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Passage 15 (语言的起源)

How men first learnt to invent words is unknown; in other words, the origin of language is a mystery. All we really know is that men, unlike animals, somehow invented certain sounds to express thought and feelings, actions and things, so that they could communicate with each other; and that later they agreed upon certain signs, called letters, which could be combined to present those sounds, and which could be written down. Those sounds, whether spoken or written in letters, we call words.

人们最初是如何发明单词的不得而知，换句话说，语言的起源是个秘密。所有我们所知道的只是，人，不同于动物，不知怎么发明了某些声音来表达思想、情感、行为和物质，以便相互交流；后来统一了某些被称为字母的符号，这些字母可以连起来代表那些声音，可以写下来。我们把那些声音叫做单词，不管他们是口语还是书面语。

The power of words, then, lies in their associations-the thing they bring up before our minds. Words become filled with meaning for us by experience; and the longer we live, the more certain words recall to us the glad and sad events of our past; and the more we read and learn, the more the number of words that mean something increases.

文字的力量在于其联系性——它们把这些联系性带到我们的头脑中。通过经历，单词对我们充满了意义。我们活得越久，某些单词就越能使我们回忆起过去的喜怒哀乐；我们越是阅读和学习，有意义的单词数量就越增加。

Great writers are those who not only have great thoughts but also express these thoughts in words which appeal powerfully to our minds and emotions. This charming and telling use of words is what we call literary style. Above all, the real poet is a master of words. He can convey his meaning in words which sing like music and which by their position and association can move men to tears. We should therefore learn to choose our words carefully and use them accurately, or they will make our speech silly and vulgar.

伟大的作家是那些不仅具有伟大思想而且能用词汇来表达这些思想的人，他们的思想强烈地震撼着 我们的心灵和情感。单词的这种美妙和寓意用法就是我们所谓的文学性。总之，真正的诗人是文字的掌握者。他可以用音乐般的词汇来表达自己的意思，这些词汇凭借其所用环境和联系性能让人感动得流泪。因此，我们应该学会仔细选择所用词汇并准确使用，否则会使我们说的话可笑又粗俗。

6. The origin of language is .语言的起源是：

- A. a legend handed down from the past B. a matter that is hidden or secret
- C. a question difficult to answer D. a problem not yet solved 一个还未解决的问题

答案：D

知识点：细节题。

解析：文中第一段的第一句就是原句。Mystery 就是指未知的，尚未得以解决的，选 D

解题方法：直接寻找法。但文中找到与题目意思相近的句子，分析其含义后，得出答案。

7. What is true about words? 关于词汇哪一项是对的？

A. They are used to express feelings only. B. They can not be written down. C. They are simply sounds. D. They are mysterious.

答案：C

知识点：正误判断题。

解析：A 项与第一段的第二句意思不吻合；B 项与第一段中的相关句子意思不一致，words 是可以被写下的；D 项与文意不符，文中是说词语的起源是神秘未知的，不是词语本身是神秘的。若词语本身是神秘的，那人们就无法借助它们相互沟通了。C 在第一段的最后一句中可以找到语句说明。

解题方法：排除法。找到文中与各项相关的句子，一一分析比较之后排除，从而得出正确答案。

8. The real power of words lies in their _____. 文字的真正力量在于其 _____

- A. properties B. characteristics
C. peculiarity **D. representative function** 代表功能

答案：D

知识点：细节题。

解析：ABC 意思相近，都是“特性”的意思；D 项指文字的代表功能。从倒数第二段中可以知道，文字能是我们想起过去的经历，并且这些经历对我们而言充满了意义。

解题方法：分析法。找到文章相关段落中与题目意思贴近的句子，找出其隐藏的深层含义，得出答案。

9. By "association", the author means .作者用“联系性”这个词指
- A. a special quality B. a joining of ideas in the mind 头脑
中思想的联接
- C. an appearance which is puzzling D. a strange feature

答案：B

知识点：词义题。

解析 根据第二段内容,联系指的是文字和我们过去的经历,我们学习的越多,脑中掌握的文字越多,我们经历越丰富,能够表现经历并有意义的文字也越多。不管是文字还是经历,都是已经存在于我们脑中的了,因此选 B。

解题方法：上下文分析法。根据上下文内容，捋清其中逻辑，即可得到答案。

10. Which of the following statements about the real poet is NOT true?

关于真正的诗人下列哪项不正确？

- A. He is no more than a master of words. 他只不过是一个文字的掌握者。
- B. He can convey his ideas in words which sing like music.
- C. He can move men to tears.
- D. His style is always charming.

