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## 前言

为大学英语四级考试模拟题集的编者们是多年从事大学英语教育的教师。本书根据《大学英语教学大纲》和《大学英语四级考试大纲》的要求和标准编写。根据国家教委考试委员会新改的题型,本书的题型有所变化。在原来题型的基础上又增加了听写填空(Spot Dictation)和英译汉(Translation from English to Chinese)。为了帮助学生在较短的时间内适应新题型,在考试中取得优秀成绩,特别增添了新题型的试题。

由于本书编写仓促,难免存在缺点和不足,热诚欢迎读者批评指正,以便今后不断改进。

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## **TEST ONE**

#### Part I

## Listening Comprehension

#### Section A

**Directions:** In this section, you will hear 10 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. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Example: You will hear:

You will read:

- A) At the office.
- B) In the waiting room.
- C) At the airport.
- D) In a restaurant.

From the conversation we know that the two were talking about some work they had to finish in the evening. This is most likely to have taken place at the office. Therefore, A) "At the office," is the best answer. You should choose [A] on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the centre.

- 1. A) He is dead.
  - C) He has no sense of time.
- 2. A) Waitress and customer.
  - C) Wife and husband.
- 3. A) 7:10.
  - C) 7:50.
  - 4. A) A menu.
    - C) A refrigerator.
- 5. A) 6.
  - C) 10.
- 6. A) Accompany them.
  - C) Play the piano.

- B) He is sensitive to shame.
- D) He is shameless.
- B) Hostess and quest.
- D) Mother and son.
- B) 7:00.
- D) 7:30.
- B) A shopping list.
- D) A cooking book.
- B) 12.
- D) 18.
- B) Join in the group.
- D) Sing a song.
- 7. A) He offers the lowest price for his radio.
  - B) His radio is worth the price.
  - C) He's never lowered the price.
  - D) He will lower the price if the woman insists.
- 8. A) It's stormy.

B) It's hot.

C) It's rainy.

- D) It's cold.
- 9. A) He wants to get a temporary job.
  - B) He wants to get a permanent job.
  - C) He wants to find a job for his father.
  - D) He wants to know whether the woman has got a vacation job.

- 10.A) Filling an application form.
  - C) Chatting with a shop-assistant.
- B) Being interviewed.
- D) Interviewing an applicant.

#### Section B

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 the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

#### Passage One

#### Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 11. A) Without permission Charilic Zhou can't smoke.
  - B) Without permission Charilic Zhou can't speak to an officer.
  - C) Without permission Charilic Zhou can't wear uniform.
  - D) Without permission Charilic Zhou can't leave the barracks. (兵营)
- 12. A) Fourteen minutes.
- B) Forty minutes.
- C) Fifteen minutes.
- D) Fifty minutes.
- 13. A) Oh, dear, I mustn't talk about that.
  - B) Oh, dear, I'm not allowed to talk about that.
  - C) Oh, dear, I'm not permitted to talk about that.
  - D) Oh, dear, I'm afraid I can't talk about that.

#### Passage Two

#### Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A) Very impolite.

B) Not customary.

C) Very urgent.

- D) Not necessary.
- 15. A) To have a talk with him.
  - B) To inform him of their decision.
  - C) To discuss a problem with him.
  - D) To tell him a problem they met with.
- 16. A) Concern.

B) Fear.

C) Excitement.

D) All of the above.

#### Passage Three

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

- 17. A) Test its most important parts.
  - B) Do two most important tests.
  - C) Make some very strange tests.
  - D) Test every part of it repeatedly.
- 18. A) Because there would be less damage when the plane explodes under water.
  - B) Because the pressure of water is always smaller than that of air.
  - C) Because this is the only way to find out which part has cracked.
  - D) Because some parts of a plane are more likely to crack in water than in the air.
- 19. A) When the plane is in danger.

- B) During test flight in the air.
- C) When all the engines suddenly go wrong.
- D) During test flights in the lab.
- 20. A) The test pilot may lost his life.
  - B) The plane falls down like a stone.
  - C) The test is made at extremely high altitudes.
  - D) The engines are not in working order.

### Part I

## **Reading Comprehension**

**Directions:** There are 4 reading passages in this part. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). You should decide on the best choice and mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

#### Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following passage:

Elderly people respond best to a calm and unhurried environment. This is not always easy to provide as their behavior can sometimes be irritating. If they get excited or upset they may become more confused and more difficult to look after. Although sometimes it can be extremely difficult, it is best to be patient and not to get upset yourself. You should always encourage old people to do as much as possible for themselves but be ready to lend a helping hand when necessary.

