**part1 commodities and money**

1th **commodity**: [kəˈmɒdəti]

N-COUNT 商品

A commodity is something that is sold for money.

The government increased prices on several basic commodities like bread and meat.

商品和钱

**section 1**

**the two factors of a commodity: use-value and value(the substance of value and the magnitude of value)**

商品的俩个要素:使用价值和价值（物质本身的价值和 价值量）

1th **substance**[ˈsʌbstəns]

noun A **substance**is

a solid, powder, liquid, or gas with particular properties.

a type of solid, liquid or gas that has particular qualities

a chemical/radioactive, etc. substance

banned/illegal substances (= drugs)

a sticky substance

2th **magnitude [ˈmæɡnɪtjuːd]**

In mathematics, if one amount is an order of magnitude larger than another, it is ten times larger than the other. If it is two orders of magnitude larger, it is a hundred times larger.

The time delay would be smaller by eight orders of magnitude.

the great size or importance of sth; the degree to which sth is large or important

We did not realize the magnitude of the problem.

a discovery of the first magnitude

**The wealth of those societies in which the capitalist mode of production prevails,presents itself as “an immense accumulation of commodities,” its unit being a single commodity. Our investigation must therefore begin with the analysis of a commodity.**

在资本主义生产方式盛行的那些社会中，其财富表现为“大量的商品积累”，其单位是单一商品。 因此，我们的调查必须从分析商品开始。

**A commodity is, in the first place, an object outside us, a thing that by its properties satisfies human wants of some sort or another.the nature of such wants,whether,for instance,they spring from the stomach or form fancy,makes no difference.Neither are we here concerned to know how the object satisfies these wants,whether directly as means of subsistence, or indirectly as means of production.**

首先，商品是我们外部的物体，通过其属性可以满足人类某种或其他种类的需求。这种需求的性质，例如，它们是从肚子里冒出来的还是形成幻想的，都会使 没什么区别。我们在这里也不关心知道对象如何满足这些需求，无论是直接作为生存手段，还是间接作为生产手段。

**Every useful thing, as iron, paper, &c., may be looked at from the two points of view of quality and**

**quantity.**

iron[ˈaɪən] noun

每个有用的东西像铁，纸等，可以从质量和数量这俩个方面来看。

**It is an assemblage of many properties, and may therefore be of use in various ways.**

它是很多属性的集合体，可能用在很多方面

assemblage 【əˈsemblɪdʒ】

a collection of things; a group of people

Tropical rainforests have the most varied assemblage of plants in the world

tropical英 [ˈtrɒpɪkl] Tropical weather is hot and damp weather

Rainforest 英 [ˈreɪnfɒrɪst]

An assemblage of people or things is a collection of them.

He had an assemblage of old junk cars filling the backyard

To discover the various uses of things is the work of history.

去发现事物的多种多样的用途是历史工作

**So also is the establishment of socially recognized standards of measure for the quantities of these useful objects**

为这些有用物体的数量建立社会认可的测量标准 也是如此

recognize英 [ˈrekəɡnaɪz]

to accept and approve of sb/sth officially

[VN] recognized qualifications

获得承认的资格

The UK has refused to recognize the new regime.

英国已拒绝承认这个新的政权。

[VN to inf] He is recognized to be their natural leader.

人们都承认他是他们的当然领袖。

**The diversity of these measures has its origin partly in the diverse nature of the objects to be measured, partly in convention.**

这些措施的多样性部分起源于被测量对象的多样性，部分出于惯例。

diversity英 [daɪˈvɜːsəti] noun

A diversity of things is a range of things which are very different from each other.

His object is to gather as great a diversity of material as possible.

他的目标就是尽可能多地搜集各种材料。

diverse英 [daɪˈvɜːs]

very different from each other and of various kinds

people from diverse cultures

不同文化背景的人

My interests are very diverse.

