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Guns in America

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Perhaps make it a bit harder to buy one?

也许应该让买枪支变得更困难一些?

In many states, it is easier to own a gun than a dog. That is **absurd**

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In Buffalo who on May 14th shot and killed ten people, most of them black, was driven by racial paranoia. The 68-year-old who killed one and injured five on May 16th in a Californian church hated Taiwanese people. What impelled Salvador Ramos to kill at least 21 on May 24th in and around a school in Texas may someday become apparent, though Mr Ramos is no longer alive to explain himself.

大量凶杀案背后的动机各不相同。5月14日,布法罗的一名少年枪杀了10人,其中大部分是黑人,他的动机是种族偏执。一位68岁的老人于5月16日在加州教堂杀死1人,伤及5人,他憎恨台湾人。5月24日,萨尔瓦多·拉莫斯(Salvador Ramos)在德克萨斯州一所学校及其周围杀害了至少21人,驱使他这样做的原因也许有一

中文导读

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absurd /əb'sɜːd/ adj. 谬的;可笑的 n.;作品 I can't rationalise my **absurd** fear of insects.我怕昆虫,毫无道理,不能合理地解释。

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murder /ˈmɜːdə/ vt. 谋杀,凶杀 n. 谋杀,凶杀 vi. 杀人,犯 杀人罪 He is an accessary to the **murder**.他是这谋杀案的 帮凶。

vary /'veərɪ/ vi. 变化; 违反; [生]变异 vt. 改变; 使多样化; [音]变奏 This pile of apples **vary** in size.这堆苹果大小不一。

teenager /ˈti:neidʒə/ n. 青少年 Spanking is an indignity to a **teenager**.(用巴掌、拖鞋等)打一个十几岁的孩子, 是对他的侮辱。

racial /ˈreɪʃ(ə)l/ adj. 种族的; 存在或发生于种族之间的 副词: racially They abhor all forms of racial discrimination.他们憎恶任何形式的种族歧视。

paranoia / pærəˈnɒɪə/ n. 妄想狂,偏执狂 (对别人的)瞎猜疑, 疑神疑鬼 Her passion for cleanliness borders on paranoia. 她的洁癖近乎偏执。

injured / ˈmdʒə/ adj.受伤的,有伤的,受伤的人,伤员,伤兵,委屈的,受到伤害的v.(尤指在事故中)伤害,使受伤,损害,伤害(名誉、自尊等)n.伤员; 受伤的人; 伤兵injure的过去分词和过去式 One of the drivers was fatally **injured**.其中一名司机受了致命伤。

church /tʃɜːtʃ/ n. 堂;礼拜;派 adj.;礼拜 vt. 领...到堂接受宗仪式 They bore the coffin into the **church**.他们把棺材抬进堂。

hated /'hertid/ v.厌恶,讨厌,憎恶(某事物),憎恨,憎恶,仇恨(某人),(表示不愿说某事,或客气地请求)不愿,不想hate的过去分词和过去式

impelled /im'peld/ v.促使,驱策,迫使impel的过去分词和过去式 Faith that justice would prevail **impelled** us forward. 正义必胜的信念激励着我们前进。

someday /'sʌm,deɪ/ adv. 有一天,有朝一日 Come some day (not **someday**) soon.请尽快在某个时候来吧(不是 someday)。

apparent /ə'pær(ə)nt/ adj. 显然的;表面上的 副 词: apparently Their affluence is more **apparent** than real.他们的富有是虚有其表。

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horrors / horaz/ n.震惊,恐惧,厌恶,对某事物的强烈畏惧(或憎恨),(某事物)令人厌恶的性质,(尤指)震惊性,恐怖性horror的复数 本课程出自公众号:考研英语外刊学习,制作不易,尊重原创,愿诸君上岸!

weapon /'wep(ə)n/ n. 武器, 兵器 自卫[克敌制胜]的手段[行动] 时态: weaponed, weaponing, weapons We are developing nuclear weapons to do away with such weapons.我们发展核武器是为了消灭核武器。

