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A photograph of the Space Shuttle Columbia during its ascent. The shuttle is oriented vertically, with its nose pointing upwards. It is surrounded by a large, bright orange and yellow plume of fire and white smoke, indicating a powerful launch. The background is a clear blue sky. The shuttle's external tank and solid rocket boosters are visible, along with the orbiter attached to the side. The overall scene is dynamic and captures the moment of liftoff.

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前 言

《托福应试练习大全》是编者精心研究近十年国内外出版的全部有关出版物并参考了有关资料后，在掌握托福考题方式和科学而系统地总结试题命题目的的基础上产生的。这一套大全分成《语法分册》、《阅读理解分册》、《短语分册》、《词汇分册》和《听力分册》共五卷出版。《大全》理论联系实际，既避免纸上谈兵，又克服了盲目做题的任意性。可以帮助应试者在准备阶段有效地利用时间，迅速地提高实际应试能力，从而取得满意的考试成绩。

托福试题中虽然没有专考词组和短语这一项考试形式，但词组和短语却贯穿于整个托福考试过程中（包括听力、语法、词汇和阅读理解部分）。许多考生在考试中不能取得满意的成绩，并不是因为他们听觉能力差、语法概念不清楚、词汇量小或阅读技巧缺乏，而是因为他们对现代美国英语中的常用词搭配规律、成语、俚语、口头语、谚语以及典故、组织机构名称等掌握得不够。

试以听力考试为例：经常可以碰到考生把一个句子的所有词汇的读音都听出来了，但仍然听不懂。诸如“He is a fish out of water”，“That’s where I draw the line”或“My watch keeps gaining time”之类的句子，稍有一点听力基础的考生都能知道它们是由哪些单词组成的，然而仍难以断定其确切句意。

编者曾在所在城市的一些托福训练班中担任语法课教学，发现绝大多数的学员经过中学、大学和研究生阶段的英语学习，基本语法概念是相当清楚的，但对结构与写作表达的动词短语、形容词短语、副词片语和介词短语的掌握，却不能令人满意，有一次，编者有意选择了40道有关英语惯用法知识的语法题，结果一般考生的命中率都在20%以下。

至于惯用短语是英语阅读最大障碍这一点，更已有目共睹，无需赘言了。

有鉴于斯，编者广泛收集了大量托福试题中的成语、俚语、口

语、谚语、典故、组织机构名称以及其他习惯搭配使用的词组近万条。既包括一些传统的常用短语，也收集了大量现代英语中出现的富有生命力的新表达方式。为了方便学习，每则短语不仅注明它的中文意思，同时附上曾出现于试题的有关例句一至若干条。

本书堪称是同类出版物中最齐全的一部托福考试语短语大全，希望它能配合《托福应试练习大全》的其他各册，帮助读者扎扎实实地提高应试能力。

编 者

1990年4月1日于合肥

A a

a babe in arms (= a babe in the woods) 涉世未深的人

You can't trust such an important task to him. He's just a babe in arms.

a bad policy 不明智的政策, 下策

Borrowing money is a bad policy in my view.

a bar of 一条, 一块

Besides my prescription, I need some toothpaste, a bar of soap, and some aspirin.

a big letdown 大失所望的事

Not getting that job was a big letdown.

a big shot 要人, 有影响力的人

Andy's father must be a big shot. He was invited to dinner at the White House.

a bit 有点, 些许

Be careful not to mention the matter to him: he's still a bit touchy on the subject.

Is the Canadian dollar worth a bit more than the U.S. dollar?

I haven't rested a bit, I have been jogging, weight-lifting, and trying to get back into shape.

The peahen is a bit smaller than the peacock and does not have a long, colorful tail.

a blade of 一片(草叶等)

There have been cases reported in which blades of straw were embedded in fence posts.

a blind alley 死胡同, 暗淡的前景

I think Ralph should switch careers. His present job seems to be a blind alley.