Failing memory makes it difficult for the person to recall all the basic kinds of information we take for granted. The obvious way to help in this situation is to supply the information that is missing and help them make sense of what is going on. You must use every opportunity to provide information but remember to keep it simple and straight forward.

"Good morning, Mum. This is Fiona, your daughter. It is eight o'clock, so if you get up now, we can have breakfast downstairs."

When the elderly person makes confused statements, e.g. about going out to his or her old employment or visiting a dead relative, correct in a calm matter-of-fact fashion: "You don't work in the office any more. You are retired now. Will you come and help me with the dishes?"

We rely heavily on the information provided by signposts, clocks, calendars and newspapers. These assist us to organize and direct our behavior. Confused old people need these aids all the time to compensate for their poor memory. Encourage them to use reminder boards or diaries for important coming events and label the contents of different cupboards and drawers. Many other aids such as information cards, old photos, scrap books, addresses or shopping lists could help in individual case.

- 21. The main subject of the passage about elderly people is \_\_\_\_.
  - A) their general care and welfare
  - B) promoting their physical and mental health
  - C) how they can be helped to look after themselves
  - D) assisting people with physical problems to live a normal life
- 22. The passage gives help to one responsible for an elderly forgetful person by
  - A) removing some of his or her worries about the job
  - B) suggesting sensible things to do in these circumstances

C) providing ideas that help in recovering the lost memory D) explaining the causes of loss of memory 23. A difficulty experienced by other people is that they may \_\_\_\_. A) worry too much about the old poor person's condition B) try to do too much for the person concerned C) find it difficult sometimes to deal with matters calmly D) fail to understand the old person's problems 24. How should confused statements and ideas be dealt with? A) Plainly and sensibly B) By a detailed explanation of the mistakes C). By showing sympathy and understanding D) By ignoring them and talking about something else 25. Visual aids can give practical help to elderly people by \_\_\_\_. A) bringing back to mind various kinds of useful information B) informing them about what has to be done next C) helping them to revive old memories D) clearing up their mistakes and confusion Questions 26 to 30 are based on the following passage: Among the questions of design, construction, and operation remaining to be solved before commercial airliners travel faster than sound is the difficult problem of sonic boom, the explosive sound generated when an object moves through the air at supersonic speed.

A sound is a pressure disturbance; a sonic boom, like other explosive sounds, is the result of an abrupt change in pressure. An airplane in subsonic flight produces weak changes in pressure, but because these disturbances traval at the speed of sound, they move faster than the airplane and stay in front of it. In effect, these disurbances warn the air to get out of the way, and the air does just that—it parts in smooth, curving streamlines to pass around the airplane's surfaces. A supersonic jet, however, gets ahead of its own pressure disturbances. Consequently a wave of suddenly compressed air—a shock wave—builds up and is thrown off like the wave that spreads from the bow of a speedboat.

Can sonic booms be eliminated? The answer is a categorical negative—they are an inherent part of supersonic flight—but the sonic boom probably can be reduced; government and private research is now under way to improve understanding of the sonic boom. If and when the booms can be reduced to tolerable levels, commercial supersonic transports can come into service.

can be reduced to tolerable leve	is, commercial supersonic transports can come into service.
26. Before commercial airliners t	travel faster than sound, problems must be solved regarding
A) design	B) construction
C) operation	D) all of the above
27. A sonic boom is like every s	ound in that it is
A) explosive	B) caused by compressed air
C) a pressure disturbance	D) a shock wave
28. Subsonic flight does not pro	duce a sonic boom. because it
A) does not disturb existing	pressures
B) stays behind its disturbate	nce
C) does not produce great es	nough changes in pressure

D) stays ahead of its disturba	ance		
29. Research is under way to			
A) discover what causes the sonic boom			
B) find a means of eliminating the sonic boom			
C) produce the sonic boom at low altitudes			
D) reduce the sonic boom to			
30. An appropriate title for this p			
A) The Sonic Boom	B) Air and Its Effects		
C) Faster Than Sound	D) Problems Facing Aviation Today		
Questions 31 to 35 are based on t	the following passage.		
'	ed its climax: the man had undoubtedly been murdered, and it		
	ald conceivably have done it. It was therefore time to call in the		
	arching glance at the corpse, then produced a microscope.		
	picked a hair off the lapel of the dead man's coat. "The mystery		
	only to find the man who lost this hair, and the criminal will be		
	hain of logic was complete, and the detective embarked on his		
search.	nam of logic was complete, and the detective embarked on his		
	to be moved unchanged through the streets of New York		
	s he moved unobserved through the streets of New York. scan- looking for a man who had lost a hair. On the fifth day he dis-		
	rist, his head enveloped in a cap reaching below his ears. The		
	itania, and the detective lost no time in following him on board.		
	letective, and then, drawing himself to his full height, he bran-		
	s," said the great detective, "and it proves his guilt."		
"Remove his hat," ordered t	_		
It was discovered that the m	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	detective without a moment's hesitation. "He has committed not		
one murder, but about one million			
31. The detective declared the my			
A) found the hair	stery solved before the		
B) produced the microscope			
C) searched for the murderer			
D) glanced at the corpse			
32. The writer implies that			
	'		
A) the detective's search took five days B) the Gloritania was about to leave New York			
C) the ship's captain refused			
D. most New Yorkers are balo			
	in on board because he thought the man was		
A) planning a murder	B) bald		
	D) not what he seemed		
34. The tone of this story is			
A) humorous	B) serious		
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D) scientific

