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前 言

本书根据国家教育部高教司 2007 年 7 月颁布的《大学英语课程教学要求》的精神和要求、参照全国大学英语四、六级考试改革项目组关于大学英语六级考试(CET-6)试点考试样卷设计而成,并在内容和题型上略有拓展,以增加练习形式的多样性和前瞻性。练习采用先分类后综合的方法编排,紧紧围绕大学英语课程教学要求,遵循外语学习基本规律,注重语言基础知识的掌握,突显基本应试技能的训练,以加强学生语言综合运用能力的培养。

但需提醒的是,语言练习仅仅是巩固外语学习和课堂正常教学的一种手段和方法,是外语学习和课堂教学的一个重要组成部分。学生应把主要精力集中在学好英语知识、练好英语基本功、掌握英语运用能力上。惟有这样,才能凭借自身的知识、能力和素质在考试中获得好成绩。编写本书的目的是使之有助于考生熟悉改革后新的大学英语六级考试形式,正确理解考试内容,了解自己的薄弱环节,掌握良好的学习方法,从而切实提高英语学习的质量和效益。

全书共有四个练习部分和两个附录。第一部分为听力理解,有50段短对话、10段长对话、10篇短文理解和10篇复合式短文听写。第二部分为阅读理解,共50篇短文,分仔细阅读理解和快速阅读理解。其中仔细阅读理解含篇章阅读理解、篇章词汇理解、短句问答和句子英译汉练习。第三部分为综合技能训练,有10篇短文改错、10篇完形填空和50句汉译英翻译。第四部分为6套模拟试题,涵盖了大学英语六级考试的全部要求和内容。套题根据正式试题顺序编排设计,共分六个部分:写作测试、快速阅读理解、听力理解、仔细阅读理解、改错或完形填空、翻译。两个附录分别为听力理解的录音文字和四个练习部分的参考答案。

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Listening Comprehension

Short Conversations

Directions: In this section, you will hear 50 short conversations. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. Both the conversation and the question will be spoken only once. After each question there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked A), B), C) and D), and decide which is the best answer.

1. A) No Smoking.

B) Manager's Office.

C) No Admittance.

D) No Danger.

- 2. A) She won't go to the beach tomorrow if it rains.
 - B) She'd like the man to go to the beach with her.
 - C) It started to rain when she was at the beach.
 - D) The forecast calls for more rain tomorrow.
- 3. A) She needs the man's help.
 - B) The report was too long for her.
 - C) She'll complete the report when the computer's fixed.
 - D) The report was finished a couple of days ago.
- 4. A) He is not equal to the job.
 - B) He is not well paid for his work.
 - C) He doesn't think the job is challenging enough.
 - D) He cannot keep his mind on his work.
- 5. A) A new restaurant.

B) A new hotel.

C) A new hospital.

D) A new airport.

6. A) \$3.52

B) \$2.64

C) \$2.72

D) \$3.44

- 7. A) The man should relax.
 - B) The man should see a doctor in the library.

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- C) It shouldn't take long to write the proposal.
- D) The man should wrap up his books as quickly as possible.
- 8. A) Both speakers feel nervous when flying.
 - B) The woman never travels by plane.
 - C) The speakers feel sad about the serious loss of life.
 - D) The man thinks traveling by air is quite safe.
- 9. A) He is supposed to give the information the woman wants.
 - B) The woman had better ask someone else for the information.
 - C) He doesn't know anything about the Council's plans.
 - D) The woman has put him in a very difficult position by asking him that.
- 10. A) She is worried about long hours of work.
 - B) The boss is not considerate.
 - C) She is worried about her safety travelling to and from work at night.
 - D) The boss pushes her very hard to accept the post.
- 11. A) Borrowing books from the library is very troublesome.
 - B) The attitude of the librarian is very cold.
 - C) The freshman can ask questions if he has any.
 - D) First-year students cannot use inter-library loan.
- 12. A) Michael has some trouble with his parents.
 - B) Michael's parents had a quarrel.
 - C) Michael and his wife might have had a quarrel.
 - D) Michael's wife and his parents might have disagreed with each other.
- 13. A) Complaining.

B) Consoling.

C) Complimenting.