天会浮出水面,尽管拉莫斯先生已经不在人世,无法为自己的行 为做出解释。

the murder weapon. guns are simple, reliable tools for killing. A man with a gun and plenty of ammunition can kill more people, more quickly and with far less physical effort than he can with a knife, a blunt object or his bare hands. The weapon Mr Ramos used—a military-style assault rifle with high-capacity magazines—allowed him to keep shooting until someone shot him. That most of his victims were children makes the crime unusually horrific. But it resembles countless other American tragedies in that the easy availability of guns made it deadlier than it might have been.

然而,这些恐怖事件的共同点是凶器。枪支是简单而可靠的杀人工具。一个带着枪和大量弹药的人可以比用刀、用钝器或赤手空拳,杀死更多的人,而且速度更快,不费吹灰之力。拉莫斯使用的武器是一种带有大容量弹匣的军用突击步枪,这让他能够在被人开枪打死之前一直射击。大多数受害者是儿童,这使得这起犯罪异常可怕。但这与美国其他无数的悲剧相似,因为枪支容易获得,使其(比原本)更加致命。

Domestic quarrels are more likely to end in death if a firearm is handy. Suicide attempts with guns usually succeed. Police in England and Wales shot and killed only two people in 2021; American cops killed 1,055. The main reason for this vast disparity is not that English cops are gentler or less racist. It is that American police face a heat-packing public. Most of those they kill are armed; many of the rest are mistakenly believed to be so. The abundance of guns is also the main reason why the murder rate in America is four or five times higher than in a typical rich country.

reliable /rɪ'laɪəb(ə)l/ adj. 可靠的, 可信赖的 副 词: reliably The witness is unbiased and so reliable.那个证人没有偏见, 所以是可靠的。

ammunition /æmjo'nɪʃ(ə)n/ n. 弹药, 军火 The enemy had expended all their **ammunition**.敌人的弹药已经消耗殆尽。

physical /'fizik(ə)l/ adj. 身体的;物质的;物理的 n. [口]体格检查 He no longer found her **physical**ly attractive.他认为她的外表已经失去吸引力。

blunt /blʌnt/ adj. 钝的,不锋利的;生硬的;直率的 vt. 使迟钝 I'm a **blunt** straightforward man;I hate sham. 我是个耿直坦率的人, 我讨厌虚伪。

object /'robdʒɪkt/ n. 物体 对象; 客体 目标; 意向; 目的 可笑的 人[事物] 宾语 vi. 不赞成, 反对; 抗议 vt. 以...为理由反对 时态: objected, objecting, objects 名 词: objector Able to see distant **object**s better than **object**s at close range; hyperopic. 远视的看远的物体比看近的清楚的;

military /ˈmɪlɪt(ə)rɪ/ adj. 军事的;军人的;适于战争的 n. 军队;军人 The military gave classified information to them.军方向他们提供了机密的信息。

assault /ə'sɔ:lt/ n. 攻击;袭击 vt. 袭击;攻击 vi. 袭击;动武 He was guilty of assault and battery.他犯了殴打罪。 rifle /'raɪf(ə)l/ n. 步枪 时 态: rifled, rifling, rifles 名 词: rifler Rifles and cannons volleyed on all sides.枪炮向各方面齐发。

capacity /kə'pæsɪtɪ/ n. 能力;容量;生产力;资格,地位 The jar's capacity is under three quarts.这个坛子的容量小于 三套特

magazines / mægə zi:nz/ n.杂志,期刊,(电视、广播)专题节目,弹仓,弹盒,弹盘magazine的复数 本课程出自公众号:考研英语外刊学习,制作不易,尊重原创,愿诸君上岸!

