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前 言

2013年8月,全国大学英语四、六级考试委员会颁布了大学英语四级考试(CET-4)样卷,本书参照该样卷内容、题型及考试要求设计而成,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编排方法,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内容的一种手段和方法,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。本书编写的目的是有助于考生熟悉变化后的大学英语四级考试形式,有助于考生正确理解考试内容,有助于考生了解自己的薄弱环节,有助于考生掌握良好的学习方法和途径,切实提高学生英语学习的质量和效益。

全书共分四个练习部分和两个附录。第一部分为听力理解,分A、B、C三类。A类有50个短对话、20个长对话;B类有10篇短文理解;C类有10篇短文听写。第二部分为阅读理解,也分三类。A类为选词填空,共10篇短文;B类为信息配对,共10篇短文;C类为仔细阅读,共20篇短文,含篇章阅读理解、篇章词汇理解练习等。第三部分为综合技能训练,有10篇作文练习和10篇汉译英短文翻译。第四部分为4套模拟试题,涵盖了新版大学英语四级考试的全部要求和内容。套题根据正式试题答题顺序编排设计,共分四个部分:写作测试、听力理解、阅读理解、短文翻译。两个附录分别为听力理解的录音文字稿和所有练习的参考答案。

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PART ONE

Listening Comprehension

Section A

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) The man should relax.
B) It's good to go to the library now.
C) It shouldn't take long to write the proposal.
D) The man should wrap it up as soon as possible.
2. A) The report was too long for him to finish.
B) He needs the woman's help.
C) The report was finished a couple of days ago.
D) He'll complete the report when the computer is fixed.
3. A) Go running before they eat.
B) See if they have plenty of work.
C) Check on what's for dinner.
D) Go to the lab briefly.
4. A) Yes, if there is no traffic light.
B) Yes, if there is no hold-up.
C) Yes, if they leave earlier.
D) Yes, if they have no breakdown on the motorway.
5. A) He will pay \$ 1.25.
B) He will pay \$ 1.15.
C) He will pay \$ 1.65.
D) He will pay \$ 2.05.
6. A) A book about automobiles.
B) A book about cards.
C) A book about cares.
D) A book about automations.
7. A) She thinks his lectures are meaningless.
B) She doesn't like his choice of test questions.

- C) She doesn't think he prepares well enough.
D) She thinks his questions for the tests are dull.
8. A) Even countries like Finland have a food similar to hot dogs.
B) Some hot dogs are made from reindeer meat.
C) Hot dogs originated in the United States.
D) The first hot dogs came from Germany.
9. A) The chicken is good. B) The chicken is bad.
C) The roast beef is good. D) Not very satisfactory.
10. A) She will feel sorry. B) She will go away.
C) She will not buy him a gift. D) She will not quit her job.
11. A) She must begin studying for her German examination.
B) She must begin writing a paper for her physics class.
C) She must begin studying for her English examination.
D) She must begin writing up her laboratory assignments for her chemistry class.
12. A) He is complaining. B) He is better.
C) He is sick in bed. D) He is the same as before.
13. A) At eight o'clock. B) At two o'clock.
C) At twelve o'clock. D) At ten o'clock.
14. A) Because of the yellow light. B) Because it was yellow.
C) Because of the blue light. D) Because it was blue.
15. A) Five hundred and twenty. B) Three hundred and sixty.
C) Four hundred and eighty. D) Six hundred and forty.
16. A) Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. B) Thursday, Wednesday, and Sunday.
C) Monday, Thursday, and Friday. D) Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday.
17. A) In a hospital. B) In a laboratory.
C) In a lawyer's office. D) In a department store.
18. 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.

