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前 言

外语教学改革的新形势要求大力加强语言能力的培养,近年来,高考英语考试题型发生的一些新变化就反映了这一趋势,如增加了对考生听力能力的检测项目等。随着我国对外开放规模的不断扩大,特别是面对即将加入 WTO 的严峻挑战,全社会急需大量不同层次、懂外语,并能够与外国人直接交流的专业技术人员和高素质的劳动者。与这一社会需求相比,我国的英语教学现状并不十分理想。为此,1996 年李岚清副总理在外语教学座谈会上指出:“从某种意义上可以说,普及外语和培养外语人才,改进外语教学方法和提高外语教学水平已经不是一般的教学问题,而是影响我国对外开放方针的更好实施和推动我国经济和社会发展的重大问题。”由于历史原因以及不同的政策需要等其他原因,教育部考试中心负责管理的十多种公共英语考试之间缺乏可比性,也没有统一的系统评价标准。而且,听力和口语的测试往往被忽略。在成绩的使用和解释上,目标参照性考试和常模参照性考试往往相互混淆。因此,推行面向全国的非学历性外语考试体系,推行能够满足跨部门、跨行业、跨地区人才流动需要的全国公共英语等级考试体系(Public English Test System,简称 PETS)就显得尤为必要。教育部 1999 年面向全国推出的 PETS,其测试具有权威性,测试的成绩(笔试和口试)具有普遍的认可性。PETS 的考试成绩将按计划逐步替代现有的自学考试中的公共英语考试,PETS 五级测试已经于 1999 年 9 月取代了历史长久的主要用于评价公派出国留学人员英语水平的全国英语水平考试(EPT)。此外,由于 PETS 二级与高考难度相近,教育部也在考虑在条件成熟时替换现行高考,将 PETS 二级的考试成绩用于高校的招生录取。由此可见,PETS 的巨大作用和影响将来会进一步凸现。目前来看,我国外语教育的教学思想、教学模式、评价模式等还相对滞后,还不能适应这种以语言实际运用能力为目标的测试改革。因此,针对 PETS 考试进行有针对性的训练非常必要。

但是我们发现在 PETS 培训过程中还存在很多问题,特别是缺乏合适的教材。为此,我们根据 PETS 第二级考试各部分的内容要求,对 PETS 考纲进行了认真的研究,在 PETS 项目研究专家张连仲教授的指导下,编写了此书。本书精心选择了大量全新的材料,完全按照 PETS 的考试题型设计编写,可以更好地促进 PETS 二级的考前培训。各培训学校、培训点、考生可以此教材作为培训教材或者补充教材。

由于编写时间比较仓促,水平有限,加之对考题的研究尚待深入,书中可能存在一些错误和不够准确的地方,恳请得到学界同仁的批评指正。本着能够在全国范围内有助于推动 PETS 测试的原则,我们衷心希望广大师生在使用本书的过程中,能够及时地向我们反馈书中的问题,以利于再版时及时订正。

参加本书编写的有:张连仲、韩洪文、武雅丽、庄元莉、蒋晓云、张俊英、王晓波、卢晓荣。

第一部分 专项训练

听力理解

一、复习指导

1. 听力能力的培养

英语学习中最基本、最重要的目的之一是要进行面对面的交际。因此,听说能力的培养就显得相当重要,也是我们掌握英语的必由之路。

听力是一种领会能力,是一个由语音到语义,由表及里的复杂的心理语言感知过程。为了顺利完成这一过程,我们在培养正确感知英语语音、语调、重音、节奏等语音交际要素的同时,还要不断加强听力技能方面的训练。

2. 听力技巧

听力训练中是没有捷径可走的,要想使自己的听力有很大的提高,首先必须要树立勤学苦练的思想,而根本的方法就是多听、多读、多讲。我们建议在听力训练及考试中做到以下几点:

(1) 积极进行预测。多利用试题所给出的问题对所要听的材料进行大胆的预测。在有预见的心理状态下听,理解的效果要好得多。

(2) 注意抓住关键词。关键词就是讲话人所讲内容的要点。一旦抓住了关键词,也就抓住了所听内容的要旨。说话人常常通过句子的重音和语调来突出关键词。

(3) 学会抓要点。在平时的练习中要学会做听力笔记。一般地,我们只需要记以下的内容即可:who, when, where, what, how, why。做笔记时,力求简单明了。

3. PETS 二级听力应试指导

PETS 二级听力考试包括两节。第一节 5 题,主要考查学生理解简单的事实性信息和进行简单推理的能力。第二节主要考察考生理解简单的事实性信息的能力。在第一节中,共有 5 段对话,每段对话后面有一个小题。听完每段对话后,有 10 秒钟时间回答问题。由于第一节的听力是全部考试的开端,很多学生的心情还未放松,还没有适应考试,况且对话仅读一遍,很多学生还没有反应过来,第一节就已经结束了。因此,第一节听力极为重要,考生应注意以下几点:

- (1) 沉着冷静,放松精神。
- (2) 集中精神,切忌分散思想。
- (3) 细心快速地阅卷。
- (4) 学会放弃。

在听的过程中,若遇到不清楚或不懂的地方,要学会放弃。切忌在某些问题上耗时过多,以免影响情绪,增加丢分。在做第二节时学生已经渐渐适应考试了。这时除了上述各点,还要注意:这部分内容略长,侧重于考查学生对全篇的理解。有些题目是综合性的,因此考生要学

会在上下文中掌握主旨,在文中进行分析、解题。如果做到这些,听力也就不那么难了。

二、强化练习

第一节 听下面 25 段对话。每段对话后有一个小题。从题中所给的 A, B, C 3 个选项中选出最佳选项,并标在试卷的相应位置。听完每段对话后,你都有 10 秒钟的时间来回答有关小题和阅读下一小题。每段对话仅读一遍。

1. What does the woman mean?
[A] She does not mind.
[B] She wants the man to smoke over there.
[C] She will go away.
2. Where does the dialogue happen?
[A] In a shoe shop.
[B] In a book store.
[C] At home.
3. What time will the film begin?
[A] At 8:50.
[B] At 9:10.
[C] At 9:00.
4. What is the probable relationship between the two speakers?
[A] Teacher and student.
[B] Father and son.
[C] Brother and sister.
5. How many students are there in the man's class?
[A] 10.
[B] 20.
[C] 30.
6. Whose school bag is the most beautiful?
[A] Bob's.
[B] Nancy's.
[C] Tom's.
7. What is in Julia's hand?
[A] A cat she got on her birthday.
[B] A hat her grandpa gave her.
[C] A cat she will send her grandma.
8. Who is not in the picture?
[A] The boy's grandpa.
[B] The boy's grandma and his parents.
[C] The speaker himself.
9. How long will it take to get to the cinema if on foot?

- [A] Only 15 minutes.
[B] More than 15 minutes.
[C] Less than 15 minutes.
10. What time is it now?
[A] 8:00.
[B] 7:30.
[C] 8:30.
11. What are the two people talking about?
[A] Spring holidays.
[B] Summer holidays.
[C] Summer places.
12. What's the opinion of the woman?
[A] Women are better teachers than men.
[B] Women are better doctors than men.
[C] Men are better teachers than women.
13. Why can't Tom answer the question?
[A] He doesn't know the answer.
[B] He can't see the blackboard.
[C] He doesn't understand the question.
14. What will they do in the end?
[A] Go to the shops.
[B] Stay at home.
[C] Buy a TV.
15. What does the woman's father do?
[A] He is a scientist.
[B] He is a teacher.
[C] He is a businessman.
16. What is the price for the tomato?
[A] Ten dollars for a kilo.
[B] Two dollars for a kilo.
[C] Twenty dollars for a kilo.
17. How is the woman going to New York?
[A] By train.
[B] By sea.
[C] By air.
18. What does the man want?
[A] A single bathroom.
[B] Three single rooms.
[C] A single room with bath.