victims /ˈvɪktɪm/ n. 受害者,牺牲者;受灾群众(victim的复数) The medical examiner viewed the victim's body.法 医检验了受害者的尸体。

horrific /hɒˈrɪfik/ adj. 可怕的; 令人毛骨悚然的 The film showed the most horrific murder scenes.那部影片有极恐怖的谋杀场面。

resembles /rr'zemblz/ 似 She is the very image of her mother.; She strongly resembles her mother. 她酷似她的母亲。

countless /ˈkaontlɪs/ adj. 无数的;多得数不清的 The sky was set with **countless** stars.天空点缀着无数的星星。

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robber /ˈrɒbə/ n. 强盗; 盗贼 The robber gave me a baleful look.那强盗用威胁的眼光看着我。

quarrels /'kwo:rəl/ n. 吵架(quarrel的复数) v. 吵架(quarrel的第三人称单数形式) Inevitably,a quarrel followed between the two sides.双方随后不可避免地争吵起来。

gentler /'dʒɛntlə(r)/ adj. 优雅的,温和的 He is a man of gentle mold.他是个性格温和的人。

attempts /ə'tempt/ n. 企图,试图;尝试(attempt的复数)v. 试图;努力去做(attempt的三单形式) I attempted to choke down supper. .我试着强咽下晚饭。

firearm /'faɪərɑːm/ n. 枪,武器 He is wanted for robbery and **firearm**s offences.他因涉嫌抢劫和涉枪犯罪而遭通缉。

disparity /dr'spærɪtɪ/ n. 不同,不等;不一致;悬殊 The great disparity between the teams did not make for an

持枪的强盗更可能杀人。如果手边有枪,家庭争吵更有可能以死 亡告终。用枪企图自杀通常会成功。2021年,英格兰和威尔士的 警察只枪杀了两人;美国警察杀死了1055人。造成这种巨大差异的 主要原因并不是英国警察更温和或种族歧视更少,而是因为美国 警察面对的是一群热情高涨的公众。他们杀死的大多数人都有武 器;其余的许多人都被错误地认为持有武器。大量的枪支也是美国 凶杀率比典型富裕国家高出四到五倍的主要原因。

[4] By one estimate, Americans own 400m guns. If they were evenly distributed, each family of five would have six. In 2020 more than 45,000 people in America died from **firearm**-related injuries. guns now kill more young people than cars do.

据估计,美国人拥有4亿枪支。如果平均分配,每五口之家就会有 六支枪。2020年,美国超过4.5万人死于与枪支相关的伤害。如 今,枪支杀死的年轻人比汽车还多。

[5] The Economist believes it should be hard to own a gun. Farmers need them for pest control; hunters and other hobbyists may use them for sport. But each gun should be licensed and registered. Each owner should have to pass stringent background checks, and the process should be slow—no one should be able to buy a gun while in a fit of rage. Also, there is no good reason to let civilians own guns that fire rapidly, or magazines that let them kill a room full of people before reloading.

《经济学人》认为拥有枪支应该是件难事。农民需要它们来控制 害虫;猎人和其他爱好者可能将其用于运动。但每把枪都应该获得 许可、进行注册登记。每个持枪者都应该通过严格的背景调查, 而且过程应该放缓——没人能在暴怒时买到枪。也没有理由让老 百姓拥有快速射击的枪支,或拥有重新上膛前让他们杀死一屋子 人的弹夹。

[6] In America such strict gun control is **unthinkable**. The Second Amendment guarantees a right to bear arms, and the National rifle Association promotes a

entertaining game.两队实力悬殊,所以比赛并不精彩。

racist /'reisist/ n. 种族歧视者 The article was full of racist undertones.这篇文章充满了种族主义的暗流。

mistakenly /mɪˈsteɪkənlɪ/ adv. 错误地;被误解地 I was mistakenly assumed to be a Welshman because of my surname.由于我的姓的缘故,我被误认为是威尔士人。

abundance /ə'bʌnd(ə)ns/ n. 大量, 充足 The tree yields an abundance of fruit.这树结果甚多。

typical /'tɪpɪk(ə)l/ adj. 典型的;特有的;象征性的副词: typically This wine is typical of the region.这种酒是本地区 的特产。