答案：A

知识点：正误判断法。

解析：BC 两项都可以在最后一段中找到原句。D 项通过对第三段内容的理解也可以得出，因为若诗人的表达不够迷人，他就不能打动人心，让人流泪了。

A 项与文章意思不一致，诗人不仅仅是文字的掌握者，他还有思想，他主要是通过对文字的掌握来表达出他的思想。所以，A 错误。

解题方法：排除法。把各项与文章相关内容一一比较分析，排除后得出答案。

KEY：DCDBA

Passage 16 (关于羞怯)

Shyness is the cause of much unhappiness for a great many people. Shy people are anxious and self-conscious; that is, they are excessively concerned with their own appearance and actions. Worrisome thoughts are constantly occurring in their minds: what kind of impression am I making? Do they like me? Do I sound stupid? Am I wearing unattractive clothes?

羞怯是许多人不快乐的原因。害羞的人焦虑不安，自我意识强，也就是说，他们过分在意自己的形象和行 为。焦虑时常萦绕在他们的脑海中：我给人留下了什么印象？他们喜欢我吗？我让人觉得很傻吗？我的穿着是否不吸引人？

It is obvious that such uncomfortable feelings must negatively affect people. A person's conception of himself or herself is reflected in the way he or she behaves, and the way a person behaves affects other people's reactions. In general, the way people think about themselves has a profound effect on all areas of their lives.

显而易见，这种不舒适的感觉必然给人们带来了不利的影响。一个人的自我意识反映在他或她的行 为上，而一个人的行为会影响他人的反应。一般而言，人们认识自己的方式对他们的生活的方方面面有 深远的影响。

Shy people, having low self-esteem, are likely to be passive and easily influenced by others. They need reassurance that they are doing "the right thing." Shy people are very sensitive to criticism; they feel it confirms their feelings of inferiority. They also find it difficult to be pleased by compliment with a statement like this one, "You're just saying that to make me feel good. I know it's not true." It is clear that while self-awareness is a healthy quality, overdoing it is harmful.

羞怯的人非常自卑，他们可能很被动，容易受他人的影响。他们需要得到他人的再次确认：他们所 做的是“正确的事情”。羞怯的人对批评很敏感，他们认为批评使得他们更低人一等。他们也发现自己 很难因为受到类似的表扬而高

兴，如：你刚才所说的使我感觉很好。我知道那不是真的。很明显，尽管具有自知之明是件好事，但过度自谦则是有害的。

Can shyness be completely eliminated, or at least reduced? Fortunately, people can overcome shyness with determined and patient efforts in building self-confidence. Since shyness goes hand in hand with a lack of self-esteem, it is important for people to accept their weakness as well as their strengths.

羞怯能根除吗？或至少能减少些吗？幸运的是，许多人能通过坚决而有耐心地建立自信来克服羞怯。既然羞怯与自卑天生相伴，那么人们能看见他们的优缺点是很重要的。

Each one of us is a unique, worthwhile individual, Interested in our own personal ways. The better we understand ourselves, the easier it becomes to live up to our full potential. Let's not allow shyness to block our chances for a rich and fulfilling life.

每一个人都是独一无二的，都有其价值所在。我们对我们自己个人的方式感兴趣。我们了解自己越多，我们就越容易充分发挥自己的潜能。不要让羞怯妨碍我们实现富裕而有成效的人生。

11. What does the author try to prove by citing "what kind of impression am I making?" 作者通过引用“我给人留下了什么印象？”来试图说明什么？

- A. Shy people benefit from their caring about their appearance.
- B. People's shyness made them care too much about their appearance and actions. 羞怯使他们过分关注他们的形象和行为。

- C. It's natural that shy people don't believe other's compliments.
- D. Shy people think they are different from others.