- D) Concealing.
- 14. A) She has to buy another ticket at San Francisco or Seattle.
 - B) She has to buy the ticket at San Francisco or Seattle.
 - C) She has to change flight at San Francisco or Seattle.
 - D) She has to catch the flight at San Francisco or Seattle.
- 15. A) Any full-time students can audit courses.
 - B) Any students enrolled in the university are entitled to audit courses.
 - C) No credit is given but a record is kept of the audited courses.
 - D) Auditing course is free to full-time students.
- 16. A) Things on sale may be worth buying.
 - B) Things on sale are not worth buying.
 - C) Things on sale are out of style and out of season.
 - D) Things on sale are carefully looked over.
- 17. A) Dr. Davis has quite a busy schedule.
 - B) The man could not postpone the appointment until that Friday.
 - C) The man could not come on Friday morning.
 - D) Dr. Davis' secretary is responsible and considerate.

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- 18. A) A package.
 - B) An insured package.
 - C) A registered letter and a package.
 - D) A registered letter and an insured package.
- 19. A) She likes them the most. But there is hardly any on.
 - B) She likes them though she gets very nervous when watching them.
 - C) She doesn't like them at all because of the violence.
 - D) She doesn't like them because they are difficult to understand.
- 20. A) The man was sorry and would like to replace the tablecloth.
 - B) The woman wanted the man not to worry about it.
 - C) The woman didn't like her tablecloth and was pleased that the man spilled coffee on it.
 - D) The man was terribly sorry so that he would like to send the dirty tablecloth to the laundry.
- 21. A) She wants to eat out.

- B) She wants to cook supper.
- C) She wants to eat at home.
- D) She doesn't care.
- 22. A) Susan is not at the party.
 - B) Susan is lost.
 - C) Susan didn't want to come to the party.
 - D) Susan went to the party with the man and the woman.
- 23. A) The car repair.

B) An insurance claim.

C) A car order.

- D) A bank loan.
- 24. A) The man will easily find a good job in biochemistry.
 - B) The man should choose another field with more opportunities.
 - C) The man should try to get a job before he graduates.
 - D) The man needs to study harder to be a biochemist.
- 25. A) Because there will be much rain in May.
 - B) Because they won't have free time until after May.
 - C) Because they won't have got everything ready by then.
 - D) Because they won't have enough money by then.
- 26. A) Seeing a film.

B) Having classes.

C) Diving in the sea.

D) Doing an experiment.

27. A) An environment problem.

B) An educational problem.

- C) A health problem.
- D) A chemical problem.
- 28. A) The working hours were not suitable.
 - B) The job was not well paid.
 - C) He had to do a lot of traveling.
 - D) The job was quite difficult.
- 29. A) Driving a car.

B) Taking a taxi.

C) Going by train.

D) Taking the subway.



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- 30. A) The woman will benefit from the effort she's put in.
 - B) The woman should work harder to improve her grades.
 - C) It serves the woman right to get a poor grade.
 - D) It was unfair of the teacher to give the woman a C.
- 31. A) The weatherman is often wrong.
 - B) The weatherman is usually good at making forecasts.
 - C) It is going to be sunny.
 - D) It is going to rain tomorrow.
- 32. A) She doesn't know how much the train trip will cost.
 - B) She is looking forward to her trip to Chicago.
 - C) She wants the man to go with her to Chicago.
 - D) She enjoyed her trip to Chicago greatly.
- 33. A) Her luggage has been delayed.
 - B) Someone has taken away her luggage.
 - C) Her flight is 50 minutes late.
 - D) She can't find the man she's been waiting.
- 34. A) 1994.

B) 1971.

C) 1984.

- D) 1978.
- 35. A) The woman's job as a librarian.
- B) An important election.

C) Career planning.

- D) Women's rights in society.
- 36. A) Watching a game with her husband.
 - B) Her husband's watching a football game.
 - C) Her husband's absence.
 - D) Her husband's playing football.
- 37. A) There is a flood every two years.
 - B) The flood is the worst ever since the sixties.
 - C) There is a serious drought.
 - D) There is a severe flood.
- 38. A) He lost a suitcase.

B) He saw the client last.

C) He enjoyed the fair.

