

2004年英语一阅读 Text 2

姓氏字母排序歧视现象

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段1

①Over the past century, all kinds of unfairness and discrimination have been condemned or made illegal. ②But one insidious form continues to thrive: alphabetism. ③This, for those as yet unaware of such a disadvantage, refers to discrimination against those whose surnames begin with a letter in the lower half of the alphabet.

【段1】 _____

段1生词：

• unfairness n. _____

unfair adj. 不公平的，不公正的

fair adj. 公平的

• discrimination n. _____

• condemn v. 指责，谴责；反对

• insidious adj. _____

• thrive v. 繁荣，兴旺

- alphabetism n. (作者自创词汇) 指社会上存在的按照字母将名字排序的理论
- alphabet n. 字母, 字母表
alphabetical adj. 按字母(表)顺序的
alphabetically adv. 按字母(表)顺序排列地
- unaware adj. _____
aware adj. 知道的; 意识到的
be unaware / aware of... 不知道、未觉察到 / 知道、觉察到.....
- disadvantage n. _____
advantage n. _____
advantaged adj. 有利的, 有优势的
disadvantaged adj. 不利的, 有劣势的
- refer to... _____
- surname n. 姓, 姓氏

段2

①It has long been known that a taxi firm called AAAA cars has a big advantage over Zodiac cars when customers thumb through their phone directories. ②Less well known is the advantage that Adam Abbott has in life over Zoë Zysman. ③English names are fairly evenly spread between the halves of the alphabet. ④Yet a suspiciously large number of top people have surnames beginning with letters between A and K.

【段2】 _____

段2生词：

- It has long been known that... _____
- have a big advantage over... _____
- thumb through... 匆匆翻阅, 浏览
- phone directory 电话簿

- Less well known is the advantage that... 不那么为人所知的优势是.....
- evenly spread 平均分布
- suspiciously adv. _____
suspicious adj. _____
- a large number of... _____

段3

①Thus the American president and vice-president have surnames starting with B and C respectively; and 26 of George Bush's predecessors (including his father) had surnames in the first half of the alphabet against just 16 in the second half. ②Even more striking, six of the seven heads of government of the G7 rich countries are alphabetically advantaged (Berlusconi, Blair, Bush, Chirac, Chrétien and Koizumi) . ③The world's three top central bankers (Greenspan, Duisenberg and Hayami) are all close to the top of the alphabet, even if one of them really uses Japanese characters. ④As are the world's five richest men (Gates, Buffett, Allen, Ellison and Albrecht) .

【段3】 _____

段3生词：

- start with... respectively 分别以……开头
- respectively adv. _____
respective adj. _____
- predecessor n. 前任，前辈；被取代的人或事物
- striking adj. _____

段4

①Can this merely be coincidence? ②One theory, dreamt up in all the spare time enjoyed by the alphabetically disadvantaged, is that the rot sets in early. ③At the start

of the first year in infant school, teachers seat pupils alphabetically from the front, to make it easier to remember their names. ④So short-sighted Zysman junior gets stuck in the back row, and is rarely asked the improving questions posed by those insensitive teachers. ⑤At the time the alphabetically disadvantaged may think they have had a lucky escape. ⑥Yet the result may be worse qualifications, because they get less individual attention, as well as less confidence in speaking publicly.

【段4】

段4生词：

- coincidence n. _____
- dream up 凭空想出，虚构
- in the spare time _____
- the rot sets in 腐烂开始，事情开始走下坡，情况开始变糟
- at the start of... 在……的开始
- infant school 幼儿园，幼儿学校
- short-sighted adj. _____；近视的
- get stuck 被卡住
- pose v. 提出（问题）；摆姿势
- insensitive adj. 不敏感的，感觉迟钝的；无感觉的
sensitive adj. 敏感的，微妙的；易受伤害的，易损坏的，易受影响的
- a lucky escape _____
- qualification n. 资格，条件（本文中指的是学历，技能）
- individual adj. _____ n. _____
- confidence n. 信心
confident adj. 有信心的

段5

①The humiliation continues. ②At university graduation ceremonies, the ABCs proudly get their awards first; by the time they reach the Zysmans most people are literally having a ZZZ. ③Shortlists for job interviews, election ballot papers, lists of conference speakers and attendees: all tend to be drawn up alphabetically, and their recipients lose interest as they plough through them.

【段5】 _____

段5生词：

• humiliation n. _____

humiliate v. _____

• university graduation ceremonies 大学毕业典礼

• by the time...(句子) 截止到……时候

• literally adv. _____ ; _____

literal adj. 逐字的，文字的

literate adj. 受过教育的；精通文学的

illiterate adj. _____

literacy n. 识字，有文化，有读写能力

• shortlist n. 供最后挑选用的候选人名单，决赛名单

• job interview _____

• election ballot 选举投票

• conference n. 会议

• tend to do sth. _____

• draw up 起草，拟定

• recipient n. _____

• lose interest 失去兴趣

46. What does the author intend to illustrate with AAAA cars and Zodiac cars?

- [A] A kind of overlooked inequality.
- [B] A type of conspicuous bias.
- [C] A type of personal prejudice.
- [D] A kind of brand discrimination.

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

定位原文在哪段？ _____

静姐的“填坑指南”： _____

47. What can we infer from the first three paragraphs?

- [A] In both East and West, names are essential to success.
- [B] The alphabet is to blame for the failure of Zoë Zysman.
- [C] Customers often pay a lot of attention to companies' names.
- [D] Some form of discrimination is too subtle to recognize.

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

文章主旨或者段落主旨题都建议在什么时候答题？ _____

静姐的“填坑指南”： _____

48. The 4th paragraph suggests that _____.

- [A] questions are often put to the more intelligent students
- [B] alphabetically disadvantaged students often escape from class
- [C] teachers should pay attention to all of their students
- [D] students should be seated according to their eyesight

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

静姐的“填坑指南”： _____

49. What does the author mean by “most people are literally having a ZZZ” (Lines 2, Paragraph 5)?

- [A] They are getting impatient.
- [B] They are noisily dozing off.
- [C] They are feeling humiliated.
- [D] They are busy with word puzzles.

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

定位原文在哪段？ _____

C和D选项的错在： _____

静姐的“填坑指南”： _____

50. Which of the following is true according to the text?

- [A] People with surnames beginning with N to Z are often ill-treated.
- [B] VIPs in the Western world gain a great deal from alphabetism.
- [C] The campaign to eliminate alphabetism still has a long way to go.
- [D] Putting things alphabetically may lead to unintentional bias.

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

难点在于：不要脑补！不要加戏！不要做戏精！！！！

静姐的“填坑指南”： _____