答案：B

知识点：推断题。

解析：根据第一段的相关内容，这句话是害羞的人经常的想法，主要是为了说明他们过分在意自己的外在和行为。

解题方法：上下文推断法。根据上下文，了解作者大体上想表达的内容，就可以明白作者写这句话的意图。

12. According to the writer, self-awareness is _____. 根据作者的观

- A. a good quality 好事 B. the cause of unhappiness
- C. harmful to people D. a weak point of shy people

答案：A

知识点：细节题。

解析：第三段的最后一句里有原句。

解题方法：直接寻找法。找到文中与题目相关的内容，得出答案。

13. When being praised, shy people feel that it is _____. 当被赞扬

- A. good B. unreal 不真实的 C. very reasonable D. harmful

答案：B

知识点：分析题。

解析 根据文章第三段的倒数第二句 ,害羞的人一般不会因为收到表扬而开心 ,因为他们觉得不是真的。

解题方法 : 分析法。根据有关的内容理解分析 , 得出答案。

14. Which of the following statements is true according to the passage?

根据文章含义 , 下列陈述哪一个是正确的 ?

- A. Shyness helps us to develop our potential.
- B. Shyness enables us to understand ourselves better.
- C. Shyness can block our chances for a rich life. 羞怯能够阻碍我们实现富裕人生的机会。
- D. Shyness has nothing to do with lack of self-esteem.

答案 : C

知识点 : 正误判断题。

解析 : 根据文章第二段和第三段可知 , ABD 项与文章内容相悖 , C 项是正确的。

解题方法 : 排除法。把文章相关内容与个选项一一对应排除 , 得出答案。

15. It can be inferred from the passage that shy people _____. 从文章中可

- A. should find more of their weakness
- B. should understand themselves in the right way 应当以正确的方式看待自己
- C. had better ignore their weakness
- D. can get rid of their shyness while maintaining low self-esteem

答案：B

知识点：推断题。

解析：根据文章最后一段可知，害羞的人要正确认识自己，才能理解自身价值。

解题方法：推断法。理解文章相关内容后推理得出答案。

KEY：BABCB

Passage 17 (年轻人对家具的态度)

When John and Victoria Falls arrived in New York City for one-year stay, they did not bring very many things with them. They had planned either to live in a furnished apartment or to buy used furniture. But they soon learned about a new system that more and more people are using. The renting of home furnishings (bed, tables, dishes, and so on) has become one of America's fastest growing businesses.

当 John 和 Victoria Falls 到达纽约开始他们的一年生活时，他们没有随身带很多东西。他们计划要么住在装修好的公寓里，要么买些旧家具。但是他们很快了解到越来越多的人正在采用的一种新的方式。租用家具（如窗，桌子，盘子等等）已经成为美国发展最快的行业之一。

What kinds of people rent their home furnishings instead of buying them? People who are international business or government officials, foreign students, airline workers, young married couple - people whose job or business may force them to move frequently from one city to another. They save a lot of trouble and the cost of moving their

furniture each time. They simply rent new furniture when they reach their new homes. Young people with little money do not want to buy cheap furniture that they may soon dislike. They prefer to wait until they have enough money to buy furniture that they really like. Meanwhile, they find they can rent better quality furniture than they could afford to buy. 什么样的人 是租用家具而不是买家具的呢？从事国际商务的人，政府官员，外国学生，航空公司 工作人员，刚结婚的年轻夫妇---那些由于工作而被迫频繁来往不同的城市的人。他们可以省去每次 搬家具的麻烦和费用。他们到一个新家的时候，只需租新的家具就好了。收入少的年轻人不想买那些他 们可能很快就不喜欢的便宜家具。他们宁愿等到有钱时买他们真正喜欢的家具。同时，他们发现他们可 以租比他们买得起的质量更好的家具。

