



官方指南 7 精析 Practice 7 explanations

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This passage is adapted from George Eliot, Silas Marner. Originally published in 1861. Silas was a weaver and a notorious miser, but then the gold he had hoarded was stolen. Shortly after, Silas adopted a young child, Eppie, the daughter of an impoverished woman who had died suddenly.

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George Eliot was an English Victorian novelist known for the psychological depth of her characters and her descriptions of English rural life.



GEORGE ELIOT With an Afterword by Kathryn Hughes 除新标方在线

| | character 1 | character 2 |
|-----------------|---|---|
| name | Silas | Eppie |
| relationship | Silas adopted Eppie | |
| characteristics | used to be obsessed with money and his work; reengages with his life and expects a new future after adopting Eppie | curious, cute, vibrant, naughty; changes Silas's life |
| plot | Silas, who used to be a miser, experiences a fundamental change of life after he adopted a cute and naughty child(Eppie). | |



Unlike the gold which needed nothing, and must be worshipped in close-locked solitude—which was hidden away from the daylight, was deaf to the song of birds, and started to no human tones—Eppie was a creature of endless claims and ever-growing desires, seeking and loving sunshine, and living sounds, and living movements; making trial of everything, with trust in new joy, and stirring the human kindness in all eyes that looked on her.

- 1. solitude: loneliness
- 2. make trial of: try
- **3**. stir: make sb to have a strong feeling



Sitting on the banks in this way, Silas began to look for the once familiar herbs again; and as the leaves, with their unchanged outline and markings, lay on his palm, there was a sense of crowding remembrances from which he turned away timidly, taking refuge in Eppie's little world, that lay lightly on his enfeebled spirit.

- 1. take refuge: stay away from troubles
- 2. enfeebled: very weak



As the child's mind was growing into knowledge, his mind was growing into memory: as her life unfolded, his soul, long stupefied in a cold narrow prison, was unfolding too, and trembling gradually into full consciousness.

- 1. unfold: develop/expand
- 2. stupefy: make ... stupid/insensible



Also, by the time Eppie was three years old, she developed a fine capacity for mischief, and for devising ingenious ways of being troublesome, which found much exercise, not only for Silas' patience, but for his watchfulness and penetration.

- 1. mischief: playing harmless tricks on people
- 2. penetration: clear or deep perception of a situation



This passage is adapted from David Rotman, "How Technology Is Destroying Jobs." ©2013 by MIT Technology Review.

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P1: an introduction of an argument of two MIT business scholars
P2: further information about their argument
P3: evidence for their argument
P4: further explanation of their argument
P5-6: another economist's view

MIT business scholars Erik Brynjolfsson and Andrew McAfee have argued that impressive advances in computer technology—from improved industrial robotics to automated translation services—are largely behind the sluggish employment growth of the last 10 to 15 years.

- 1. A is behind B: A leads to B
- 2. sluggish: slow



Productivity is at record levels, innovation has never been faster, and yet at the same time, we have a falling median income and we have fewer jobs.

- 1. record level: the highest record
- 2. have never been faster: fastest







P1: an introduction of a new study concerning birds flying in a V formation P2: two reasons why birds fly in a V formation P3: the design of the study P4-5: discoveries of the study P6: an expert' s comments P7: scientists' explanation and their future plan P8: another expert' s comments



A new study of ibises finds that these big-winged birds carefully position their wingtips and sync their flapping, presumably to catch the preceding bird's updraft—and save energy during flight.

- 1. synchronize: arrange for two or more things to happen at exactly the same time
- 2. presumably: probably
- 3. preceding: coming before



Models that treated flapping birds like fixed-wing airplanes estimate that they save energy by drafting off each other, but currents created by airplanes are far more stable than the oscillating eddies coming off of a bird.

- 1. draft: stay close behind
- 2. oscillate: move or travel back and forth
- 3. eddy: a circular movement of wind

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Practice 7 P4

Passage 1 is adapted from Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America, Volume 2. Originally published in 1840. Passage 2 is adapted from Harriet Taylor Mill, "Enfranchisement of Women." Originally published in 1851. As United States and European societies grew increasingly democratic during the nineteenth century, debates arose about whether freedoms enjoyed by men should be extended to women as well. enfranchise: give sb the right to vote

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Passage 1P1: an introduction of equalityP2: an introduction and evaluation of European people' s opinion concerning gender equalityP3: an explanation of American gender equality



Passage 2 P1: an introduction of development of equality P2: an argument for gender equality in employment



P1 believes that an individual' s position should be defined by sex, while P2 believes that an individual' s abilities should be the determining factor.



But here, more than ever, I feel the necessity of making myself clearly understood; for there is no subject on which the coarse and lawless fancies of our age have taken a freer range.

- 1. coarse: rude/crude
- 2. fancy: imagination
- 3. take a free range: free from any control



It may readily be conceived, that by thus attempting to make one sex equal to the other, both are degraded; and from so preposterous a medley of the works of nature nothing could ever result but weak men and disorderly women.

- 1. preposterous: absurd
- 2. medley: mixture



her manifest design was to give a distinct employment to their various faculties; and they hold that improvement does not consist in making beings so dissimilar do pretty nearly the same things, but in getting each of them to fulfill their respective tasks in the best possible manner.

- 1. manifest: obvious
- 2. employment: use
- 3. consist in: lie in
- 4. respective: separate



Mankind have outgrown this state, and all things now tend to substitute, as the general principle of human relations, a just equality, instead of the dominion of the strongest.

- 1. outgrow: no longer do sth that you used to do
- 2. substitute A instead of B: replace B by A
- 3. dominion: the right to rule/control



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it= the relation between man and woman

- 1. tenacity: determination
- 2. cling to: stick with



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This passage is adapted from Brian Greene, "How the Higgs Boson Was Found." ©2013 by Smithsonian Institution. The Higgs boson is an elementary particle associated with the Higgs field. Experiments conducted in 2012–2013 tentatively confirmed the existence of the Higgs boson and thus of the Higgs field.

tentatively: not certainly

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P1: an introduction of a basic physical feature-mass

P2: a puzzle faced by physicists

P3: an introduction of Higgs' theory to solve the puzzle

P4: a rejection of Higgs' theoryP5: an acceptance of Higgs' theoryP6: a feature in the field of physics



But—and here' s the puzzle—physicists knew that the particles did have mass, and when they modified the equations to account for this fact, the mathematical harmony was spoiled. The equations became complex and unwieldy and, worse still, inconsistent.

- 1. account for: explain
- 2. spoil: ruin
- 3. unwieldy: difficult to control



Not because it contained a technical error, but because the premise of an invisible something permeating space, interacting with particles to provide their mass, well, it all just seemed like heaps of overwrought speculation.

- 1. premise: something that you suppose is true and that you use as a basis for developing an idea
- 2. heaps of: a large quantity of
- **3**. overwrought: extremely excited





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