- D) He could not find his car.
- 39. A) The interview is very important in her life.
 - B) She has never been to an interview.
 - C) She hasn't prepared for the interview.
 - D) The interview is supposed to be quite demanding.
- 40. A) Book the flight.

B) Leave right away.

C) Get ready at once.

D) Call a taxi.

41. A) Convenient.

B) Inexpensive.

C) Free to park car.

D) Easy to find.

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42. A) Clean air.

B) Friendly folks.

C) Freshness.

D) Peaceful surroundings.

- 43. A) The Museum.
 - B) The United Nations Building.
 - C) The Statue of Liberty.
 - D) The Empire State Building.
- 44. A) At a clinic.

B) At a dentist's.

C) At a boutique.

- D) At a hair salon.
- 45. A) A savings account helps you to pay bills while a checking account helps you to buy things.
 - B) A savings account helps you to save money while a checking account helps you to buy things.
 - C) A checking account helps you to settle all the transactions while a savings account helps you to pay bills.
 - D) A checking account helps you to pay bills while a savings account helps you to buy things.
- 46. A) At a drug store.

B) At a hospital.

C) At a supermarket.

D) At a clothes shop.

47. A) Teacher and student.

B) Doctor and patient.

C) Boss and secretary.

- D) Editor and writer.
- 48. A) He had to rewrite his essay.
 - B) He thought it better not to take part in the party.
 - C) He forgot about the English Evening.
 - D) His supervisor wanted to talk to him.
- 49. A) The woman has prepared the dinner with Sally.
 - B) Sally has prepared it.
 - C) Sally has invited them to dinner.
 - D) The woman hasn't prepared it at all.
- 50. A) He has failed in the exam.
- B) He has lost in the game.
- C) He couldn't represent his team.
- D) The track meet has been cancelled.

Long Conversations

Directions: In this section, you will hear 10 long conversations. At the end of each conversation, some questions will be asked about what was said. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After each question there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked A), B), C) and D), and decide which is the best answer.



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Conversation 1

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

- 1. A) Where they should move.
 - B) How to negotiate with the landlord.
 - C) How to fight the increase.
 - D) Whether to accept an increase in rent or move.
- 2. A) Stay and negotiate or move.
 - B) Move closer to the school or near the subway.
 - C) Fight for a smaller increase or accept the increase offered.
 - D) There is no choice.
- 3. A) It is close to the school.
- B) It is cheap.
- C) It has convenient facilities.
- D) The tenancy agreement is good.

4. A) Next week.

B) This week.

C) This weekend.

D) By next month.

Conversation 2

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

- 5. A) She is writing a competitive paper for a scholarship.
 - B) She is doing a paper.
 - C) She missed the lecture.
 - D) She is interested in the topic.
- 6. A) Why species don't avoid extinction by adapting.
 - B) Why species become extinct at the rate they do.
 - C) Why humans aren't extinct.
 - D) How many species aren't extinct.
- 7. A) Because every species becomes extinct.
 - B) Because human beings are powerful enough to kill one another.
 - C) Because of over-population.
 - D) Because human beings are a young species who are exploiting their environment.
- 8. A) He thinks flies will take over the earth.
 - B) He thinks human beings will die off quite soon.
 - C) He thinks mass disease could be the next path to extinction.
 - D) He sees human beings as destructive.

Conversation 3

Questions 9 to 12 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

9. A) She can't find a new place to live.

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- B) The landlord wants her to move out after only two months.
- C) She thinks she will lose her deposit money.
- D) The contract states she must stay for 6 months so she can't move.
- 10. A) Take her to court.
 - C) Give her deposit back.
- 11. A) Less than six months.
 - C) Six months or more.
- 12. A) Go to see the landlord.
 - C) Move out.

- B) Forfeit her money.
- D) Charge her extra for moving out.
- B) Two months.
- D) One month.
- B) Go to court.
- D) Lose part of their deposit.

