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前 言

《初级英语视听说教程》是解放军理工大学联合军队多所院校开发的《研究生英语课程系列教材》之一。本套系列教材主要供非英语专业研究生使用,包括《初级英语综合教程》、《初级英语视听说教程》、《中级英语综合教程》、《中级英语视听说教程》、《高级英语综合教程》和《国际学术交流英语教程》。

《初级英语视听说教程》主要供具有一般英语水平的非英语专业硕士研究生使用,同样也适合其他具备相应水平的英语学习爱好者。

本教程以国内外原版音频和视频材料为内容,以训练英语交流能力为重点,以视听结合、听说结合及形式多样的练习为主要环节而编写。

按照不同的话题,本教程共设 12 个单元主题,涉及教育、科技、经济、军事、法律、职业、媒体、伦理、语言、文化等,并根据相应阶段水平的英语学习者在听力中常常遇到的问题设置了 12 个不同方面的听力技巧讲解,配以相关练习。每单元音视频材料的音质良好、画面清晰,练习形式多样、内容丰富、难度适中,以国外原版材料为主,确保语言输入的丰富性、多样性以及真实性。

本课程以听力理解和口语表达技能训练为重点,通过视听说综合训练,协调发展英语的听说能力,提高综合应用英语在本专业领域和相关领域获取、表达和交流信息的能力;以丰富的英语视听说实践活动为途径,增强对英语国家社会、文化、经济、军事和科技发展的了解与认知,拓展知识、启迪思维、开阔视野,为提高综合素质和全面发展奠定良好的基础。

为方便教师备课和学生自主学习,教材编写组开发了与教学内容相配套的网络课程,构建了立体化的教学内容体系。

本教程在编写过程中参阅了国内外的大量有关文献,谨在此致以由衷的感谢。

本教程虽几易其稿,力求完善,但由于我们的水平有限,不当之处在所难免,诚望各位同行和读者提出批评和建议。

编 者

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Unit 1

Career Development

I Overview: Warming-up Discussions

Directions: Work in pairs. Have a discussion on the following questions with your partner. The questions are related to the pictures presented below.

1. What is your dream job?
2. Why do you regard it as your dream job?
3. How would your life change if you got your dream job?
4. What would you do to prepare for landing such a job?



II Viewing & Speaking

Video: More US Jobs Don't Require Degree



Useful Expressions

be saddled with 负担

better off 经济状况好的, 富裕的

give an edge 占一点优势



Part I Listening-centered Exercises

Exercise I

Directions: Watch the video clip for the first time and try to answer the following questions.

1. What problems do most of today's college graduates have when they are looking for their jobs?
2. What is the general notion of a college degree?
3. What are the fastest growing jobs?
4. How many of those jobs expected to grow require high school education or less?
5. What does a modern economy need?

Exercise II

Directions: Watch the video clip again and match the following phrases from the article. The first one has been done for you.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. <u> </u> f <u> </u> finding it | a. by student-loan debt and underemployment |
| 2. <u> </u> a time | b. are expected to see the biggest increases |
| 3. <u> </u> look to a future burdened | c. of economic downturn |
| 4. <u> </u> Statistics of the top | d. will be created in low-skilled levels |
| 5. <u> </u> Health-related fields | e. it did before |
| 6. <u> </u> all the occupations | f. hard to find a job |
| 7. <u> </u> during times | g. much better off than those without a degree |
| 8. <u> </u> college graduates are | h. ten fastest-growing occupations |
| 9. <u> </u> the economy starts
booming like | i. that are expected to grow |
| 10. <u> </u> Maybe more jobs | j. filled with hope and excitement |

Part II Further Development

Directions: Now discuss with your partner on the following questions.

1. Does higher education promise a good job?
2. Which is more important in winning a job, a college degree or working experience?



III

Listening & Speaking

Audio 1: The Best Job in the World



New Words

- position *n.* 职位
 caretaker *n.* 看管者
 Queensland *n.* 昆士兰(澳大利亚州名)
 finalist *n.* 决赛选手
 shortlist *n.* 最后候选人名单
 chef *n.* 厨师
 paradise *n.* 天堂

Useful Expressions

- the Great Barrier Reef 大堡礁
 look at 考虑
 Hamilton Island 汉密尔顿岛
 narrow down 减少
 boil down to 归结为

Part I Listening-centered Exercises

Exercise I

Directions: Listen to the audio clip and decide whether the following statements are true or false. Put "T" for True and "F" for False in the spaces provided.

