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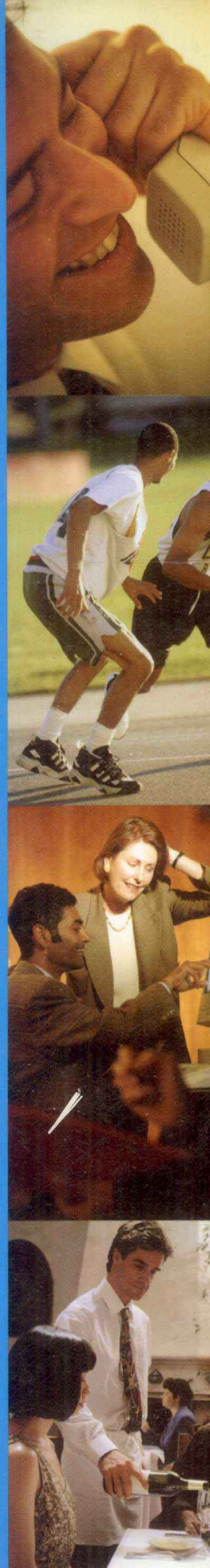
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内 容 简 介

《大学英语跟踪阅读》(第二版)依据《大学英语课程教学要求》的精神,在同原书第一版的基础上修订而成,分为4册。本册18个单元,每单元由10篇阅读理解文章及不同形式的练习题构成。在编写过程中,力求所选文章依据难易梯度设置,各篇词汇分布均匀,尽可能覆盖《大学英语课程教学要求》中规定的词汇和各项语言基础知识。每篇阅读文章之前均提供了文章字数,供学生及时评估阅读速度和效率,逐步提高阅读理解能力。本次修订主要订正了第一版书中的个别错误,更换了少量难度或主题不甚理想的文章或习题,将文中的生词进行了重新全面排查和注释。本教程既可作为独立的大学英语阅读教材使用,也可配合大学英语主干教材使用。

本教程的目标读者为高等院校在校学生,大学英语四、六级备考人员及英语水平相当的其他人士。

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第二版前言

《大学英语跟踪阅读》系列教材自出版以来得到了广大英语学习者和教师的普遍认可与喜爱。经过使用,其良好的跟踪效果已得到证明。承蒙广大读者的抬爱和清华大学出版社的鼎力支持,《大学英语跟踪阅读》(第二版)系列教材才得以再次付诸出版,在此编写组表示最衷心的感谢。

一套好的教材要想保持长久的生命力,需要不断的修订和完善。正因如此,为使其更加完善并适应新时代外语教学的要求,我们在听取广大读者和教师对第一版的意见和建议基础上,通过认真研讨及广泛调研,集思广益,对本书进行了修订与改进。

第二版的《大学英语跟踪阅读》系列教材延续了第一版的风格与特色,总体框架和教学定位不变,秉承持续跟踪的特色。

本次修订主要订正了第一版书中的疏漏之处,更换了少量难度或主题不甚理想的文章或习题,将文中出现的生词重新进行了排查,对于《大学英语课程教学要求》中的较高要求、更高要求及超纲词均进行了中文释义,并对本书的部分版式进行了人性化的调整,整体上更加切合现行的大学英语教学的需要。在选材中特别重视筛选新兴学科和内容新颖的文章,绝大部分选自近五年来一些知识面宽、科学性强、趣味性浓的英语读物,涉及语言、文化、习俗、伦理、信息、科学、社会焦点等诸多方面,使学生读来津津有味、妙趣横生、拓宽见闻、知识倍增,力求融语言知识学习、文化意识提高与批判性思维能力的培养为一体,同时,所选文章大部分出自名家之手,遣词造句文从字顺、语言规范、情景交融,使学生读来心领神会,易于吸收。本系列教材四册书的安排力求由简而繁、由浅入深、循序渐进,既能满足基础阶段英语学习者的要求,又能作为中、高级阶段英语学习者进行提高训练的材料,实现了本书设计的初衷。

参加《大学英语跟踪阅读》(第二版)编写的院校有哈尔滨理工大学、清华大学、上海交通大学、吉林大学、北京邮电大学、湖南大学、北京语言大学、广州大学、东北林业大学及哈尔滨师范大学等,一字一句均浸透着参编人员的辛勤汗水。本书在编写过程中参考了国内外相关资料,在此一并表示深深的谢意。

尽管在修订时做了大量的工作和努力,但由于编者水平之局限,不足之处依旧必存,敬请广大使用者及同行批评、斧正。

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Unit 1

Passage 1
Words: 137

Monday
Time Spent: ____

Date: ____/____/____ (D/M/Y)
Score: ____/5

Expressions of Colors

Mary did not understand such sentences as “You are yellow.” “She is blue today.” “She has a green thumb.” “She has told a white lie.” and so on. So she went to her teacher for help.