Conversation 4

Questions 13 to 16 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

- 13. A) Her landlord will not give back the book.
 - B) Her landlord did not return the book.
 - C) She has a big fine and three books are still missing.
 - D) She has a big fine and she can't pay.
- 14. A) She had moved out of the old place.
 - B) She ignored them.
 - C) The library didn't try to inform her about it.
 - D) The landlord refused to give the books back to her.
- 15. A) She was too busy to remember.
 - B) She was too busy to return it.
 - C) She gave it to the landlord to return.
 - D) She did return them but somehow the library erred.
- 16. A) Pay for the lost books.
 - B) Reconfirm with the library that the books were returned.
 - C) Check to see if the books are still at her home.
 - D) Check to see if the books are at Henzer's place.

Conversation 5

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

- 17. A) Details of an upcoming party.
 - rty.
- B) The Alumni Association.

C) How to buy tickets.

- D) Who is coming.
- 18. A) The university faculty.
- B) The Student Association.

C) Former students.

- D) No one.
- 19. A) She describes them as grateful students.
 - B) She describes them as "brains".
 - C) She describes them as successful students.
 - D) She describes them as fun people.

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- 20. A) She is the organizer.
 - B) She is contributing to some part of it.
 - C) She is heavily promoting.
 - D) She was a student once.

Conversation 6

Questions 21 to 24 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

- 21. A) To find out general information about the students.
 - B) To find out how students feel about recent budget cuts.
 - C) To find out how students feel about the biology department.
 - D) To find out whether university students like the university they go to.
- 22. A) There is not enough space.
 - B) The university doesn't respect biology.
 - C) The biology department is under-funded.
 - D) The biology department has overspent their budget this year.
- 23. A) The equipment is not good.
 - B) The wages are too low.
 - C) Other universities are actively recruiting them.
 - D) They have disputes with the management.
- 24. A) It will be used for a school project to be graded.
 - B) To give suggestions to people who can make changes in university matters.
 - C) To be used for a feasibility study.
 - D) To find out what equipment is needed.

Conversation 7

Questions 25 to 28 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

- 25. A) In a mall outside a clothing store.
- B) In a mall inside the clothing store.

C) In a knapsack store.

- D) On the telephone.
- 26. A) The man doesn't know what color his friend likes in a gift.
 - B) The man's friend has a broken knapsack.
 - C) The gift the man wants isn't there.
 - D) The man doesn't know what his friend will find useful in a gift.
- 27. A) A gift should be decorative.
 - B) A gift should be reasonable in price.
 - C) A gift should be something he likes and shows off to others.
 - D) A gift should have some useful functions.
- 28. A) Try a color he hasn't tried before.
 - B) Try a color that stands out.
 - C) Try a color that is similar to the last one.

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D) Try a color that contrasts with the last one.

Conversation 8

Questions 29 to 32 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

- 29. A) To find Professor Steinfield.
 - B) To look for past test papers.
 - C) To look for the woman.
 - D) To look for an aspirin for his headache.
- 30. A) Work harder.
 - B) Study the exam papers.
 - C) Learn from her since she took the class.
 - D) Concentrate on the section on prostaglandin.
- 31. A) Because of the over-production of prostaglandin.
 - B) Because he has no aspirin.
 - C) Because he is tired.
 - D) Because of the biology course.
- 32. A) They agree to meet in the alley to study.
 - B) They agree to tutor each other for upcoming tests.
 - C) They agree to study poetry together.
 - D) They agree to study biology together.

Conversation 9

Questions 33 to 37 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

- 33. A) San Francisco.
 - C) Redwood trees.
- 34. A) In Muirwoods.
 - C) In San Francisco.
- 35. A) It has no admission fee.
 - C) It has a good view of the coast.
- 36. A) 350 years.
 - C) 800 years.
- 37. A) Absence of natural enemies.
 - C) Coastal isolation.

- B) Forest fires.
- D) Survival skills.
- B) Near Los Angeles.
- D) Along the northern California coast.
- B) It is near San Francisco.
- D) It can be seen in one hour.
- B) 400 years.
- D) 2,000 years.
- B) Resistant bark and damp climate.
- D) Cool weather and daily fog.

Conversation 10

Questions 38 to 43 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

- 38. A) Working on a problem.
 - C) Giving a lecture.

- B) Discussing political science.
- D) Reading twentieth-century literature.



