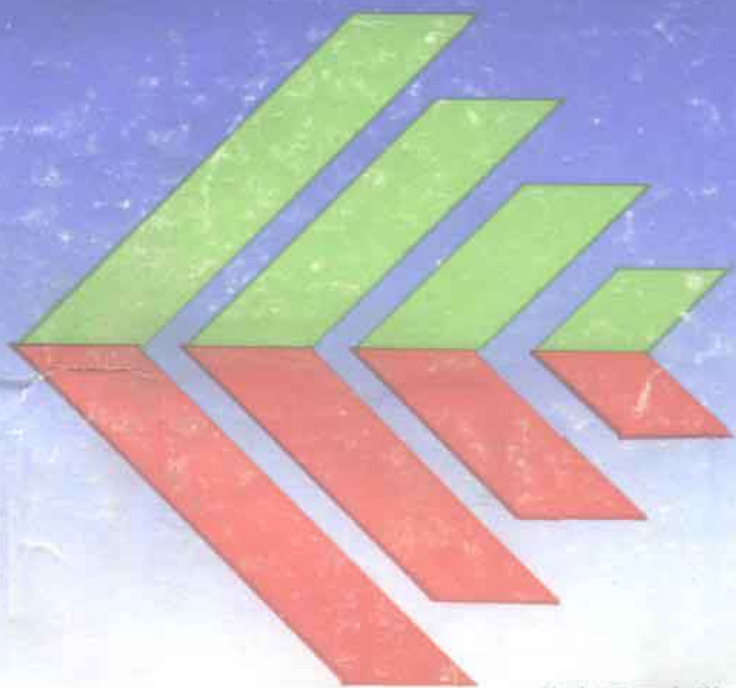




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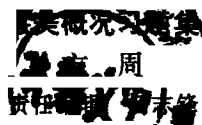
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内 容 简 介

本书是专门针对英美概况课程而编写的习题集。内容覆盖英美地理、历史、政治、宗教、文学艺术、文化及社会风俗各方面的知识。采用五种题型：多项选择、填空、判断正误、名词解释和简答。所选试题经过多年反复使用和修改，可锻炼学习者的记忆、推理、分析和综合运用等方面的能力。书中附有习题答案以及一套模拟题。

可供英语专业学生及英语自学者自测训练、教师参考命题用。

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前言

《英美概况习题集》是一本可供自学考试、电视大学、成人教育以及英语专业学生和大学、中学教师使用的习题集,是在国内目前使用最多的几套英美概况教材的基础上编写的。针对性强,覆盖面广,涉及英美地理、历史、政治、宗教、文学艺术、文化以及社会风俗等方面的知识。练习题型有五种:多项选择题、填空题、判断正误题、名词解释和简答题。所选试题都经过多年的反复使用和修改,可锻炼学习者的记忆、推理、分析和综合运用等多方面的能力。书中附习题答案以及模拟题壹套,学习者可作自测训练,强化学习,教师也可藉此参考命题,辅助教学。

编写本习题集时汇集了长沙铁道学院外语学院教师的宝贵经验,谨在此致谢。作者同时欢迎读者指正错误,对本习题集提出宝贵意见。

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1994年10月

Volume I **A Survey of America**

Part One

The Land and the People

Section I

Geographical Features and Climate Natural Resources and National Economy

I Multiple Choice

1. The United States is divided into _____ states and one district _____ the District of Columbia.
 - A. 50
 - B. 51
 - C. 48
 - D. 30
2. The most important and largest river in the United States of America is _____.

- A. the Ohio River
 - B. the Colorado River
 - C. the Missouri River
 - D. the Mississippi River
3. The high, sharp and rugged Rocky Mountains to the east of the Pacific Ocean are called _____.
- A. the "Father of Mountains"
 - B. "the backbone of the continent"
 - C. the "Barn of America"
 - D. the "King of Mountains"
4. The northeastern part of the United States — New England — enjoys a _____ climate.
- A. northern and oceanic type of
 - B. typical continental
 - C. very cold
 - D. fairly warm
5. The states on the upper-reaches of the Mississippi River, including the Missouri River and the Ohio River has a _____ climate.
- A. typical oceanic type of
 - B. typical cold
 - C. typical continental type of
 - D. mild
6. Of all the fifty states of the United States, _____ states are on the mainland, and _____ states are off the mainland.

- A. forty-five five
 - B. forty-eight two
 - C. thirty-eight twelve
 - D. eighteen thirty-two
7. Of the five big lakes bordering the United States and Canada, only _____ belongs completely to the United States.
- A. Lake Ontario
 - B. Lake Huron
 - C. Lake Michigan
 - D. Lake Erie
8. The states _____ enjoys a typical continental type of climate.
- A. in the northeastern part of the United States
 - B. along the Gulf of Mexico
 - C. on the upper-reaches of the Mississippi River
 - D. off mainland America
9. To the west of mainland America lies the _____.
- A. Atlantic Ocean
 - B. Pacific Ocean
 - C. Indian Ocean
 - D. Arctic Ocean
10. The river that serves as the dividing line between the South and the North of the United States of America is _____.
- A. the Columbia River

- B. the Potomac River
 - C. the Ohio River
 - D. the Colorado River
11. The ocean that serves as the important sea route from America to Europe and the Middle East is the _____ which lies to the _____ of America.
- A. Pacific Ocean west
 - B. Atlantic Ocean east
 - C. Atlantic Ocean west
 - D. Arctic Ocean north
12. The mountain range that runs across the eastern part of the United States is called _____.
- A. the Appalachian Mountains
 - B. the Rocky Mountains
 - C. the Sierra Nevada Mountains
 - D. the Cascade Mountains
13. The national flag of the United States is known as _____.
- A. the Star-Spangled Banner
 - B. Uncle Sam
 - C. Hot Dog
 - D. Union Jack
14. The Great Lakes in the United States reach the Atlantic Ocean by way of the _____ and _____.
- A. Columbia River Potomac River
 - B. Colorado River Lawrence River

C. Rio Grande River Hudson River

D. Lawrence River Hudson River

15. _____ is the American national anthem.