The police's inquiries were leading them up a blind alley.

a bouquet of 一束

Someone presented the orchestra a bouquet of flowers.

a breath of fresh air 一阵清风, 令人愉快的事或人

When Nora and Emily moved in, they were like a breath of fresh air to us, and we soon became good friends.

a bunch of 一束; 一串; [俚]一群

Mrs. Dobie gave Mary a bunch of grapes.

There is a nice bunch of girls.

a busy signal 占线信号, (电话)忙音

Operator! I've been trying to make a call for over an hour, and I keep getting a busy signal.

a close game 一场险胜的比赛

We won a very close game.

a cluster of 一族, 一丛, 一群

They were little clusters of schools and institutes.

Galaxies and clusters of galaxies are the largest units among the structures of the universe.

a coat of 一层

A coat of paint will develop small cracks as it shrinks over time.

a collection of 一批(收藏品), 一组

The Art Institute of Chicago has a fine collection of French paintings of the late 1800's and early 1900's.

A major collection of Henry Ossawa Tanner's paintings was shown at the Smithsonian Institution.

Founded in 1866, the Metropolitan Museum in New York now owns a collection of art which ranks with those of the older galleries of Europe.

A collection of artifacts, which was taken from graves in the area and lent to Harvard University, will be returned to the museum next week.

If a designated (target) memory consists of a collection of attributes, its recall or retrieval should be enhanced by any cue that indicates one of the attributes.

a colony of 一群

The seemingly uncomplicated lichen is actually composed of a fungus and a colony of algae (or blue-green algae, which some scientists consider to be bacteria).

a conglomerate of 聚集在一起的一个集团, 群居在一起的, 一群

The population of Seattle is a conglomerate of people from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

a couple of 一对, 一双, 两三个

The man broke a couple of bones in the bus crash.

The discussion was dominated by a couple of people.

William read ten short stories and a couple of novels during his freshman English course.

The poor village finally received a couple of much needed tractors from the government.

While you're there, will you pick up a couple of white shirts for me?

a cross between... and... ...与...的杂交种(混合物, 中介)

The digital set, already on sale in Europe and scheduled to be introduced in the United States this fall, is a cross between a computer terminal and a TV set.

a crowd of 一群

A huge crowd of people attended the fund-raising presentation in the mall.

a cure-all 灵丹妙药, 万能药

Although research has shown that asparagus does contain many important nutrients, it is not, as it was once regarded, a cure-all.

a dose of 一剂, 一服(药)

Doctors discourage massive doses of drugs for infants.

a few 少数, 几个

A few strangle their supporting tree by building their own trunks around it.

All that we really need to plot out the future of our universe are a few good measurements.

One can learn to operate the small sub in just a few hours.

It seems as though I've been gone a month, but it's only been a few short days.

And in a few species the gripping tail has developed to such an extent that it actually has "fingerprints" on the tip.

At one time, there were as many as fifty chautauqua-type organizations scattered throughout the country as well as a few traveling chautauquas.

a flash attachment (照相机的) 闪光装置

Does this one come with a flash attachment for indoor shots?

a flat tire (tyre) 爆气的车胎

George would certainly have attended the proceedings had he not had a flat tire.

a fraction of 一小部分的

Although people are able to generate a wide range of vocal sounds, any given language uses only a small fraction of them.

Austria today is just a fraction of the earlier multilingual, multinational Hapsburg Empire which lasted from 1273 to 1918.

A very small fraction of the Sun's light and heat is emitted in such directions that, after passing unhindered through interplanetary space, it hits the earth.

a galaxy of 一群(出色的人物)

In considering that galaxy of women who are Southern writers—Eudora Welty, Katherine Anne Porter, Flannery O'Connor, and Caroline Gordon, to name but a few—it becomes evident that their genius is the product of a special social phenomenon.

a gang of 一伙, 一帮, 一群

The parrot helped break up a gang of burglars thought to be responsible for crimes involving the theft of over \$ 50,000 in property.

a good 相当, 足足

You are a good height. Just a little plump.

a good bit 相当多, (修饰比较级)得多

Mars, which lies beyond Earth, is much farther away than Venus and a good bit smaller than Venus.

a good idea 好主意

If you are married, it is a good idea to encourage your husband and children to learn to cook a few simple meals while you are away.