19. Where is the man most probably?
[A] At a hotel.
[B] At a bank.
[C] At a shop.
20. What color does John prefer?
[A] White.
[B] Blue.
[C] Yellow.
21. What is David's favorite drink?
[A] Coffee.
[B] Beer.
[C] Tea.
22. How are they going to the theatre?
[A] By bus.
[B] By taxi.
[C] By train.
23. What is the woman looking for?
[A] Spring flowers.
[B] The station.
[C] A hotel.
24. What did the woman do last Sunday?
[A] Watched the football game.
[B] Made plans.
[C] Saw a play.
25. What is the price for a sofa?
[A] 55 yuan.
[B] 50 yuan.
[C] 100 yuan.

第二节 听下面 25 段对话或独白。每段对话或独白后面有几个小题,从题中所给的 A, B, C 3 个选项中选出最佳选项,并标在试卷的相应位置。听每段对话或独白前,你将有 5 秒钟的时间阅读各个小题;听完后,各小题将给出 5 秒钟的作答时间。每段对话或独白读两遍。

听第 1 段对话或独白,回答第 1, 2 题。

1. Who is arriving on Thursday afternoon?
[A] The woman's mother.
[B] The man.
[C] Mr. Adams.
2. Why didn't Mr. Adams answer the phone?
[A] He was out.

[B] He went to meet his mother.

[C] He was busy.

听第 2 段对话或独白, 回答第 3, 4 题。

3. The man is having his meal _____.

[A] with his wife

[B] with his friend

[C] alone

4. What drink does the man have?

[A] Mushroom soup.

[B] Beer.

[C] Juice.

听第 3 段对话或独白, 回答第 5, 6 题。

5. Why must the man go?

[A] Because he will otherwise miss the bus.

[B] Because he wants to catch the last train.

[C] Because he has something important to do.

6. When does the bus go?

[A] 10:00.

[B] 10:50.

[C] 10:15.

听第 4 段对话或独白, 回答第 7, 8 题。

7. Where does the conversation take place?

[A] At Mary's home.

[B] At a pub.

[C] At Charlie's home.

8. Why are the buses so crowded?

[A] Because there are fewer buses.

[B] Because it is the weekend.

[C] Because it is cheap to take buses.

听第 5 段对话或独白, 回答第 9, 10 题。

9. What's the probable relationship between the two speakers?

[A] Husband and wife.

[B] Boss and worker.

[C] Salesman and buyer.

10. What color of shoes does the woman prefer?

- [A] White.
- [B] Blue.
- [C] Black.

听第 6 段对话或独白, 回答第 11, 12 题。

11. What does the man want?
- [A] A suite.
 - [B] A double room.
 - [C] A single room.
12. How many days will the man stay at the hotel?
- [A] 20 days.
 - [B] 21 days.
 - [C] 2 days.

听第 7 段对话或独白, 回答第 13, 14 题。

13. What are they talking about?
- [A] A computer expert.
 - [B] The man's computer.
 - [C] A little mouse.
14. Who do you think will mend the computer?
- [A] The man.
 - [B] The woman's father.
 - [C] The woman.

听第 8 段对话或独白, 回答第 15, 16 题。

15. Where are the two speakers now?
- [A] On a train.
 - [B] At the airport.
 - [C] At a hotel.
16. Where is the first speaker going?
- [A] To America.
 - [B] To China.
 - [C] It doesn't say.

听第 9 段对话或独白, 回答第 17, 18 题。

17. What does the man invite Carol to do?
- [A] To go shopping.
 - [B] To go to the cinema.
 - [C] To go to the theatre.

18. Why doesn't Carol like going on Saturday?
- [A] Because she is not free on Saturday.
 - [B] Because there are many people on Saturday.
 - [C] Because it will rain on Saturday.

听第 10 段对话或独白, 回答第 19, 20 题。

19. Who is Pat calling?
- [A] Tom.
 - [B] Anna.
 - [C] Rose.
20. Why is Pat calling?
- [A] Because she wants to invite Anna to tea.
 - [B] Because she wants to borrow an English dictionary from Anna.
 - [C] Because she wants to see if Anna has her Chinese dictionary.