19. A) She doesn't care. B) She is careless.
C) She cares a lot. D) She cares for Mike.
20. A) She can use his car. B) She can borrow someone else's car.
C) She must get her car fixed. D) She can't borrow his car.
21. A) Making a photocopy. B) Taking a picture.
C) Typing. D) Playing the piano.
22. A) Susan didn't want to come to the party.
B) Susan gets lost.
C) Susan is not at the party.
D) Susan wished to go to the party with the man.
23. A) Portuguese. B) Arabic.
C) Japanese. D) Chinese.
24. A) This is a good idea.
B) It depends on the weather.
C) Having a picnic in the open fits the weather.
D) He doesn't like a picnic.
25. A) Owen probably won't win a first prize.
B) Owen is so outstanding that he will win a first prize.
C) Owen is the best of all.
D) Owen has caught a chance of winning a first prize.
26. A) A day course. B) An evening course.
C) The day's work. D) The choice of courses.
27. A) Both the man and the woman were in class Friday.
B) The woman was in class Friday but the man was not.
C) Neither the man nor the woman was in class Friday.
D) The man was in class Friday but the woman was not.
28. A) \$ 1.40. B) \$ 4.30.
C) \$ 8.60. D) \$ 6.40.
29. A) Driving a car. B) Taking a taxi.
C) Going by train. D) Taking the subway.
30. A) 25 minutes. B) 35 minutes.
C) 45 minutes. D) 55 minutes.

31. A) She will go to a party.
B) She will visit her friends.
C) She will take care of her friends' children.
D) She will go to the concert.
32. A) At 7:30 pm. B) At 8:00 pm.
C) At 8:30 pm. D) At 9:00 pm.
33. A) Fly a kite. B) Catch a fish.
C) Sail a boat. D) Hang clothes.
34. A) Women's rights in society. B) The woman's job as a librarian.
C) An important election. D) Career planning for women.
35. A) Because she doesn't like it.
B) Because the man likes the red dress better.
C) Because it is too formal for the occasion.
D) Because it doesn't fit her very well.
36. A) He will help the woman move to a new house.
B) He will help Nick move to a new house.
C) He will go shopping with the woman.
D) He will move to a new house himself.
37. A) Switzerland. B) France.
C) Germany. D) Belgium.
38. A) Her boyfriend. B) Her supervisor.
C) Her father. D) Her dentist.
39. A) On a honeymoon. B) In California.
C) At a wedding. D) Over a telephone.
40. A) \$20. B) \$30.
C) \$32. D) \$47.
41. A) She thinks it's easier said than done. B) She totally agrees with him.
C) She feels what he says is nonsense. D) She thinks he is really impolite.
42. A) He has no artistic talent at all. B) He has improved his art.
C) He is a very professional artist. D) He is not a good artist.

43. A) Tom survived the accident. B) Someone saved Tom's life.
 C) Tom was killed in the accident. D) It did little damage to Tom's car.
44. A) There are two bus services everyday. B) The train is faster than the bus.
 C) The bus is cheaper than the train. D) The train is cheaper than the bus.
45. A) He doesn't understand it. B) He doesn't like it.
 C) He isn't used to it. D) He doesn't need to take it.
46. A) He played a ball. B) He worked all night.
 C) He met Dr. Randall. D) He did his homework.
47. A) He slowed down in a wrong way.
 B) He got a one-way plane ticket.
 C) He went the wrong direction on a one-way street.
 D) He had a breakdown on his way.
48. A) He was annoyed. B) He was considerate.
 C) He was pleased. D) He was puzzled.
49. A) Here. B) In Europe.
 C) In America. D) In Asia.
50. A) Her name sounds familiar. B) Her name sounds strange.
 C) Her name sounds nice. D) Her name sounds melodic.

Long Conversations

Directions: *In this section, you will hear 20 long conversations. At the end of each conversation, more 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.*

Conversation 1

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

1. A) They were uncomfortable. B) They were out of style.
 C) They were similar. D) They were worn out.
2. A) They were too shabby. B) They were too tight.
 C) They were uncomfortable. D) They were not charming enough.

3. A) A pair of red shoes. B) Two pairs of shoes.
C) A box of shoes for half price. D) A pair of brown shoes.
4. A) The new red ones. B) The old ones.
C) The new brown ones. D) The more expensive ones.

Conversation 2

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

5. A) The length of his stay in this country to be allowed.
B) The way to open a bank account in Britain.
C) The course he intends to take next year.
D) The deposits that he has in his account.
6. A) Twelve months. B) 18 months at most.
C) Over six months. D) One year and a half at least.
7. A) Either a passport or a driving license.
B) Both a passport and a driving license.
C) Either a credit card or a student's identity card.
D) Both a credit card and a passport.
8. A) The student's parents. B) Both his employer and his university.
C) The student's friends. D) Either his employer or his university.