One family, who now have a large, beautiful home of their own, liked their rented furniture so much that they decided to keep renting it instead of buying new things. But usually people don't like to tell others about it. The idea of renting home furnishings is still quite new, and they are not sure what their neighbors might think. (248words)

有个家庭，他们有属于自己的大而漂亮的房子，可是他们太喜欢租来的家具了以至于他们决定继续租用而不买新的家具。但是人们通常不喜欢告诉别人这些。租家具的想法还是很新的，他们不能确定 邻居们对此会怎么想。

6. Which of the following has become one of America's fastest growing businesses? _____

以下哪个行业已成为美国发展最快的行业之一？

- A. Selling home furnishings. B. Renting furnished
apartments.
- C. Selling used furniture. D. Renting home furnishings.租
用家具。

答案：D

知识点：细节题。

解析：第一段的最后一句是原句。

解题方法：直接寻找法。找到文中与题目意思相近的句子，得出答案。

7. Why do some people prefer to rent furniture?

为什么人们更喜欢租用家具？

- A. Because the furniture they get in this way is new.
- B. Because it saves them a lot of money.
- C. Because it saves them much trouble and money.因为这样可以省去
很多麻烦和钱。
- D. Because they can always get better quality furniture in this way.

答案：C

知识点：分析题。

解析：第二段主要解释了这个现象的原因，在第三句有明确的说明。

解题方法：分析法。找到与题目相关的段落，通读并理解其内容，得出答案。

8. What can you infer from the passage? _

从段落中你能推断出什么？

- A. The idea of renting furniture is not acceptable.
- B. Renting furniture is not popular in the couple's home town.
在这对夫妇的家乡，租用家具并不流行。
- C. Only those who don't have enough money to rent furniture.
- D. People usually grow to like the furniture they have rented.

答案：B

知识点：推断题、

解析：ACD 与文中第一段内容不一致，因此错误。根据文章第一段的第三句，他们开始认识到租用家具很流行，说明以前他们并不知道这样的事，可以推断出在他们家乡，租用家具是不流行的。

解题方法：推断法。根据文中与题目相关的句子的细节来推断。

9. Which of the following can best serve as the title of the passage?

下面哪个作为本段的题目最好？

- A. Rent or Buy?
- B. A New Way of Getting Home Furnishings. 一种新的获得家具的方法。
- C. Furnished Apartments.
- D. A New Idea.

答案：B

知识点：主旨题。

解析：本文主要讲的是租用家具，B 是合理的。而 A 项，本文中提到是选择租用有家具的房子还是租用房子后再租家具，从未提到买的问题，所以 A 错。CD 两项语义太模糊，不明确。

解题方法：通读归纳法。回答主旨题，在通读全文的基础上归纳中心内容是不可少的。

10. Young people liked renting home furniture in that .

年轻人喜欢租用家具是由于什么？他们没有钱而且不想买便宜的家具。

- A. They have less money
- B. They don't want to buy old furniture
- C. The new furniture is of good quality
- D. They don't have much money and don't want to buy

the cheap furniture

答案：D

知识点：细节题。

解析：根据文章第二段的倒数三句话即可得出答案。

解题方法：直接寻找法。找到文中与题目意思相关的句子，根据它回答问题。

KEY： DCBBD

Passage 18 (美国体力劳动者)

A characteristic of American culture that has become almost a tradition is to respect the self-made man — the man who has

risen to the top through his own efforts, usually beginning by working with his hands. While the leader in business or industry or the college professor occupies a higher social position and commands greater respect in the community than the common laborer or even the skilled factory worker, he may take pains to point out that his father started life in America as a farmer or laborer of some sort.

