

GRE 阅读小笔记 Exercise 7

Hydrogeology is a science dealing with the properties, distribution, and circulation of water on the surface of the land, in the soil and underlying rocks, and

Line in the atmosphere. The term —geohydrology is sometimes erroneously used as a synonym for —hydrogeology. Geohydrology is concerned with underground water. There are many formations that contain water but are not part of the hydrologic cycle because of geologic changes that have isolated them underground. These systems are properly termed geohydrologic but not hydrogeologic. Only when a system possesses natural or artificial boundaries that associate the water within it with the hydrologic cycle may the entire system properly be termed hydrogeologic. (107 words)

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1. It can be inferred that which of the following is most likely to be the subject of study by a geohydrologist?

- (A) Soft, porous rock being worn away by a waterfall
- (B) Water depositing minerals on the banks of a gorge through which the water runs
- (C) The trapping of water in a sealed underground rock cavern through the action of an earthquake
- (D) Water becoming unfit to drink through the release of pollutants into it from a manufacturing plant
- (E) The changing course of a river channel as the action of the water wears away the rocks past which the river flows

2. The author refers to —many formations primarily in order to

- (A) clarify a distinction
- (B) introduce a subject
- (C) draw an analogy
- (D) emphasize a similarity

(E) resolve a conflict

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In the 1750's, when salons were firmly established in France, some English women, who called themselves —Bluestocking, followed the example of the salonnières (French salon hostesses) and formed their own salons. Most Bluestockings did not wish to mirror the salonnières; they simply desired to adapt a proven formula to their own purpose—the elevation of women's status through moral and intellectual training. Differences in social orientation and background can account perhaps for differences in the nature of French and English salons. The French salon incorporated aristocratic attitudes that exalted courtly pleasure and emphasized artistic accomplishments. The English Bluestockings, originating from a more modest background, emphasized learning and work over pleasure. Accustomed to the regimented life of court circles, salonnières tended toward formality in their salons. The English women, though somewhat puritanical, were more casual in their approach.

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3. According to the passage, a significant distinction between the salonnières and Bluestockings was in the way each group regarded which of the following?

- (A) The value of acquiring knowledge
- (B) The role of pleasure in the activities of the literary salon
- (C) The desirability of a complete break with societal traditions
- (D) The inclusion of women of different backgrounds in the salons
- (E) The attainment of full social and political equality with men

4. The author refers to differences in social background between salonnières and Bluestockings in order to do which of the following?

- ~~(A) Criticize the~~ view that their choices of activities were significantly influenced by male salon members
- (B) Discuss the reasons why literary salons in France were established before those in England

- (C) Question the importance of the
Bluestockings in shaping public attitudes
toward educated women
- (D) Refute the argument that the French salons
had little influence over the direction the
English salons took
- (E) Explain the differences in atmosphere and
style in their salons

For the following question, consider each of the
choices separately and select all that apply

5. Which of the following statements is most
compatible with the principles of the salonnières
as described in the passage?

☐ A Devotion to pleasure and art is justified in
itself.

☐ B Men should be excluded from groups of
women's rights supporters.

☐ C Women should aspire to be not only
educated but independent as well.

阅读 1: 主要讲了 **hydrogeology** 和 **Geohydrology** 是不一样的, 两种分别是什么。
该阅读相对简单。

Q1: geohydrologist 的主要是干什么的?

解析: 定位到 line 6: **Geohydrology is concerned with underground water. There are many formations that contain water but are not part of the hydrologic cycle because of geologic changes that have isolated them underground.** 注意这其中 **underground** 是重点, 正确答案 C;

Q2: 作者提到了 many formations 主要想干嘛?

解析: 定位到 line 7: **There are many formations that contain water but are not part of the hydrologic cycle because of geologic changes that have isolated them underground.** 看到了其中的 **but** 没? **but** 就是用来强调不同的, 相反的, 所以是 **clarify a distinction**, 正确答案 A;

阅读 2: 这篇文章从蓝袜女兴起开篇, 讲述了蓝袜女和沙龙女在背景等方面的差异。

Q3: 由 distinction 定位到 line 9: difference. Differences in social orientation and

background can account perhaps for differences in the nature of French and English salons. The French salon incorporated aristocratic attitudes that exalted courtly pleasure and emphasized artistic accomplishments. The English Bluestockings, originating from a more modest background, emphasized learning and work over pleasure.

因此，正确答案 B； 注意 D 选项迷惑：原文说的是两个沙龙的 member 背景不同，而不是说沙龙中 include 不同背景的人。

Q4: 定位到 line 16: “Accustomed to the regimented life of court circles, salonnières tended toward formality in their salons. The English women, though somewhat puritanical, were more casual in their approach.” Formality, casual 即是 atmosphere, style , 因此正确选项 E;

Q5: 沙龙女的原则与哪项最相容？

解析：定位到 line 11: The French salon incorporated aristocratic attitudes that exalted courtly pleasure and emphasized artistic accomplishments.” 因此正确 A;

The use of heat pumps has been held back largely by skepticism about advertisers' claims that heat pumps can provide as many as two units of thermal energy for each unit of electrical energy used, thus apparently contradicting the principle of energy conservation. (43 words)

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6. If the author's assessment of the use of heat pumps is correct, which of the following best expresses the lesson that advertisers should learn from this case?

