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# 英语口语教程应试辅导

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## 内 容 提 要

该书为高等教育自学考试指定教材《英语口语自学教程》的辅导用书。全书依据教材和考试大纲编写;每课包括以下内容:①生词②课文问答③看图说话参考答案④讨论题参考答案⑤课文总结⑥阅读练习总结

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## 前 言

对英语学习者来说,如何提高口语一直是件令人头痛的事,对自学者来说,尤其如此。为了帮助自学者在学习教材的基础上,更好地提高口语,同时帮助自学者提高口试能力,我们依据指定教材,考试大纲和考试样题,根据自学者的客观条件,编写了这本非常适合广大自学者的口试辅导用书。书中提供了一些根据课文发挥的问题及参考答案,给出了看图说话参考答案,讨论题参考答案,课文概括、阅读练习概括。这些参考答案旨在抛砖引玉,希望广大自学者自己能作不同的联想发挥,不要只局限于参考答案。

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限于编者水平,书中不足之处,望读者批评指正。

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一九九九年七月于北外

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# Part One

## Lesson 1

### Text A

### How Old Is She?

#### 1. New words.

**remember**/ri'membə/*vt.* 记得, 想起

**twice**/twais/*adv.* 两次, 两倍地

#### 2. Read Text A and then, answer the following questions.

##### 1) Where did the story take place?

The story took place in the clinic.

##### 2) What is the story about?

The story is about the conversation between a doctor and a woman.

##### 3) Why did the woman go to see the doctor?

She was having some trouble with her heart, so she went to see the doctor.

##### 4) Did the woman tell the doctor her age immediately?

**Why not?**

No, she didn't. In Western world, women, especially old women, are not willing to talk about their own ages.

##### 5) How did she work out that she was only thirty-six?

When she married, she was eighteen and her husband was thirty. Now her husband is sixty and that is twice thirty. So she is

twice eighteen. That is thirty-six.

**6) Did she really forget her age?**

No, she didn't. She just didn't want to talk about it.

**7) Why didn't she tell the doctor her age in a direct way?**

Although she remembered her age clearly, she was reluctant to speak out her real age.

**3. Describe the picture in Text A.**

In the picture, there are two people: a doctor and a woman, who is his patient. A desk with an instrument on it is put in front of the doctor. The instrument is for measuring blood pressure. There is also a bottle of ink, a pen-holder and a sheet of paper on the desk. The woman is sitting on a chair beside the desk with a handbag on her lap. Her hands rest on the handbag. She is dressed in a loose dark-colored coat and a short skirt. She also wears a white fur hat. She seems to be thinking hard. Her eyes are looking up at the ceiling, and her facial expression is quite funny. The doctor is sitting in an armchair behind the desk and holding a pen in his right hand. His chin rests on his left hand. The doctor has on a suit with a stethoscope around his neck. He looks amused. They seem to be talking about something interesting.

**4. Discuss the following topics.**

**1) Use as many descriptive words as you can to describe the woman. (Text A)**

The woman seems to be rich. She is dressed in a loose dark-colored coat and a short skirt. She also wears a fur hat. She must be in thick make-up. The woman has a round face. She has large eyes and short hair with curls, which add to the funny expression on her face. She seems to be thinking hard and is making a gesture to try to explain something.

**2) Do you think the woman really wanted to keep her age a secret? Explain. (Text A)**

No. The woman has given enough information about her age. Everybody can learn her real age according to it. So the doctor is able to know her age immediately. Thus I don't think the woman really wants to cover up her real age. In western countries, people, especially old women, are not willing to refer to their ages in conversation. Age is treated as a private thing. The woman thought for a minute just to find a good way to make known her age to the doctor. She was reluctant to tell the doctor her age directly.

**3) Suppose you were Sally, what would you say to Jim when he came back?**

If Jim comes back, I will tell him Dave has called. I think Dave must have something to tell Jim because he said he would call again later. So I'll advise Jim to give Dave a call to see if he has something urgent.

