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讲座（二）详解2006年阅读A部分真题---上海新东方国内考

试部考研阅读主讲老师：乐科健Text 1 In spite of "endless talk of difference," American society is an amazing machine for

homogenizing people. There is "the democratizing uniformity of dress and discourse, and the casualness and absence of

consumption" launched by the 19th--century department stores that offered "vast arrays of goods in an elegant atmosphere. Instead of

intimate shops catering to a knowledgeable elite." these were stores "anyone could enter, regardless of class or background. This turned

shopping into a public and democratic act." The mass media, advertising and sports are other forces for homogenization.

Immigrants are quickly fitting into this common culture, which may not be altogether elevating but is hardly poisonous. Writing for the

National Immigration Forum, Gregory Rodriguez reports that today's immigration is neither at unprecedented level nor resistant to

assimilation. In 1998 immigrants were 9.8 percent of population. in 1900, 13.6 percent .In the 10 years prior to 1990, 3.1 immigrants

arrived for every 1,000 residents. in the 10years prior to 1890, 9.2 for every 1,000. Now, consider three indices of assimilation -language,

home ownership and intermarriage. The 1990 Census revealed that "a majority of immigrants from each of the fifteen most common

countries of origin spoke English ' well or ' very well after ten years

of residence." The children of immigrants tend to be bilingual and proficient in English. "By the third generation, the original language is lost in the majority of immigrant families." Hence the description of America as a "graveyard" for languages. By 1996 foreign-born immigrants who had arrived before 1970 had a home ownership rate of 75.6 percent, higher than the 69.8 percent rate among native-born Americans. Foreign-born Asians and Hispanics "have higher rates of intermarriage than do U.S -born whites and blacks." By the third generation, one third of Hispanic women are married to non-Hispanics, and 41 percent of Asian-American women are married to non-Asians. Rodriguez note that children in remote villages around the world are fans of superstars like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Garth Brooks, yet "some Americans fear that immigrant living within the United States remain somehow immune to the nations assimilative power." Are there divisive issues and pockets of seething anger in America? Indeed. It is big enough to have a bit of everything. But particularly when viewed against Americas turbulent past, todays social induces suggest a dark and deteriorating social environment. 21. The word "homogenizing" (Line 2, Paragraph 1) most probably means [A] identifying [B] associating [C] assimilating [D] monopolizing 22. According to the author, the department stores of the 19th century [A] played a role in the spread of popular culture. [B] became intimate shops for common consumers. [C] satisfied the needs of a knowledgeable elite. [D] owed its emergence to the culture of consumption 23. The text suggests that immigrants now in the U.S. [A] are resistant to

homogenization. [B] exert a great influence on American culture. [C] are hardly a threat to the common culture. [D] constitute the majority of the population. 24. Why are Arnold Schwarzenegger and Garth Brooks mentioned in Paragraph 5? [A] To prove their popularity around the world. [B] To reveal the public's fear of immigrants. [C] To give examples of successful immigrants. [D] To show the powerful influence of American culture. 25. In the author's opinion, the absorption of immigrants into American society is [A] rewarding. [B] successful. [C] fruitless. [D] harmful. 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www.100test.com