I don't think it's a good idea to borrow money.

Since infection can cause both fever and pain, it is a good idea to check his temperature.

If you don't know much about dogs, it's a good idea to go to the library or the ASPCA for books about various kinds of dogs, as well as books about how to train a puppy.

a good time 愉快的时刻

This wouldn't be a good time to go to North Carolina.

Often referred to as "the city that care forgot", New Orleans has always been a town for those seeking a good time.

a grain of 一粒... 一颗...

If the sun were the size of a pea, the earth would be a grain of sand three feet away.

a great deal 很多, 大量, (修饰比较级)...得多

The two-bedroom is a great deal larger than the one-bedroom.

Benjamin West contributed a great deal to American art: painting, teaching, and lecturing.

It taught me a great deal about the importance of independence.

Some screenwriters possess enough flair or experience to suggest a great deal through an artful minimum of exposition and characterization.

a great (good) deal of 许多, 大量...(接不可数名词)

By using sewage, the state government believes it can save a great deal of money on road paving while solving some environmental problems.

Hippopotamuses, although they spend a great deal of time submerged in lakes or rivers, do not feed in the water.

Older people with a good deal of education who are used to using their minds appear to have less difficulty.

A great deal of gift-giving, barter, buying, and selling goes on among the Navajos.

There were so many people trying to leave the burning building that the police had a great deal of trouble controlling them.

a great (good) many 许多(接可数名词)

In the complex technological society that the United States has become, each member must fulfill a number of personal and occupational roles and be in constant contact with a great many other members.

There hasn't been a student like him in this department for a great many years.

A great many of the volcanoes are still exploding.

Nevertheless, there are a great many cases where the judge's role is far more creative.

a great time 愉快的时刻

I had a great time. It's a city full of contrasts with everything from the French Quarter to the Superdome.

a group of 一组, 一群

What he dreamed of was an expanding union of self-governing commonwealths, joined as a group of peers.

The fourth year sociology class was a homogeneous group of university students.

The university was founded by a group of women.

Transcendentalism began with the formation in 1836 of the Transcendental Club in Boston, Massachusetts, by a group of artists and writers.

The photograph revealed a group of mountain climbers who had strung a twenty-foot rope between two particularly dangerous peaks.

a guide to direction 方向(方位)指南, 方向指示物

The sun has always been an important guide to direction.

a gust of 突发的一阵, (感情的)迸发

These tales included grotesque, comic, and poetic descriptions, character sketches, narratives, gusts of feeling, delicate ironies and astute observations.

a heap of 一大堆

Jim has a heap of homework to finish today.

Jim has a heap of stamps.

a heavy course load 繁重的课程负担

Do you have a heavy course load this term?

a herd of 一群(牛等)

Men who take care of large herds of cattle are called cowboys or cowhands.

a horde of (hordes of) 一群(群)

Great migrating hordes of these insects once darkened the skies on the plains east of the Rockies where crops were often destroyed.

a host of 许多, 一大群

I hope other people remember that, Bill. He left a host of debts when he died.

In the 1850's Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" became the best seller of the generation, inspiring a host of imitators.

a kind of 一种

Human teeth decay when they are attacked by a kind of acid.

a knight in shining armor 能力挽狂澜的完美人物

When her unsuccessful marriage had come to an end, Henry came into her life like a knight in shining armor.

a la carte 点菜的, 照菜单点菜的

Most a la carte restaurants are expensive.

a lack of 缺少, 缺乏

Spanish vessels began to bring orange tree seedlings to North America when doctors reported a lack of medical supplies.

a large amount of 大量

I have a large amount of work to finish in July.

a large proportion of 大部分的

The passage says that a large proportion of its workers in the early 19th century apparently were young women from the surrounding rural areas.