**5. Summary of Text A.**

A woman went to see the doctor. The doctor asked her how old she was. She answered in an indirect way.

## Lesson 2

### Text A

#### But the Chinese Did!

##### 1. New words.

trouble/'trʌbl/ *n.* 麻烦

##### 2. Read Text A and then, answer the following questions.

###### 1) What is the story about?

The story is about Tom who studied Chinese before he went to China.

###### 2) What did Tom do before he left for China?

He went to evening classes and had Chinese lessons for a month.

###### 3) How long did Tom stay in China?

He stayed in China for a few weeks.

###### 4) Did he have any trouble with his Chinese while he was in China?

No, he didn't.

###### 5) What is the meaning of the last sentence?

Tom had no trouble in speaking Chinese, but the Chinese had much trouble in understanding him.

##### 3. Describe the picture in Text B.

A birthday party is being held for Alice in the living room. Alice, the hostess, invites a lot of friends and classmates to the party. The boys are in suits and the girls in beautiful skirts. Some others are dressed in school uniform. Alice receives many birthday presents. She is very happy. She's going to cut the birthday cake. A

record player is playing a record. The music is really nice and beautiful. Everybody has his own dancing partner. They dance gracefully to the music. All the boys and girls are enjoying themselves. Alice's going to cut the birthday cake and having her fourteenth birthday. She is having a good time.

#### **4. Discuss the following topics.**

##### **1) Where does the humour of the story lie? (Text A)**

Tom studied Chinese for only a month. He could not master a language well in such a short time though he studied very hard. It's inevitable for him to have some trouble in communication during his visit to China. The humour of the story lies in that Tom thought he himself had no trouble in expressing himself in Chinese, but his Chinese was difficult for the Chinese to understand.

##### **2) Give a list of the problems you might have when you visit a foreign country and don't speak its language. (Text A)**

If I'm in a foreign country, the first trouble I might have is how to ask directions. I may be lost when I visit a place and it's difficult to make others clear where I want to go because I don't speak the native language. Second, I might have trouble in a restaurant. The waiter may not be able to understand what I'd like to eat.

##### **3) Which of your birthday is the most important or meaningful to you? Why? (Text B)**

Everybody may have his own most memorable birthday. It may be one that you spent with your parents, good friends, relatives, or your boyfriend / girlfriend. It may be a wonderful birthday party. It may be a visit to a famous seaside resort. Your birthday is not only a festival for yourself, but one that you experi-

ence happiness, love, friendship and care of others. The day may also be related to the important things in your life. For example, you just passed the college entrance examination.

**4) What do you usually do on your birthday? (Text B)**

I usually spend a good evening with my friends. I invite them to come for dinner on that day. A friend of mine brings a delicious birthday cake and others will give me other presents. We always sit around the table and talk about many interesting stories that happened in the past.

**5. Summary of Text A.**

Tom studied Chinese for a month before he went to China. He had no trouble with his Chinese, but the Chinese could hardly understand him.

## Lesson 3

### Text A

#### There Is Something Very Nice Inside the Drum

##### 1. New words.

**drum**/drʌm/*n.* 鼓 *vt.* 击鼓

**sharp**/ʃa:p/*adj.* 锋利的, 尖的

##### 2. Read Text A and then, answer the following questions.

###### 1) What is this story about?

This story is about a birthday present of Jimmy, a drum.

###### 2) What did Jimmy receive on his birthday?

He received quite a lot of nice birthday presents from his family and one of them was a beautiful big drum.

###### 3) What did he do with the drum?

He liked his drum very much. He made a terrible noise with it.

###### 4) Did Jimmy's neighbour like his drum? Why?

No, she didn't like the drum at all because the noise from the drum really bothered her.

###### 5) What did the neighbour do a few days later?

She took a sharp knife and went to Jimmy's house while he was hitting his drum.

###### 6) What did she ask Jimmy to do with it?

She told Jimmy that there's something very nice inside the drum and persuaded him to open the drum with a knife.