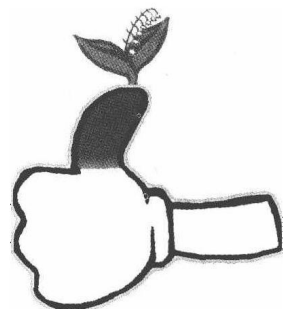
Mary: Mrs. Smith, there is a color in each of these sentences. What do they mean?

Mrs. Smith: In everyday English, yellow sometimes means afraid. Blue — sad. A person with a green thumb grows plants well. And a white lie is not a bad one.

Mary: Would you give an example for a white lie?

Mrs. Smith: Certainly. Now I give you some cakes. In fact you don't like them but you won't say so. Instead, you say, “No, thanks. I'm not hungry.” That's a white lie.

Mary: Oh, I see. Thank you very much.



○ Reading Comprehension

- Mary did not understand the sentences and asked Mrs. Smith _____.
A. what color they were
B. what they meant
C. how to say the sentences
D. to read them
- Sometimes “yellow” means “afraid” in _____ English.
A. correct
B. usual
C. spoken
D. written
- He is _____ today. He is told his father is seriously ill.
A. blue
B. yellow
C. green
D. white

4. I don't have green thumb, so all my plants _____.
A. die off B. grow well
C. look nice D. are sad
5. He didn't like me to know _____ of the accident. He told me a white lie.
A. the beginning B. the true story
C. the meaning D. the answer

Passage 2

Words: 181

Monday

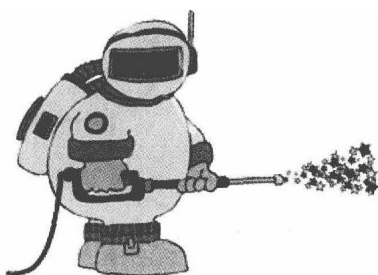
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Date: ____/____/____ (D/M/Y)

Score: ____/5

Who's There?

Sam and Joe were astronauts. There was once a very dangerous trip and the more experienced astronauts knew there was only a small chance of coming back alive. Sam and



Joe, however, thought it would be exciting though a little dangerous. "We're the best men for the job," they said to the boss. "There may be problems, but we can find the answers." "They're the last people I'd trust," thought the boss. "But all the other astronauts have refused to go." Once they were in space, Joe had to go outside to make some repairs. When the repairs were done, he tried to get back inside the spaceship. But the door was locked.

He knocked but there was no answer. He knocked again, louder this time, and again no answer came. Then he hit the door as hard as he could and finally a voice said, "Who's there?" "It's me! Who else could it be?" shouted Joe. Sam let him in all right but you can imagine that Joe never asked to go on a trip with Sam again!

○ Reading Comprehension

- Most of the astronauts were unwilling to go on the trip because _____.
A. there was little chance of being selected
B. they weren't experienced enough
C. they thought they might get killed
D. it wasn't exciting enough
- Why were Sam and Joe chosen?
A. The boss wanted them to get more experience.
B. The boss trusted them more than anyone else.

- C. They were the last people who wanted to go.
 D. They were the only men who offered to go.
3. What did Sam and Joe think the trip would be like?
 A. There would be serious problems.
 B. There wouldn't be any danger.
 C. It would be long and tiring.
 D. It would be exciting.
4. Joe didn't want to work with Sam again probably because he thought Sam _____.
 A. was very slow and possibly deaf
 B. didn't know how to operate the door
 C. was less experienced than he was
 D. didn't know how to do repairs
5. The writer tells this story to _____.
 A. show the dangerous side of the astronauts' life
 B. show the funny side of the astronauts' life
 C. make people laugh
 D. make people think

Passage 3

Monday

Date: ____/____/____/ (D/M/Y)

Words: 156

Time Spent: ____

Score: ____/5

"What" and "Not"

Mr. Knott was a worker. He worked in a big factory in London. He lived a long way from the factory. So he was usually quite tired when he got home. At half past nine one evening, when he was just in bed, the telephone rang in the hall of his house. He went downstairs, picked up the telephone and said, "This is White Street 2876. Who is speaking, please?" "Watt," a man answered. "What's your name, please?" said Mr. Knott. "Watt's my name," was the answer. "Yes, I asked you that. What's your name?" Mr. Knott said again. "I told you, Watt's my name," said the other man. "Are you Jack Smith?" "No, I'm Knott," answered Mr. Knott. "Will you give me your name?" said Mr. Watt. "Will Knott," answered Mr. Knott. Both Mr. Watt and Mr. Knott put their telephones down angrily and thought, "That must be a mad man!"