Because a large proportion of the land in Hawaii is rugged and mountainous, the state has little space in which to grow crops.

a length of 一段(树、时间等)

The recorderlike flutes, with finger holes along the top, were carved from a length of soft, straight-grained wood, like willow or box elder, that was split in half and hollowed out.

This means that the satellite completes one orbit during the same length of time that the Earth makes one rotation on its axis.

a link between...and... ...与...之间的联系、居间环节

Scientists still cannot find any convincing link between intelligence and the quantity or quality of brain cells.

a little 少量, 有点, 些许

Most of the courses at the banquet were completely consumed, but there was a little food still remaining.

However, the price in this model seems a little steep.

Although she had practiced law for only a little over eight years, Florence Allen became in 1922 the first woman to sit on a state supreme court.

The latter two, as you may notice, are pronounced exactly the same while the first is said only a little differently.

a little bit 有点, 些许

Well, I'll go if you really want to, but I'm a little bit tired.

Dinner was excellent except for the fried zucchini, which was a little bit on the mushy side.

a little bit of 一点儿, 些许

I'm learning only a little bit of Spanish.

a load of 一车(船、飞机...)的, 许多

She had a full load of passengers and a cargo that included munitions.

a long shot 大胆的猜测

Professional gamblers will rarely back a long shot.

a lot 很多, 大量, 非常

—You rowed hard today and won the race.

—Yes, I practiced a lot and didn't eat much yesterday.

You know your uncle was a lot like my own uncle, always going out of his way to help people and things like that.

a lot of 许多, 大量

The reason that the scientists called the wreck a "treasure trove" is that they expected it to yield a lot of valuable information.

Is it true that they make a lot of pottery in the Ohio River Valley?

I've read some people have a lot of trouble when their sleep-rhythms are interrupted, even the sleeping pills don't help them.

Peter often has a lot of good ideas but he rarely follows them through to completion.

a majority of 大多数的, 大部分

All but one member of each group had been instructed to agree upon a wrong answer for a majority of the trials.

According to a recent poll, a large majority of Americans are in favor of retaining the present 55-mile-an-hour speed limit.

a mass of 一块, 一团, 大量的

Neuropsychology studies the workings and interconnections of individual nerve cells in the brain, producing a mass of detailed facts.

a matter of ...的问题(事情);大约

Art, for novelist Edith Wharton, was primarily a matter of selection.

The design of wildlife refuges is still a matter of considerable controversy.

Overcoming nervousness is a matter of realizing that interviews are two-sided and making the most of it.

They would have recognized further that it would be only a matter of time before steam would be the prime source of power on the farm.

Scott found that his rival had beaten him by a matter of a few days.

a maximum of 至多, 最多为

A solar-cell battery can provide a maximum of ten years of battery life.

a minimum of 至少, 最少为

Applicants must have a minimum of five years experience working in a similar facility.

Regardless of size, each state is required by the Constitution of the United States to have a minimum of one representative.

a multitude of 许多, 大量

A multitude of people attended the fund-raising presentation in the mall.

Ever since the creation of celluloid, plastics have been found to have a multitude of industrial and commercial uses.

a number of 若干, 许多

A number of the Mikasuki Indians still reside on their reservation in Northern Florida.

Now a growing number of corporations and schools are doing the same thing.

There have been a number of important American novelists in this century, but F. Scott Fitzgerald is one of the more interesting ones.

After becoming a lawyer in New York, he joined the Republican Party and eventually came to hold a number of offices there, including a position as head of the New York Customs House.

A number of moderate countries bitterly denounced the action as running counter to the spirit of nonalignment.

There are cornets, bugles, flugelhorn, and a number of others that are all similar to the trumpet in the way they are made and played.

a pack of 一盒, 一包

Even though the doctor has advised him to quit, Bob still smokes a pack of cigarettes a day.

a pair of 一对, 一双, 一副, 一把, 一条

This pen is connected to a pair of metal electrodes attached to the fingers of a hand.

—Is that a new pair of shoes?

—Yes, do you think the color is right?

Could I see a pair of sandals like the brown ones in the window?

