

说明文主旨大意解题策略

Learning objectives

1. Get familiar with the three textual patterns by doing the main idea exercises and predicting the following content.
2. Find the expository object according to the textual pattern and some mark words.
3. Get the main idea of the expository passage according to the expository object.

Passage 1 2021 年新高考 I 卷之 C 篇

①When the explorers first set foot upon the continent of North America, the skies and lands were alive with an astonishing variety of wildlife. Native Americans had taken care of these precious natural resources wisely. Unfortunately, it took the explorers and the settlers who followed only a few decades to decimate a large part of these resources. Millions of waterfowl (水禽) were killed at the hands of market hunters and a handful of overly ambitious sportsmen. Millions of acres of wetlands were dried to feed and house the ever-increasing populations, greatly reducing waterfowl habitat.

②In 1934, with the passage of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act (Act), an increasingly concerned nation took firm action to stop the destruction of migratory (迁徙的) waterfowl and the wetlands so vital to their survival. Under this Act, all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and over must annually purchase and carry a Federal Duck Stamp. The very first Federal Duck Stamp was designed by J.N. “Ding” Darling, a political cartoonist from Des Moines, Iowa, who at that time was appointed by President Franklin Roosevelt as Director of the Bureau of Biological Survey. Hunters willingly pay the stamp price to ensure the survival of our natural resources.

Predict: _____

31. Which of the following is a suitable title for the text?

- A. The Federal Duck Stamp Story B. The National Wildlife Refuge System
C. The Benefits of Saving Waterfowl D. The History of Migratory Bird Hunting

Passage 2 2022 年新高考 II 卷之 C 篇

①Over the last seven years, most states have banned texting by drivers, and public service campaigns have tried a wide range of methods to persuade people to put down their phones when they are behind the wheel.

②Yet the problem, by just about any measure, appears to be getting worse. Americans are still texting while driving, as well as using social networks and taking photos. Road accidents, which had fallen for years, are now rising sharply.

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⑤An idea from lawmakers in New York is to give police officers a new device called the Textalyzer. It would work like this: An officer arriving at the scene of a crash could ask for the phones of the drivers and use the Textalyzer to check in the operating system for recent activity. The technology could determine whether a driver had just texted, emailed or done anything else that is not allowed under New York's hands-free driving laws.

Predict _____

31. What is a suitable title for the text?

- A. To Drive or Not to Drive? Think Before You Start
- B. Texting and Driving? Watch Out for the Textalyzer
- C. New York Banning Hand-Held Devices by Drivers.
- D. The Next Generation Cell Phone: The Textalyzer

Summary1

- 1.说明文篇章类型_____, 文章主题在_____部分
- 2.若没有主旨句, 那就找_____

Passage 3 2021 年浙江卷

① Researchers say they have translated the meaning of gestures that wild chimpanzees (黑猩猩) use to communicate. They say wild chimps communicate 19 specific messages to one another with a "vocabulary" of 66 gestures. The scientists discovered this by following and filming groups of chimps in Uganda, and examining more than 5,000 incidents of these meaningful exchanges.

② Dr Catherine Hobaiter, who led the research, said that this was the only form of intentional communication to be recorded in the animal kingdom. Only humans and chimps, she said, had a system of communication where they deliberately sent a message to another group member.

Predict _____

Which of the following is the best title for the text?

- A. Chimpanzee behaviour study achieved a breakthrough
- B. Chimpanzees developed specific communication skills
- C. Chimpanzees: the smartest species in the animal kingdom
- D. Chimpanzee language: communication gestures translated

Passage 4 2020 天津卷第二次高考

①For people, who are interested in sound, the field of sound technology is definitely making noise. In the past, sound engineers worked in the back rooms of recording studios, but many of today's sound professionals are sharing their knowledge and experience with professionals in other fields to create new products based on the phenomenon we call sound.

② Sound can be used as a weapon. Imagine that a police officer is chasing a thief. The thief tries to escape. And the officer can't let him get away. He pulls out a special device, points it at the suspect, and switches it on. The thief drops to the ground. This new weapon is called a Long Range Acoustic Device(LRAD, 远程定向声波发射器). It produces a deafening sound so painful that it temporarily disables a person. The noise from the LRAD is directed like a ray of light and travels only into the ears of that person, but it is not deadly.

Predict

32.What does the passage focus on?

- A.How professionals invented sound products.
- B.Inventions in the field of sound technology.
- C.The growing interest in the study of sound.
- D.How sound engineers work in their studios.

Summary 2

1. 说明文篇章类型_____,文章主题句在_____部分。

2.常见的主题句提示词:

(1) 转折词, 主题句在其_____ eg:_____

(2)总结性、结论性的词, 主题句在其_____

in brief, in short, after all, to sum up, in conclusion, in a word...

(3)表研究结果的词, 主题句在其_____

show, say, indicate, suggest, public, discover, according to.....

(4)举例子的词, 文章主题在其_____

for example, for instance, take...for examole,.....

3 分析长难句用_____, 即去掉_____一层一层翻译。

4. 选项特点: 同义复现

Passage 5 2022 年全国卷

①Can a small group of drones (无人机) guarantee the safety and reliability of railways and, at the same time,

help railway operators save billions of euros each year? That is the very likely future of applying today's "eyes in the sky" technology to make sure that the millions of kilometres of rail tracks and infrastructure (基础设施) worldwide are safe for trains on a 24/7 basis.

Predict _____

Which is the most suitable title for the text?

- A. What Faults Can Be Detected with Drones
- B. How Production of Drones Can Be Expanded
- C. What Difficulty Drone Development Will Face
- D. How Drones Will Change the Future of Railways

Passage 6 2021 年全国卷

① You've heard that plastic is polluting the oceans — between 4.8 and 12.7 million tonnes enter ocean ecosystems every year. But does one plastic straw or cup really make a difference? Artist Benjamin Von Wong wants you to know that it does. He builds massive sculptures out of plastic garbage, forcing viewers to re-examine their relationship to single-use plastic products.

Predict _____

Which of the following can be the best title for the text?

- A. Artists' Opinions on Plastic Safety
- B. Media Interest in Contemporary Art
- C. Responsibility Demanded of Big Companies
- D. Ocean Plastics Transformed into Sculptures

Summary

1. 提问 ---- 回答模式 (question- answer pattern) 文章，主题句在_____部分
2. 若首段出现疑问句时，_____就是文章的主题句。