of his mother's restored health."

A) trivial B) imminent C) futile D) promising

✎ Answer >

A 不重要的, 琐碎的, 无关紧要的

B 即将发生的, 迫在眉睫的

im-min(=send)-ent(approaching - 临近的, 将要到达的); eminent(杰出的); prominent(突出的); pertinent(相关的, 有关的); intermittent(间歇发射的==>间歇的, 偶尔发生的; 间歇泉 == geyser)

C 无效的, 徒劳的, 无益的

D 有前途的, 有希望的, 有潜力的

≡ The word besotted is closest in meaning to >

"Johnny was **besotted** in not checking the depth of the water before he plunged in, but it was fortunate that his father was judicious and checked it first."

A) insensitive B) unaware C) irrational D) incompetent

Answer >

A 漠不关心的, 不敏感的, 无情的

B 不知情的, 未意识到的

C 不理性的, 不合理的, 荒谬的

D 无能力的, 不称职的, 无效的

≡ The word cursory is closest in meaning to >

Brad made a **cursory** effort to finish his homework. This was unlike him; usually he worked hard to finish before dinner.

A) casual B) genuine C) fruitless D) strenuous

Answer >

A 随便的

B 真诚的

C 没有成果的, 无益的

D 热烈的, 费力的, 用力的 make a strenuous effort == make a lot of effort

curs- :run

cursor光标, cursory草率的, cursive草书的, discurative东拉西扯的, excursion远足, incursion入侵, incursive入侵的,

precursor=forerunner前兆,recursive递归的

made a cursory effort to finish his homework (草率的)

≡ The word **apathetic** is closest in meaning to >

"We were all pretty **apathetic** in the movie about animals, but we became interested when it started showing all the tricks dogs could do."

A) gracious B) sentimental C) unresponsive D) sluggish

 Answer >

A 亲切的

B 情感的, 非理性的

sens- 感觉

sensational; sensory; sensible; sensual 感官的, 肉欲的; sensitive

C 不回的, 无反应的, 冷漠的

D 迟缓的, 不景气的, 停滞不前的

a-: without

path: ethos 气质, **pathos** 感情 and **logos** 逻辑 (亚里士多德的修辞学理论)

sympathy, apathy, empathy, empathize, antipathy 反感, telepathy 心电感应,

pathology 病理学, pathogen 病原体, pathogenesis 病理机制

≡ The word **abhorrence** is closest in meaning to >

"My sister Kimmy shows a great **abhorrence** for crowds, whereas my little brother Michael loves to be the center of attention."

A) aversion B) affection C) shame D) preference

 Answer >

A 厌恶, 反感, 厌恶的情绪

B 深情, 喜爱, 情感

C 羞耻, 耻辱, 惭愧

D 偏爱, 优先选择, 喜好

≡ The word **diverge** is closest in meaning >

"Twilight rays are nearly parallel, but because of the observer's perspective, they appear to **diverge**."

A) deviate B) fade C) permeate D) augment

 Answer 

- A deviate 分离
- B fade 衰减
- C permeate 渗透
- D augment 增强现实

di:two

--**di**-diverse dilemma进退两难的 dioxide二氧化物 diode二极管 dichotomy二分法 diphthong双连音 digress

--**bi**-bicycle bisexual bilingual binary bicameral两会制的 binominal二项式的 bilateral双边的 biceps肱二头肌=>triceps肱三头肌

--**tri**-"三", triple

--**duo**;-duet;dual-duplicate=复制 duel决斗

--**ambi-amphi**- ambiguous;模棱两可的 amphibian;两栖类 ambivalent;两个阀门/出口=>矛盾的 ambidextrous;two fingers=>手指灵活的

verge:倾向, 边缘

diverge分离 converge汇聚

ambivert中间性格的;introvert内向的,extrovert外向的;

 The word **nocturnal** is closest in meaning to 



"Songbirds are early risers and remain active throughout the day,except during the warmest hours in summer. Owls, on the otherhand, are primarily **nocturnal**."

A) dormant in summer B) vulnerable to heat C) active at night D) afraid of darkness

 Answer 

A B **C** D

Noctune 夜曲 dormant 睡眠状态的

 The word **doctrine** is closest in meaning to 

When faced with last minute changes, Tom is flexible, but Li is **doctrinaire** and won't accept them.

A)adaptable B)rigid C)scrupulous D)reckless

 Answer >

- A 适应的
- B 死板的**
- C 细心的，一丝不苟的
- D 鲁莽的，粗心大意的

Parallel/ Synonym Clues

- in simpler language
 - and, not only .. but also, as ..as, both ... and ..., either... or..., neither...nor..., as if/as though, as well, etc.
- eg

 The word **minions** is closest in meaning to >

"The sorcerer's **minions**, or devoted followers, were willing to perform any sorcery he could conjure."

A) superiors B) adherents C) companions D) adversaries

 Answer >

- A 上级领导
- B 追随者** adhere to == stick to
- C 同伴
- D 对手
- sorcerer 魔术师，魔法师

 The word **pervasive** is closest in meaning to >

"The business downturn of the Great Depression was **pervasive**—it affected all sectors of the economy."

