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总序

随着全民终身学习型社会的逐渐建立和完善,业余继续(网络)学历教育学生对教材的质量要求越来越高。为了进一步提高继续(网络)教育的人才培养质量,帮助学生更好地学习,依据西南财经大学继续(网络)教育人才培养目标、成人学习的特点及规律,西南财经大学继续(网络)教育学院和西南财经大学出版社共同规划,依托学校各专业学院的骨干教师资源,致力于开发适合继续(网络)学历教育学生的高质量优秀系列规划教材。

西南财经大学继续(网络)教育学院和西南财经大学出版社按照继续(网络)教育人才培养方案,编写了专科及专升本公共基础课、专业基础课、专业主干课和部分选修课教材,以完善继续(网络)教育教材体系。

本系列教材的读者主要是在职人员,他们具有一定的社会实践经验和理论知识,个性化学习诉求突出,学习针对性强,学习目的明确。因此,本系列教材的编写突出了基础性、职业性、实践性及综合性。教材体系和内容结构具有新颖、实用、简明、易懂等特点;对重点、难点问题的阐述深入浅出、形象直观,对定理和概念的论述简明扼要。

为了编好本套系列规划教材,在学校领导、出版社和各学院的大力支持下,成立了由学校副校长、博士生导师杨丹教授任主任,出版社社长、博士生导师冯建教授以及继续(网络)教育学院陈顺刚院长和唐旭辉研究员任副主任,其他部分学院领导参加的编审委员会。在编审委员会的协调、组织下,经过广泛深入的调查研究,制定了我校继续(网络)教育教材建设规划,明确了建设目标。

在编审委员会的协调下,组织各学院具有丰富继续(网络)教育教学经验并有教授或副教授职称的教师担任主编,由各书主编组织成立教材编写团队,确定教材编写大纲、实施计划及人员分工等,经编审委员会审核每门教材的编写大纲后再进行编写。自2009年启动以来,经几年的打造,现已出版了70余种教材。该系列教材出版后,社会反响较好,获得了教育部网络教育教材建设评比金奖。

下一步根据教学需要,还将做两件事:一是结合转变教学与学习范式,按照理念先进、特色鲜明、立体化建设、模块新颖的要求,引进先进的教材编写模块来修订、

完善已出版的教材; 二是补充部分新教材。

希望经多方努力,力争将此系列教材打造成适应教学范式转变的高水平教材。在此,我们对各学院领导的大力支持、各位作者的辛勤劳动以及西南财经大学出版社的鼎力相助表示衷心的感谢!在今后教材的使用过程中,我们将听取各方面的意见,不断修订、完善教材,使之发挥更大的作用。

西南财经大学继续(网络)教育学院 2014年5月

第二版前言

本书是为高等学校网络教育而编写的英语教材,也可作为成人教育、夜大、函大和高等职业院校英语教材使用,还可作为英语自学教材供相应水平的英语爱好者学习使用。本教材旨在指导学生在深入学习课文的基础上,从听、说、读、写、译等方面进行语言操练,使学生具备一定的听说能力、较强的阅读能力、良好的写作和翻译能力。本教材还能帮助学习者应对成人自考、国家英语统考等。本书第一版于2012年由西南财经大学出版社出版。该书出版后,即受到学术界和读者的重视与欢迎,曾多次重印。

语言的使用与时代的发展是密切相关的,为了使本教材能够与时俱进,真实地反映英语语言的具体运用,我们决定对教材进行修订,以更好的质量和内容奉献给兄弟院校和给予我们极大支持的广大读者。修订后的教材对有些章节进行了更换并对一些章节后的课文注释进行了增补。同时,为了使本教材紧跟时代发展,密切联系时事,还更换了每个单元的练习题和语法题。

本册共有七个单元。具体设计安排如下:

- (1) 课文——每单元由 Text A 和 Text B 组成。课文以说明文和议论文为主,题材广泛,涉及社会、文化、科普等领域。文章通俗易懂,充满趣味性,是较好的英语学习材料。
- (2) 词汇表——每单元课文后附有词汇表。除给出课文中出现的词义外,还加了一两个其他常用词义。课后的词汇都是国家英语统考以及大学英语二、三级常考词汇。
- (3) 短语和词句——列出课文重要的短语和词句及其中文意思,以加强 学生对英语固定搭配的学习和应用,夯实英语基础知识。
 - (4) 注释——对文中出现的典型句子加以解释和说明,并举出相应例

