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前 言

《大学英语四级考试精编与注释》(以下简称“精编与注释”)是大学英语四级备考的自学、辅导系列教材,它既可作为不需教师指导的自学材料,又可作为教师课堂使用的辅导材料。本系列教材共六册,包括:1. 试题与解答;2. 语法与词汇;3. 综合填空与解答;4. 阅读与解答;5. 新型四、六级听力训练等。

《精编与注释》是按照国家教委批准的大学英语教学大纲和考试大纲要求,分项编著的。目的在于帮助准备参加英语三级、四级和六级统考的大学本科学生,迅速提高英语水平,加强应试能力,顺利通过考试。同时它也适合于准备参加研究生考试和 TOEF、EPT 等各类英语考试的考生使用。

本套教材的特点是:

1. 逐题讲解、便于自学。目前推出的同类教材繁多,但多数只给出答案,而逐题讲解的极少,使读者感到只知其然,不知其所以然,自己作错的题下次仍然不会,因此收获较小。《精编与注释》正是为了满足广大读者这一要求而编著的。全部内容逐题讲解、注释起到教师在课堂上辅导的作用,使备考者真正受益,顺利通过考试。

2. 有的放矢、针对性强。全部内容都是针对学生常见错误和薄弱环节,采众家之长选编处理的。通过大量练习和讲解达到举一反三,高效掌握,运用语言的目的。

该书听力部分备有磁带。需要者可与大连辽宁师范大学外语教研部资料室李亚铃联系(邮编 116029)。

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Band Four

Test 1

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. 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 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 letter.

Example: You will hear:

You will read: A. At the office

B. In the waiting room

C. At the airport

D. In a restaurant

Sample answer: ~~A~~ B C D

From the conversation we know that the two were talking about some work, they have 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 answer ~~A~~ on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the center.

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|--|------------------------|
| 1. A. She has quit her job. | B. She is sick. |
| C. She is on vacation. | D. No reason is given. |
| 2. A. 7 : 55 | B. 7 : 45 |
| C. 7 : 50 | D. 8 : 00 |
| 3. A. His mother wants him to do his homework. | |
| B. He has to finish his homework. | |
| C. He doesn't know it is late. | |
| D. He can't sleep. | |

4. A. Six. B. Seven.
C. Four. D. Twenty—four.
5. A. Route 8. B. Route 10.
C. Route 18. D. Route 80.
6. A. Many guests didn't give a performance at the party.
B. Many guests didn't show their faces. They wore masks.
C. The party wasn't held, because many guests didn't come.
D. The party was held last night, but many guests didn't come.
7. A. C. B. B.
C. A. D. A.
8. A. In the restaurant. B. At the railway station.
C. In the post office. D. At the airport.
9. A. She believes the Smiths are moving to London.
B. She wants to know when the Smiths move to London.
C. She is doubtful about what the man said.
D. She thinks it is good for the Smiths to move to London.
10. A. She likes to see a film.
B. She wants some change.
C. She wants to change her clothes.
D. She likes to go dancing tomorrow.

Section B

Passage One

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

11. A. In 1819. B. In 1861.
C. In 1865. D. In 1909.
12. A. His wife wanted the bed.
B. Ordinary beds were too short for him.
C. Ordinary beds were not comfortable enough.
D. The special bed could remain him of the people in his hometown.
13. A. He was funny. B. He was thoughtful.
C. He was short. D. He was ugly.

Passage Two

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

14. A. To find out how clever monkeys were.
B. To test the intelligence of different animals.
C. To compare the difference between man and the monkey.

- D. To find out how monkeys search for food.
15. A. To give the monkey a surprise.
 B. To see how soon the monkey ate from a box.
 C. To see how soon the monkey could find the food.
 D. To find out how the monkey would open the box.
16. A. By watching it through the keyhole.
 B. By waiting outside the door.
 C. By kneeling down at the door.
 D. By putting it in a small box.

Section C

Directions: 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 words 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.

A four-year study conducted by the Infant Testing Center in San Francisco, California, suggests that babies (17) _____ around other babies than with strange adults. (18) _____, babies benefit by being with their fellow infants daily. Whereas a baby might show fear of an adult stranger, he (19) _____ and reach out to an unfamiliar infant. (20) _____ the babies were one year old, they had begun to form friendships. The above findings, (21) _____ the observation of 100 babies (22) _____ might prove interesting to working parents who must find day care for their babies. Family care (23) _____, with several babies together, is probably (24) _____ to care for babies under three. Dr. Benjamin Spock, (25) _____ on children's disease and author of several books about babies, supports the idea. He says that family day care (26) _____ than hiring a housekeeper or a baby-sitter.

