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## 内 容 提 要

本书根据最新《大学英语教学指南》，以培养学习者的基本语言技能如语音、字母、数字、单词、句型为基础，以逐步增强学习者的语篇理解能力和语言熟练程度为目标，分8个单元，编选了题材、体裁均较为广泛的课文及练习，循序渐进，以稳步提高学习者的听力及语言能力。

本书适用于各级英语学习者强化听力技能、提升语言能力使用。

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# 前言

本教材是根据教育部 2017 年最新颁发的《大学英语教学指南》和最新大学英语四级统考题型,并结合大学英语基础目标的教学特点以及教学对象的英语水平,按以下原则修订编写:

1. 着重英语听力的基础技能训练。开始阶段仍然以学生熟悉的新闻英语题材听写跟读入手,信息量逐渐加大,题材逐渐多样,难度逐渐提高。

2. 所选材料注重内容的趣味性、信息性、时效性,同时也注重语言的规范性、实用性。听力材料大多选自历年四级真题和最新新闻材料。

3. 在培养学生听懂基本语言单位(如语音、字母、数字、单词、句型等)的基础上,逐步增强学生在语篇水平上的理解能力和熟练程度,提高他们对所听内容的分析、归纳、综合和推断能力。

4. 教材练习的题型丰富多样,其中包括全国四级考试的新题型,力求从多方面训练和提高学生的听力理解能力。

本册共八个单元。每个单元均由三个部分组成:第一部分为单项新闻英语听力技能训练,每一个单元围绕着一个中心话题展开。第二部分为长对话和短文听力技能训练,其中包括单词和短语(words and phrases)、基本句型(basic structures)和常用语句(useful expressions)。第三部分为单元自我测试,安排一套四级听力全真模拟试题检验学习效果。全书最后精选两套最新英语四级统试听力真题,并配有答案和听力原文。

本书由三江学院长期从事大学英语教学的一线教师编写,李璐璐、宋丹红、肖声扬、张苏吉、赵祎婷在资料收集、真题考点解析、音频复核等方面做了大量的工作,在素材的选择、内容难度和练习形式的把握方面具有独到的经验,也更贴近在校大学生的实际水平。

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# Unit 1

## Business and Finance

### Part | Warm Up

#### Section A Listen and Repeat

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*You are going to hear ten statements from the news items. Try to fill in the missing words or expressions and repeat what you have heard.*

1. There has been \_\_\_\_\_ across the world sparked by alarm over a slowdown in emerging economies.
2. The astronauts would not return to the moon as planned if the congress passes president's proposed \_\_\_\_\_, which aims to cut funding in certain areas while increasing money used to create jobs.
3. Like most companies, Surgeon and Safari was hit by \_\_\_\_\_, particularly as a number of clients were borrowing money to afford their procedures.
4. The bloodshed has left the oil and gas industry struggling to come to terms with what it might mean for \_\_\_\_\_ in risky countries.
5. January sales see throngs of dedicated shopaholics cram its countless department stores, quirky boutiques and market stalls, keen to get their hands on the latest \_\_\_\_\_ and product offers.
6. The economic growth has averaged about 7.4% annually over the past decade. At the same time, however, robust economic growth has not reduced \_\_\_\_\_ in the country.
7. The U. S. President and the Chinese President have agreed on a 100-day plan for \_\_\_\_\_ that will aim to boost American exports and reduce its

- trade deficit(赤字) with China.
8. Germany's Parliament has approved long-delayed plans for motorway tolls that foreigners will have to pay but not Germans. All drivers will be required to purchase a motorway pass but Germans will be refunded with \_\_\_\_\_.
9. As Britain filed for divorce from the European Union, the British Prime Minister has told the BBC, Britain can \_\_\_\_\_ with the European Union even after it has left.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ has continued to improve, according to a new report from the International Monetary Fund(国际货币基金组织). But the IMF warns there are risks ahead nonetheless.

## Section B Practice for Perfect

*You are going to hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Listen carefully and choose the best answer to each question.*

### **Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news item you have just heard.**

1. A) Whether it wants to join the emergency talks.  
B) Whether it wants to follow similar comments.  
C) Whether it wants to remain in the Eurozone.  
D) Whether it wants to start the latest bailout package.
2. A) Put the latest bailout package for its economy to a referendum.  
B) Change course due to the pressure from France and Germany.  
C) Talk with leaders around the world not just in Europe.  
D) Come on the eve of a G20 summit in Cannes.

### **Questions 3 to 5 are based on the news item you have just heard.**

3. A) Britain has decided to raise bankers' bonuses.  
B) Britain has decided to restrict bankers' bonuses.  
C) Britain has decided to curb bankers' salaries.  
D) Britain has decided to raise bankers' salaries.
4. A) Their payments are over \$ 4,000.  
B) Their payments are \$ 4,000.  
C) Their payments are over \$ 40,000.  
D) Their payments are \$ 40,000.
5. A) Some of it would be paid in money.