句;同时,对一些相对复杂的句子加以注释,以帮助学生更好地理解句意。

- (5) 语法——按照教学大纲的要求,各单元的语法一般都在文中出现过,语法项目的编排科学、解释简洁、应用确切。
- (6) 练习——每单元附有相应的配套练习,包括课文理解、词汇、语法、翻译和日常英语应用等,旨在帮助学生巩固课文中学过的单词和短语、句型和句法,加深学生对所学语法项目的理解和对词汇的记忆,训练学生的口语和翻译能力等,提高学生综合应用英语的能力。

为了让学生得到更好的专项锻炼,本书特地增加了专项训练模块,分以下五个部分:单项选择部分、阅读理解部分、完形填空部分、翻译部分以及 英文写作部分。

本教材的编者是长期从事大学英语教学的一线教师,对中国学生学习英语的特点有多年的研究,颇有心得。他们将多年的教学经验和理论研究成果贯穿于教材的编写中,对英语学习者的学习有较大的帮助,并能提高学习者的学习效率。

本教材由西南财经大学邹勇教授、天水师范学院曹慧芳讲师设计并担任主编,青岛农业大学外国语学院赖艳讲师、西南交通大学张永莉讲师担任副主编。邹勇编写第一单元、第二单元、第三单元,曹慧芳编写第四单元、第五单元,张永莉编写第六单元,西南财经大学的黄莎莎、魏君、何敬、付艳红、杨亚美编写第七单元,陈雅琳编写语法部分,李侍益编写模拟题,谭溪编写专项练习模块的单项选择部分,龚道庆编写阅读理解部分,樊林波编写完形填空部分,赖艳编写翻译部分以及英文写作部分。在本书的编写过程中,我们得到了西南交通大学外国语学院王维民教授、电子科技大学外国语学院冯斗教授的大力支持和帮助。同时,西南财经大学继续(网络)教育学

院教学部主任杨国富老师也对教材的编写提出了许多宝贵的意见。在此,我们表示衷心的感谢。

由于编者水平有限,本教材不足之处在所难免,敬请专家、学者和同行不吝赐教,批评指正,并希望广大读者提出宝贵的意见和建议,以期今后再版时改进,更好地满足广大读者的要求。

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Text A

If you are a self-made man, the one that has achieved success by his own efforts, is respected in American culture.

Being A Self-made Man

1 A characteristic of American culture that has become almost a tradition is to respect the self-made man—the man who has risen to the top through his own efforts, usually beginning by working with his hands. While the leader in business or industry or the college professor occupies a higher social position and commands greater respect in the community than the common laborer or even the skilled factory worker, he may take pains to point out that his fa-

ther started life in America as a farmer or laborer of some sort.

2 This attitude toward manual labor is now still seen in many aspects of American life. One is invited to dinner at a home that is not only comfortably but even luxuriously furnished and in which there is every evidence of the fact the family has been able to afford foreign travel, expensive hobbies, and college education for the children; yet the hostess probably will cook the dinner herself, will serve it herself and will wash dishes afterward, furthermore, the dinner will not consist merely of something quickly and easily assembled from contents of various cans and a piece of cake or a pie bought at the nearby bakery. On the contrary, the hostess usually takes pride in careful preparation of special dishes. A professional may talk about washing the car, digging in his flowerbeds, painting the house. His wife may even help with these things, just as he often helps her with the dishwashing. The son who is away at college may wait on table and wash dishes for his living, or during the summer holiday he may work with a construction gang on a highway in order to pay for his education.

3 Americans show great respect and admiration for Abraham Lincoln, and most people regard him as a model in their personal struggle. Some people think that it is Lincoln's talents and ability that lead him to succeed, but this is only partly true. Actually, Lincoln gained his success mostly because he kept working hard and insisting on his dream. He became the great president of America at the age of fifty one.

4 The United States of America is different from those societies in which a man's social position is determined by birth or by his family's social position or by the whole town or district, such as India. In the USA, a man can move from the bottom of the society to the top by his own efforts rather than by birth or related to family or a group of relatives. Every cowboy can dream of be-

coming a great man, only if he makes efforts to realize his dream. The self-made one will usually gain respect from others in American culture.

