

考研英语 英语一 2004年 Text 3

美国经济疲软尚未引起消费者恐慌

审题找关键点，精准定位，提高正确率：

51. By “Ellen Spero isn’t biting her nails just yet” (Lines 1, Paragraph 1), the author means \_\_\_\_\_.
52. How do the public feel about the current economic situation?
53. When mentioning “the \$4 million to \$10 million range” (Lines 3, Paragraph 3) the author is talking about \_\_\_\_\_.
54. Why can many people see “silver linings” to the economic slowdown?
55. To which of the following is the author likely to agree?

段1

①When it comes to the slowing economy, Ellen Spero isn’t biting her nails just yet.  
②But the 47-year-old manicurist isn’t cutting, filing or polishing as many nails as she’d like to, either. ③Most of her clients spend \$12 to \$50 weekly, but last month two longtime customers suddenly stopped showing up. ④Spero blames the softening economy. ⑤“I’m a good economic indicator,” she says. ⑥“I provide a service that people can do without when they’re concerned about saving some dollars.” ⑦So Spero is downscaling, shopping at middle-brow Dillard’s department store near her suburban Cleveland home, instead of Neiman Marcus. ⑧“I don’t know if other clients are going to abandon me, too” she says.

【段1】

段1生词：

- When it comes to... \_\_\_\_\_ (用来引出话题)
- slowing economy 放缓的经济

- economy n. \_\_\_\_\_  
economic adj. \_\_\_\_\_
- manicurist n. 美甲师, 指甲修饰师
- file vt. 用锉锉, 用锉切或削; 把……归档
- polish v. 磨光, 擦亮 (某物)
- client n. 委托人, 顾客
- show up 出现
- softening economy 疲软的经济
- indicator n. 指示者, 指示器; 指标  
indicate v. 标示, 指出, 表明; 象征, 暗示
- be concerned about... \_\_\_\_\_
- downscale v. \_\_\_\_\_
- middle-brow adj. 平庸的, 品味一般的
- suburban adj. 郊外的
- instead of... \_\_\_\_\_
- abandon v. 遗弃, 放弃

## 段2

①Even before Alan Greenspan's admission that America's red-hot economy is cooling, lots of working folks had already seen signs of the slowdown themselves. ②From car dealerships to Gap outlets, sales have been lagging for months as shoppers temper their spending. ③For retailers, who last year took in 24 percent of their revenue between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the cautious approach is coming at a crucial time. ④Already, experts say, holiday sales are off 7 percent from last year's pace. ⑤But don't sound any alarms just yet. ⑥Consumers seem only mildly concerned, not panicked,

and many say they remain optimistic about the economy's long-term prospects even as they do some modest belt-tightening.

【段2】 \_\_\_\_\_

段2生词：

- admission n. \_\_\_\_\_
- admit v. \_\_\_\_\_
- red-hot economy 过热的经济
- working folks 上班族
- slowdown n. \_\_\_\_\_
- dealership n. 代理权，经销权
- outlet n. 经销店，批发商店；出口，出路
- lag v. 走的极慢；延迟，滞后，落后
- temper v. 使缓和，调节（文中指“使花费减少”）
- retailer n. 零售商
- revenue n. \_\_\_\_\_
- cautious adj. 小心的，谨慎的
- cautiously adv. 小心地，谨慎地
- caution n. 小心，谨慎；警告，警示
- approach n. \_\_\_\_\_；\_\_\_\_\_ v. 走近，接近，靠近
- at a crucial time 值此关键时刻
- crucial adj. \_\_\_\_\_
- panicked adj. \_\_\_\_\_
- panic n. 恐慌，惊慌 v. 使恐慌
- remain optimistic about... \_\_\_\_\_
- optimistic adj. \_\_\_\_\_
- optimism n. \_\_\_\_\_

pessimistic adj. \_\_\_\_\_

- long-term prospects 长远前景
- prospect n. 前景，前途；景象，景色
- modest adj. 适度的；谦虚的，谦逊的
- belt-tightening adj. 勒紧裤腰带的，紧缩预算的，节约的

### 段3

①Consumers say they're not in despair because, despite the dreadful headlines, their own fortunes still feel pretty good. ②Home prices are holding steady in most regions. ③In Manhattan, "there's a new gold rush happening in the \$4 million to \$10 million range, predominantly fed by Wall Street bonuses," says broker Barbara Corcoran. ④In San Francisco, prices are still rising even as frenzied overbidding quiets. ⑤"Instead of 20 to 30 offers, now maybe you only get two or three," says John Tealdi, a Bay Area real-estate broker. ⑥And most folks still feel pretty comfortable about their ability to find and keep a job.