A)persistent B)pessimistic C)prevailing D)catastrophic

 Answer >

- A 长久的
- B 悲观的**

- C** 盛行的 prevelent 普遍的
D 灾难性的

-vas; -vad: run, go

invade, invasion, invasive 侵略, 入侵

pervade, pervasion, pervasive 遍布=>all sectors

evade 躲避, 逃避 tax evasion is illegal.

☰ The word **forbearance** is closest in meaning to >

The common welfare was my business: charity, mercy, **forbearance** and benevolence were all my business.

A) stubbornness B) tolerance C) rigorousness D) malevolence

 **Answer** >

A 顽固

B 宽容

C 严格 => vigorous 精力充沛的

D 恶意, 狠毒

mal- 恶的

malicious 恶意的 malignant tumor 恶性肿瘤/ benign tumor 良性肿瘤

forbearance = charity, mercy, ~, benevolence were all my business.

Definition/ Example Clues

- **explained** immediately following its use.
 - responsible for, account for, since, therefore, for, because, in that, as a consequence, as a result, as much as, etc.

☰ The phrase **a deviation from** is closest in meaning to >

"The technique of direct carving was **a deviation from** the nineteenth-century tradition in which the making of a clay model was considered the creative act and the work was then turned over to studio assistants to be cast in plaster or bronze or carved in marble."

A) a replica of B) a break with C) an improvement in D) a solution to

 **Answer** >

A **B** C D

B=different from

☰ The word **evanescent** is closest in meaning to

"An **evanescent** ring surrounded the moon as it rose. It was there for a moment, and then it disappeared."

A)crescent B)eternal C)transient D)fabulous

✎ Answer

A 新月，渐强

B 永恒的，很久的

C 短暂的

transi-过渡，短暂

transition转化 transient短暂的 transitory短暂的

D 传说的，寓言中的，极好的

e-van-esent逐渐消失的

van-消失

vanish消失 vanity fair名利场 vanity虚荣心，空虚 in vain徒然，无效

-esent:开始的一个动作/reflecting or emitting light (in a specified way)

adolescent青少年 crescent新月,渐强 descent开始下降

candescent白炽光 fluorescent荧光 iridescent多彩的,五彩斑斓的

☰ The word **ponderous** is closest in meaning to

"The world's heaviest flower, a species of rafflesia, is a parasite that flourishes among and lives off of, the roots of jungle vines. Each of these **ponderous** blooms can weigh up to 15 pounds and can measure up to 3 feet across."

A)fragrant B)exotic C)mature D)cumbersome

✎ Answer

A)fragrant =>flagrant 骇人听闻的；臭名昭著的

B)exotic 异国风情的 => erotic 色情的

C)mature =>manure 粪便

D)cumbersome 笨重的

A series of mechanical improvements continuing well into the nineteenth century, including the introduction of pedals to sustain tone or to soften it, the perfection of a metal frame and steel wire of the finest quality, finally produced an instrument capable of **myriad** tonal effects from the most delicate harmonies to an almost orchestral fullness of sound, from a liquid, singing tone to a sharp, percussive brilliance.

The word *myriad* is closest in meaning to _____.

- A) noticeable
- B) numerous
- C) piercing
- D) unusual

 Answer

- A) noticeable
- B) numerous** 数量多的
- C) piercing 尖锐的, 刺耳的, 刺穿的
- D) unusual

An office manager asked his employee why he was late for work again. "It's not my fault," said the man. "It's that woman across the street. She's so **fastidious** that when she goes skiing she wears a complete ski outfit, when she goes jogging she wears jogging clothes, and when she leaves for work, she wears a business suit." "So what?" asked the manager. "Well, today was her birthday."

The word *fastidious* is closest in meaning to _____.

- A) particular
- B) resourceful
- C) eccentric
- D) pragmatic

 Answer

- A) particular** 挑剔的, 特别的
- B) resourceful 资源丰富的; 足智多谋的, 机智的
- C) eccentric ec-centric 离开中间的 ==> 古怪的
- D) pragmatic 实用的

☰ The word **briny** is closest in meaning to >

"The wedding reception meal was a disaster. The potatoes were too **briny**, and the punch was too sour to quench my thirst."

A)prodigious B)crude C)salty D)rancid

✎ Answer >

A)prodigious => a lot of

B)crude 粗鲁的,粗糙的;未加工的,天然的

C)salty

D)rancid 臭的

quench my thirst 解渴 这题的思路就是酸、无法解渴对应咸
my thirst for expanding my vocabulary is unquenchable.

☰ The word **apprehensive** is closest in meaning to >

"The **apprehensive** student sat with his pencil tightly gripped in his hand as he waited for his teacher to give him his final exam."

A)distressed B)composed C)meticulous D)assertive

✎ Answer >

A担忧的, 焦虑的

B谨慎的, 镇定的

C谨慎的, 一丝不苟的

D坚定的, 自信的

☰ The word **sagacity** is closest in meaning to >

"He owed his relatively excellent education to the care of his mother, a woman of profound political **sagacity**, who was his chief counselor in diplomatic affairs during the greater part of his long reign."