- _____ 1. "The best job in the world" is to look after a desert island.
- _____ 2. One of the duties of this job is to catch and cook fish.
- _____ 3. There are 15,000 species of fish living on the Great Barrier Reef.
- _____ 4. More than 35,000 people applied for this wonderful job.
- _____ 5. Website visitors will choose a shortlist of 10 candidates.
- _____ 6. Website visitors can look at the video applications of the candidates.
- _____ 7. All of the applicants for the best job in the world are Australian.
- _____ 8. Tourist officials want someone who is motivated and professional.

Exercise II

Directions: Listen to the audio clip again and complete the missing information.

The world will soon know who will get "the best job in the world". The position is for a caretaker to live on and look after a tropical island off the coast of Queensland, Australia. Duties _____ the island, which is part of the Great Barrier Reef, and writing a blog to promote the area. Other responsibilities _____, clean the pool and collect the mail. The job website, islandreefjob.com, tells applicants: There are over 1,500 species of fish living in the Great Barrier Reef. Don't worry. You won't _____ all. The successful applicant will get a salary of nearly US \$100,000 for the six months. Officials from Queensland's tourism



department announced on Tuesday that _____ at 50 candidates. Unsurprisingly, over 35,000 people applied for the job.

The next stage _____ is to get the list of candidates down to 11. The tourism board will select ten people. Visitors to the website _____ person. The public can look at the video applications of all 50 hopeful caretakers. The eleven lucky finalists will then fly to Hamilton Island _____. The winner will be announced on May 6, and the job starts on July 1. The current shortlist of 50 includes people from 22 countries. _____, chefs, scientists and students and they all want a slice of paradise. Queensland Tourism Minister Desley Boyle said there was much discussion to _____. He told reporters, "it boiled down to the motivation and professionalism of the applicants and their 'fit' with the job and Tourism Queensland".

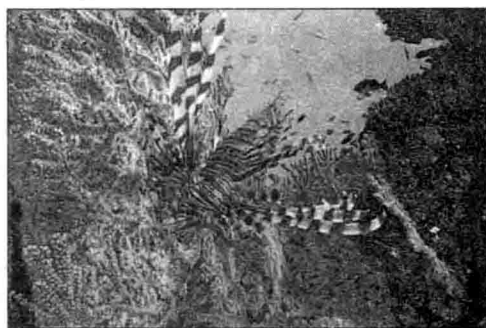
Part II Further Development

Directions: Now discuss with your partner on the following questions.

1. Do you think that the position described is "the best job in the world"?
2. Who would be better at doing this job, a dancer, chef, scientist or student?
3. Do you think the salary is about right for this job? Why?

Cultural Notes

The Great Barrier Reef: The Great Barrier Reef is located on the Northeastern coast of Australia. About almost 2,300 km long (1,430 miles), it is the largest living organism on the planet. It is blessed with the breathtaking beauty of the world's largest coral reef. The Australian Government has designated the reef as a Marine Park. Due to its length, it spans many different climates. Rain forests and mountains are predominant in the northern islands, while the southern islands are composed mainly of Coral Cay.





Audio II: Reasons for Job Hopping

New Words

- menial** *adj.* 仆役工作的, 仆人的
numbing *adj.* 使麻木的, 使失去感觉的

Useful Expressions

- pay scale** 薪金标准
burn out 耗尽体力; 筋疲力尽
glass ceiling 无形限制, 无形顶障
stumbling block 障碍物, 绊脚石
stepping stone 踏脚石, 达到目的的手段
dead end 死胡同

Part I Listening-centered Exercises

Exercise I

Directions: Listen to the audio clip carefully and try to answer the following questions.

1. What are they talking about?
2. Why does the man want to leave his present job?
3. What does the man think about the jobs he has done?
4. What does the woman want to do?

Exercise II

Directions: Listen to the audio clip again and complete the table with the information you hear.

1	The present job	It is _____ job.
2	The last job	It is _____.
3	The job before the last	The problem was _____. They would _____.
4	The first job	This job is a _____. The boss didn't like me and _____.

Part II Further Development

Directions: Now discuss with your partner on the following questions.

1. What is the best job for you?
2. If you are not satisfied with your job, is continual job-hopping a good way out?



Audio III: Discriminations British Mothers Have to Face at Workplace



New Words

file *v.* 提出

detrimental *adj.* 有害的

gripe *n.* 抱怨; 怨言

boardroom *n.* 会议室

maternity leave 产假



Part I Listening-centered Exercises

Exercise I

Directions: Listen to the audio clip carefully and choose the best answer to each statement.

