

考研英语 英语一 2006年 Text 1

美国社会同化现象

审题划出关键点，精准定位，提高正确率：

21. The word "homogenizing" (Line 2, Paragraph 1) most probably means \_\_\_\_\_.  
22. According to the author, the department stores of the 19th century \_\_\_\_\_.  
23. The text suggests that immigrants now in the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_.  
24. Why are Arnold Schwarzenegger and Garth Brooks mentioned in Paragraph 5?  
25. In the author's opinion, the absorption of immigrants into American society is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 

段1

①In spite of "endless talk of difference," American society is an amazing machine for homogenizing people. ②There is "the democratizing uniformity of dress and discourse, and the casualness and absence of deference" characteristic of popular culture. ③People are absorbed into "a culture of consumption" launched by the 19th-century department stores that offered "vast arrays of goods in an elegant atmosphere. ④Instead of intimate shops catering to a knowledgeable elite" these were stores "anyone could enter, regardless of class or background. ⑤This turned shopping into a public and democratic act." ⑥The mass media, advertising and sports are other forces for homogenization.

【段1】

段1生词：

- in spite of... \_\_\_\_\_
- homogenize v. \_\_\_\_\_
- democratize v. (使)大众化, (使)民主化  
democracy n. 民主, 民主主义; 民主政治

- uniformity n. \_\_\_\_\_  
uniform adj. \_\_\_\_\_ n. 制服
- discourse n. (严肃的) 谈话, 交谈; 演说, 讲述
- casualness n. 随意, 随便  
casual adj. 随意的, 随便的; 非正式的
- absence n. 缺乏, 不存在; 缺席, 不在场  
absent adj. 缺少的; 缺席的
- deference n. 顺从, 尊重
- characteristic n. \_\_\_\_\_ adj. 特有的, 典型的
- absorb v. 吸收; 吸引
- consumption n. 消费; 消耗  
consume v. 消费; 消耗  
consumer n. 消费者; 用户, 顾客
- launch v. \_\_\_\_\_; 发动, 发射
- department stores 百货商店
- vast arrays of goods 大量的货物
- array n. (排列整齐的) 一排, 一系列; 大量
- elegant adj. 高雅的, 优雅的; 讲究的  
elegance n. 高雅, 优雅
- atmosphere n. \_\_\_\_\_; 大气, 空气
- intimate adj. 亲密的; 私人的  
intimately adv. 亲密地; 私下地
- cater to... \_\_\_\_\_
- cater v. \_\_\_\_\_; 提供饮食及服务
- knowledgeable adj. 有知识的, 有见识的  
knowledge n. 知识, 学问; 知道, 认识

- elite n. 精英
- regardless of... \_\_\_\_\_
- background n. 背景
- turn... into... 把……变成……
- mass media \_\_\_\_\_
- advertising n. 广告；广告业

## 段2

①Immigrants are quickly fitting into this common culture, which may not be altogether elevating but is hardly poisonous. ②Writing for the National Immigration Forum, Gregory Rodriguez reports that today's immigration is neither at unprecedented levels nor resistant to assimilation. ③In 1998 immigrants were 9.8 percent of the population; in 1900, 13.6 percent. ④In the 10 years prior to 1990, 3.1 immigrants arrived for every 1, 000 residents; in the 10 years prior to 1890, 9.2 for every 1, 000. ⑤Now, consider three indices of assimilation—language, home ownership and intermarriage.

段2生词：

- immigrant n. \_\_\_\_\_  
immigrate v. 移居入境，移入  
immigration n. 外来移民；移居  
emigrant n. \_\_\_\_\_  
emigrate v. 移居外国，移出  
emigration n. 移民出境；移居外国
- fit into... \_\_\_\_\_
- common culture 大众文化
- poisonous adj. 有害的，有毒的
- at unprecedented levels 达到前所未有的水平

- unprecedented adj. 空前的, 前所未有的
- resistant to sth. \_\_\_\_\_
- resistant adj. \_\_\_\_\_  
resistance n. 阻力; 抵抗, 抵抗力  
resist v. 抵抗, 抗拒; 忍耐
- assimilation n. \_\_\_\_\_  
assimilative adj. \_\_\_\_\_  
assimilate v. \_\_\_\_\_
- prior to... 在……之前
- resident n. 居民 adj. 居住的; 定居的, 常驻的  
residence n. 住宅, 住处; 居住
- indices n. 指数, 指标, 指针; 索引 (index的复数)
- intermarriage n. 异族通婚

### 段3

①The 1990 Census revealed that "a majority of immigrants from each of the fifteen most common countries of origin spoke English 'well' or 'very well' after ten years of residence." ②The children of immigrants tend to be bilingual and proficient in English. ③"By the third generation, the original language is lost in the majority of immigrant families." ④Hence the description of America as a "graveyard" for languages. ⑤By 1996 foreign-born immigrants who had arrived before 1970 had a home ownership rate of 75.6 percent, higher than the 69.8 percent rate among native-born Americans.