- B) Director of evening radio programs.
  - C) Producer of television commercials.
  - D) Hostess of the weekly *Business World*.
2. A) He ran three restaurants with his wife's help.  
 B) He and his wife did everything by themselves.  
 C) He worked both as a cook and a waiter.  
 D) He hired a cook and two local waitresses.
3. A) He hardly needs to do any advertising nowadays.  
 B) He advertises a lot on radio and in newspapers.  
 C) He spends huge sums on TV commercials every year.  
 D) He hires children to distribute ads in shopping centers.
4. A) The restaurant location.                      B) The restaurant atmosphere.  
 C) The food variety.                                D) The food price.

**Exercise 2. Listen to the conversation again and fill in the blanks with the information you have heard.**

1. The woman invites Mr. Angelino who came to \_\_\_\_\_ six years ago to this week's *Business World*.
2. The man is now an \_\_\_\_\_ businessman with \_\_\_\_\_ in town.
3. \_\_\_\_\_, the man had to hire another cook and \_\_\_\_\_ waitresses.
4. The man doesn't have any \_\_\_\_\_ because they are too expensive.

**Passage One**

Study the following before listening.

greenhouse	n.	温室
announce	v.	宣布, 声称
lease	v.	租借
want ads		〈口〉招聘广告
reception area		接待区

**Exercise 1. Questions 1 to 4 are based on the passage you have just heard.**

1. A) It was located in a park.  
 B) Its owner died of a heart attack.  
 C) It went bankrupt all of a sudden.



- D) Its potted plants were for lease only.
2. A) Planting some trees in the greenhouse.  
 B) Writing a want ad to a local newspaper.  
 C) Putting up a “going out of business” sign.  
 D) Helping a customer select some purchases.
3. A) Opening an office in the new office park.  
 B) Keeping better relations with her company.  
 C) Developing fresh business opportunities.  
 D) Building a big greenhouse of his own.
4. A) Owning the greenhouse one day.  
 B) Securing a job at the office park.  
 C) Cultivating more potted plants.  
 D) Finding customers out of town.

**Exercise 2. Listen to the passage again and write “T” (true) or “F” (false) for each statement.**

1. The manager’s family decided to close the business because they ran out of money. ( )
2. The customer walking into the greenhouse was the CEO of a nearby company. ( )
3. The customer doesn’t know much about plants. ( )
4. I signed contracts so companies could rent plants and pay me for maintaining them. ( )

## Passage Two

Study the following before listening.

evaluation	<i>n.</i>	评价, 评估
division	<i>n.</i>	部门
maintenance	<i>n.</i>	维护, 保养
personnel director		人事主管

**Exercise 1. Questions 1 to 4 are based on the passage you have just heard.**

1. A) Directing personnel evaluation.  
 B) Buying and maintaining equipment.  
 C) Drawing up plans for in-service training.  
 D) Interviewing and recruiting employees.

2. A) Some of his equipment was damaged in a fire.  
B) The training program he ran was failure.  
C) Two of his workers were injured at work.  
D) Two of his employees committed theft.
3. A) A better relationship with his boss.  
B) Advancement to a higher position.  
C) A better-paying job in another company.  
D) Improvement in the company's management.
4. A) She has more self-confidence than Chris.  
B) She works with Chris in the same Division.  
C) She has more management experience than Chris.  
D) She is competing with Chris for the new job.

**Exercise 2. Listen to the passage again and fill in the blanks with the information you have heard.**

Chris is going to have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ with his supervisor and the personnel director to discuss the work he has done in the past year. Salary, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for the coming year will also be discussed at the meeting. Chris has made several changes for his Division in the past year. First, he (3) \_\_\_\_\_ for one of the departments. What's more, Chris began a program to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to use equipment better and do simple maintenance themselves. The training saved both (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

## Part III Test Yourself(2015.12)

### Section A

*Directions: In this section, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Both the news report 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). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the center.*

**Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news item you have just heard.**

1. A) Christmas-time attacks made by Somali rebels.  
B) An explosion at a bus station in central Nairobi.  
C) The killing of more than 70 Ugandans in Kampala.  
D) Blasts set off by a Somali group in Uganda's capital.
2. A) On Christmas Eve.  
B) Just before midnight.  
C) During a security check.  
D) In the small hours of the morning.

**Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news item you have just heard.**

3. A) It is likely to close many of its stores.  
B) It is known for the quality of its goods.  
C) It remains competitive in the recession.  
D) It will expand its online retail business.
4. A) Expand its business beyond groceries.  
B) Fire 25,000 of its current employees.  
C) Cut its DVD publishing business.  
D) Sell the business for one pound.

**Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news item you have just heard.**

5. A) All taxis began to use meters.  
B) All taxis got air-conditioning.  
C) Advertisements were allowed on taxis.  
D) Old taxis were replaced with new cabs.
6. A) A low interest loan scheme.  
B) Environmentalists' protests.  
C) Taxi passengers' complaints.  
D) Permission for car advertising.
7. A) There are no more irregular practices.  
B) All new cabs provide air-conditioning.  
C) New cabs are all equipped with meters.  
D) New legislation protects consumer's rights.

 **Section B**

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Directions: *In this section, you will hear two long conversations. At the end of each*

conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation 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). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the centre.

### Conversation One

Questions 8 to 11 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

8. A) It is used by more people than English.  
B) It is more difficult to learn than English.  
C) It will be as commonly used as English.  
D) It will eventually become a world language.
9. A) Its popularity with the common people.  
B) The effect of the Industrial Revolution.  
C) The influence of the British Empire.  
D) Its loan words from many languages.
10. A) It has a growing number of newly coined words.  
B) It includes a lot of words from other languages.  
C) It is the largest among all languages in the world.  
D) It can be easily picked up by overseas travellers.
11. A) English grammar is really quite difficult.  
B) English grammar is really quite easy.  
C) It has dozens of different endings for its nouns, adjectives and verbs.  
D) It has dozens of different pronunciations for its nouns, adjectives and verbs.

### Conversation Two

Questions 12 to 15 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

12. A) To place an order.  
C) To return some goods.  
B) To apply for a job.  
D) To make a complaint.
13. A) He works on a part-time basis for the company.  
B) He has not worked in the sales department for long.  
C) He is not familiar with the exact details of the goods.  
D) He has become somewhat impatient with the woman.
14. A) It is not his responsibility.





- B) It will be free for large orders.  
 C) It depends on a number of factors.  
 D) It costs £ 15 more for express delivery.
15. A) Make inquiries with some other companies.  
 B) Report the information to her superior.  
 C) Pay a visit to the saleswoman in charge.  
 D) Ring back when she comes to a decision.

## Section C

Directions: *In this section, you will hear 3 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). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet 1 with a single line through the center.*

### Passage One

**Questions 16 to 18 are based on the passage you have just heard.**

16. A) No one knows for sure when they came into being.  
 B) No one knows exactly where they were first made.  
 C) No one knows for what purpose they were invented.  
 D) No one knows what they will look like in the future.
17. A) Measure the speed of wind.  
 B) Give warnings of danger.  
 C) Pass on secret messages.  
 D) Carry ropes across rivers.
18. A) To find out the strength of silk for kites.  
 B) To test the effects of the lightning rod.  
 C) To prove that lightning is electricity.  
 D) To protect houses against lightning.

### Passage Two

**Questions 19 to 22 are based on the passage you have just heard.**

19. A) She was born with a talent for languages.  
 B) She was trained to be an interpreter.  
 C) She can speak several languages.



- D) She enjoys teaching languages.
20. A) They want to learn as many foreign languages as possible.  
B) They have an intense interest in cross-cultural interactions.  
C) They acquire an immunity to culture shock.  
D) They would like to live abroad permanently.
21. A) She became an expert in horse racing.  
B) She was able to translate for a German sports judge.  
C) She learned to appreciate classical music.  
D) She got a chance to visit several European countries.
22. A) Take part in a cooking competition.  
B) Taste the beef and give her comment.  
C) Teach vocabulary for food in English.  
D) Give cooking lessons on Western food.

### Passage Three

Questions 23 to 25 are based on the passage you have just heard.

23. A) He had only a third-grade education.  
B) He once threatened to kill his teacher.  
C) He often helped his mother do housework.  
D) He grew up in a poor single-parent family.
24. A) Stupid.  
B) Active.  
C) Brave.  
D) Careless.
25. A) Watch educational TV programs only.  
B) Write two book reports a week.  
C) Help with housework.  
D) Keep a diary.

# Unit 2

## Science and Technology

### Part | Warm Up

#### Section A Listen and Repeat

*You are going to hear ten statements from the news items. Try to fill in the missing words or expressions and repeat what you have heard.*

1. Facebook says it is working on technology to allow us to control computers directly with our brains. It is developing “silent speech” software to allow people to type \_\_\_\_\_ 100 words per minute, it says.
2. NASA’s program intended to study the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ a moon colony. The program was set to follow the US space agency’s shuttle missions which are due to end in September.
3. The company had been a target of much criticism over this past year, particularly in densely populated urban areas have complained about dropped calls, \_\_\_\_\_ and poor service.
4. A number of people with Hotmail accounts have \_\_\_\_\_ forums complaining that their e-mails have been deleted.
5. Astronomers say they’ve made a major discovery of planets orbiting a distant star called Trappist-1 which may \_\_\_\_\_ support life.
6. Scientists in Iceland are looking into a rather intriguing \_\_\_\_\_ energy source by drilling deep into a volcano.
7. Singapore is aiming to be the world’s first Smart Nation, which aims to merge technology into \_\_\_\_\_ on the small island. That includes some bus