Vocabulary

characteristic [kæriktəristik] 典型的,独特的 a.respect [ris'pekt] v. 尊重,重视 attitude ['ætitjuːd] n. 态度,看法 comfortably ['kamfətəbli] ad. 舒服地,安逸地 luxuriously [lagizjuəriəsli] ad.奢侈地,豪华地 tradition [treydifen] n. 传统,管理 occupy ['ɔkjupai] v. 担任,占领 command [kəˈmqɪnd] v. 赢得,掌握 furthermore [fəːðəˈmɔː (r)] ad. 此外,而且 assemble [\mathfrak{g} 'sembl] v. 收集,聚集 various ['vɛəriəs] a. 各种各样的,许多的 preparation [prepareifan] n. 准备,配制 construction [kən'strak[ən] n. 建告,建设 admiration [\admiretion or reison] n. 羡慕, 赞美 个人的,亲自的 personal ['pəɪsənl] a. struggle ['strAql] v. 奋斗,挣扎 天才,有才能的人 talent 'tælənt n. 决定, 使下决心 determine [di'təːmin] district ['distrikt] n. 地区,区域 afford [əˈfɔːd] v. 买得起,提供

Phrases & Expressions

consist of 包含,包括 take pride in 以……为自豪 talk about 讨论

in order to 为了……

pay for 支付

regard... as... 把·····视为······

be different from 与……不同

be determined by 由……决定

dream of 梦想……

make efforts to 努力去做某事

Notes

1. A characteristic of American culture that has become almost a tradition is to respect the self-made man—the man who has risen to the top through his own efforts, usually beginning by working with his hands.

the self-made man 中的 self-made 意思是白手起家,破折号后面的句子是对它的补充说明,白手起家的人就是那些靠着自己的劳动,通过自己努力获得成功的人。

2. While the leader in business or industry or the college professor occupies a higher social position and commands greater respect in the community than the common laborer or even the skilled factory worker, he may take pains to point out that his father started life in America as a farmer or laborer of some sort.

在这句话中,while 意为"虽然,然而",引导让步状语从句。主句中的take pains to do sth. 意为煞费苦心做某事,of some sort 指……之类,表某种类型。整句话的意思是:然而,相比普通劳动者或者技艺精湛的工人,公司或企业的领导,亦或是大学教授的地位更加显赫且更受人尊敬,他可能煞费苦心地道出父亲在美国最初也是农民或者工人之类的。

3. One is invited to dinner at a home that is not only comfortably but even luxuriously furnished and in which there is every evidence of the fact the family has been able to afford foreign travel, expensive hobbies, and college education for the

children;

not only comfortably but even luxuriously furnished 中的 not only... but even ... 表不仅……且甚至……; in which 后面引导一个定语从句对 home 进行修饰, fact 后面是一个同位语从句,对其进行解释,所以,整句话的意思是:你被邀请到一个不仅舒服甚至装修豪华的家里做客,家里无处不显示出主人有钱国外旅游,承担得起奢侈的爱好和小孩上大学。

4. Some people think that it is Lincoln's talents and ability that leads him to succeed, but this is only partly true.

整句话的主要结构是 that 引导的宾语从句,同时,在从句里又有一个强调句: it is... that..., 正是·····的。but this is only partly true 中的 this 指代 that 引导的宾语从句的内容。

5. Every cowboy can dream of becoming a great man, if only he makes efforts to realize his dream.

在这个句子中, if only 起强调作用, 意思是"只要", 表示条件。相反, only if 意思是"只有", 例如: I told him he would succeed only if he tried hard. 我告诉他, 只有努力才能成功。

Exercises to the Text

1. Comprehension of the text

From the answer A, B, C and D, choose the one that best completes the following statements.

- (1) From paragraph 1, we know that in America _____.
 - A. people tend to have a high opinion of the self-made man
 - B. people can always rise to the top through their own efforts
 - C. college professors win great respect from common workers
 - D. people feel painful to mention their fathers as labors
- (2) According to the passage, the hostess cooks dinner herself mainly be-

cause
A. servants in American are hard to get
B. she takes pride in what she can do herself
C. she can hardly afford servants
D. It is easy to prepare a meal with canned food
(3) The expression "wait on table" in the second paragraph means
7 _ 10 _ 10 _ 10 _ 10 _ 10 _ 10 _ 10 _ 1
A. work in a furniture shop
B. keep accounts for a bar
C. wait to lay the table
D. serve customers in a restaurant
(4) The author's attitude towards manual labor is
A. positive
B. negative
C. humorous
D. critical
(5) Which of the following may serve as the best title of the passage?
A. A Respectable Self-made Family.
B. American Attitude toward Manual Labor.
C. Characteristics of American Culture.
D. The Development of Manual Labor.
2. Vocabulary
I. Fill in the blanks with the words or expressions given below. Change the form
where necessary.

command admiration afford various determined characteristic preparations tradition furthermore ability