美国文化的一个特点,并且几乎成为美国的一项传统的是对自我奋斗的人的尊敬——通过自己的努力到达顶峰,通常是白手起家。然而公司,企业的领导,社会地位很高,在社区中获得比一般工人或工厂技术人员更多的尊敬的大学教授,都不愿说出自己的父亲在美国是从一个农民,工人这类人开始奋斗的。

This attitude toward manual (体力的) labor is now still seen many aspects of American life. One is invited to dinner at a home that is not only comfortably but even luxuriously (豪华地) furnished and in which there is every evidence of the fact the family has been able to afford foreign travel, expensive hobbies, and college education for the children; yet the hostess probably will cook the dinner herself, will serve it herself and will wash dishes afterward, furthermore the dinner will not consist merely of something quickly and easily assembled from contents of various cans and a cake or a pie bought at the nearby bakery. On the contrary, the hostess usually takes pride in

careful preparation of special dishes. A professional may talk about washing the car, digging in his flowerbeds, painting the house. His wife may even help with these things, just as he often helps her with the dishwashing. The son who is away at college may wait on table and wash dishes for his living, or during the summer he may work with a construction gang on a highway in order to pay for his education.

这种对体力劳动的尊敬在美国生活的很多地方都能看到。一个人被邀请到一户家庭赴宴，这户家庭 装潢不只舒适，可以说是豪华，处处可证明这家人支付的起国外旅行，奢侈的爱好和孩子的大学教育。 但是这样的女主人很有可能自己做饭招待客人，然后洗刷餐具，并且这样的宴会不会仅提供快餐式的 罐头食品，从附近面包房买的蛋糕或派。相反的，女主人通常为精心准备特别的菜肴而感到自豪。男主人会谈论自己如何洗车，在花房劳作，粉刷房子，他的儿子在外地上大学，做餐厅侍应生，洗盘子来供 自己生活花费，或者暑假的时候为建筑队在高速公路工作赚钱付学费。

11. From paragraph 1, we know that in America _____ .从第一段我们可

- A. people tend to have a high opinion of the self-made man 人们对自我奋斗白人评价很高
- B. people can always rise to the top through their own efforts
- C. college professors win great respect from common workers
- D. people feel painful to mention their fathers as labors

答案：A

知识点：细节题。

解析：理解第一段的意思，美国人对努力奋斗、自食其力的劳动者很尊敬。选

A

解题方法：直接寻找法。到文中找到题目相关的内容，对比，得出答案。

12. According to the passage, the hostess cooks dinner herself mainly because_____.

从这篇文章来看，女主人自己做饭主要是因为？

A. servants in American are hard to get

B. she takes pride in what she can do herself 她对自己可以做的事情感到自豪

C. she can hardly afford servants D. It is easy to prepare a meal with canned food

答案：B

知识点：细节题。

解析：文章第二段的后半部分有原句。

解题方法：直接寻找法。找到文中与题目意思相近的句子，得出答案。

13. The expression "wait on table" in the second paragraph means " ".

第二段中，词组“等在桌旁”的意思是什么？

A. work in a furniture shop B. keep

accounts for a bar

C. wait to lay the table

D. serve customers in a restaurant 在

餐厅为客人月良务

答案：D

知识点：语义题。

解析：根据上下文可推断出，他的儿子是在利用课余时间赚钱，做的工作应该是餐馆里的服务生，那就是为客人服务的，选 D。

解题方法：上下文推断法。把题目所问的内容代入到上下文中，理解它们之间的关系，得出答案。

14. The author's attitude towards manual (体力的) labor is .作者对体力劳动者的态度如何？

A. positive 积极的

B. negative

C. humorous

D. critical

答案：A

知识点：观点态度题。

解析：第一段的第一句就点明美国人对体力劳动者很尊敬。接下来的两段内容也是通过举例子详细说明了这个观点。因此，可以断定，作者的态度是积极的、正面的。

解题方法：通读归纳法。通读全文，理解作者写作的意图，就可以知道作者的态度。

15. Which of the following may serve as the best title of the passage?

下面哪项最适合作这篇文章的题目？

- A. A Respectable Self-made Family.
- B. American Attitude toward Manual Labor. 美国人对体力劳动者的态度
- C. Characteristics of American Culture.
- D. The Development of Manual Labor.

答案：B

知识点：主旨题。

解析：文章主要讲的就是美国人对体力劳动者很尊敬。B项很适合。其他各项与之都没太大的关系。

解题方法：通读归纳法。通读全文，了解文章大意，就可以根据文章主要内容确定题目。

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