Key and Script

1. B 2. A 3. B 4. A 5. C 6. D 7. C 8. D 9. C 10. D 11. D 12. B
 13. D 14. B 15. C 16. A

17. feel more comfortable
18. According to the study
19. is likely to smile
20. By the time
21. based on

22. aged three months to three years
23. in a private home
24. the ideal way
25. a well-known specialist
26. is better for children

Section A

1. M: Hello, is this Suzanna's Beauty Parlor? I'd like to talk to Nancy.
W: I'm sorry, Nancy is ill today. She won't be in until tomorrow.
Q: Why is Nancy not at work today? (B)
2. M: What time does the ballet start?
W: At 8:30. We have 35 minutes to get there.
Q: What time is it now? (A)
3. W: Why don't you go to bed, Jimmy? You look so tired.
M: I have to finish this assignment first. It's giving me a hard time.
Q: Why is Jimmy up late? (B)
4. W: How often should I take these pills and how many should I take?
M: Take one pill every four hours.
Q: How many pills should the woman take in 24 hours? (A)
5. M: Could you tell me the best way to get to Grove city?
W: That's easy. Just take Route Eighteen West all the way there.
Q: What is the best way to get to Grove city? (C)
6. M: Did the party come off last night?
W: Yes, but many didn't show up.
Q: What do we learn from this conversation? (D)
7. W: I got an "A" on the test.
M: So did I, but Joe got a "C".
Q: What did the woman get? (C)
8. M: Excuse me, which gate is for flight 2441 to Chengdu?
W: It's gate 8.
Q: Where does this conversation most likely take place? (D)
9. M: Did you hear about the Smiths? They're going to move to London next Wednesday!
W: Are you sure?
Q: What does the woman mean? (C)
10. M: Do you feel like going to a movie?
W: No, I'm not in the good mood today. Let's go dancing for a change tomorrow.
Q: What does the woman mean? (D)

Section B

Passage One

Abraham Lincoln was born in 1909. He was president of the United States from 1861 until he died in 1865. Lincoln was a very tall man. He was 6 feet 4 inches tall. Even his feet were big. They were 12 inches long. Lincoln was too tall to fit most beds. When he was president the people from his hometown gave him a special bed. It was 9 feet long. That bed was big enough for president Lincoln. All his life Lincoln liked to laugh. He liked to make other people laugh too. People said that he was so funny that he made cats laugh. Many people thought Abraham Lincoln was very ugly. Right before he became president a 11-year girl wrote him a letter. She said that she wanted him to grow a beard. Abraham Lincoln thought this over and he said that it was a good idea. That is why in most pictures of Lincoln he has a short beard.

11. When was Lincoln born? (D)
12. Why did people from his hometown offer Lincoln a special bed? (B)
13. How did people think of Lincoln before he grew a beard? (D)

Passage Two

A university professor recently made several experiments with different animals to find out which was the most intelligent. He found out that monkey was more intelligent than other animals.

In one experiment the professor put a monkey in a room where there were several small boxes. Some boxes were inside other boxes. One small box had some food inside of it. The professor wanted to watch the monkey and to find out how long it would take the monkey to find the food. The professor left the room. He waited a few minutes outside the door. Then he knelt down and put his eye to the keyhole. What did he see? To his surprise he found himself looking directly into the eye of the monkey. The monkey was looking at the professor through the other side of the door.

14. What was the purpose of the professor's experiments? (B)
15. Why did the professor put the food in a small box? (C)
16. How did the professor watch the monkey? (A)

Test 2

Section A

1. A. He will change his room.
C. He will have his room cleaned.
2. A. Every day.
C. Monday and Wednesday.
3. A. A doctor they know.
B. The woman's health.
C. A new medicine for headaches and sore throat.
D. The changeable weather.
4. A. Salesman
C. Sportsman
5. A. She doesn't want to ask Mr. Jones herself.
B. She doesn't want to work for Mr. Jones.
C. Mr. Jones may have broken the radio.
D. Mr. Jones might fix the radio.
6. A. To be rich.
C. His sight.
7. A. He had forgotten to tell Mr. Smith to bring the dictionary.
B. He had lost the dictionary.
C. He had forgotten to bring the dictionary.
D. He had brought the wrong dictionary.
8. A. \$ 39.
C. \$ 4.
9. A. France.
C. America.
10. A. At eight o'clock.
C. At ten o'clock.
- B. He is making a telephone call.
D. He has a room reserved.
- B. Every day except Thursday.
D. Monday, Tuesday and Friday.
- B. Teacher
D. Surgeon
- B. A light.
D. To be liked.
- B. \$ 35.
D. \$ 5.
- B. Britain.
D. China.
- B. At ten thirty.
D. At eight thirty.