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

Conversation 4

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

13. A) An airport. B) A railway station.
C) A hotel. D) A coach station.
14. A) Bristol. B) Brighton.
C) Birmingham. D) Nottingham.
15. A) Ten dollars. B) Twelve dollars.
C) Fifty dollars. D) Fifteen dollars.
16. A) Traffic was heavy because it was the rush hours.
B) The taxi-driver was worried because time was running out.
C) The woman got to the airport in time to catch her flight.
D) The taxi driver had trouble fixing the taxi tyres.

Conversation 5

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

17. A) Translation theory and practice. B) Finance and economics.
C) Theory of education. D) Business management.
18. A) Undergraduates. B) Postgraduates.
C) Universities. D) Parents.
19. A) They want to earn enough money to buy whatever they want.
B) They want to get more working experience.
C) They want to enrich their university life.
D) They want to be independent financially.
20. A) He is happy about his life in the university because he is independent.
B) He likes his life in the university because he doesn't have to do much homework.
C) He likes his major but it is not an easy task for him to write his dissertation.
D) He is eager to live on campus doing whatever he likes.

Conversation 6

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

21. A) Two days. B) Three days.
C) Four days. D) Five days.

22. A) A mini-bus and a driver. B) A Nissan car with a driver.
C) Just a car with four doors. D) A car that can take a lot of customers.
23. A) Singapore 256 2398. B) Singapore 265 2398.
C) Singapore 256 3298. D) Singapore 265 3892.
24. A) She goes there to visit her friends. B) She goes there to pursue her studies.
C) She goes there to visit scenic spots. D) She goes there for business purpose.

Conversation 7

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

25. A) Yes, they have met at the head office in Sydney before.
B) Yes, the woman has shown the man around the city before.
C) No, they have never seen each other before but they have talked on the phone.
D) No, they have never had any contact before.
26. A) She suggests that they go sightseeing at 11 tomorrow morning.
B) She suggests showing the man around the head office tomorrow morning.
C) She suggests meeting the man at the head office tomorrow morning.
D) She suggests meeting the man at the Opera House tomorrow morning.
27. A) It was nice and impressive. B) It was quite good.
C) It was boring and tiresome. D) It was awfully bad.
28. A) Yes, he would like to visit the Opera House the first thing tomorrow.
B) Yes, he would like to have lunch in a restaurant near the harbor.
C) No, he would like the woman to decide where to visit.
D) No, he is not interested in visiting any places.

Conversation 8

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

29. A) It is comfortable and the location is convenient.
B) It is far away from the city center so it is inconvenient.
C) It is a new hotel and the facilities there are modern.
D) He doesn't like the hotel because there are quite a few visitors there.
30. A) Right in the downtown area. B) On the outskirts of the city.
C) On the opposite side of the street. D) On the river bank near the hotel.
31. A) The number of staff has increased because of the company restructuring.
B) The number of staff has decreased from 2,000 to 700 due to the company restructuring.

- C) The number of departments has increased as a result of the company restructuring.
- D) The number of departments has decreased as the company has undergone restructuring.

32. A) In the company report. B) In newspapers and magazines.
C) From some public material. D) From the story told by Mr. Weiss.

Conversation 9

Questions 33 to 36 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

33. A) Because he wants the woman to send him a copy of the agenda.
B) Because he wants to change some items on the agenda.
C) Because he wants the meeting to be put off till February.
D) Because Julie and Nancy cannot come to the meeting.
34. A) They will give their presentation at the meeting as scheduled.
B) They will not give their presentation until February.
C) They have sorted out the production problem so they'll present their findings.
D) They will make some changes to their presentation before the meeting.
35. A) Item 2. B) Item 3.
C) Item 4. D) Item 5.
36. A) She will make some changes to the agenda and send a copy to the man first.
B) She will make some changes to the agenda and send everyone a copy.
C) She will make some changes to the agenda and check it before she sends it to the man.
D) She will fax the original copy of the agenda to the man to make sure it is correct.