C) educational

- 35. The theme of this story is that . . .
  - A) those using logic are not always logical
  - B) mysteries can always be solved by using logic
  - C) detectives can never be trusted
  - D) guilt can always be proved scientifically

#### Questions 36 to 40 are based on the following passage:

What exactly is tea? Basically it is a drink made from the dried leaves of a plant that only grows in hot countries. The British first heard of tea in 1598, and first tasted it in about 1650. For nearly two centuries all tea was imported from China, until, in 1823, a tea plant was found growing naturally in Assam in India. Sixteen years later the first eight chests of Indian tea were sold in London, and today, London's tea markets deal in tea from India, Sri Lanka (Ceylon), and Africa more than from China. But wherever the tea comes from, the rules for making a 'nice cup of tea' are the same:

1. Use good tea — buy the best you can afford. 2. Storage — store tea in an airtight container away from strong smells. 3. Use freshly drawn, freshly boiled water that has just reached boiling point. 4. Warm the pot - teapots should always be warmed before making the tea. 5. The short pour -- water should reach the tea leaves as near boiling point as possible. 6. Therefore take the teapot to the kettle and not the kettle to the tea pot. 7. Tea should be brewed not cooked. Brew the tea for three to four minutes and stir, then serve with milk or lemon and sugar if desired.

In Britain tea is the drink that cheers — and that is cheap. But there's a darker side to the 'nice cup of tea'. Life is far from cheerful for many of those who produce tea in other parts of the world. Many workers on tea estates suffer from poverty and poor food, and there is a high infant death-rate. A male labourer's wages for a day — a mere 36 pence — is equal to the cost of a pound of tea to an Englishman, and that should make about two hundred cups of tea! In 1784 tea Britain's

cost one shilling and sixpence a pound in England (£20 in today's money). E	Before long
national drink may be nearly as expensive again.	
36. In order to make a nice cup of tea,	
A) you should use boiled water.	
B) you'd better add some milk and lemon to it.	

- D) you shouldn't stir the tea the moment it is brewed.

C) you must buy the best tea in the shop.

- 37. Which of the following statements is true? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) Sri Lanka is mentioned as a country that exports tea.
  - 'B) Tea is basically a kind of dried seed planted in hot place.
    - C) It was not until the 16th century that the British began to enjoy tea.
    - D) Tea was successfully transplanted from China to India in 1823.
- 38. What content is most likely to precede this passage?
  - A) Some comments made on other kinds of drinks.
  - \*B) A general introducton of tea-raising methods.
    - C) The scientific analysis of tea's chemical components
    - D) The role tea plays in British people's life now.
- 39. Which of the following statements is not supported in the passage?

A) A pound of tea can make about 200 cups of tea.
B) The price of tea will remain low in the future.
C) Tea growers' children suffer a high death-rate.
D) Tea is regarded as the national drink in Britain.
40. The most suitable title of the passage may be \_\_\_\_\_\_.
A) Drinks With Long History.
B) A Nice Cup Of Tea.
C) Every Thing Has Two Sides.

D) British People's Contribution to Tea.