estimate /'estɪmeɪt/ vi. 估计,估价 n. 估计,估价;判断, 看法 vt. 估计,估量;判断,评价 His arrogance lowered him in her estimation.他的妄自尊大降低了他在她心目中的

evenly /ˈiːvənli/ adv. 平坦地;均匀地;平等地;平衡地 [as adj., with submodifier]evenly matched teams.实力相当

distributed /dr'strɪbjʊtɪd/ adj.分布的;分散的v.分发,分配,分 销,使散开,使分布,分散distribute的过去分词和过去式 The prizes were distributed among five winners.奖品分发给五 位优胜者。

registered /'redʒɪstəd/ adj.(信、包裹)挂号的v.登记,注册,(正 式地或公开地)发表意见,提出主张,显示(读数),记录register 的过去分词和过去式 The holes for the bolts register perfectly.螺栓的孔眼完全合适。

stringent /'strɪn(d)ʒ(ə)nt/ adj. 严格的;严厉的(货币)紧缩的; 短缺的 名词: stringency 副词: stringently The Act imposes more stringent regulations on atmospheric pollution.法案对 大气污染作出更为严格的规定。

unthinkable /ʌn'θɪŋkəb(ə)l/ adj. 不能考虑的, 不能接受的, 不可想像的, 难以置信的 不可能的 It would be unthinkable to ask him to do that.叫他做那件事是毫无可能的。

maximalist /ˈmæksɪm(ə)lɪst/ n. 俄国多数派成员 形容词: maximalist the maximalist interpretation is more promising.最高纲领主义的解释更有希望。

interpretation /ɪntɜːprɪ'teɪʃ(ə)n/ n. 解释, 说明; 诠释 表演; 演奏 The Bible lends itself to various interpretations. 《圣 经》有不同的阐释

hint /hɪnt/ n. 暗示;线索 vt. 暗示;示意 vi. 示意 I hinted at his imprudence, his folly, but he did not take my hint.我 暗示他的轻率,他的愚蠢,但他没有觉察我的暗示。

obtain /əb'teɪn/ vi. 获得; 流行 vt. 获得 You can't obtain my consent by force.你不能强迫我同意。

primaries /'praɪ,mɛri/ 主翼羽;比较原色 This is the primary impetus behind the economic recovery.这是促使经 济复苏的主要动力。

dare /deə/ n. 挑战;挑动 vt. 不惧;敢冒 vi. 胆敢;敢 I dare not say. How dare she go?我不敢说。她怎么敢去呢? offend /ə'fend/ vt. 冒犯; 使...不愉快 vi. 违反; 进攻; 引起 不舒服 The offender apologized when he sobered up.冒犯 者醒酒后道了歉。

maximalist interpretation of it. Politicians who hint that they might make it a little bit harder to obtain a firearm face a well-organised bloc of single-issue voters. In Republican primaries, especially, few dare offend the gun lobby.

在美国,如此严格的枪支管制是无法想象的。《第二修正案》保证了携带武器的权利,而美国步枪协会(National rifle Association)则提倡对该修正案进行最高限度的解释。那些暗示可能会让获得枪支变得更难一点的政客们,面对的是一个组织良好的单一议题选民集团。尤其是在共和党初选中,很少有人敢得罪赞成拥有枪支的游说团体。

Texas, where 21-year-olds can carry a handgun in public without training or a permit (both of which are needed to cut hair); and where 18-year-olds can buy a handgun if they come from a violent home (to defend themselves against abusive relatives); and where almost any adult can buy a rifle with minimal hassle. Mr Ramos bought two assault rifles legally as soon as he turned 18, and shot his grandmother before heading for the local elementary school.