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- 39. A) Eating in the cafeteria.
 - B) Falling asleep during meals.
 - C) Staying late after class.
 - D) Telling jokes in the classroom.
- 40. A) They read all his books.
 - B) They study hard for his tests.
 - C) They compete for the best seats in the class.
 - D) They complete all their assignments.
- 41. A) They make him feel good.
 - C) They make him angry.
- 42. A) In the late morning.
 - C) Immediately after lunch.
- 43. A) Impersonal.
 - C) Important.

- B) They make no impact on him.
- D) They bore him.
- B) In the mid-afternoon.
- D) After the evening meal.
- B) Controversial.
- D) Cooperative.

Short Passages

Directions: In this section, you will hear 10 short passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D).

Passage 1

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the passage you have just heard,

- 1. A) The influence of science on literature.
 - B) The importance of dialects for realist writers.
 - C) The emergence of realism and naturalism.
 - D) The effects of industrialization on romanticism.
- 2. A) The Civil War.
 - B) A recognition that romanticism was unpopular.
 - C) An increased interest in the study of common speech.
 - D) An economic depression.
- 3. A) He was the first realist writer in the United States.
 - B) He rejected romanticism as a literary approach.
 - C) He wrote humorous stories and novels.
 - D) He influenced American prose style through his use of common speech.
- 4. A) He mainly wrote about historical subjects such as the Civil War.
 - B) His novels often contained elements of humor.

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- C) He viewed himself more as a social commentator than as a literary artist.
- D) He believed writers should emphasize the positive aspects of life.



Passage 2

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 5. A) Graduation.
 - B) The groundbreaking ceremony for a pedestrian walkway on campus.
 - C) The dedication of a new building.
 - D) A class reunion.
- 6. A) The age-old ideals.
 - B) The student population.
 - C) The main campus.
 - D) The programs of the Division of Continuing Education.
- 7. A) Because it was found unsafe.
 - B) Because a bell tower was to be built on the site.
 - C) Because its parking lot was to be constructed there.
 - D) Because no one wanted to preserve it.
- 8. A) Everything at State University has changed in the past ten years.
 - B) In spite of the changes on the campus, the commitments of the State University remain the same.
 - C) Although the campus looks the same, some things have changed at State University.
 - D) Everything has stayed the same at State University during the past ten years.

Passage 3

Questions 9 to 12 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 9. A) Because it is very much like the earth.
 - B) Because people might have to migrate there someday.
 - C) Because it is easier to explore than other planets.
 - D) Because its atmosphere is different from that of the earth.
- 10. A) Its atmosphere must be changed. B) Its temperature must be lowered.
 - C) Big spaceships must be built.
- D) Its chemical elements must be studied.
- 11. A) It influences the surface temperature of Mars.
 - B) It protects living beings from harmful rays.
 - C) It keeps a planet from overheating.
 - D) It is the main component of the air people breathe.
- 12. A) Man will probably be able to live there in 100,000 years' time.
 - B) Scientists are rather pessimistic about it.

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- C) Man will probably be able to live there in 200 years.
- D) Scientists are optimistic about overcoming the difficulties soon.

Passage 4

Questions 13 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 13. A) Large circulation of newspapers.
 - B) Variety of newspapers.
 - C) British families buying newspapers.
 - D) Local newspapers selling more than national papers.
- 14. A) Almost every town and country area has one.
 - B) Most of them make money.
 - C) They are written for readers interested in national events.
 - D) The news is about births, weddings, deaths, council meetings and sports.
- 15. A) Editors.

B) Local folks.

C) Community activists.

- D) Clubs and churches.
- 16. A) They comment not only on problems of national importance but also on problems of political importance.
 - B) Expressing public feeling on local issues.
 - C) Using amusing language.
 - D) International news coverage.

Passage 5

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard,

- 17. A) Noise, violence, pollution and poor housing conditions.
 - B) Low cost of living.
 - C) Overcrowded condition.
 - D) Traffic jams and high crime rate.
- 18. A) Living conditions are more desirable.
 - B) There are more job opportunities.
 - C) More people are living there.
 - D) People can find jobs easily.
- 19. A) 30 percent.

B) 40 percent.

C) 78 percent.

- D) 85 percent.
- 20. A) They go to other farms to search for jobs.
 - B) Many of them can't find a job on the farm.
 - C) Many of them can't find jobs in cities.
 - D) They can't find jobs in cities and have to go back to their farms.