听第 11 段对话或独白, 回答第 21, 22 和 23 题。

21. How will they go?
- [A] By plane.
 - [B] By car.
 - [C] By train.
22. What's the climate like there?
- [A] It is rather cold and rainy.
 - [B] It is fairly warm.
 - [C] It is windy and cloudy.
23. When will they probably leave?
- [A] Friday.
 - [B] Saturday.
 - [C] Sunday.

听第 12 段对话或独白, 回答第 24, 25, 26 题。

24. What did the woman suggest the man doing?
- [A] Go on studying for a higher degree.
 - [B] Look for a better job.
 - [C] Go on a holiday for a change.
25. What kind of job is not suitable for the man, according to the woman?
- [A] Medicine.
 - [B] Computer.
 - [C] Driving.
26. What does the man think of the job as a computer programmer?

- [A] It is boring.
- [B] It is appealing.
- [C] It is demanding.

听第 13 段对话或独白, 回答第 27, 28, 29 题。

27. What's David's problem?
- [A] He has a sore throat.
 - [B] He has got a headache.
 - [C] He runs a temperature.
28. Why does the woman want to give David a ride?
- [A] Because David lives near her house.
 - [B] Because David feels too sick to drive a car.
 - [C] Because David doesn't have a car.
29. Will David come to work tomorrow?
- [A] Yes, he will.
 - [B] No, he won't.
 - [C] It doesn't say.

听第 14 段对话或独白, 回答第 30, 31, 32 题。

30. What are the two men talking about?
- [A] Coffee.
 - [B] Exams.
 - [C] Football matches.
31. Why is Bob so busy recently?
- [A] He has several football matches to play.
 - [B] He takes quite a few courses.
 - [C] He has an important examination to take.
32. Will Bob come to see the football match on Friday?
- [A] Yes, of course.
 - [B] No, he won't.
 - [C] It's unknown.

听第 15 段对话或独白, 回答第 33, 34, 35 题。

33. Where is Jim?
- [A] He is at home.
 - [B] He is out.
 - [C] He is at the office.
34. What does Jim like?
- [A] He likes taking medicine.

- [B] He likes drinking beer.
 - [C] He likes making friends.
35. What will Dave do later?
- [A] He will wait for Jim's call.
 - [B] He will come again.
 - [C] He will give Jim a phone call.

听第 16 段对话或独白, 回答第 36, 37, 38, 39 题。

36. What does the man worry about?
- [A] The weather forecast for today.
 - [B] The sports meet.
 - [C] The weather for today.
37. How is the weather in the morning?
- [A] Fine.
 - [B] Clear.
 - [C] Foggy.
38. What does the woman think the weather will be in the afternoon?
- [A] It'll be stormy.
 - [B] It'll clear up.
 - [C] It'll continue to be foggy.
39. What does the woman suggest that the man do?
- [A] Listen to the weather report on radio.
 - [B] Read the weather forecast in the newspaper.
 - [C] Call about the weather forecast.

听第 17 段对话或独白, 回答第 40, 41, 42, 43 题。

40. Why did Tom want to go and eat out?
- [A] Because he was tired of the food his father cooked.
 - [B] Because nobody cooked when his mother was away.
 - [C] Because he enjoyed hamburgers.
41. Why wouldn't Tom do the driving?
- [A] He was not old enough.
 - [B] He didn't know the way.
 - [C] He was a little tired.
42. Is apple pie Tom's favorite desert?
- [A] Yes, it is.
 - [B] No, it isn't.
 - [C] It doesn't say.
43. What can we learn from the dialogue?

- [A] Tom and his father often ate out.
- [B] Tom and his father ordered too much.
- [C] Tom's father knew nothing about cooking.

听第 18 段对话或独白, 回答第 44, 45, 46, 47 题。

44. How will Bob and his wife spend their holiday this year?

- [A] To go to Egypt.
- [B] To stay at home and look after everything.
- [C] It remains to be decided.

45. Why does Bob hesitate at travelling to Egypt?

- [A] No one will take care of his house.
- [B] He is not very interested in the country.
- [C] The travel cost might be high.