A)sternness B)wisdom C)feat D)arrogance

✎ Answer >

A严厉 **B** C功绩 D

Word Relationships

- the relationship between words
 - say, between V. and its object, N. and its adjective modifier, V. and adverb, and the like.

☰ ※ The word **poised** is closest in meaning to >

"The brown haze that is **poised** over some of the world's largest cities is properly called photochemical smog."

A)interacting B)sitting C)blowing D) poisoning

✎ Answer >

A **B** C D

sitting=stay

photochemical smog光化学烟雾

☰ The word **hue** is closest in meaning to >

"When the gas reaches the air, it comes into contact with available oxygen from atmosphere and combines with the oxygen to produce nitrogen dioxide, which is a gas with a brownish hue."

A)color B)odor C)thickness D)smoke

✎ Answer >

A B C D

brownish提示了是颜色 oder气味

Prefix-Root-Suffix

circum-/ circ-/ cycl-: round

- circulate; circuit(IC Integrated Circuit); circus 马戏团; cyclone龙卷风; recycle; encircle
- circumspect
 - circum-spect; 小心谨慎的
 - spect ==> look ==> look around ==> 小心谨慎的
- circumambience
 - circum-ambience 周围的气氛环境 ==> 周围
- circumference
 - circum-fer-ence 圆周, 周长

- fer => bring(bear承载)/ bring to bear 施加; conference ==> bring together=>会议
- circumnavigate
 - circum-navigate
 - nav-ig-ate ==> 船+驾驶,引导+动词后缀 ==> 环航
- circumstantial
 - circum-stantial, circumstance, circumstantiate 依照情况的/ 情况/ 详细证实
- circumscribe
 - circum-scribe
 - scribe -- 涂鸦, 画 ==> 围着画 ==> 约束, 画圈
- circumvent
 - circum-vent
 - round for vent(出口) ==> 规避, 逃避
- circumfluence
 - circum-flu-ence 环流
- circumlocution
 - circum-loc-ution
 - loc == language, speech, say ==> 绕着弯说 ==> 委婉的说法
- eg

A folk culture is small, isolated, cohesive, conservative, nearly self-sufficient group that is **homogeneous** in custom and race, with a strong family or clan structure and highly developed rituals. Order is maintained through sanctions based in the religion or family, and interpersonal relationships are strong. Tradition is paramount, and change comes infrequently and slowly.

The word *homogeneous* is closest in meaning to _____.

- A) uniform
- B) universal
- C) primitive
- D) conventional

A B C D

homo- 同

homogeneous同质的, homosexual同性恋的

作业题

Stone carvers engraved their **motifs** of skulls and crossbones and other religious icons of death into the gray slabs that we still see standing today in old burial grounds.

The word “motifs” is closest in meaning to _____.

- (A) tools
- (B) prints
- (C) signatures
- (D) designs

选D 图案

During ascent from a depth of 10 meters, the volume of air in the lungs will double because the air pressure at the surface is only half of what it was at 10 meters. This change in volume may cause the lungs to distend and even **rupture**.

The word “rupture” is closest in meaning to _____.

- (A) get damaged
- (B) contract
- (C) burst
- (D) cease to function

选 C

distend=swell,递进

Therefore, in the 1950s and 1960s, the baby boom hit an **antiquated** school system. Consequently, the “custodial rhetoric” of the 1930s and early 1940s no longer made sense; that is, keeping youths aged sixteen and older out of the labor market by keeping them in school could no longer be a high priority for an institution unable to find space and staff to teach younger children aged five to sixteen.

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The word “antiquated” is closest in meaning to ____.

- (A) obsolete
- (B) flexible
- (C) intricate
- (D) conventional

选A 过老的，过时的

antiq-:古代

antique n.古董

antiquity n.古代 in remote~

同义词: archaic,outmoded,outdated

而conventional是传统的，不一定过时(=traditional, ~culture is revival)

A flood of ice would then surge into the Southern Sea. With the continued rise in sea level, more ice would **plunge** into the ocean, causing sea levels to rise even higher, which in turn would release more ice and set in motion a vicious cycle.

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The word “plunge” is closest in meaning to ____.

- (A) drop
- (B) extend
- (C) melt
- (D) drift

选A

plunge掉入，陷入，~into a crisis陷入危机

而melt融化没有这个动态的变化

短语: set in motion a vicious cycle恶性循环 a virtuous cycle良性循环

act as a trigger/catalyze触发，催化

In addition, there were performers and since considerable importance was attached to avoiding mistakes in the **enactment** of rites, religious leaders usually assumed that task.

The word “enactment” is closest in meaning to ____.

- (A) establishment
- (B) performance
- (C) authorization
- (D) endorsement

选B

immense/considerable/appreciable/remarkable 相当大的 importance is attached to (很好的表达)

celebrity endorsement 明星代言