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Цель тестовых заданий - проверить и закрепить правила использования запятой в различных функциях в текстах научно-технической направленности. Предназначено для студентов 5-го курса направления «Перевод», изучающих дисциплину «Аннотирование и реферирование технических текстов с русского языка на английский», а также для студентов технических специальностей, магистров, аспирантов и всех тех, кто интересуется вопросами пунктуации английского языка. Тестовые задания состоят из четырех вариантов, каждый из которых включает три задания. Первое задание направлено на обучение распознавания отдельных функций запятой. Второе и третье задания предусматривают расстановку запятой в предложениях в соответствии с этими функциями.

К упражнениям прилагаются ключи.

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1. The rapid expansion of physics in the last few decades was made possible by the fundamental developments during the first third of the century, coupled with recent technological advances, particularly in computer technology, electronics, nuclear-energy applications, and high energy particle accelerators.
2. The first artificial high-energy emissions were produced in 1932 by the British physicist Sir John Douglas Cockcroft, who used high-voltage generators to accelerate protons.
3. Higher-voltage sources were first made possible by the invention, also in 1932, of the Van de Graaff generator.
4. To obtain more detailed information in this matter, the use of more energetic projectiles is necessary.
5. A bigger accelerator, reaching 3 GeV, was built in the early 1950s at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, New York.
6. It is now commonly known as the Geiger-Muller counter, and although small and convenient, it has been largely replaced by faster and more convenient solid-state counting devices.
7. An ionizing particle passing between the plates breaks down the gas, forming sparks that delineate its path.
8. In 1931 Pauli, in order to explain the apparent failure of some conservation laws in certain radioactive processes, postulated the existence of electrically neutral particles.
9. Gauge theory, in principle, can be applied to any force field.



10. Such theories solve a number of problems, but they are still only highly theoretical constructs.
11. The sharp, discrete energy becomes broadened into energy bands.
12. A principal characteristic of most solids is their crystalline structure, with the atoms arranged in regular and geometrically repeating arrays.

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1. Second, the forward-going No-254 specimen is steered through a fragment mass analyzer where it follows a course favoring only such heavy nuclei.
2. Since their discovery in the 1670s, an incredible amount has been learned about microorganisms and their importance in human health, agriculture, ecosystem functioning, and global biochemical circles.



3. For example, though there are certainly at least 10 million species of bacteria, only a few thousand have been formally described.
4. In the brain, multiple developmental events are simultaneously orchestrated resulting in the innervation of pre- and postsynaptic partners as discrete neural coordinates.
5. Given the close anatomical and functional relationships between glia and neurons, it is possible to generalize other neural circuits, whereby glia act as key regulators.
6. However, the work of Ango et al., together with that of other colleagues in this field, is starting to provide a conceptual framework for understanding how these processes could be orchestrated in vivo.
7. Despite these challenges, we can develop effective binning methods for complex communities.
8. If these challenges are met, ESS has the potential to rewrite much of what we thought we knew about the phylogenetic diversity of microbial life.
9. Unfortunately, many, if not most, key microbes have not yet been cultured.
10. And when using the large insert approach, functions can be predicted from sequences.
11. The worm egg-laying motor neuron HSNL forms synapses, with its postsynaptic target muscles active.
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particles have since been found in secondary cosmic radiation, and through the use of large accelerators. They include numerous massive particles classed as hadrons (particles, that take part in the "strong" interaction, which binds atomic nuclei together), including hyperons and various heavy mesons with masses ranging from about one to three proton masses.

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1. If we are too stringent, most bins will include only a few fragments.
2. Modeling and understanding of this ecosystem are greatly enhanced by the demonstration of this complementary division of labor, in comparison to simply knowing that amino acids, vitamins, and cofactors are made by "symbionts".
3. As with the Internet, ESS is a global portal for looking at what occurs in a previously hidden world.
4. It was not until comparisons were made between closely related organisms that we began to understand events that occurred on shorter time scales, such as translation and DNA metabolism.
5. Similarly, the initial comparison of ESS data involves comparison of widely-different environments, yielding insights into the general structure of communities.
6. This method allows microorganisms in a sample to be phylogenetically types based on the sequence of their RNA genes, genes that are present in all cell-based organisms.
7. Rather than counting species, this approach focuses on "phylotypes," which are defined as organisms whose RNA sequences are very similar to each other.
8. However, this efficiency comes with limitations, most of which are complemented or circumvented by the randomness and breadth of ESS.

9. Metals, on the other hand, are bonded by a so-called electron gas, or electrons that are freed from the outer atomic shells.

10. Electrical resistance usually decreases with decreasing temperature, and for certain materials, called superconductors, it becomes extremely low, near absolute zero.

11. In making these synaptic choices, cellular contact with other neurons is not sufficient for synapse formation.

12. Although glia constitute 90% of cells in the human brain, they seldom share the limelight with their neuronal cousins.

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1. In the "arranged marriage mode" however, a third cell can function as a guidepost to coordinate the innervation.

2. The guidepost cell attracts both pre- and postsynaptic partners, enabling them to choose each other.

3. During synaptogenesis, proper synapse formation depends on pairing the right partners at the right density.

4. They may be electrically neutral, positive, or negative, but never have more than one elementary electric charge.

5. Glia provide trophic support that is essential for neuron survival and homeostasis, and they regulate the production of neurons by modulating neuronal precursor divisions.

6. The Nobel citation quoted P.A.M. Dirac to the effect that although the basic quantum laws governing large parts of physics and chemistry are known, progress will still be obstructed by the fact that the pertinent equations are too difficult to solve.

7. The researchers expect that with adaptive optics, a ground-based nulling system could be used to image Jupiter-sized planets around nearby stars beyond the sun.

8. An all-nano computer performing simple computations, Heath believes, is a couple of years away.

9. The low-field imaging (with helium-3 polarizations of about 20%) provided 1 mm spatial resolution, comparable to high-field MRI using either the conventional hydrogen approach or spin-polarized noble gas.

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KEYS

V-1

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Ex. III

The natural elements run out at uranium (92 in the Periodic Table), but physicists can go further by artificial means. At Argonne's ATLAS

accelerator, projectile calcium nuclei plow into target lead nuclei. Most of the time the product nucleus fissions immediately, but in a small fraction of the collisions, a nucleus of nobelium (element 102) is formed. The very heavy isotope No-254, with 102 protons and 152 neutrons, has a relatively long lifetime of 55 seconds, but it is difficult to study since it is produced amidst a welter of fission products from other nuclei. At Argonne the detection process is twofold. First, the No-254 is created within a device called the Gammasphere, a 10-foot-across spherical ball lined with gamma-ray detectors, which sample the high-energy photons cast off by the newly created, highly excited (and often rapidly spinning) nuclei. Second, the forward-going No-254 specimen is steered through a fragment mass analyzer where it follows a course favoring only such heavy nuclei. Eventually it buries itself in a silicon detector where it is identified by its characteristic decays into lighter nuclei. The signals from the silicon detector are coordinated with those from the upstream Gammasphere, so that the gammas which came from the nobelium can be attributed to that nucleus alone.