Section B

Passage one

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

11. A. A single-engined airplane.
C. A three-engined airplane.
12. A. Iceland.
- B. A twin-engined airplane.
D. A four-engined airplane.
- B. Ireland.

- C. Newfoundland. D. The Atlantic.
13. A. Learning to fly the hard way.
 B. Amelia Earhart—Pioneer in Women's Flying in Aircraft.
 C. Amelia Earhart—First Across the Atlantic.
 D. Amelia Earhart and President Hoover.

Passage Two

Questions 14 to 17 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A. Einstein's children. B. Little-understood people.
 C. The invention of the compass. D. The life of a scientist.
15. A. It would have been his hundredth birthday.
 B. He had been awarded a prize.
 C. He had just died.
 D. People had found support for his theories.
16. A. His parents. B. A noted lawyer.
 C. A compass. D. A five-year-old boy.
17. A. By crowds of people. B. With gifts and money.
 C. With a Nobel Prize. D. By a twenty-one-gun salute.

Section C

Winters have been hard in our part of Ohio, and my husband has spent a lot of time (18) _____ our long driveway. He often admired our neighbor's snow blower, so (19) _____ I decided to buy one for him (20) _____. I bought one and hid it away for the holidays.

When snow was predicted for December 15, I (21) _____ and gave my husband his present early. He was very excited. That night he (22) _____ his new machine was fueled and ready to run. Then he carefully (23) _____ his thermal clothes (24) _____. He was so excited that he couldn't sleep all night.

In the morning, my eager husband dressed quickly and (25) _____ on his way to the door. Sure enough, the ground (26) _____ but not one inch in the driveway. It had been cleared by our neighbor (27) _____.

Key and Script

1. D 2. D 3. B 4. D 5. D 6. B 7. A 8. C 9. A 10. B 11. A 12. B
 13. B 14. D 15. A 16. C 17. C

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| 18. getting snow out of | 24. in preparation for the next day's |
| 19. one autumn day | adventure |
| 20. as a perfect Christmas gift | 25. glanced out the window |
| 21. broke down | 26. was covered with a blanket of snow |
| 22. made sure | 27. doing us a favor |
| 23. laid out | |

Section A

1. W: Can I help you, sir?
M: Yes, I've a room booked in the name of Graham.
Q: What do we learn about the man from the conversation? (D)
2. W: I have to take examinations every day next week.
M: I am having one on Monday, another on Tuesday and two on Friday.
Q: On which days next week will the man have examinations? (D)
3. W: I have a headache and a sore throat.
M: The weather is changeable. You should take care of yourself.
Q: What are the man and the woman discussing? (B)
4. W: Can you come to my birthday party tomorrow afternoon, Uncle Denis?
M: I'd like to, Christine, but I can't. I'll be in surgery at 3 o'clock.
I'll be seeing patients in my office.
Q: What's the profession of the man? (D)
5. M: My radio doesn't work. What do you think I should do?
W: Why not call Mr. Jones?
Q: What does the woman mean? (D)
6. W: Don't you like the dark?
M: I'd prefer the light. Can you find the switch.
Q: What does the man want? (B)
7. W: Did you remember to tell Mr. Smith to bring the dictionary he promised me?
M: The dictionary? Oh, I'm sorry.
Q: What does the man mean? (A)
8. W: I'd like to exchange this green tablecloth for the red one.
M: Let's see now. The red one is only \$ 10.95, and the green one was \$ 15.
Q: About how much does the clerk owe the woman? (C)
9. M: Are you used to the American ways of living?
W: No, I am not. The American ways are not the same as those in France.
Q: What nationality is the woman? (A)
10. W: Do you know when your brother will come back?
M: He went to see a film. It will begin at eight and will last for two and a half

hours.