- (A) Do not make exaggerated claims about the products you are trying to promote.
 - (B) Focus your advertising campaign on vague analogies and veiled implications instead of on facts.
 - (C) Do not use facts in your advertising that will strain the prospective client's ability to believe.
 - (D) Do not assume in your advertising that the prospective clients know even the most elementary scientific principles.
 - (E) Concentrate your advertising firmly on financially relevant issues such as price discounts and efficiency of operation.
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All of Francoise Duparc's surviving paintings blend

portraiture and genre. Her subjects appear to be acquaintances whom she has asked to pose; she has captured both their self-consciousness and the spontaneity of their everyday activities, the depiction of which characterizes genre painting. But genre painting, especially when it portrayed members of the humblest classes, was never popular in eighteenth-century France. The Le Nain brothers and Georges de La Tour, who also chose such themes, were largely ignored. Their present high standing is due to a different, more democratic political climate and to different aesthetic values: we no longer require artists to provide ideal images of humanity for our moral edification but rather regard such idealization as a falsification of the truth. Duparc gives no improving message and discreetly refrains from judging her subjects. In brief, her works neither elevate nor instruct. This restraint largely explains her lack of popular success during her lifetime, even if her talent did not go completely unrecognized by her eighteenth-century French contemporaries.

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7. According to the passage, modern viewers are not likely to value which of the following qualities in a painting?

- (A) The technical elements of the painting
- (B) The spontaneity of the painting
- (C) The moral lesson imparted by the painting
- (D) The degree to which the painting realistically depicts its subject
- (E) The degree to which the artist's personality is revealed in the painting

8. If the history of Duparc's artistic reputation were to follow that of the Le Nain brothers and Georges de La Tour, present-day assessments of her work would be likely to contain which of the following?

- (A) An evaluation that accords high status to her work
- (B) Acknowledgement of her technical expertise but dismissal of her subject matter as trivial
- (C) Agreement with assessments made in her own time but acknowledgements of the exceptional quality of a few of her paintings
- (D) Placement of her among the foremost artists of her century

(E) A reclassification of her work as portraiture rather than genre painting

9. Select the sentence in the passage in which the author indicates that aesthetic judgments can be influenced by the political beliefs of those making the judgment.

阅读 1: 文章很短, 只有 43 个词, 但是, 越短越抽象, 能不能做对, 就要看实力了。

首先上翻译: 热泵的使用量下降主要是由于人们怀疑广告商的说法, 因为他们说热泵能让每单位电能产生两个单位的热能, 而这显然是违反能量守恒定理的。

Q6: 如果作者的评价正确的话, 那么广告商从这件事情得到了什么教训?

解析: 教训就是别把大家都当白痴, 大家都知道的公理就不要去挑战, 所以正确答案 C;

阅读 2:

费朗索瓦丝"迪帕克 (Francoise Duparc) 所有幸存的绘画作品将肖像画和风俗画融为一体。她的创作对象似乎是她的熟人, 这些人应她之邀前来摆姿势作画。无论是他们日常活动的忸怩害羞之态, 还是其自然率直之神情, 她都一并捕捉住, 而对日常活动的描绘, 即构成了风俗画 (genre painting) 之特征。然则, 风俗画, 尤其是当它表现最卑微阶层的成员时, 在十八世纪的法国从未受到人们的青睐。勒纳安 (Le Nain) 兄弟以及乔治"德"拉"图尔 (Georges de La Tour) 同样也选择了这样的题材, 但在很大程度上被人不屑一顾。他们目前很高的地位缘自一种全然不同的、更为民主的政治氛围, 并且缘自全然不同的美学价值: 我们不再要求艺术家提供理想化的人类形象来进行道德教诲, 相反, 却会把这种理想化的做法视作对真理的弄虚作假。迪帕克从不传达出粉饰现实的主题, 并小心翼翼地避免对其人物对象作道德评判。简而言之, 她的作品既不美化, 亦不说教。这种克制在很大程度上足以解释她有生之年何以会缺乏普遍的成功, 虽然她的艺术禀赋并没有遭到其十八世纪法国同代人的彻底漠视。

Q7: 首先由 modern viewers 定位到 line10: present, 然后往后面看到 we no longer require artists to provide ideal images of humanity for our moral edification but rather regard such idealization as a falsification of the truth. 所以正确答案 C;

Q8: 该问题有难度。关键在于问题是怎样理解的。曾经看过老 G 阅读真题解析的就会知道, 这种 if..., what would have 的问题, 其实想表达的是: 下面哪项成立, 才会出现 if 中提到的这种情况。这种题出现过好几次了, 用这种思路, 答案迎刃而解, 选 A;

Q9: 这个应该木有问题滴!