A. "God Save the Queen"

B. "The Star-Spangled-Banner"

C. "In God Is Our Trust"

D. "My country, 'tis of thee"

16. The United States of America is a/an _____.

A. constitutional monarchy

B. absolute monarchy

C. federal republic

D. autonomous republic

17. The total area of America is about _____ million square kilometres, which makes it the _____ largest country in the world.

A. 9.3 second

B. 9.3 fourth

C. 9.6 third

D. 8.7 fifth

18. The term "Father of Waters" is used to refer to _____.

A. the Amazon River

B. the Mississippi River

C. the Nile River

D. the Hudson River

19. The whole of New England and _____ states together can conveniently be regarded as a single section and it is the base from which America was built.
- A. the Western
 - B. the mid-west
 - C. the mid-Atlantic
 - D. the Southern
20. The Grand Coulee Dam, which produces large amount of electricity for the northwestern corner of the United States is situated on _____.
- A. the Colorado River
 - B. the Hudson River
 - C. the Columbia River
 - D. the Rio Grande River
21. Politically small businesses are more likely to support _____, and big businesses tend to favour _____ in the United States.
- A. the Democrats the Republicans
 - B. the Republicans the Democrats
 - C. the Democrats the Senate
 - D. the Republicans the House of Representatives
22. The United States was once one of the leading oil producing countries in the world. Most of its oil reserves is _____.
- A. along the Mississippi River
 - B. in the coastal areas along the Pacific Ocean
 - C. along the Gulf of Mexico

D. in the northeastern part

23. Generally speaking, the U. S. economy consists of three sectors: _____, _____ and _____.
A. the private sector, the governmental sector the public sector
B. the private sector, the corporate sector the state sector
C. the market sector, the private sector the public sector
D. the market sector, the corporate sector the public sector
24. The U. S. has been able to achieve a highly developed national economy because of _____.
A. its highly developed science and technology
B. the militarization of its national economy
C. its gaining cheap raw materials from third world countries and selling finished products to them
D. all of the above
25. Which of the following is NOT an action that the U. S. government would take to help big businesses?
A. The government spends huge amount of money educating and training people who might become employees of big businesses.
B. The government may give financial aids to a big business for the development of a new military product.
C. The government gives big businesses help when they

are in financial trouble.

- D. The government would sometimes force small businesses to combine with big businesses.
26. The largest freshwater lake in the world is _____.
A. Lake Superior
B. Lake Erie
C. Lake Ontario
D. Lake Michigan
27. Which of the following statements is true of the forest resources in the U. S. ?
A. The U. S. produces more timber than it consumes.
B. Many of the big forests are disappearing.
C. Forests are no longer important in American economy.
D. The Americans are not concerned with their forest resources.
28. The greatest lumber-producing states in America are _____.
A. California and Alaska
B. Alaska and Maine
C. Washington and Oregon
D. Texas and Alabama
29. Of all the fifty American states _____ is the largest and _____ is the smallest in area.
A. California Rhode Island
B. Louisiana Vermont
C. Rhode Island Alaska

D. Alaska Rhode Island

30. The Louisiana Purchase from France in 1803 refers to

- A. the present state of Louisiana
- B. the present states of Louisiana and Arkansas
- C. a piece of land smaller than the present state of Louisiana
- D. a large area which forms the western part of the Mississippi valley

31. Generally speaking, the U. S. economy consists of three sectors. Which of the following is not included?

- A. the market sector
- B. the private sector
- C. the corporate sector
- D. the public sector

32. When some Americans say, "When the United States coughs the rest of world catches cold," they mean that

- A. American tourists and businessmen often cause cold all over the world
- B. the growth of the world's economy depends on that of the United States
- C. the United States occupies a very important position in the world economy
- D. the United States is rather cold and people there are easy to catch cold

33. The Niagara Falls are located on the U. S. and Canadian boundary between Lake _____ and Lake _____.
- A. Superior.... Huron
 - B. Michigan.... Huron
 - C. Huron.... Erie
 - D. Erie.... Ontario
34. The Death Valley is _____ meters below sea level.
- A. 89
 - B. 85
 - C. 98
 - D. 58

I True or False

- ()1. The deposit of coal in the United States ranks the first in the capitalist world.
- ()2. The market sector of the U. S. is comprised of big and incorporated businesses.
- ()3. Small businesses have to improve their ability in advertising rather than their service.
- ()4. Bilateral trade between China and the United States started from scratch in 1975.
- ()5. The United States is now the largest trading partner of China.

- () 6. The United States can be roughly divided into three parts—the western part, the southern part and New England.
- () 7. The Atlantic Coastal Plain is bounded on the west by the “Fall Line”.
- () 8. The Great Basin lies between the Colorado Plateau and the Columbia Plateau.
- () 9. In the northeast, the weather is hot in summer and cold in winter.
- () 10. America doesn't have rich water resources.
- () 11. With the exception of Alaska and Hawaii, all the other 48 American states are on the mainland and border on each other.
- () 12. The Pacific states — Washington, Oregon, California and Hawaii — are famous for their fruit.
- () 13. There is too little rain available for almost the whole western half of the U. S. A.
- () 14. Washington is the capital and the largest city in the U. S. A.