因此,在像德克萨斯州这样的地方,法律规章逐渐松动,在那里,21岁的年轻人可以在公共场合携带手枪,而不需要经过培训或获得许可证(理发都需要这两项);如果18岁的孩子来自暴力家庭,他们可以买到手枪(以保护自己免受亲人的虐待);在这里,几乎所有成年人都能轻而易举地买到一把步枪。拉莫斯一满18岁就合法购买了两支冲锋枪,并在前往当地小学就读前射杀了祖母。

【8】 This is not what most Americans want. Hefty (but dwindling) majorities favour some commonsense curbs, such as denying weapons to the mentally ill, creating a database to track all gun sales, and banning both assault-style weapons and high-capacity magazines. Congress is unlikely to deliver such things,

loosening /ˈluːsnɪŋ/ v.(使)放松,变松,解开,松开(衣服、头发等),松开,放开(手等)loosen的现在分词 The new policies loosened up foreign trade.新政策使对外贸易有了更大的灵活性。

handgun /ˈhæn(d)gʌn/ n. 手枪 The Capacitor turns the signal in antiphrasis, the only thing whole. The Earphones do such long ago. The Shot of the handgun not audible.什么是积极保护?基本原理是:发射和接收信号---一个放大器,一个晶体管---一个可变电阻的电容器---一个扬声器或射极的输出装置。

training /'tremny/ n.训练,培训,(为参加体育比赛而进行的) 训练,锻炼v.训练,培训,接受训练,进行…训练,(尤指)进行体育锻炼,训练(人或动物),教育,培养…的能力(或素质)train的现在分词 She is currently Chairlady of the Mass

Communications Training Board of the Vocational Training Council.她现任职业训练局大众传播训练委员会主席。

permit /pə'mɪt/ vi. 许可; 允许 vt. 允许; 许可 n. 许可证, 执照 The law permits (not permits of) camping on the beach.法律允许(不能用 permits of) 在海滩上宿营。

violent /varəl(ə)nt/ adj. 暴力引起的, 粗暴的 剧烈的, 强烈的副词: violently They have come into conflict, sometimes violently.他们产生了矛盾,有时矛盾还非常激烈。

defend /dr'fend/ vt. 防护;辩护 vi. 防守;保卫 We shall **defend** our island whatever the cost...我们要不惜一切代价保卫国土。

minimal /mmm(ə)l/ adj. 〈正式〉最小的; 极少的 名词: minimality 副词: minimally There is minimal mitotic activity, no atypia and no desmoplasia.有很少的分裂象,无异型性及纤维组织增生。

hassle /ˈhæs(ə)l/ vt. 找麻烦,搅扰;与...争辩;使...烦恼 n. 困难,麻烦;激战 vi. 争论,争辩 I'm anti the abuse of drink and the hassle that it causes.我反对饮酒无度和酗酒滋事。

bought /bɔ:t/ buy的过去式和过去分词 We **bought** an appreciable piece of property.我们买下的资产有增值的潜力。

rifles /ˈraɪfl/ n. 来福枪;卡宾枪;步枪(rifle复数) Rifles and cannons volleyed on all sides.枪炮向各方面齐发。

legally /'li:gəli/ adv. 法律上;合法地 The land belongs **legally** to the Government.该地依法属政府所有。

grandmother /ˈgræn(d)mʌðə/ n. (外)祖母 My grandmother puts by her fresh vegetables.我的祖母把她的 新鲜蔬菜搁在一边存下来

elementary /elr'ment(ə)rr/ adj. 基本的, 初级的, 基础的, 小学的简单的, 容易的 His classmates were labouring with elementary algebra.他的同学们正在绞尽脑汁地演算初等代数题。

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dwindling /'dwindlin/ v.(逐渐)减少,变小,缩小dwindle的现在分词 dwindling profits 日益减少的利润

majorities /məˈdʒorɪtiz/ n.大部分,大多数,(获胜的)票数,多数票,超出其余各方票数总和的票数majority的复数 本课程出自公众号:考研英语外刊学习,制作不易,尊重原创,愿诸君上岸!