【段3】 \_\_\_\_\_

段3生词：

- in despair \_\_\_\_\_

despair n. 绝望

desperate adj. 绝望的；\_\_\_\_\_

desperately adv. 绝望地；不顾一切地

- dreadful adj. \_\_\_\_\_

- hold steady \_\_\_\_\_

- steady adj. 稳定的，不变的

- gold rush \_\_\_\_\_

- predominantly adv. 主要地，多数情况下；占主导地位地，占优势地  
predominant adj. 占主导地位的，显著的
- feed v. 提供，供给；喂养（过去式/过去分词是fed）
- bonus n. 奖金，红利；额外酬金
- broker n. 经纪人；中间人，代理商
- frenzied adj. 狂热的，疯狂的
- overbid v. 过高出价  
bid v. 投标，出价
- real estate \_\_\_\_\_
- feel comfortable about... 对……感到自在、舒服
- pretty adv. 相当地，非常 adj. 漂亮的

#### 段4

①Many folks see silver linings to this slowdown. ②Potential home buyers would cheer for lower interest rates. ③Employers wouldn't mind a little fewer bubbles in the job market. ④Many consumers seem to have been influenced by stock-market swings, which investors now view as a necessary ingredient to a sustained boom. ⑤Diners might see an upside, too. ⑥Getting a table at Manhattan's hot new Alain Ducasse restaurant used to be impossible. ⑦Not anymore. ⑧For that, Greenspan & Co. may still be worth toasting.

【段4】 \_\_\_\_\_

段4生词：

- silver lining \_\_\_\_\_
- potential adj. \_\_\_\_\_
- interest rates 利率
- bubble n. 泡沫，气泡
- job market 就业市场

- seem to do sth. \_\_\_\_\_ (表示不确定性)
- influence n. 影响, 影响力; 势力 v. 影响  
influential adj. 有影响的, 有权势的
- stock-market n. 股票市场
- swing n. 摇摆, 摆动, 涨落
- a necessary ingredient \_\_\_\_\_
- a sustained boom \_\_\_\_\_
- upside n. 好的一面, 光明的一面; 上面, 上边
- used to do sth. 过去常常做某事
- be worth doing \_\_\_\_\_
- toast v. 举杯, 敬酒

51. By "Ellen Spero isn't biting her nails just yet" (Lines 1, Paragraph 1), the author means \_\_\_\_\_.

- [A] Spero can hardly maintain her business
- [B] Spero is too much engaged in her work
- [C] Spero has grown out of her bad habit
- [D] Spero is not in a desperate situation

我的答案：\_\_\_\_\_ 正确答案：\_\_\_\_\_

判断的关键词是：\_\_\_\_\_

静姐的“填坑指南”：\_\_\_\_\_

52. How do the public feel about the current economic situation?

- [A] Optimistic.
- [B] Confused.
- [C] Carefree.

[D] Panicked.

我的答案：\_\_\_\_\_ 正确答案：\_\_\_\_\_

定位原文在哪段哪句？\_\_\_\_\_

静姐的“填坑指南”：\_\_\_\_\_

53. When mentioning “the \$4 million to \$10 million range” (Lines 3, Paragraph 3) the author is talking about \_\_\_\_\_.

[A] gold market

[B] real estate

[C] stock exchange

[D] venture investment

我的答案：\_\_\_\_\_ 正确答案：\_\_\_\_\_

静姐的“填坑指南”：\_\_\_\_\_

54. Why can many people see “silver linings” to the economic slowdown?

[A] They would benefit in certain ways.

[B] The stock market shows signs of recovery.

[C] Such a slowdown usually precedes a boom.

[D] The purchasing power would be enhanced.

我的答案：\_\_\_\_\_ 正确答案：\_\_\_\_\_

BCD选项跟原文比对，分别错在哪里？\_\_\_\_\_

静姐的“填坑指南”：\_\_\_\_\_

55. To which of the following is the author likely to agree?

[A] A new boom, on the horizon.

[B] Tighten the belt, the single remedy.

[C] Caution all right, panic not.

[D] The more ventures, the more chances.

我的答案：\_\_\_\_\_ 正确答案：\_\_\_\_\_

静姐的“填坑指南”：\_\_\_\_\_