- How many British mothers feel discriminated against at work?
A. Over 25%. B. 1,975. C. All of them. D. Millions.
- How many women took part in the survey?
A. Half. B. Over 25%.
C. 1,975. D. Millions.
- What had most women never complained?
A. A tax return. B. Letters.
C. Their nails. D. A complaint.
- Who is getting promoted ahead of working mothers?
A. Older women. B. Junior workers.
C. Part-time workers. D. Working fathers.
- Whose opinions are different from those found in the survey?
A. Mothers. B. Lawyers.
C. Researchers. D. Employers and companies.
- What did a director say was better than ever?
A. Prospects for promotion. B. Pay.
C. Maternity leave. D. Integration of viewpoints.
- How does Kiran Daurka feel about women not speaking out?
A. Neutral. B. Amazed.
C. Shocked. D. Numbed.



Exercise II

Directions: Listen to the audio clip again and number the following statements in the correct order. The first one has been done for you.

Number

- _____ More junior employees progress faster up the career ladder.
 _____ We don't recognize the picture painted here.
 _____ Grievances include mothers being overlooked for promotion.
 _____ Employers avoid the issues and "bury their heads in the sand".
 _____ A common gripe is their points of view being considered less worthy.
 _____ More businesses make the best use of women's talents throughout the organization.
 _____ This is according to a survey conducted by the legal firm Slater and Gordon (S&G).
1 More than one in four British mothers who have returned to work feel discriminated.

Part II Further Development

Directions: Now discuss with your partner on the following questions.

1. Should women go back to work or stay at home after having kids?
2. What is your opinion towards the following two statements?
 - a. Mothers are overlooked for promotion, and more junior employees progress faster up the career ladder.
 - b. Women with kids are less worthy than those colleagues without children.

IV Imitating & Practicing

Part I Oral Practices



Directions: You are going to watch a video clip about Andrea, a recent university graduate, who goes for an interview in order to get a job as an assistant to Miranda, the editor of a powerful fashion magazine Runway. After you have watched the video, express your opinions on the following questions. Try to use the tips given below.



Helpful Sentence Patterns

Move it!

Am I reaching for the stars here?

She is wrong for the job.

I think I can do a good job as your assistant.

I don't fit in here.

1. What kind of boss is Miranda?
2. Is working for a prestigious company like Runway with a perceived opportunity for growth enough to keep the employees even if the company has a devil boss?
3. Which job would you choose, the one well-paid and promising but leaving little time for you to stay with your family and friends, or the one not so financially rewarding but enabling you to enjoy your personal life?
4. What do you think is the reason for Miranda to hire Andrea?

Part II Further Development

Directions: Nowadays there are still discriminations in the job market, such as discriminations in terms of gender, age, hukou (household registration) and appearance. Such discriminations have closed the door on many qualified candidates. Look at the following cartoon picture and discuss the following questions.



1. Have you ever experienced any discrimination in your life?
2. Apart from the discriminations shown in the picture, what are the other discriminations you know when people are searching a job?
3. Do you think women are usually discriminated against in the job market?
4. Do you think laws and policies against such discriminations are effective in reducing or even eliminating female discriminations?



Listening Comprehension Test

V

Directions: Listen to the following two audio clips and choose the best answer to each question.

Clip One

1. What is the result of job dissatisfaction?
 - A. Low productivity.
 - B. Stagnant economy.
 - C. Bad working environment.
2. How many people are satisfied with their jobs now?
 - A. 61 percent.
 - B. 36 percent.
 - C. 45.3 percent.
3. Who were the most satisfied group of workers in the survey?
 - A. Baby boomers.
 - B. Workers under the age of 25.
 - C. Workers aged 25 to 34.

Clip Two

1. What do many undergraduates put their efforts on?
 - A. Studying their major.
 - B. Preparing for the exam.
 - C. Finding a job.
2. What do many students in lower level universities think of graduate-school entrance exam?
 - A. It is very competitive.
 - B. It is the only way to show the results of their years of study.
 - C. It provides a second chance to get into the school of their choice.
3. Which of the following does NOT show the fierce competition of the graduate-school entrance exam?
 - A. Nationwide nearly 1.7 million undergraduates are expected to take the graduate-school exam this year.
 - B. Only one fourth will pass it.
 - C. Half of the students who take intensive exam-prep offered by the second-tier universities will go to graduate school.