段3生词：

- census n. 人口普查, 人口调查
- reveal v. \_\_\_\_\_
- a majority of... \_\_\_\_\_

- origin n. 出身，原籍；起源，源头

original adj. 原来的；开始的

- tend to do sth. \_\_\_\_\_

- bilingual adj. 会说两种语言的

- be proficient in... \_\_\_\_\_

- proficient adj. \_\_\_\_\_

proficiently adv. 精通地

proficiency n. 精通，熟练

- generation n. \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

- hence adv. 因此

- description n. 描述，描写

describe v. 描述，描绘，形容

- graveyard n. 墓地，坟场

#### 段4

①Foreign-born Asians and Hispanics "have higher rates of intermarriage than do U.S.-born whites and blacks." ②By the third generation, one third of Hispanic women are married to non-Hispanics, and 41 percent of Asian-American women are married to non-Asians.

【段2-4】 \_\_\_\_\_

段4生词：

- Hispanics n. 西班牙裔

- Hispanic adj. 西班牙的；讲西班牙语的

段5

①Rodriguez notes that children in remote villages around the world are fans of superstars like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Garth Brooks, yet "some Americans fear that immigrants living within the United States remain somehow immune to the nation's assimilative power."

段5生词：

- be immune to sth. \_\_\_\_\_
- immune adj. 免疫的；免于……的，免除的
- assimilative power \_\_\_\_\_

段6

①Are there divisive issues and pockets of seething anger in America? ②Indeed. ③It is big enough to have a bit of everything. ④But particularly when viewed against America's turbulent past, today's social indices hardly suggest a dark and deteriorating social environment.

【段5-6】 \_\_\_\_\_

段6生词：

- divisive issues \_\_\_\_\_
- divisive adj. \_\_\_\_\_  
divide v. 分开，分隔；分叉，使产生分歧；分配，分担
- pocket n. 一小片，少量；口袋
- seething anger 翻腾、涌动的怒火
- turbulent adj. \_\_\_\_\_  
turbulence n. 骚乱，动荡；湍流
- deteriorate v. \_\_\_\_\_
- social environment \_\_\_\_\_

21. The word “homogenizing” (Line 2, Paragraph 1) most probably means \_\_\_\_\_.

- [A] identifying
- [B] associating
- [C] assimilating
- [D] monopolizing

我的答案：\_\_\_\_\_ 正确答案：\_\_\_\_\_

语意题的关键在于\_\_\_\_\_

本文中in spite of表达的含义是\_\_\_\_\_, 逻辑关系是\_\_\_\_\_

静姐的“填坑指南”：\_\_\_\_\_

22. According to the author, the department stores of the 19th century \_\_\_\_\_.

- [A] played a role in the spread of popular culture
- [B] became intimate shops for common consumers
- [C] satisfied the needs of a knowledgeable elite
- [D] owed its emergence to the culture of consumption

我的答案：\_\_\_\_\_ 正确答案：\_\_\_\_\_

定位原文在哪段？\_\_\_\_\_

B和D选项的错误原因是：\_\_\_\_\_

静姐的“填坑指南”：\_\_\_\_\_

23. The text suggests that immigrants now in the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_.

- [A] are resistant to homogenization
- [B] exert a great influence on American culture
- [C] are hardly a threat to the common culture
- [D] constitute the majority of the population

我的答案：\_\_\_\_\_ 正确答案：\_\_\_\_\_

静姐的“填坑指南”：\_\_\_\_\_

24. Why are Arnold Schwarzenegger and Garth Brooks mentioned in Paragraph 5?

- [A] To prove their popularity around the world.
- [B] To reveal the public's fear of immigrants.
- [C] To give examples of successful immigrants.
- [D] To show the powerful influence of American culture.

我的答案：\_\_\_\_\_ 正确答案：\_\_\_\_\_

定位原文在哪段？\_\_\_\_\_

静姐的“填坑指南”：\_\_\_\_\_

25. In the author's opinion, the absorption of immigrants into American society is \_\_\_\_\_.

- [A] rewarding
- [B] successful
- [C] fruitless
- [D] harmful

我的答案：\_\_\_\_\_ 正确答案：\_\_\_\_\_

静姐的“填坑指南”：\_\_\_\_\_