After two appointments with the eye doctor and a new pair of glasses, Carol's sight still hasn't improved.

Sandra returned the shoes and took a pair of pants instead.

a piece of 一片, 一块, 一首

The composer of this piece of music was anonymous.

She gave each child a piece of the orange.

a plot of 一块(土地)

Our house rests in a large plot of land.

a portion of 一部分

People today spend a considerable portion of their time conferring on the proper way to bring up children.

A portion of an employee's wages is withheld by the employer for income taxes.

a priori 演绎的, 推测的

His philosophical reasoning was entirely a priori.

a profusion of 很多的, 大量的

In late summer and autumn, the plant produces a profusion of small, brilliant yellow flowers which are usually arranged in wandlife clusters.

a quantity of 一些, 若干量的

To make adobe, workers first mix sandy clay or loam with water and a small quantity of straw, or similar building material.

a quarter of 四分之一的

Although violent, tornadoes are small storms whose paths are not usually more than a quarter of a mile in width.

a (broad) range of 范围广阔的

Others, such as bears, are flexible enough to adapt to a broad range of climates.

a reliance on (upon) 对…的依赖(依靠)

According to the passage, computational linguistics involves a reliance on computers.

a roll of 一卷

Basically, the instrument records four physiological activities on a moving roll of graph paper.

May I please have a roll of twenty-exposure Kodakcolor II—the fast-action kind?

a roll of dice 掷骰子, 碰运气, 可能性

In lines 1 and 2, “a roll of the dice” most nearly means chance.

The search for signals from intelligent beings in outer space may indeed be a roll of the dice, but after years of struggling to be taken seriously, it has become a respectable scientific endeavor.

a row of 一排, 一行

The tent caterpillar has a row of yellow spots along its back.

a scandal to …的耻辱

Such a building is a scandal to our city.

a series of 一系列的, 一连串的

What it “sees” it translates either into a series of electronic impulses which travel down telephone wires or into radio waves which are reflected off satellites to a receiving station.

A debate is a series of formal spoken arguments for and against a definite proposal.

A series of orbiting satellites and a group of sending and receiving stations located around the Earth form a communications system.

A reversible chemical reaction is one that is capable of going through a series of changes in either direction.

The latest and, in many respects, most impressive evidence can be found in a recently produced series of dramatizations of outstanding short stories.

a set of 一组, 一套, 一副, 一批, 一连串的

When scientists are trying to understand a particular set of phenomena, they often make use of a “model”.

The United States has instituted a set of auto emission standards to reduce

pollution.

Each section begins with a set of specific directions that include sample questions.

A set of teeth that were made out of elephant ivory were displayed in exhibitions around the country about a hundred years ago.

In industry, robots are designed to do a specific set of operations.

a sheet of 一片, 一块, 一层

Even though many do not want to believe otherwise, the central Arctic is not a solid sheet of ice.

A camera takes light rays bounced off subjects and focuses them on a sheet of film.

a shoulder to cry on 患难时可依赖的人, 患难时的安慰

Bob is a real pal; he's really a shoulder to cry on.

Whenever Jane has any trouble, she returns home, knowing that her mother will always provide a shoulder to cry on.

a solution to ...的解决方法

Under-utilized species of fish have been proposed as a solution to the famine in many underdeveloped countries.

Now a solution to this problem is offered by machines that lower the pitch and break down speech into tiny fragments.

a sort of 一种, 一类

The sound will accompany you through spring, a sort of background music to the events that will be taking place around you during the season.

a span of 一段(时间)

There have been periods in history when remarkable progress was made with in a relatively short span of time.

a (vast) spectrum of 幅度很大的, 范围广阔的, 一系列的

The psychoanalytic biographer has at his disposal a broader spectrum of behavior through more decades of life than has the analyst with a living patient.

The National Wildlife Preservation System is concerned with a vast spectrum of ecological systems, from tundra to desert.

a stone's throw 一箭之遥, 很近的距离

Michael's house is a stone's throw from the library.