## Part I

## Vocabulary and Structure

Directions: There are 30 incomplete sentences in this part. For each sentence there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Choose the One answer that best completes the sentence. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

	41. Denny would, sooner o	r later, him:	serious trouble.	
			C) involve/in	D) subject/to
۸,	42. The light is so dim that			
			C) separate/from	D) compare/with
۵,	43. He by the most ear			
	A) tried	B) succeeded	C) managed	D) endeavoured
4	44. His three grandchildren			
	A) affect	B) effort	C) afford	D) effect
۵,	45 in times of crisis _	I finally found out	what he was really like.	
			C) That it was/when	
Α 4	46. I deeply regret tho A) speaking	se words to you.		
<b>-</b>	A) speaking	B) having spoken	C) to have spoken	D) to speak
13 4	17. Mr Smith some col	ffee.		•
			eminded Mrs. Smith to tal	
			eminded Mrs. Smith of tal	king
4	18. Never in all their years a	at Aberalaw utter	ly miserable.	
	A) had they felt	B) they felt	C) did they feel	D) they had felt
4 ک	19. There is no point f			
	A) to argue			D) having argued
. 5	60. Mary was absent this m			
	A) filled			D) being filled
5	51. You so sleepy if yo	u hadn't watched TV s	o late last night.	
	A) wouldn't have been	i i		D) wouldn't be
5	2. He wondered if the other			
	A) to recognize			D) in recognizing
5 د	3. She was overjoyed			,
	A) about			D) of
5	4. Fifteen engines are scheo	luled for delivery this v	veek, the remainder	at a late date.

		A) are sent	B) to be sent	C) being sent	D) sent
	55.	He having his own	way.		
		A) was used to	B) used to	C) had used to	D) uses to
	56.	Oil has been under	the North Sea.		
		A) found	B) discovered	C) tracked down	D) searched for
Ĭ>	57.	The train moved slowly	from the station, but _	speed as it reached th	ne open country.
				C) put forward	
	58.	We are not going to allo	w a little difficulty like	that to us	
		A) pick/out	B) make/out	C) give/off	D) put/off
D	59.	The child was told	not to go near the railw	ay.	
		A) time and again	B) all the times	C) for a long time	D) most of the time
	60.	He had learned enough (	German to a conve	rsation.	
		A) carry on	B) account for	C) bring up	D) get through
1>	61.	It was such an item	as of news that none of	the papers printed it.	
			B) minor		D) indispensable
U	62.	I must have a holiday, I	am a bit out of he	ealth.	
		A) run up	B) run down	C) run off	D) run over
Đ	63.	I suggested that he was	help from the Roy	al Literary Fund.	
		A) worthy	B) worthy of	C) worth of	D) worthless
	64.	You English eight :	years next June.		
		A) studies	B) have studied	C) will study	D) will have studied
	65.	It by the chairman.			•
		A,) need not be written	B) is no n	eed to be written	
		C) need not to have been			
	66.	They quarrelled each oth	ner in the classroom, th	ey a lot of glasses.	
		A) could have broken	B) ought to break C)	must have broken D) m	iight break
	67.	You must have seen him	e yesterday,?		
		A) didn't you	B) must you	C) haven't you	D) have you
	68.	I am very interested in	you have told me.		
		A) that	B) which	C) all that	D) all what
	69.	Very few people underst	ood her lecture, w	vas very obscure.	
				h subject D) the subjec	t of which
	70.	Neither Rosa nor her pa			
		A) is	B) are	C) has been	D) was
			•		

Part IV

## Cloze

Directions: There are 20 blanks in the following passage. For each blank there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). You should choose the ONE that best fits into the passage. The mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

All life is sound. We are constantly 71 by sounds and noises made by nature and everything in 72. For thousands of years man 73 speaking and singing, and thanks to his wonderfully 74 ear, perceiving sounds and noises, 75 they are but a small part of the inconceivable

76 of sounds filling the universe. Children everywhere and almost without 77 are born with musical abilities, with voices, and with hearing. The difference lies merely 78 what they do with these gifts. That 79 according to temperament, upbringing, nationality, and time.

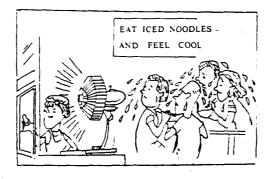
Nature itself is full of 800, full of music. Musical sounds existed millions of years 81 there was a human ear to hear 82: the soft bubbling of the water, the roll of 830 the whispering and rustling of 84 in the wind and 850 knows how many other audible manifestations of nature. Man was 86 into a world of sound. Thunder filled him with fear and became a 870 of supernatural powers. In the roar of the wind he heard the voice of demons. Dwellers at the seashore 88 the temper of the gods by the sound of the waves. Religious rites and music 89 inseparable 90, the dawn of humanity.