Conversation 10

Questions 37 to 40 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

37. A) The plane she took was delayed.
B) The receptionist forgot to give her a morning call.
C) Her taxi had a flat tyre and the traffic was terrible.
D) She lost her way so it took her an hour to get there.
38. A) Well-known paintings bought in the Louvre Museum.
B) A CD-Rom of famous paintings in the Louvre Museum.
C) Some small gifts bought in Paris.
D) A gift that her daughter had given her.
39. A) He has already got the same CD-Rom of paintings from his daughter.
B) He doesn't like the gift because it is only a small one.
C) The woman shouldn't give him a gift as they are good friends.
D) He would give the gift back to the woman for a change.

40. A) They have known each other for a long time.
B) They have met each other on several occasions.
C) They are colleagues working for the same company.
D) This is their first face-to-face meeting.

Conversation 11

Questions 41 to 44 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

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

Conversation 12

Questions 45 to 48 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

45. A) From the personnel department. B) From the head office.
C) From the accounts department. D) From the sales manager.
46. A) Good at solving problems.
B) Lovely, easy-going and intelligent.
C) Experienced, active and friendly.
D) Lively, friendly and easy to work with.
47. A) Because he is an intelligent person with lively personality.
B) Because he does not like working with other people.
C) Because he can overcome his shyness and get familiar with the others soon.
D) Because he is intelligent and can help solve problems.

48. A) She has had a lot of specific training in marketing.
B) She is fresh from university with a degree in marketing.
C) She is an experienced salesperson with a CPA.
D) She has done a lot of summer jobs, so she's experienced.

Conversation 13

Questions 49 to 52 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

49. A) A student and his roommate. B) A landlady and a tenant.
C) A housekeeper and a tenant. D) Husband and wife.
50. A) There is a one-bedroom apartment available if he's interested in renting one.
B) There is not any vacancy at the moment but he can get one within a week.
C) The one-bedroom apartment is more expensive than the two-bedroom.
D) Although the one-bedroom apartment is cheaper, there are fewer facilities there.
51. A) To secure a two-bedroom apartment. B) To renew a six-month lease.
C) To cover property damage. D) To pay for the rent.
52. A) A swimming pool and a tennis court. B) A tennis court and some recreation area.
C) A recreation area and a swimming pool. D) Dishwashers and washing machines.

Conversation 14

Questions 53 to 56 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

53. A) All kinds of rooms are available at the moment.
B) Only double rooms are available because it's a busy season.
C) No room is available right now because of the trade fair.
D) The man can have one single room and two doubles on the same floor.
54. A) Because they don't want to live separately.
B) Because one of the guests is disabled.
C) Because they can have a view of the city.
D) Because these rooms are close to the garden.
55. A) They have balconies with a good view of the garden.
B) They have balconies with a good view of the city.
C) They have balconies but no bathrooms.
D) They are accessible with the lift.
56. A) It is a small room which can hold about 12 people.
B) It is a nice and quiet room on the ground floor.

- C) It is accessible because everyone can get there by lift.
- D) The room is available for the whole day on April 3rd.

Conversation 15

Questions 57 to 60 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

- 57. A) At the Commercial Hall. B) At the Bankers' Institute.
C) At the head office of the company. D) At the boardroom of the company.
- 58. A) Over seven hundred and twenty. B) Around three hundred and sixty.
C) About three hundred and eighteen. D) Above three hundred and eighty.
- 59. A) A microphone and two OHPs. B) Some microphones and a video.
C) Some microphones and OHPs. D) Several OHPs and a video.
- 60. A) Because the shareholders have not received any copies yet.
B) Because the shareholders have found out some mistakes in the report.
C) Because the Managing Director asks them to do it.
D) Because some of the figures in the report should be corrected.

Conversation 16

Questions 61 to 64 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

- 61. A) Because she was too shocked to take any action.
B) Because she didn't know the telephone number of the police station.
C) Because she was unable to move or shout for help.
D) Because she didn't want to tell the police until her husband came home.
- 62. A) She opened the door at once as she thought it was her husband.
B) She didn't open the door until she made sure it was her husband.
C) She turned off the television and opened the door.
D) She walked across the room and opened the door.
- 63. A) She tells the police about the particular features of them.
B) She says they threatened her and robbed her of some property.
C) The robbers beat her and then ran off with a lot of money from her.
D) The robbers searched high and low for money but in vain.
- 64. A) They took only some money, nothing else.
B) They took a large sum of money and a wallet.
C) They took some money, jewelry and a watch.
D) They didn't take anything but a watch.