○ Reading Comprehension

1. Mr. Knott was usually quite tired when he got home because _____.
A. his work was very hard
B. he lived a long way from his factory
C. he often went home on foot
D. he didn't like his work
2. What happened at half past nine one evening?
A. A friend came to his house.
B. He couldn't remember his friend's telephone number.
C. A man gave him a telephone call.
D. Nothing happened.
3. Who called him up?
A. A madman.
B. Mr. Watt.
C. Jack Smith.
D. Nobody.
4. Which words have the same pronunciation as "Watt" and "Knott"?
A. "What" and "not".
B. "What" and "know".
C. "Wait" and "not".
D. "Water" and "now".
5. Who was the mad man?
A. Mr. Will Knott.
B. Mr. Watt.
C. Jack Smith.
D. Nobody.

Passage 4

Tuesday

Date: ____/____/____/ (D/M/Y)

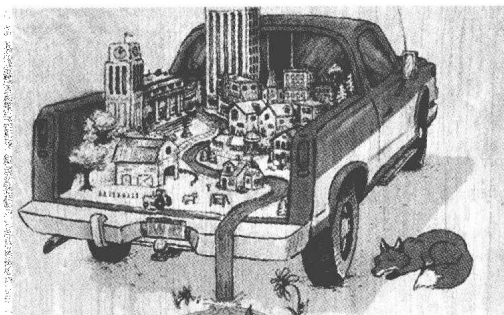
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Time Spent: ____

Score: ____/5

Return to My Hometown

Last summer, my wife and I went to visit the town where we both grew up. We hadn't been there since we were married ten years ago. First, we went to the neighborhood where my wife spent her childhood. It hadn't changed very much. The house where she was born was still there, but it was now a different color. The same neighbors still lived next door. They were very glad to see Jane, and asked us to come in and have a cup of coffee. We learned about all the neighbors, old and new. Jane had a very good time. As soon as one question was asked,



she would ask the next. "What happened to the Blacks who used to have the little yellow house on the corner?" "Who bought the old Johnson's place on the next block?" "Do Fred and the Whites still live down the street?" "What about Miss Burton who lived alone in the extremely big house around the corner?" Then we went to see the neighborhood where I grew up. What a disappointment! It was all changed. All the old houses I remembered were gone and in their place were some very modern ones. I didn't know any of the people who lived there. Someone has said that you can't go home again. Jane might not think so, but I believe this is true.

○ Reading Comprehension

- Which place did they go to visit last summer?
 - A beautiful country.
 - The countryside.
 - Their hometown.
 - The biggest city in the country.
- They got married _____.
 - eight years ago
 - ten years ago
 - ten years before
 - eight years before
- First, they went to the place where _____ spent _____ childhood.
 - his wife ... her
 - he ... his
 - his mother ... her
 - his wife's mother ... her
- Which statement is TRUE about the old neighbors according to the passage?
 - They refused to see Jane.
 - They hated to see Jane.
 - They were delighted to see Jane.
 - They were unfriendly to Jane.
- All the old houses I remembered were gone. The word "gone" here means _____.
 - disappeared
 - left
 - built
 - sold