46. What is the advantage of travelling by sea?

- [A] One can have a comfortable journey.
- [B] One can enjoy the beautiful scene of the sea.
- [C] One can have a better rest during the voyage.

47. What's the problem for Bob's wife about a trip to Egypt?

- [A] Who is to look after everything.
- [B] How long it will take.
- [C] What they can see on their way.

听第 19 段对话或独白, 回答第 48, 49, 50, 51 题。

48. What is the man doing?

- [A] He is calling to get some information about the flat.
- [B] He is calling to ask the woman for advice.
- [C] He is calling to ask about the rent of the flat.

49. Where is the flat?

- [A] Beside a park.
- [B] Near a shopping center.
- [C] In the center of the town.

50. Which floor is the flat on?

- [A] The 6th floor.
- [B] The 16th floor.
- [C] The 60th floor.

51. What does the man think of the flat?

- [A] He doesn't like it.
- [B] He seems interested in it.
- [C] He thinks the rent is too high.

听第 20 段对话或独白, 回答第 52, 53, 54, 55 题。

52. Where does this conversation take place?

- [A] In a library.
- [B] In a bookstore.
- [C] On a sports field.

53. Why is the woman unable to find the book she needs?

- [A] It's the first time she's come to the library.
- [B] There's only one reading room in the library.
- [C] It is not available.

54. Where is the General Reading Room?

- [A] Beside the library building.
- [B] In a white house across.
- [C] In the teaching building.

55. How many reading rooms does the library have?

- [A] Five.
- [B] Six.
- [C] Four.

听第 21 段对话或独白, 回答第 56, 57, 58, 59 题。

56. What did Mr. Young do?

- [A] He was an office worker.
- [B] He was a company manager.
- [C] He was the owner of a private business.

57. What was Mrs. Young worried about?

- [A] Her husband's health.
- [B] The company's business.
- [C] Her husband's vacation.

58. Why didn't the secretary explain what had happened?

- [A] Because she didn't want to spoil Young's vacation.
- [B] Because she could manage it herself.
- [C] Because she had forgotten it.

59. Which word best describe the secretary?

- [A] Considerate.
- [B] Intelligent.
- [C] Stupid.

听第 22 段对话或独白, 回答第 60, 61, 62, 63 题。

60. What was the cinema's telephone number?

- [A] 3464.
[B] 3463.
[C] 3643.
61. Why was Mrs. Jones surprised at the phone call?
[A] Because it was from a stranger.
[B] Because the man asked questions and answered himself.
[C] Because the caller knew her telephone number.
62. According to Mr. Jones, why didn't the man want to go to the cinema?
[A] Because he was feeling tired.
[B] Because the film had already started.
[C] Because the price was too high.
63. What do you think the man's wife wanted to do?
[A] Go to the cinema with her husband.
[B] Stay at home.
[C] Eat out with her friends.

听第 23 段对话或独白, 回答第 64, 65, 66, 67 题。

64. What are people busy doing before Christmas?
[A] Buying Christmas trees.
[B] Doing Christmas shopping.
[C] Making presents.
65. What is the speaker going to buy for her elder brother?
[A] A recorder.
[B] A radio.
[C] A record.
66. Why didn't her elder brother come for Christmas last year?
[A] Because he was too busy.
[B] Because he was sick.
[C] Because the road was too dangerous.
[D] Because the weather was terrible.
67. What is the main idea of the passage?
[A] Christmas is a festival for family reunion.
[B] The girl's brother will come back home for Christmas.
[C] People are busy doing Christmas shopping.
[D] People are busy with all kinds of preparations before Christmas.

听第 24 段对话或独白, 回答第 68, 69, 70, 71 题。

68. What are the man and woman talking about?
[A] What a wise young man should be like.

- [B] What a young man shouldn't do.
[C] The woman's son.
[D] The man's son.
69. How does the woman feel about her son?
[A] He is still too young to do anything bad.
[B] He is a very good boy.
[C] He will grow up to be a wise young man.
[D] He is born wise.
70. Where does the conversation take place?
[A] On a train.
[B] At the woman's home.
[C] In the street.
[D] At the man's home.
71. Which of the following best describes the man's feeling at the end of the talk?
[A] Disappointed.
[B] Surprised.
[C] Amused.
[D] Annoyed.

