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前 言

《BBC 英语新闻听力训练》第三辑是一本起点较高的外台听力教材,是为那些具有一定英语基础的学习者进一步提高听力水平而编写的。尤其适合英语专业学生、英语教师、研究生及准备参加 BEC 二级以上、WSK 和 TOEFL 等考试的应试者使用。

本教材采用的素材均选自英国广播公司(BBC)1996 年新闻节目。内容包括政治、经济、军事、外交、社会、文化和体育等方面。全书共 141 条新闻,配有形式多样,由易到难的练习和必要的文化背景知识介绍。书后附有新闻录音文稿和练习参考答案。

在本书的编写过程中得到了外籍专家 Brian Cross 先生和 Joy Crompton 女士的大力帮助。在此表示诚恳的谢意。

由于编者水平有限,书中缺点和错误在所难免。诚望广大读者和国内同行不吝赐教。

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PART ONE

WORKBOOK

Item 1

【Background】

Nigeria, Federal Republic of Nigeria [nai'dʒiəriə] 尼日利亚, republic in western Africa, bounded by Niger on the north, by Chad and Cameroon on the east, by the Gulf of Guinea on the south, and by Benin on the west. The most populous country of Africa, Nigeria has an area of 923,768 sq km (356,669 sq mi). Its name is derived from that of its major river, the Niger. Abuja is the capital and Lagos is the largest city.

Words and Expressions

1. administrator [əd'ministreɪtə] n. 行政官员, 行政人员
2. tour [tuə] n. 值日勤务, 巡视
3. correspondent [ˌkɒrɪs 'pɒndənt] n. 记者, 通讯员

Exercises

Listen to news item 1 again and briefly answer the following questions.

1. Who has appealed for co-operation from military authorities?
2. What was made at a meeting with the administrator of river states in the southeast of the country on the eve of the UN team's tour of Goniland?

Item 2

Words and Expressions

1. Ankara [ˈæŋkərə] 安卡拉(土耳其首都)
2. Islam [ˈɪzlɑ:m] n. [总称]伊斯兰教徒

Exercises

Listen to news item 2 carefully and fill in the blanks with the missing words.

Turkey had said that its _____ co-operation agreement with _____ is not a defence _____ and is not aimed _____ either _____ or Iran. Responding to criticism of the agreement by the two countries, _____ Defence Minister Hatun Sungunla told the BBC _____ Israel had no need of Turkish _____ bases. He described Turkish relations with Iran is good. Syria has protested to Turkey about the agreement and Iran has said _____ is

waiting an explanation from _____.

Item 3

Words and Expressions

1. Iraq [i'ra:k] 伊拉克
2. negotiator [ni'gəʊfɪeɪtə] n. 谈判者
3. accord [ə'kɔ:d] n. (国家之间的)协议

Exercises

Listen to news item 3 carefully and then mark the following statements with letter T or F.

- () 1. Iraq and the United Nations have stopped a new round of talks in New York.
- () 2. Iraq's chief negotiator Abdel Emir Alanbari said he hoped to be able to conclude an accord during this round.
- () 3. But a UN spokesman said agreement on the remaining differences would be easy.
- () 4. The U. S is insisting that it controls the proceeds of any Iraqi oil exports.

Item 4

【Background】

Easter ['i:stə] (复活节), an annual festival commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the principal feast of the Christian year. It is celebrated on a Sunday on varying dates between March 22 and April 25 and is therefore called a movable feast. The dates of several other ecclesiastical festivals, extending over a period between Septuagesima Sunday (the ninth Sunday before Easter) and the first Sunday of Advent, are fixed in relation to the date of Easter.

Words and Expressions

1. bond [bɒnd] n. 公债, 债券
2. Dow Jones Index 道琼斯指数
3. share [ʃeə] n. 股票, 股份
4. analyst ['ænəlist] n. 分析者

Exercises

Without going back to the tape, complete the following sentences by using words given below. Be sure to select suitable word for each blank and make changes of the words when necessary.

bond analyst predict option Index

1. A fall in the New York market had been widely _____ fol-

- Following Friday's better than expected U. S employment figures.
- U. S _____ from which the government funds long-term borrowing fell nearly two points on the news that more jobs had been created in March than had been expected.
 - The Dow Jones _____ was closed on Friday for the Easter holiday so today was the first chance for the share market to react.
 - _____ say that rapid job creation is a sign that the U. S economy is expanding perhaps too fast making an interest rate cut less likely.
 - It also makes shares a less attractive _____ for investors.

Item 5

Words and Expressions

- Dutch [dʌtʃ] adj. 荷兰的
- Amsterdam [ˈæmstəˈdæm] 阿姆斯特丹(荷兰首都)
- unveil [ʌnˈveil] vt. 展出
- depict [dɪˈpɪkt] vt. 描绘, 勾画
- anonymous [əˈnɒnɪməs] adj. 不知名的, 匿名

Exercises

Briefly answer the following questions.

- What has opened in Amsterdam?
- By whom was the work sent to the museum?

3. What is one of the main attractions in the exhibition?

Item 6

【Background】

1. Lebanon ['leɪbənən] (Arabic Lubnan), republic in southwestern Asia, bounded on the north and east by Syria, on the southeast and south by Israel, and on the west by the Mediterranean Sea. The area is 10,400 sq km (4015 sq mi). The capital and leading port is Beirut.
2. Beirut (ancient Beyrtus), capital, largest city, and chief seaport of Lebanon, western Lebanon, on the Mediterranean Sea, at the foot of the Lebanon Mountains, near Tripoli. It is linked by railroad and highway to Damascus, Syria, and other major Middle East cities. It also has an international airport.
3. Hezbollah, a fundamentalist Islamic group, shelled Israeli villages with rockets from Lebanon in early 1996. Israel's counterattack, which included the April bombing of a United Nations refugee center in which almost 100 civilians were killed, was harshly criticized by many countries.

Words and Expressions

1. missile ['misail] n. 导弹
2. helicopter ['helikɒptə] n. 直升机
3. nerve-centre 神经中枢

4. guerrilla [gə'rilə] n. 游击队员

5. Jerusalem [dʒə'ru:sələm] 耶路撒冷(巴勒斯坦著名古城)

Exercises

Listen to the news item carefully and mark the following statements with letter T or F.

- () 1. Israel has indicated that its attacks outside Lebanon which have included the first missile strike on Beirut for nearly fourteen years may continue.
- () 2. Israeli helicopters struck at what they called the operational nerve-centre of the Islamic guerrilla group Hezbollah in a densely populated southern Beirut suburb killing at least fourteen people.
- () 3. Targets elsewhere in Lebanon have also been hit.
- () 4. The Israeli northern front commander general Amiran Levine told Israel radio the operation couldn't last for several days.
- () 5. The Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres said the aim was to stop persistent Hezbollah attacks on northern Israel.

Item 7

【Background】

Shimon Peres (1923-), the Prime Minister of Israel (1984-