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71. A) surrounded	B) surrendered	C) rounded	D) bound
72. A) this	B) it	C) there	D) here
73. A) has been	B) had been	C) have	D) has
74. A) construction	B) constructive	C) constructing	D) constructed
75. A) yet	B) even	C) so	D) although
76. A) riches	B) source	C) wealth	D) resource
77. A) experience	B) knowledge	C) exception	D) foundation
78. A) beyond	B) at	C) on	D) in
79. A) varies	B) differs	C) contradicts	D) contrasts
80. A) noise	B) sound	C) music	D) gifts
81. A) when	B) before	C) ago	D) while
82. A) sound	B) music	C) them	D) it
83. A) valley	B) lightning	C) light	D) thunder
84. A) leaves	B) trees	C) blades	D) grass
85. A) who	B) whoever	C) nobody	D) anybody ·
86. A) sent	B) brought	C) got	D) born
87. A) sigh	B) symbol	C) sight	D) sign
88. A) said	B) talked	C) judged	D) begged
89. A) is	B) was	C) were	D) are
90. A) in	B) on	C) by	D) at

## Part V

## Writing

Directions: For this part, you are allowed 30 minutes to write a description of the picture. You should write at least 100 words for the whole composition. Remember to write neatly.



## Part VI

## **Spot Dictation**

Direction: In this section, you will hear a passage of about 120 words three times. The passage is printed on your Answer Sheet with about 50 word missing. First, you will hear the whole passage from the beginning to the end just to get a general idea of it. Then, in the second reading, you will hear a signal indicating the beginning of a pause after each sentence, sometimes two sentences or just part of a sentence. During the pause, you must write down the missing words you have just heard in the corresponding space on the Answer Sheet. There is also a different signal indicating the end of the pause. When you hear this signal, you must get ready for what comes next from the recording. You can check what you have written when the passage is read to you once again without the pauses.

Miss White (	1)	at the Easter	n Trading Company	since 1980. She is
an efficient secreta	ry (2)	. She is able (3)		
		e. Although there is		
her handwriting is	(5)	She is com	pletely (6)	and
very loyal to the o	ompany. She is ha	rd-working and cons	scientious yet alway	s cheerful and (7)
	Miss White	has (8)	, havii	ng passed her (9)
<u></u>	in 1978. She	has (10)	, and i	is popular with her
colleagues in the o				
Part VI	Translation	from English	h to Chinese	
consisting of one of have just read in t	r two sentences. Th he Second Part of th	ve items which you s sese sentences are all ne Test Paper. You a es so as to identify th	taken from the Red are allowed 15 minut	ading Passages you tes to do the transla-
1. (Passage 1, Par	agraph 2, Lines 1-	-2)		
Failing memoratake for granted.	ry makes it difficult	for the person to rec	all all the basic kind	
2. (Passage 2, Par	agraph 1, Lines 1-	-3) construction, and o	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
commercial airline	rs travel faster than	sound is the difficul s through the air at	t problem of sonic b	poom, the explosive

3. (Passage 2, Paragraph 2, Lines 1-2)				
A sound is a pressure disturbance: a sonic boom, like other explosive sounds, is the result o				
an abrupt change in pressure.				
4. (Passage 3, Paragraph 3, Lines 1-3)				
For four days and four nights he moved unobserved through the streets of New York. scan-				
ning closely every face he passed, looking for a man who had lost a hair. On the fifth day he dis-				
covered a man disguised as a tourist, his head enveloped in a cap reaching below his ears.				
5. (Passage 4, Paragraph 2, Lines 1-3)				
2. Storage—store tea in an airtight container away from strong smells. 3. Use freshly drawn,				
freshly boiled water that has just reached boiling point.				

## **TEST TWO**

## Part I

## **Listening Comprehension**

#### Section A

**Directions:** In this section, you will hear 10 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. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Example: You will hear:

You will read:

- A) At the office.
- B) In the waiting room.
- C) At the airport.
- D) In a restaurant.

From the conversation we know that the two were talking about some work they had to finish in the evening. This is most likely to have taken place at the office. Therefore, A) "At the office." is the best answer. You should choose [A] on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the centre.

1.A) 9:00

B) 9:30

C) 8:30

D) 9:03

- 2. A) Because she has to work at the hospital.
  - B) Because she doesn't want to.
  - C) Because she is hospitalized.
  - D) Because she is ill.
- 3. A) To read the textbook.
  - B) To see a movie and write a comment.
  - C) To write a composition.
  - D) To read a novel.
- 4. A) In a movie-house.

B) At the post office.

C) In a restaurant.

- D) At a drugstore.
- 5. A) Kathy got a letter from her home today.
  - B) Kathy is expecting a letter from her family.
  - C) Kathy wrote a letter to her family today.
  - D) Kathy wrote a letter to her family the day before yesterday.
- 6. A) History book.

B) Physics book.

C) Chemistry book.

- D) English book.
- 7. A) On her way to the office.
  - B) At home with her husband.
  - C) In her office.
  - D) On her way to the post office.
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