R**eading Between the Lines**

**—How to make inferences**

**Learning Aims:**

**a. To know the four types of questions in reading comprehension**

**b. To learn four tips of making inferences-“RULE”**

**c. To learn how to infer the implied meanings/the authors’ opinion and attitude/the writing purpose/the source of the passage**

**Step 1: Lead in**

**What is making inferences?**

Making inferences is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Step 2: Making inferences**

**Part 1: How to infer the implied meanings**

Modern America was born on the road, behind a wheel. The car shaped some of the most lasting aspects of American culture: the roadside diner, the billboard, the motel, even the hamburger. For most of the last century, the car represented what it meant to be American—going forward at high speed to find new worlds. The road novel, the road movie, these are the most typical American ideas, born of abundant petrol, cheap cars and a never-ending interstate highway system, the largest public works project in history.(2018浙江卷)

Why is hamburger mentioned in this paragraph？

A. To explain Americans’ love for travelling by car.

B. To show the influence of cars on American culture.

C. To stress the popularity of fast food with Americans.

D. To praise the effectiveness of America’s road system.

**Exercise 1:**

Visiting an apple event is a good chance to see, and often taste, a wide variety of apples. To people who are used to the limited choice of apples such as Golden Delicious and Royal Gala in supermarkets, it can be quite an eye opener to see the range of classical apples still in existence, such as Decio which was grown by the Romans. Although it doesn’t taste of anything special, it’s still worth a try, as is the knobbly(多疙瘩的) Cat’s Head which is more of a curiosity than anything else.(2016全国卷)

What can we learn about Decio?

A. It is a new variety. B. It has a strange look.

C. It is rarely seen now. D. It has a special taste.

**Please find the common question forms and underline them (P273)**

**The strategies(策略) to make inferences**

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**Part 2: How to infer the writing purpose**

... They know the shortest way possible without even looking at a map, because everyone who wants to become a taxi driver must pass a very difficult examination in order to get a license to drive a taxi. The exam is called “The Knowledge.” It is a written test, and in it drivers are asked the shortest way from one place to another. They must take into account the time of day—in rush hour, a longer route(路线) may be quicker—and describe the best way. Moreover they must never forget the one-way streets!（2018浙江卷）

What is the purpose of "The Knowledge"?

To qualify one to drive a taxi.

B. To assess one’s driving skills.

C. To test drivers’ ability to write.

D. To check taxi drivers memory.

**Exercise 2:**

Support Pacific Science Center: Since 1962, Pacific Science Center has been inspiring a passion(热情) for discovery and lifelong learning in science, math and technology. Today, Pacific Science Center serves more than 1.3 million people a year and brings inquiry-based science education to classrooms and community events all over Washington State. It‘s an amazing accomplishment and one we cannot achieve without generous support from individuals, corporations, and other social organizations. Visit pacificsciencecenter.org to find various ways you can support Pacific Science Center.（2017全国卷）

What is the purpose of this part?

A .To encourage donations.

B .To advertise coming events.

C .To introduce special exhibits.

D .To tell about the Center's history.

**Part 3: How to infer the authors’ opinion and attitude**

Friedman points out that the green economy（经济）is a chance to keep American strength. “The ability to design, build and export green technologies for producing clean water, clean air and healthy and abundant food is going to be the currency of power in the new century.”(2018浙江卷)

What is Friedman’s attitude towards America’s future？

A.Ambiguous B.Doubtful

C.Hopeful D.Tolerant

**Exercise 3:**

More broadly the Wakefield survey suggests that employers may be missing a low-cost way to give workers something of value. Sixty-four percent of those survey participants who haven‘t worked remotely would rather give up some bonus in order to get even one day a week working from home. Under such circumstances, smart firms need to find ways to let their employees have enough ability to change or be changed easily to suit a different situation to manage their time efficiently.(2016浙江卷)

What seems to be most workers' attitude toward remote working?

A. Favorable. B. Doubtful.

C. Reserved. D. Disapproving.

**Part 4: How to infer the source of the passage**

As data and identity theft becomes more and more common, the market is growing for biometric(生物测量) technologies-like fingerprint scans-to keep others out of private e-spaces. At present, these technologies are still expensive, though.（2019全国卷)

Where is this text most likely from?

A. A diary. B.A guidebook

C. A novel. D. A magazine.

**Exercise 4:**

If you have a juicer, you can simply feed in frozen bananas and some berries or sliced fruit. Out comes a “soft-serve” creamy dessert, to be eaten right away. This makes a fun activity for a children’s party; they love feeding the fruit and frozen bananas into the top of the machine and watching the ice cream come out below.（2018全国卷）

From which is the text probably taken？

A.A biology textbook.

B.A health magazine.

C.A research paper.

D.A travel brochure.