听第 25 段对话或独白, 回答第 72, 73, 74, 75 题。

72. When did Mrs. Harris phone the plumber?
[A] On the 20th.
[B] On the 21st.
[C] On the 22nd.
[D] On the 24th.
73. When did the plumber finally arrive?
[A] On the 20th.
[B] On the 21st.
[C] On the 24th.
[D] On the 25th.
74. When do you think the plumber went to Mrs. Smith's house?
[A] Three days after her call.
[B] On the 21st.
[C] On the 20th.
[D] Four days after her call.
75. When do you think the plumber would come to Mrs. Harris' home to fix the faucet?
[A] On the 24th.
[B] On the 25th.
[C] On the 26th.

[D] Unknown.

听力理解答案详解

第一节

1. [B] 这是一道内涵推理题,特点是对话表达的意思比较含蓄,往往没有直接所需的信息。对话中男方问是否可以吸烟,女方请他到角落里。但考生如果注意到 sorry 这个词,问题就比较清楚了。

2. [A] 这是一道关于地点的细节题。在听之前考生应注意到问题的关键是问 where。在听的过程中,女方的第一句话是所有考生都十分熟悉的,可以推断出 [C] At home 是错误的,而从接下来听到的 shoes 一词可以断定发生的地点是在 [A] shoe shop。

3. [B] 如听录音之前浏览了 4 个答案,考生必定会对时间十分注意。女方说现在已是 ten to nine,而男方说 20 分钟足够,因此可推断出 [B] 为正确答案。

4. [A] 这是一道关于人物关系的细节题,考生只要抓住 school 这个词,那么问题也就迎刃而解了。

5. [C] 这是一道数学题。对话中男方用了 3 遍 ten of them,由此可知共计有 30 名学生。

6. [B] 听过男方第一个句子,可能会有考生选 [A] Bob's,但应注意到下面的 But 一词,这是个很关键的转折词,说明了一个新的要点,原来女方说 Nancy 的包最漂亮。

7. [B] 男方说“你手上拿的似乎是只猫”。而女方回答说 No,至此考生便可得出答案,因为在 3 个选项中只有 [B] 是 A hat,故选 [B] 正确。

8. [A] 这是一道要求考生对细节作出正确判断的题。考生需要根据排除法除掉所听到的 grandma, my mum and dad, me 之后才能作出正确选择,对话中未提到的是 [A] his grandpa。

9. [B] 这似乎是一道有关数字方面的问题,但关键在于问题与所听对话之间的区别。在原对话中所提到的 15 分钟是指“骑自行车用的时间”,而问题所问的是“步行所需的时间”,故 [B] 正确。

10. [B] 男方告诉女方距电影开始还有 30 分钟,因此可以推断出现在是 7:30。

11. [B] 女方开始便问男方暑假过得如何,而男方在回答之后又询问她的假期怎样,看来 summer holidays 是关键词,由此可断定他们在谈论 [B] summer holidays。

12. [B] 在回答问题之前,考生在预览选项时会注意到该题是在问女方对某个问题的观点,因此在实际听的过程中会对这部分比较注意。而 [B] 项恰好是所听的内容,故正确。

13. [A] 这道问题的答案十分明确。男方 (Tom) 直接解释说 he 不知道问题答案,所以不会回答,因此选项 [A] 正确。

14. [B] 考生应注意到问题“他们最终 (in the end) 决定做什么”,因此在听的过程中会排除 thought 等词,而更关注 But I'd love to 等词。

15. [B] 从女方的回答中,考生可得出这样的信息:她的父亲在中学教历史,且很受学生欢迎。因此,可以推断她的父亲是位老师,故 [B] He is a teacher 正确。

16. [A] 从表面看,该题似乎是一道数学问题,但实际上是一道细节题。男方回答中讲出 tomato 的价格是 ten dollars for a kilo,与选项 [A] 完全吻合,故 [A] 正确。