Their present high standing is due to a different, more democratic political climate and to different aesthetic values: we no longer require artists to provide ideal

images of humanity for our moral edification but rather regard such idealization as a falsification of the truth

Flatfish, such as the flounder, are among the few vertebrates that lack approximate bilateral symmetry (symmetry in which structures to the left and right of the body's midline are mirror images). Most striking among the many asymmetries evident in an adult flatfish is eye placement: before maturity one eye migrates, so that in an adult flatfish both eyes are on the same side of the head. While in most species with asymmetries virtually all adults share the same asymmetry, members of the starry flounder species can be either left-eyed (both eyes on the left side of head) or right-eyed. In the waters between the United States and Japan, the starry flounder populations vary from about 50 percent left-eyed off the United States West Coast, through about 70 percent left-eyed halfway between the United States and Japan, to nearly 100 percent left-eyed off the Japanese coast. Biologists call this kind of gradual variation over a certain geographic range a *cline* and interpret clines as strong indications that the variation is adaptive, a response to environmental differences. For the starry flounder this interpretation implies that a geometric difference (between fish that are mirror images of one another) is adaptive, that left-eyedness in the Japanese starry flounder has been selected for, which provokes a perplexing question: what is the selective advantage in having both eyes on one side rather than on the other? The ease with which a fish can reverse the effect of the sidedness of its eye asymmetry simply by turning around has caused biologists to study internal anatomy, especially the optic nerves, for the answer. In all flatfish the optic nerves cross, so that the right optic nerve is joined to the brain's left side and vice versa. This crossing introduces an asymmetry, as one optic nerve must cross above or below the other. G. H. Parker reasoned that if, for example, a flatfish's left eye migrated when the right optic nerve was on top, there would be a twisting of nerves, which might be mechanically disadvantageous. For starry flounders, then, the left-eyed variety would be selected against, since in a starry flounder the left optic nerve is uppermost.

The problem with the above explanation is that the Japanese starry flounder population is almost exclusively left-eyed, and natural selection never promotes a purely less advantageous variation. As other explanations 45 proved equally untenable, biologists concluded that there is no important adaptive difference between left-eyedness and right-eyedness, and that the two characteristics are genetically associated with some other adaptively significant characteristic. This 50 situation is one commonly encountered by evolutionary biologists, who must often decide whether a characteristic is adaptive or selectively neutral. As for the left-eyed and right-eyed flatfish, their difference, however striking, appears to be an 55 evolutionary red herring.

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10. According to the passage, starry flounder differ from most other species of flatfish in that starry flounder

- (A) are not basically bilaterally symmetric
- (B) do not become asymmetric until adulthood
- (C) do not all share the same asymmetry
- (D) have both eyes on the same side of the head
- (E) tend to cluster in only certain geographic regions

For the following question, consider each of the choices separately and select all that apply

11. The author would be most likely to agree with which of the following statements about left-eyedness and right-eyedness in the starry flounder?

- ☐ A They are adaptive variations by the starry flounder to environmental differences.
- ☐ B They do not seem to give obvious selective advantages to the starry flounder.
- ☐ C They occur in different proportions in different locations.

12. According to the passage, a possible disadvantage associated with eye migration in flatfish is that the optic nerves can

- (A) adhere to one another
- (B) detach from the eyes
- (C) cross

- (D) stretch
(E) twist

13. Which of the following best describes the organization of the passage as a whole?

- (A) A phenomenon is described and an interpretation presented and rejected.
(B) A generalization is made and supporting evidence is supplied and weighed.
(C) A contradiction is noted and a resolution is suggested and then modified.
(D) A series of observations is presented and explained in terms of the dominant theory.
(E) A hypothesis is introduced and corroborated in the light of new evidence.

该文讲的是比目鱼两眼不对称的问题，首段说到了几种鱼小时候，长到后，各地区的差异等等。第二三段给出了一种解释，最后一段说 **above explanations** 是有问题的。

Q10: starry flounder 跟别的闭目鱼有什么差别？

解析：由 **starry flounder** 定位到 line 8-11, **While in most species with asymmetries virtually all adults share the same symmetry, members of the starry flounder species can be either left-eyed (both eyes on the left side of head) or right-eyed.**

所以正确答案 C;

Q11: 关于 starry flounder 的 left-eyedness and right-eyedness, 作者同意哪个？

解析：由 line 11: **In the waters between the United States and Japan, the starry flounder populations vary from about percent left-eyed off the United States West Coast, through about 70 percent left-eyed halfway between the United States and Japan, to nearly 100 percent left-eyed off the Japanese coast.** 可知 C 正确;

由 **selective advantage** 定位至 line 25: **which provokes a perplexing questions: what is the selective advantage in**

having both eyes on one side rather than on the other? 作者提出了一个令人费解的问题：两个眼睛长在一边有什么 **selective advantage** 呢？言下之意：没有什么明显的优势啊~~~ 所以 B 正确;

Q12: 由 disadvantage 定位到 line : there would be a twisting of nerves, which might be mechanically disadvantageous.

选 E;

Q13: 文章的结构是怎样组织起来的？

解析：先是说了一个现象，而后一种解释，后来说 **above explanations** 是有问题

的，所以选 A；

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