

专四应试技巧：英语阅读的关键抓主题思想专四专八考试

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在信息社会的今天，阅读是人们获得科学发展最新信息的重要途径。从学生毕业后的实际需要来看，他们要从浩如烟海的外语资料中获得有关信息，没有较强的英语阅读能力不行。对学生来说，要顺利完成大学英语学习，达到大纲的要求，特别是真正地学会把英语作为获取信息的工具，加强阅读训练，提高英语阅读能力是十分重要的。在阅读过程中，抓文章的主题思想，是对文中具体内容理解的关键。主题思想（the Main Idea）是作者在文章中要表达的核心内容，也是作者自始至终要说明的问题。能否抓住一篇文章的主题思想，体现了读者总结、概括和归纳事物的能力。可以说，找出主题思想是一项十分重要的阅读技能。

一、抓主题思想，我们首先要学会识别文章中那些最根本、最具有概括力的信息。这种信息应能归纳和概括文中其他信息所具有的共性。例一：Directions：Choose the most general sentence . A . The hotel offers complimentary coffee from 7to 10a . m . daily . B . There are many reasons why guests feel at home at the Glorietta Bay Inn . C . The coin-operated laundry room has an ironing board . D . There are a number of extra services at the Glorietta Bay Inn including baby-sitting . A、C、D都是从不同的侧面说明旅馆的服务情况，相互间并无联系。而B却概括了A、C、D的共性的东西，即：为什么旅客住在这家旅馆里有宾至如归的感觉。因此，B符合题意，倘若在一段文章中包含了以上A、B、C、D几条信息，那么，B就

是该段的中心思想。出于同样的道理，如果在一篇文章中，作者分段叙述几方面的内容，那么，这些段落所围绕和要说明的问题就是该文的中心思想。例二：Directions：Choose the main idea of the article . (Following are the topic sentences of an article .) 1) A mounting body of evidence suggests that fighting violence with violence rarely deters a crime in progress and greatly increases the chances of changing a robbery into a violent attack on the victim 2) One report shows that at least 100 thousand handguns are stolen from private owners each year , the vast majority during burglaries 3) Moreover , a study of robberies in eight American cities states that in less than 4 percent of the crimes did the victim have the opportunity to use a weapon . .

. . Which of the following best reflects the main idea of the article ? A . What happens to the victims of crime ? B . Is your family safe ? C . Should you arm yourself against crime ?

二、主题思想应能恰如其分地概括文中所阐述的内容。面不能太窄，即：不足以概括全部内容；但是面也不能太宽，即：包含了文中没有阐述的内容。例三：Directions：Read the following and choose the title that best expresses the ideas of the passage . There is a simple economic principle used to determine prices . It is called the law of supply and demand . Supply means the amount of , or access to , certain goods . Demand represents the number of people who want those goods . If there are more goods than wanted , the price of them falls . On the other hand , if the demand for those goods is much greater than the supply , then the price rises . Of course , manufacturers prefer to sell more goods at increased

price . A . Economic Principles B . Law of Supply and Demand C . M ore Goods , Lower Prices D . Fewer Goods , Higher Prices
该问题 , A泛指经济规律 , 面过宽 ; C和D只是供需规则的二
个单独的方面 , 不能包含全部 , 面太窄。正确的答案是B , 因
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