commonsense /ˈkomənˈsens/ adj. 有常识的; 一望而知的形容词: commonsensible commonsense scholarship on the foibles and oversights of a genius关于天才的缺点和失败的常识

curbs /ks:bz/ v.控制,抑制,限定,约束(不好的事物)n.起控制(或限制)作用的事物curb的第三人称单数和复数 本课程

thanks to the Senate filibuster. So cities and states should step in, though guns will always flow **illicitly** from **lax jurisdictions** to **stringent** ones. voters should reward politicians who think a gun **licence** should be at least as hard to **obtain** as a driving **licence**. Not all gun deaths are **preventable**, but many could be.

这不是大多数美国人想要的。相当多(但正在减少)的多数人支持一些常识性的限制,比如禁止向精神疾病患者出售武器,创建一个跟踪所有枪支销售的数据库,以及禁止攻击性武器和大容量弹匣。由于参议院的阻挠议事,国会不太可能做出上述限制。因此,城市和州应该介入,尽管枪支总是会从宽松的司法管辖区非法流入严格的管辖区。认为获得枪支许可证至少应该像获得驾照一样难的政客们,应该获得选民们的奖励。并非所有的枪击死亡都是可以避免的,但很多是可以避免的。

今日词汇

economic [,i:kə'nəmik]

a. 经济(上)的, 经济学的; 有利可图的

考研出现次数: 60+

考频: **★★★★**★

考点回顾

阅读考点真题例句:

[例] No one tries harder than the jobless to find silver linings in this national economic disaster. (2012年英语二36题)

[译] 没有人比失业者更迫切地在这次全国性的经济大灾难中寻找一线的生机。

翻译考点真题例句:

[例] But we have at least drawn nearer the point of admitting that birds should continue as a matter of intrinsic right, regardless of the presence or absence of economic advantage to us.

[译] 但是我们至少已几乎承认,不管鸟类对我们而言有没有经济价值,处于其本身固有的权利,它们都应生存下去。(2010年英语一翻译47题)

① 短语:

1.原文: What these horrors have in common, though, is the murder weapon.

词典: murder weapon杀人武器;

凶器

例句: Officers combed the woods for the **murder weapon**.

警官们彻底搜查了那片树

林,寻找杀人凶器。

2.原文: A man with a gun and plenty of ammunition can kill more people, more quickly and

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denying /ˌselfd'naɪm/ v.否认,否定,拒绝承认,拒绝接受,拒绝, 拒绝给予**deny**的现在分词 He persists in **denying** his knowledge of it.他一再否认知情。

mentally / mentall/ adv. 心理上;精神上智力上 Compeer mental tutorship is a kind of school mental health education model. 朋辈心理辅导是一种学校心理健康教育模式。

track /træk/ n. 足迹,踪迹;轨道;小道 vt. 追踪;通过;循路而行;用纤拉 vi. 走;追踪;留下足迹 The effect of initial track tension to soft soil trafficability of tracked vehicle is studied.研究履带预张力对车辆软土通过性能的影响规律。

illicitly /i'lisitli/ adv. 违法地,不正地 Once brawny muscles have been acquired, whether licitly or illicitly, other genes might then be used to tune their activity. 一旦获得了强健的 肌肉(不管是合法还是不合法),其它的基因就可以用来调整肌肉的活动方式。

lax /læks/ n. 松元音; 泻肚 adj. 松懈的; 松的; 腹泻的 Lax security allowed the thieves to enter.松懈的保安措施使小偷有机可乘。

jurisdictions / dʒoərɪs dɪkʃənz/ n.司法权,审判权,管辖权,管辖区域,管辖范围jurisdiction的复数 本课程出自公众号: 考研英语外刊学习,制作不易,尊重原创,愿诸君上岸!

licence /ˈlaisəns/ n. 许可证,执照;特许 vt. 特许,许可; 发给执照 The restaurant applied for a licence to sell wine. 那家餐厅申请售酒许可证。

preventable /prr'ventabl/ adj. 可阻止的;可预防的 Dentists advise their patients to brush and floss regularly to prevent their teeth from decaying. 牙医建议他们的病人定期刷牙并用 洁牙线剔牙,以防止蛀牙。

②长难句

1.原文: What impelled Salvador Ramos to kill at least 21 on May 24th in and around a school in

Texas may someday become apparent, though Mr Ramos is no longer alive to explain himself.

