

2012年英语一阅读 Text 2

Vermont Yankee厂主必须履行承诺

审题划出关键点，精准定位，提高正确率：

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29. In the author’s view, the Vermont case will test _____.
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段1

①A deal is a deal—except, apparently, when Entergy is involved. ②The company, a major energy supplier in New England, provoked justified outrage in Vermont last week when it announced it was reneging on a longstanding commitment to abide by the state’s strict nuclear regulations.

【段1】 _____

段1生词：

- apparently adv. 显然；外表上
apparent adj. 显然的；表面上的
- involve v. _____
- energy supplier 能源供应商
- provoke v. _____
- justified adj. _____
justify v. _____
- outrage n. 愤怒，愤慨

- commitment n. _____
- abide by... 遵守, 坚持
- regulation n. _____
- regulate v. _____
- regulator n. 监管机构, 监管者
- regulatory adj. 监管的, 管理的

段2

①Instead, the company has done precisely what it had long promised it would not: challenge the constitutionality of Vermont's rules in the federal court, as part of a desperate effort to keep its Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant running. ②It's a stunning move.

【段2】 _____

段2生词：

- precisely adv. _____
- precise adj. _____
- precision n. _____
- challenge the constitutionality of... 质疑.....的合宪性
- challenge v./n. _____
- constitutionality n. 符合宪法, 合宪性; 立宪
- constitution n. 宪法, 章程; 构造, 组成
- federal court 联邦法院
- nuclear power plant 核电厂
- a desperate effort 拼死的努力
- desperate adj. _____ ; _____
- stunning adj. 令人震惊的, 使人晕倒的; 极好的

段3

①The conflict has been surfacing since 2002, when the corporation bought Vermont's only nuclear power plant, an aging reactor in Vernon. ②As a condition of receiving state approval for the sale, the company agreed to seek permission from state regulators to operate past 2012. ③In 2006, the state went a step further, requiring that any extension of the plant's license be subject to the Vermont legislature's approval. ④Then, too, the company went along.

【段3】 _____

段3生词：

- conflict n./v. _____
- surface v. 浮出水面, 显露 n. 表面, 表层
- reactor n. 反应堆
- as a condition of... 作为.....的条件
- approval n. _____
- approve v. _____
- seek permission from... _____
- permission n. 允许, 许可, 准许
- permit v. 允许, 许可, 准许
- operate v. 工作, 运转; 经营, 操作
- extension of the license 许可证延期
- extension n. _____
- extensive adj. _____
- extend v. 延伸, 伸展, 扩大
- be subject to... _____
- legislature n. 立法机关, 立法机构
- legislation n. 立法; 法律
- legislate v. 立法, 制定法律

段4

①Either Entergy never really intended to live by those commitments, or it simply didn't foresee what would happen next. ②A string of accidents, including the partial collapse of a cooling tower in 2007 and the discovery of an underground pipe system leakage, raised serious questions about both Vermont Yankee's safety and Entergy's management—especially after the company made misleading statements about the pipe. ③Enraged by Entergy's behavior, the Vermont Senate voted 26 to 4 last year against allowing an extension.

【段4】 _____

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段4生词：

- intend to do sth. 打算做某事
- live by those commitments _____
- foresee v. 预见，预知
- a string of... 一连串的.....
- partial adj. 部分的，局部的，不完全的
- collapse n./v. _____
- leakage n. 渗漏，泄漏
leak v. 渗漏，泄露，透露
- raise question about... _____
- misleading adj. _____
- statement n. 陈述，叙述，声明
- enrage v. _____

段5

①Now the company is suddenly claiming that the 2002 agreement is invalid because of the 2006 legislation, and that only the federal government has regulatory power over nuclear issues. ②The legal issues in the case are obscure: whereas the Supreme Court has ruled that states do have some regulatory authority over nuclear power, legal scholars say the Vermont case will offer a precedent-setting test of how far those powers extend. ③Certainly, there are valid concerns about the patchwork regulations that could result if every state sets its own rules. ④But had Entergy kept its word, that debate would be beside the point.

【段5】 _____

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段5生词：

- invalid adj. _____
- valid adj. _____
- regulatory power 监管权，管理权
- obscure adj. 模糊的，不清楚的；费解的
- whereas conj. _____
- precedent-setting adj. 开创先例的
- precedent n. 先例 adj. 在前的，在先的
- patchwork n. 拼缝物，补丁
- keep one's word _____
- beside the point _____

段6

①The company seems to have concluded that its reputation in Vermont is already so damaged that it has nothing left to lose by going to war with the state. ②But there

should be consequences. ③Permission to run a nuclear plant is a public trust. ④Entergy runs 11 other reactors in the United States, including Pilgrim Nuclear station in Plymouth. ⑤Pledging to run Pilgrim safely, the company has applied for federal permission to keep it open for another 20 years. ⑥But as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reviews the company's application, it should keep in mind what promises from Entergy are worth.

【段6】 _____

段6生词：

- conclude v. _____
conclusion n. _____
- reputation n. 名誉，声望，名声
- go to war with... 与.....开战
- consequence n. _____
consequent adj. _____
consequently adv. _____
- public trust 公众信任
- pledge v. _____
- review v. 检查，重新考虑
- application n. 申请，请求，申请书；应用，运用
apply v. 申请，请求；应用
- keep... in mind 牢记.....

26. The phrase “reneging on” (Para. 1) is closest in meaning to _____.

- [A] condemning
- [B] reaffirming
- [C] dishonoring
- [D] securing

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

语意题的解题关键是_____

静姐的“填坑指南”：_____

27. By entering into the 2002 agreement, Entergy intended to _____.

- [A] obtain protection from Vermont regulators
- [B] seek favor from the federal legislature
- [C] acquire an extension of its business license
- [D] get permission to purchase a power plant

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

定位原文在哪段？_____

选项C和D的正误原因？_____

静姐的“填坑指南”：_____

28. According to Paragraph 4, Entergy seems to have problems with its _____.

- [A] managerial practices
- [B] technical innovativeness
- [C] financial goals
- [D] business vision

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

根据原文中的哪句话判断出答案？_____

该句的核心内容是什么？_____

静姐的“填坑指南”：_____

29. In the author's view, the Vermont case will test _____.

- [A] Entergy's capacity to fulfill all its promises
- [B] the nature of states' patchwork regulations

[C] the federal authority over nuclear issues

[D] the limits of states' power over nuclear issues

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

定位原文在哪段？_____

选项A、C和D的正误原因？_____

静姐的“填坑指南”：_____

30. It can be inferred from the last paragraph that _____.

[A] Entergy's business elsewhere might be affected

[B] the authority of the NRC will be defied

[C] Entergy will withdraw its Plymouth application

[D] Vermont's reputation might be damaged

我的答案：_____ 正确答案：_____

选项C和D的正误原因？_____

静姐的“填坑指南”：_____