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https://www.100test.com/kao\_ti2020/490/2021\_2022\_\_E7\_83\_AD\_ E9\_97\_A8\_E7\_BE\_8E\_E5\_c96\_490975.htm 12. to ask (someone) for (ones) hand: to ask girls parents for marriage approval(指男人 请求女方家长应允将女儿嫁给他,这里的"someone"是指女方 的家长, "one"则是指要求婚的对象, hand只能用单数形式) Mr. Su asked me for my daughters hand. 苏先生到我家来向我女 儿提亲。 He has asked her parents for their daughters hand. 他请 求她的父母应允他们的婚事。 13. to move onward and upward : to be promoted. from good to better situation(情况得以改善, 或往更好的情况发展) He hopes to move onward and upward with his current company. 他希望能在现在就职的公司里顺利发 展,步步高升。 Many young couples try to move onward and upward during their marriage. 许多年轻夫妇都希望能够婚姻美 满幸福。 14. to call a spade a spade: to be honest, blunt or frank(直言不讳,有啥说啥) My wife always calls a spade a spade about her work situation. 我妻子对别人谈起她的工作时,总是 直言不讳。 Calling a spade a spade on foreign affairs sometimes seems difficult for diplomats. 外交官在处理外交事务的时候很难 做到直言不讳。 15. to play cat and mouse: to play games with aggressive and passive attitude 玩猫戏老鼠的把戏,欲擒故纵 In business negotiations, there are always cat-and-mouse games. 在商 业谈判中,常会有一些猫戏老鼠的把戏。 The police have played cat and mouse with the murderer. 警察对凶犯采用的是欲 擒故纵的策略。 16. to go on the dole: (of the unemployed) to

live on public welfare(失业人员依靠政府救济金生活。)

Thousands of Americans are out of jobs and may go on the dole. 美 国成千上万的失业者靠领取政局救济金生活。 Some people have gone on the dole for years. 有些人多年来就是靠政府救济生 活的。 17. to be in the hot seat: to be under lots of pressure or in a difficult position(处于困境,面对很多压力) He has resigned from his job because he has been in the hot seat for years. 由于不堪多年 的工作压力,他终于辞职了。When testifies before Congress, he will be in the hot seat. 在国会作证的时候,他将面临巨大的压 力。 18. to make waves: to make trouble(惹是生非,与"rock the boat"意思相近) Many politicians like to make waves in order to be kept in the media. 许多政客为了能在媒体上路脸儿而不惜哗众 取宠。 Teenagers tend to make waves with their parents and teachers. 一些青少年总是会给父母和老师惹麻烦。 19. to keep (ones)nose clean: to keep away from trouble(远离是非,少惹麻 烦) The newly released inmates are trying to keep their noses clean. 刚刚获释的犯人总是尽量少惹是非。 A law-abiding person needs to keep his (her) nose clean. 奉公守法的人应该避免制造麻 烦。 20. to drive (someone) up the wall: to annoy or upset someone(惹人生气或者不高兴) The boy is driving his mother up the wall because of his ill behavior. 这个不听话的孩子让他妈妈大 If you ask too many questions, you may drive your boss 为头痛。 up the wall. 假如你的问题太多也会让你的老板很反感。 write(someone or something)off: to throw away or to discard(抛弃 或者丢弃).to deduct a business loss(在经商失败时,也用于报销 、注销或扣除损失的数额中) After a hot argument , she wrote

off her boyfriend. 她和男朋友大吵了一架之后,就把他甩了。 He will write off the charitable contributions from his income taxes. 他从所得税中扣除了慈善募捐的金额。 22. to take up with (someone): to date someone or to fall in love with someone(对某 人产生兴趣,或与某人开始亲密交往) After he met her at the bar, he took up with her. 自从在酒吧见过一面之后,他对她产 生了兴趣。 As she is such a pretty woman, many men would like to take up with her. 像她这么漂亮的女人,许多男人都对她有 兴趣。 24. to pave the way to (or for): to make the path or to lay a groundwork of something(为.....铺平道路或为.....做好准备) A good education will pave the way to finding a decent job. 好的教育 是好的工作的基础。 Early space exploration has paved the way for the current space station. 早期的太空探索为如今的太空站建 设奠定了基础。 25. to paint the town red: to enjoy oneself. to have a good time(尽情享受) He is going out tonight to paint the town red. 他今天晚上要玩个痛快。 Miss Chen really painted the town red last week with her friends. 陈小姐上周和朋友玩得很尽 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