##### 3. Describe the picture in Text B.

This is a hat shop. A customer needs to buy a hat. He is dressed in suits and wears a black tie. There is a pair of big and square spectacles on his nose. He is standing by the hat counter and trying on a hat. The hat is black which is his favourite colour. He has tried different kinds of nice hats, but this hard-felt hat with a dark hat band fits him nicely.

He looks in a mirror on the counter. It's really a good match. He is rather satisfied with it. He is going to inquire the price of the hat. A salesman in a dark suit stands behind him. He looks at the man who is trying on the hat. He looks very pleased.

#### **4. Discuss the following topics.**

##### **1) What do you know about Jimmy's family? (Text A)**

Jimmy was five years old. His mother was, of course, very fond of him. His father was very busy and did not come home until it was very late in the evening. Jimmy's grandfather sent Jimmy a beautiful big drum as his birthday present. Jimmy liked his drum very much.

##### **2) Do you think the neighbour was right in stopping Jimmy from making the noise? Explain. (Text A)**

I think it is right to stop Jimmy from making the noise, but his method is not right. Jimmy made a terrible noise with the drum. This affected the neighbour's work and life, so the noise ought to be stopped.

##### **3) What would you do if you were the neighbour? (Text A)**

I'll go to Jimmy's home and have a talk with Jimmy's parents. I think they can understand me and I'll ask them to handle the matter properly.

#### **5. Summary of Text A.**

Jimmy made a noise with a drum, his birthday present. His

neighbour could not stand the noise, so she asked Jimmy to cut the drum open by telling him that there's something nice inside it .

## Lesson 4

### Text B

#### How Did You Lose Your Way?

##### 1. New words.

**grandfather**/'grænd,fɑ:ðə/*n*. 祖父, 外祖父

**outside**/'aut'said/*adv*. 在外面 *prep*. 在...外 *adj*. 外形的

**policeman**/pə'li:smən/*n*. 警察(pl)policemen

##### 2. Read Text B and then, answer the following questions.

###### 1) What is the story about?

The story is about an old man who doesn't want to walk back home.

###### 2) What did the old man do everyday?

Every morning he went for a walk in the park and came home at half past twelve for his lunch.

###### 3) What happened at twelve one morning?

One morning, a police car stopped outside Mrs. Brown's house at twelve o'clock.

###### 4) Why did the old man come back home by a police car according to one of the policemen?

He called the police and told them that he was lost and needed help. So the policemen drove him home.

###### 5) Is it true that the old man lost his way home? Why (Why not)?

It's not true. He has been to that park every day for nearly twenty years, so he ought not to lose his way.

**6) What do you think of the old grandfather?**

He is clever and a little cunning.

**3. Describe the picture in Text A.**

In this picture, a boy sits in bed. He is not feeling well and looks weak, so a doctor is called in for consultation. The doctor wears glasses with wrinkles on his forehead. He looks concerned. A medical kit is placed on the bed. The doctor first put a thermometre under the patient's tongue to take his temperature and then put on a stethoscope to feel his pulse. He also takes the boy's blood pressure. After that, the doctor writes out a prescription. He is really a qualified doctor. The boy is asked to follow the doctor's orders. He'll recover from illness soon.

**4. Discuss the following topics.**

**1) Use as many descriptive words as you can to describe Peter.  
(Text A)**

Peter is a boy. One morning, he is not feeling well. He has got a headache and a stomachache. That's probably because he ate too much at a birthday party the previous evening. Peter is still in bed with his sleepwear on. He looks weak and worried. He'll be fine if he takes the doctor's advice. What's more, he must remember not to eat too much.

**2) What does a doctor usually ask you when you visit your university hospital?**

The doctor usually asks me what's wrong and my recent diet. He also asks me how long the illness has lasted and if I have ever eaten any medicine.

**3) What would you do if you got lost somewhere?**

Many people have the experience of getting lost in a new place. If I am lost, I will try to find out where I am by asking passers-