Q: When will the man's brother come back? (B)

Section B

Passage One

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

The year was 1932. Amelia Earhart was flying alone from North America to England in a small single-engined airplane. At midnight, several hours after she had left Newfoundland, she ran into bad weather. Just before daylight, there was further trouble. Amelia noticed flames coming from the engine. Would she be able to reach land? There was nothing to do except to keep going and to hope.

In the end, Amelia Earhart did reach Ireland, and for the courage she had shown, she was warmly welcomed in England and Europe. When she returned to the United States, she was honored by President Hoover at a special dinner in the White House. From that time on, Amelia Earhart was famous.

What was so important about her flight? Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly the Atlantic Ocean alone, and she had set a record of 14 hours and 56 minutes.

In the years that followed, Amelia made several flights across the United States, and on each occasion she set a new record for flying time.

11. What kind of airplane did she use for the flight? (A)
12. In her flight from North America in 1932 where did Amelia Earhart land? (B)
13. Which of the following statements was not mentioned? (B)

Passage Two

Questions 14 to 17 are based on the passage you have just heard:

All over the world, people paused recently to remember a man whose work most of them could never understand. The man was Albert Einstein and the occasion was the 100th anniversary of his birth. As a child, Einstein was quiet and withdrawn. His parents and some teachers even feared he might be backward. But when a relative showed 5 year old Albert a compass, he was fascinated. He wondered what forces could be making the needle move. Later he wrote that at that moment he began to wonder about the universe. And in 1921 Einstein received the Nobel Prize for his work on the concepts of time, space and matter.

14. What is the topic of this talk? (D)
15. Why did people pause to remember Einstein? (A)
16. What led Einstein to become interested in science? (C)
17. According to the passage, how was Einstein's work honoured? (C)

Test 3

Section A

1. A. \$ 120. B. \$ 200.
C. \$ 300. D. \$ 340.
2. A. He went to watch a game.
B. He took part in a game.
C. He had an engagement.
D. He was at home.
3. A. Mr. Cooper is waiting for the woman.
B. Mr. Cooper is too busy to meet the woman now.
C. Mr. Cooper isn't here now.
D. Mr. Cooper is having his lunch now.
4. A. At 8 o'clock. B. At 8 : 30.
C. At 9 o'clock. D. At 9 : 30.
5. A. Sue and Sharon. B. Sharon.
C. Sue and Betty. D. Betty.
6. A. Black. B. With sugar.
C. Iced. D. With cream.
7. A. A double room. B. A single room.
C. A room on the second floor. D. A room on the top floor.
8. A. Go on a diet. B. Have a snack.
C. Play some tennis. D. Stop screaming.
9. A. He got a one-way plane ticket.
B. He went the wrong direction on a one-way street.
C. He made an important turn.
D. He slowed down at the wrong time.
10. A. He doesn't have enough money to buy a new car.
B. He really doesn't want to buy a new car.
C. He plans to buy a new car in a little while.
D. He will have enough money for a new car soon.

Section B

Passage One

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

11. A. He can work at home.

- B. He does not want to go to work.
 - C. He works as a builder and decorator at home.
 - D. He hires builders and decorators.
12. A. Actually doing it yourself does not save money.
- B. It's difficult to learn the necessary skills.
 - C. It wastes people's energy although it can save money.
 - D. It's more economical than the expense of hiring laborers.
13. A. Because people have no time.
- B. Because people are surprised by the household jobs.
 - C. Because no one can teach the skill.
 - D. Because the tools are too expensive.

Passage Two

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

14. A. Before he had finished laying it.
- B. Before he laid down his line in the water.
 - C. After he finished laying it.
 - D. After he reached a good place.
15. A. Because he caught a big fish.
- B. Because he got a piece of silver.
 - C. Because he caught a links of a heavy gold chain.
 - D. Because he caught a big piece of gold.
16. A. He was busy drawing the line.
- B. He was very glad,
 - C. He was too careless to notice it.
 - D. He was so greedy that he didn't notice it.

Section C

Have you ever noticed advertisements which say '(17) _____, or your money back! From the first day your pronunciation will be excellent. Just send...' and so on? Of course, it never happens quite like that. The only language that is easy to learn is the mother tongue. And think (18) _____! Before the Second World War people usually learnt a foreign language in order to read the literature of the country. Now speaking the foreign language is (19) _____. Every year many millions of people start learning one. How do they do it?

Some people try at home, with books and records or tapes; some use radio or television programmes; others (20) _____. If they use the language only 2 to 3 times a week, learning it will (21) _____, like language learning at school. (22) _____ try to