分析:本句包含主语从句。"What"引导主语从句,并在主语从句中作主语;"may"是情态动词,后接动词原形"become","though"表示让步,意思是"虽然,尽管"。

译文: 5月24日,萨尔瓦多·拉莫斯 (Salvador Ramos)在德克萨斯州一所 学校及其周围杀害了至少21人,驱使 他这样做的原因也许有一天会浮出水面,尽管拉莫斯先生已经不在人世,无法为自己的行为做出解释。

2.原文: The abundance of guns is also the main reason why the murder rate in America is four or five times higher than in a typical rich country.

分析:本句包含定语从句。"The abundance of guns"是主语;"is"是谓语,"the main reason"是宾语,同时也

with far less physical effort than he can with a knife, a blunt object or his bare hands.

词典: blunt object钝器

例句: One of them had been struck 13

times over the head with a **blunt object**.

他们其中一人的头部被钝器

砸了13下。

3.原文: But it resembles countless other American tragedies in that the easy availability of guns made it deadlier than it might have been.

词典: in that因为;由于;既然例句: Criticism and self-criticism is necessary in that ithelps us correct our mistakes. 批评和自我批评很有必要,因为这能帮助我们纠正自己的错误。

4.原文: In 2020 more than 45,000 people in America died from firearm-related injuries.

词典: **die from**死于; 因……而死例句: Forty thousand children a day **die from** preventable diseases. 每天有四万儿童死于本可以

防止的疾病。

5.原文: So cities and states should step in, though guns will always flow illicitly from lax jurisdictions to stringent ones.

词典: **step in**介入; 插手干预 例句: If no agreement was reached, the army would **step in**.

如果达不成协议,军队将会干

预。

④背景知识:

5月24日的小学枪击事件导致21人死亡,包括19名儿童及2名教师。这是美国近十年来发生的最大规模校园枪击案,也是得州史上最大规模的校园枪击案。美国参议员克里斯·墨菲在枪击事件后发表演讲,指责国会议员们在大屠杀面前毫无作为。亚利桑那州前国会女议员加布里埃尔·吉福兹是枪支暴力的受害者,她对美国政府在制止枪支暴力方面无所作为感到"震惊"。

是先行词; "why" 引导限定性定语从句。

译文:大量的枪支也是美国凶杀率比 典型富裕国家高出四到五倍的主要原因。

③写作技巧:

Each owner should have to pass stringent background checks, and the process should be slow—no one should be able to buy a gun while in a fit of rage.

每个持枪者都应该通过严格的背景调查,而且过程应该放缓——没人能在暴怒时买到枪。

生词: in a fit of rage暴怒; 一时气愤; 一阵大怒

e.g.:In a fit of rage, he broke the valuable glass.

盛怒之下,他摔碎了贵重的杯子。

Pattie shot Tom in a fit of jealous rage.

帕蒂在一阵嫉恨中开枪打 了汤姆。。

段落大意:

- 【1】美国发生的大量凶杀案背后的动机各不相同。
- 【2】枪支容易获得,使其更加致命。
- 【3】美国枪杀率高的原因分析。
- 【4】美国人拥有大量枪支使得枪支杀死 的年轻人比汽车还多。
- 【5】《经济学人》的观点。
- 【6】在美国,严格的枪支管制是无法想象的。
- 【7】美国有些州,关于枪支的法律规章 比较宽松。
- 【8】并非所有的枪击死亡都是可以避免的,但很多是可以通过采取措施避免的。