我的兴趣非常广泛。

convention英 [kənˈvenʃn] noun

A convention is a way of behaving that is considered to be correct or polite by most people in a society.

It's just a social convention that men don't wear skirts...

男人不穿裙子只是一种社会习俗。

**The utility of a thing makes it a use value. [4] But this utility is not a thing of air. Being limited by the physical properties of the commodity, it has no existence apart from that commodity.**

**事物的效用使其成为使用价值。 [4]但是，这种实用程序不是空谈。 受商品物理特性的限制，除了商品以外，它不存在。**

utility英 [juːˈtɪləti]

The utility of something is its usefulness.

apart from英 [əˈpɑːt frəm]

except for

I've finished apart from the last question.

除了最后一道题，我全做完了

**A commodity, such as iron, corn, or a diamond, is therefore, so far as it is a material thing, a use value, something useful.**

**因此，诸如铁，玉米或钻石之类的商品，就其实质而言，是一种使用价值，还是一种有用的东西。**

**diamond英 [ˈdaɪəmənd]**

a clear precious stone of pure carbon , the hardest substance known. Diamonds are used in jewellery and also in industry, especially for cutting glass.

a ring with a diamond in it

**This property of a commodity is independent of the amount of labour required to appropriate its useful qualities.**

**商品的这种性质与适当使用其有用质量所需的劳动量无关。**

**independent英 [ˌɪndɪˈpendənt]**

not connected with or influenced by sth; not connected with each other

The police force should be independent of direct government control.

警方应该不受政府的直接控制。

Two independent research bodies reached the same conclusions.

两个彼此不相关的研究部门得出了同样的结论。

appropriate英 【əˈprəʊpriət】

suitable, acceptable or correct for the particular circumstances

an appropriate response/measure/method

恰如其分的反应；恰当的措施 / 方法

Now that the problem has been identified, appropriate action can be taken.

现在既已找出问题的症结，即可采取适当行动。

Jeans are not appropriate for a formal party.

正式聚会上穿牛仔裤不合适。

The book was written in a style appropriate to the age of the children.

这本书的文体适合儿童阅读。

Is now an appropriate time to make a speech?

现在发表演讲是不是时候？

**When treating of use value, we always assume to be dealing with definite quantities, such as dozens of watches, yards of linen, or tons of iron.**

**treat英 [triːt]**

to behave in a particular way towards sb/sth

to treat people with respect/consideration/suspicion, etc.

对人尊敬、体谅、怀疑等

Treat your keyboard with care and it should last for years.

爱惜你的键盘，这样就可以使用很多年。

My parents still treat me like a child

**assume英 [əˈsjuːm] 就是自认为的意思不过没有证据**

to think or accept that sth is true but without having proof of it

[V (that)] It is reasonable to assume (that) the economy will continue to improve.

认为经济将继续好转是有道理的。

Let us assume for a moment that the plan succeeds.

咱们暂时假设计划成功。

She would, he assumed, be home at the usual time.

他认为，她会在通常时间回到家的。

[VN that] It is generally assumed that stress is caused by too much work.

普遍认为，紧张是工作过重所致。

[VN] Don't always assume the worst (= that sth bad has happened) .

别总往最坏处想。

definite

英 [ˈdefɪnət]

sure or certain; unlikely to change

Can you give me a definite answer by tomorrow?

你最晚明天能给我一个确定的答复吗？

Is it definite that he's leaving?

他肯定要离开吗？

I've heard rumours, but nothing definite.

我听到一些流言，但都不确定。

a definite offer of a job

明确给予一份工作

I'm not sure─I can find out for definite if you like.

我没把握——如果你愿意我可以去核实。

**The use values of commodities furnish the material for a special study, that of the commercial knowledge of commodities. [5] Use values become a reality only by use or consumption: they also constitute the substance of all wealth, whatever may be the social form of that wealth. In the form of society we are about to consider, they are, in addition, the material depositories of exchange value.**