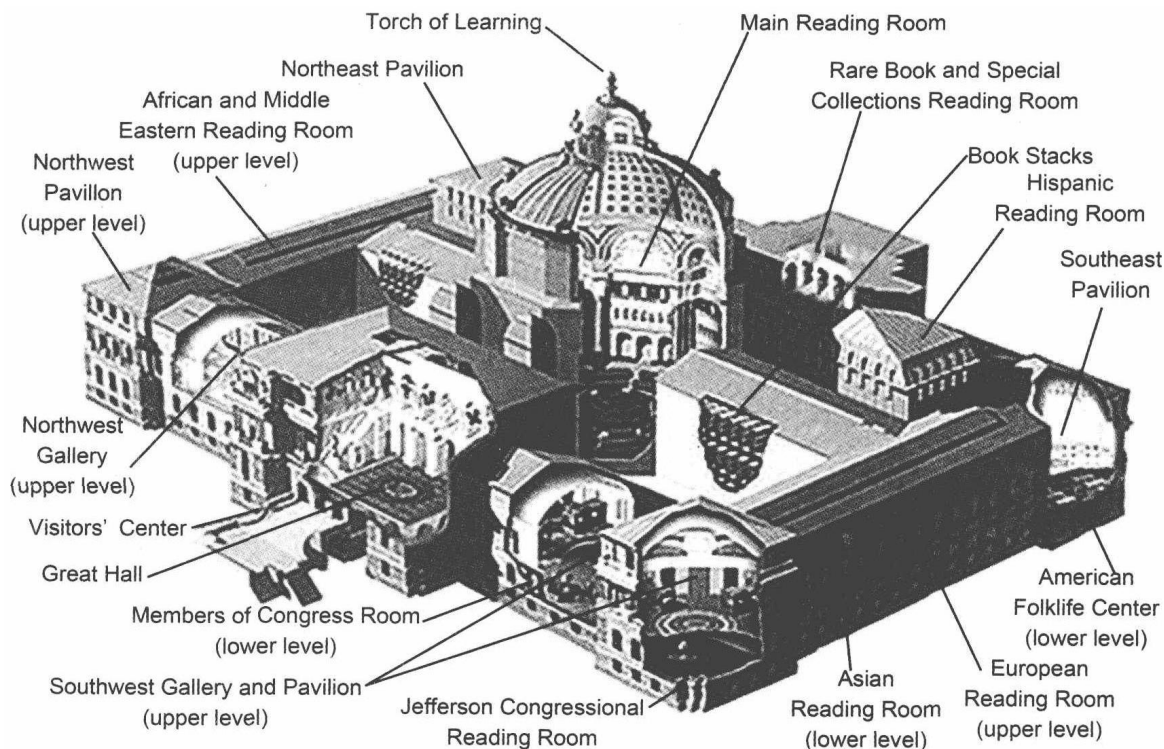
Passage 5
Words: 195

Wednesday
Time Spent: ____

Date: ____/____/____/ (D/M/Y)
Score: ____/5

The Largest Library in the World

You might think the largest library in the world would be in Europe. But it isn't. It's in Washington D.C. It's called the Library of Congress. President John Adams started the library in 1800 for members of Congress. He wanted them to be able to read books about law. The first 740



books were bought in England. They were simply set up in the room where Congress met. Then Thomas Jefferson sold Congress many of his own books. He felt Congress should have books on all subjects, not just on law. This idea changed the library for good. The library grew and grew. Now it covers acres of land. It contains 20 million books as well as scores of pictures, movies, globes and machines. Experts in every field work here. Hundreds of people call every day with all kinds of questions. Many of them get answers right over the phone. The library is a large storehouse. Thomas Edison's first movie and Houdini's magic books reside (存放) there. And it is the proud owner of the world's best collection of comic books.

○ Reading Comprehension

- From the passage we know that the Library of Congress has kept _____.
A. the earliest books on law in the world
B. only 740 books on law
C. the books on law of about two hundred years ago
D. most books on law in the world
- Thomas Jefferson sold Congress many of his own books, so we can draw such a conclusion that Jefferson was a _____.
A. publisher and president
B. member of Congress and businessman
C. businessman and politician

- D. president and writer
3. This idea changed the library for good, which means that the library _____ .
 A. changed forever B. turned helpful
 C. can be made full use of D. became a large storehouse
4. Today the Library of Congress is opened to _____ .
 A. the members of Congress
 B. the public
 C. experts in every field
 D. children who like comic books
5. The Library of Congress is famous for its _____ .
 A. largest covering area B. old history
 C. largest number of books D. both A and C

Passage 6

Wednesday

Date: ____/____/____/ (D/M/Y)

Words: 148

Time Spent: ____

Score: ____/5

Tea

The first people to drink tea were the Chinese because the bush grew wild all over the south of their country. They liked the taste, and found that the drink refreshed them. People living in Europe first learned about tea growing and drinking from a book printed in Italy in 1599. The writer claimed that tea was a wonderful medicine! Although people in Europe knew about tea in 1599, it was another fifty years before the first cargo of tea from China reached Holland. A few years later, tea was brought overland from China to Russia. The long difficult journey had to be made over mountains and across deserts. The new drink reached England in 1657. It was sold at one of the coffee houses. Only the very rich could afford to drink it.



○ Reading Comprehension

1. The Chinese drank tea first because _____ .
 A. the tea bush grew all over the south of their country
 B. they learned it from their parents
 C. the leaves of the tea smelled good
 D. they happened to know it could be drunk