

# 历年大学英语四级真题及答案解析之阅读理解1（2021年12月第三套）

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## Passage One

Questions 46 to 50 are based on the following passage.

Have you ever wondered how acceptable it is to hug or touch someone? While it may sound safe to avoid all physical contact so as not to offend anyone, the lack of touching might imply cold attitudes or indifference in interpersonal relationships.

So, what should we do? The simple answer is thoroughly learn unique cultural norms for physical contact. In nonverbal communication terminology (术语), physical contact and the study of touching are generally referred to as haptics.

Haptics in communication often suggest the level of intimacy. They are usually classified into two groups: high-contact and low-contact.

Asia and quite surprisingly the United States. Canada and Britain belong to low-contact cultures. People from the rest of the world such as Latin America, are considered to be in high-contact cultures, where they tend to expect touching in social interactions and feel more comfortable with physical closeness. Despite the classification, there are more complex factors such as relational closeness, gender, age and context that can affect how someone views physical contact.

One common French custom of greetings is cheek-kissing, but it is mostly restricted to friends, close acquaintances and family members. While cheek-kissing for Latin Americans is also a universal greeting form, it does not require such a high degree of relational closeness. However, gender matters more for them because cheek-kissing often only happens between women or a man and a woman but not two men.

In contrast, in certain Arabian, African, and Asian countries, men can publicly hold hands or show physical affection as signs of brotherhood or friendship while these behaviors may suggest a romantic relationship in other parts of the world. Although men's touching is more normal in these cultures, physical contact between persons of opposite sexes who are not family members is negatively perceived in Arabic countries.

These factors could definitely affect the degree to which someone is comfortable with tactile (触觉的) communication and physical intimacy. Therefore, if you are someone who loves to show physical affection, you should not be afraid to show it or drastically change your behaviors—just ask for consent beforehand!

46. What does the author say in the first paragraph about physical contact?

- A) Its role in interpersonal relationships is getting increasingly important.
- B) It is becoming more acceptable to many who used to think it offensive.
- C) Its absence might suggest a lack of warmth in interpersonal relationships.
- D) It might prompt different responses from people of different social backgrounds.

47. What does physical contact in communication suggest?

- A) What social class people belong to.

- B) How civilized the communicators are.
- C) What family background people come from.
- D) How close the communicators' relationships are.

48. What do we learn about people in high-contact cultures?

- A) They are sensitive to the way people express their emotions.
- B) They take touching as a cultural norm in social interactions.
- C) They attach great importance to close ties among people.
- D) They tend to be more open in interpersonal relationships.

49. What do we learn about social customs in Arabian countries?

- A) Men can show friendship in public through physical affection.
- B) Non-traditional romantic relationships are simply unacceptable.
- C) Physical contact between unfamiliar people is negatively perceived.
- D) People of different ages and genders show affection in different ways.

50. What does the author tell us to do concerning tactile communication?

- A) Lay emphasis on nonverbal communication.
- B) Learn to use appropriate body language first.
- C) Pay attention to the differences between genders.
- D) Take other people's preference into consideration.

答案解析：

46. 由题干定位到第一段“While it may sound safe to avoid all physical contact so as not to offend anyone, the lack of touching might imply cold attitudes or indifference in interpersonal relationships.”，第一段提到避免身体接触虽安全，但缺乏接触可能意味着人际关系中的冷漠态度或漠不关心，也就是缺少身体接触可能暗示人际关系中缺乏温暖，所以选C。

47. 由题干定位到第三段“Haptics in communication often suggest the level of intimacy.”，第三段提到交流中的触觉通常暗示亲密程度，也就是交流者关系的亲密程度，所以选D。

48. 由题干定位到第四段“People from the rest of the world such as Latin America, are considered to be in high - contact cultures, where they tend to expect touching in social interactions and feel more comfortable with physical closeness.”，第四段提到拉丁美洲等高接触文化地区的人在社交互动中期望身体接触，对身体亲近更自在，即他们把触摸视为社交中的文化规范，所以选B。

49. 由题干定位到第六段“In contrast, in certain Arabian, African, and Asian countries, men can publicly hold hands or show physical affection as signs of brotherhood or friendship...” ，第六段提到在阿拉伯等国家，男性可以通过身体接触公开表示友谊，所以选A。

50. 由题干定位到最后一段“These factors could definitely affect the degree to which someone is comfortable with tactile (触觉的) communication and physical intimacy. Therefore, if you are

someone who loves to show physical affection, you should not be afraid to show it or drastically change your behaviors—just ask for consent beforehand!”，最后一段提到很多因素会影响人们对触觉交流的舒适程度，所以要先征得同意，也就是要考虑别人的偏好，所以选D。

