

考研英语 英语一 2005年 Text 4

越说越俗的英语

审题划出关键点，精准定位，提高正确率：

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段1

①Americans no longer expect public figures, whether in speech or in writing, to command the English language with skill and gift. ②Nor do they aspire to such command themselves. ③In his latest book, *Doing Our Own Thing: The Degradation of Language and Music and Why We Should Like, Care*, John McWhorter, a linguist and controversialist of mixed liberal and conservative views, sees the triumph of 1960s counter-culture as responsible for the decline of formal English.

【段1】 _____

段1生词：

- public figure 公众人物
- figure n. 人物；体型；图形；数字
- command v./n. _____
- aspire to sth. 渴望，追求某事物
- aspire v. 渴望；追求
- aspiring adj. 有抱负的，有追求的，渴望.....的
- degradation n. _____；下降，降低

degrade v. 降级, 降低; 退化

- linguist n. 语言学家
- controversialist n. 善辩者; 争论者, 好争论者

controversial adj. _____

controversy n. 争议, 争论

- liberal adj. 自由的
- conservative adj. _____ n. 保守派, 守旧者
- triumph n. 胜利, 凯旋 v. 获得胜利, 成功

triumph over... 胜过.....

- counter-culture 反文化
- responsible adj. _____

responsibly adv. 认真负责地, 可靠地, 可信赖地

responsibility n. 责任, 职责; 义务

- decline n. _____ v. 下降; 衰落; 谢绝
- formal English 正式的英语

段2

①Blaming the permissive 1960s is nothing new, but this is not yet another criticism against the decline in education. ②Mr. McWhorter's academic speciality is language history and change, and he sees the gradual disappearance of "whom", for example, to be natural and no more regrettable than the loss of the case-endings of Old English.

段2生词:

- permissive adj. _____; 容许的, 许可的

permission n. 允许, 许可

permit v. 许可, 允许

- a criticism against... _____

- criticism n. _____
- academic speciality 学术专长
- academic adj. 学术的；理论的；学院的
- the gradual disappearance of...的逐渐消失
- gradual adj. _____
gradually adv. _____
- disappearance n. 消失
disappear v. 消失；不复存在
appear v. 出现
appearance n. 外貌，外观；出现，露面
- regrettable adj. _____
regret v. _____ n. 遗憾，歉意
- case n. (语法中的) 格

段3

①But the cult of the authentic and the personal, “doing our own thing”, has spelt the death of formal speech, writing, poetry and music. ②While even the modestly educated sought an elevated tone when they put pen to paper before the 1960s, even the most well regarded writing since then has sought to capture spoken English on the page. ③Equally, in poetry, the highly personal, performative genre is the only form that could claim real liveliness. ④In both oral and written English, talking is triumphing over speaking, spontaneity over craft.

【段2-3】 _____

段3生词：

- cult n. 狂热推崇；狂热信徒
- authentic adj. _____

authentically adv. _____

• spell the death of... 导致.....的消亡

• spell v. _____ (不好的结果) ; 拼写

• an elevated tone 一种高格调

• elevated adj. 提高的；高尚的，崇高的

elevate v. 提升，举起

• seek v. _____ (过去式/过去分词都是sought)

• put pen to paper 下笔写字

• well regarded _____

• capture v. 充分体现；俘获，夺得

• equally adv. _____

• performative adj. 表现力的，表述行为的

• genre n. 类型，流派

• claim v. _____ ; _____

• both oral and written English _____

• spontaneity n. _____ ; 由内心所驱使的行为（文中指“即兴发挥”）

• craft n. 工艺，手艺，技艺（文中指“精雕细琢”）

段4

①Illustrated with an entertaining array of examples from both high and low culture, the trend that Mr. McWhorter documents is unmistakable. ②But it is less clear, to take the question of his subtitle, why we should, like, care. ③As a linguist, he acknowledges that all varieties of human language, including non-standard ones like Black English, can be powerfully expressive—there exists no language or dialect in the world that cannot convey complex ideas. ④He is not arguing, as many do, that we can no longer think straight because we do not talk proper.

【段4】

段4生词：

- illustrate v. _____
- entertaining adj. 有趣的，娱乐的，令人愉快的
- an array of... 一系列的.....
- trend n. _____
- document v. _____ n. 文件，公文；文档；
- unmistakable adj. 明显的；不会弄错的
- acknowledge v. _____
- all varieties of... = all kinds of... _____
- expressive adj. 表示的，表现的，表达的
expression n. 表现，表示，表达；表情；语句，说法
express v. 表示，表现，表达
- dialect n. 方言
- convey complex ideas _____
- straight adv. 正确地，清楚地；直的，直率的
- proper adj. _____；本身的；特有的

段5

①Russians have a deep love for their own language and carry large chunks of memorized poetry in their heads, while Italian politicians tend to elaborate speech that would seem old-fashioned to most English-speakers. ②Mr. McWhorter acknowledges that formal language is not strictly necessary, and proposes no radical education reforms—he is really grieving over the loss of something beautiful more than useful. ③We now take our English “on paper plates instead of china”. ④A shame, perhaps, but probably an inevitable one.

【段5】 _____

段5生词：

- have a deep love for... 深爱.....
- chunk n. 大块，大段
- memorize v. 记住，背熟；记忆
- memory n. 记忆，记忆力，回忆；内存，存储器
- elaborate v. _____ adj. _____
- old-fashioned adj. 老式的，过时的，守旧的
- propose v. _____
- radical education reforms 激进的教育改革
- grieve v. 悲痛，哀悼
- inevitable adj. _____
- inevitably adv. _____

36. According to McWhorter, the decline of formal English _____.

- [A] is inevitable in radical education reforms
- [B] is but all too natural in language development
- [C] has caused the controversy over the counter-culture
- [D] brought about changes in public attitudes in the 1960s

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

定位原文在哪段？ _____

bring about / cause 后接原因 or 结果？ _____

静姐的“填坑指南”： _____

37. The word “talking” (Line 6, Paragraph 3) denotes _____.

- [A] modesty

[B] personality

[C] liveliness

[D] informality

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

静姐的“填坑指南”：_____

38. To which of the following statements would McWhorter most likely agree?

[A] Logical thinking is not necessarily related to the way we talk.

[B] Black English can be more expressive than standard English.

[C] Non-standard varieties of human language are just as entertaining.

[D] Of all the varieties, standard English can best convey complex ideas.

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

定位原文在哪段？ _____

静姐的“灵魂三问”是？ _____

静姐的“填坑指南”： _____

39. The description of Russians' love of memorizing poetry shows the author's _____.

[A] interest in their language

[B] appreciation of their efforts

[C] admiration for their memory

[D] contempt for their old-fashionedness

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

静姐的“填坑指南”： _____

40. According to the last paragraph, “paper plates” is to “china” as _____.

[A] “temporary” is to “permanent”

[B] “radical” is to “conservative”

[C] “functional” is to “artistic”

[D] “humble” is to “noble”

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

语意题的关键是_____, 而_____往往是混淆项。

定位原文在哪段哪句？ _____

静姐的“填坑指南”：_____