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前 言

最近几年由于从事托福教学再加上亲身参加托福考试的 经历,我收齐了近三年的托福试卷,现根据自己的经历和体 会将试题第二部分和第三部分详加解释,以奉献给渴望在托 福考试中取得理想成绩进而达到出国深造目的的朋友们。

全书共分五个部分。第一部分是1987年至1989年的托福 试题八套。第二部分是包括听力部分在内的参考答案。第三 部分是试题详解。第四部分是听力理解部分的原文。第五部 分是包括托福成绩换算表和主要参考书目在内的附录。

作者在详解试题时,注重于实效,目的在于引导读者开拓思路,形成一整套托福考试的方法。在结构与书面语表达中,主要从分析句子结构本身入手,剖析不同题型的解决方法,归纳和总结带有规律性的问题。在词汇注释中,主要采取同义词注释的方式,每个题后跟有几个甚至数十个同义词,这样做不主要是针对试题本身,而主要是针对托福考试中要求同义词广这一特点;在阅读理解部分,主要立足于分析文章本身,以便使读者掌握从文章中划出答案这一思维方式,并引导读者抓住关键词。本书在详解过程中,力图避免中英对照,因为这不利于提高读者的阅读速度和抓关键,提高速度和抓关键是托福考试的秘诀,同时也是本书写作的宗旨。上述方法,在实践中证明对那些英语基础不太牢固,准备时间少又缺乏托福考试系统训练的读者,效果尤其明显。

本书不仅适合准备托福考试的读者而且适合于具有一定英语水平的所有读者。

由于作者水平有限,书中肯定有不少漏洞,欢迎读者批评、指正。

邓 平 1989年9月于人大

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SECTION I LISTENING COMPREHENSION

In this section of the test, you will have an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to understand spoken English. There are three parts to this section, with special directions for each part.

Part A

Directions: For each question in part A, you will hear a short sentence. Each sentence will be spoken just one time. The sentences you hear will not be written out for you. Therefore, you must listen carefully to understand what the speaker says. After you hear a sentence, read the four choices in you test book, marked (A), (B), (C), and (D), and decide which one is closest in meaning to the sentence you heard. Then on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen. Fill

in the space so that the letter inside the oval cannot be seen.

Example I

Sample Answer

You will hear:

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You will read: (A) Mary outswam the others.

- (B) Mary ought to swim with them.
- (C) Mary and her friends swam to the island
- (D) Mary's friends owned the island.

The speaker said, "Mary swam out to the island with her friends." Sentence (C). "Mary and her friends swam to the island." closest in meaning to the sentence you heard. Therefore, you should choose answer (C).

Example 11

Sample Answer

You will hear:

You will read: (A) please remind me to read this book

- (B) Could you help me carry these books?
- (C) I don't mind if you help me.
- (D) Do you have a heavy course

load this term?

The speaker said, "Would you mind helping me with this load of books?" Sentence (B), "Could you help me carry these books?" is closest in meaning to the sentence you heard.

Therefore, you should choose answer (B).

- 1. (A) My son was the smartest.
 - (B) We were shown the way by the boy.
 - (C) It was a sunny day. (D) Some of them were bright

- 2. (A) I made a phone call (B) I read the meter.
 - (C) I got some change. (D) I paid the bill.
- 3. (A) Some of the milk was stored.
 - (B) She bought some milk at the store.
 - (C) The milk spilled on the floor,
 - (D) She sent him to the store for some milk.
- 4. (A) Do you know where the office is?
 - (B) Why don't you look for an office job?
 - (C) I wouldn't recommend that you work on Main Street...
 - (D) I think I have seen you working at the post office.
- 5. (A) We would have stayed if they had asked.
 - (B) They took out the weeds today
 - (C) They wanted us to stay.
 - (D) They asked me on wednesday
- 6. (A) Virginia has to complete her courses this year.
 - (B) Virginia goes to class because attendance is required.
 - (C) Virginia must leave the university soon.
 - (D) Virginia will finish the required courses this year.
- 7. (A) I felt fine until this morning.
 - (B) Today I didn't know where my unbrells was.
 - (C) This morning I couldn't find Bella.
 - (D) I found my umbrella easily.
- 8. (A) Cheryl has many talents.
 - (B) Cheryl's experience is limited to the arts.
 - (C) Cheryl kept her promise.
 - (D) Cheryl knows several athletes and musicians.
- 9. (A) I must have dropped it. (B) I will have to get some more ink
 - (C) I will bring it in again (D) I will try another color.

- 10.(A) The dam was built to catch rain.
 - (B) The dam was designed for preventing floods.
 - (C) The rain filled the dam.
 - (D) The rain destroyed the dam
- 11.(A) The students failed to complete the course.
 - (B) They fulfilled the course requirements.
 - (C) The room was full of students.
 - (D) They all passed the exam in that class.
- 12.(A) When is my cousin visiting?
 - (B) May my cousin come for a visit?
 - (C) It's possible that my cousin will visit twice.
 - (D) My cousin will visit early in May.
- 13.(A) Only a few people hadn t finished it.
 - (B) Everyone had most of it finished.
 - (C) All the people had finished it.
 - (D) Nobody had finished all of it
- 14.(A) Peter says he knows about the claim.
 - (B) Peter isn't responsible for his actions.
 - (C) Peter fells it was all his fault.
 - (D) Peter doesn't care what happened.
- 15.(A) The train fare is higher defore five o'clock.
 - (B) The train is usually on Track *5.
 - (C) The train fare is five dollars.
 - (D) Train *5 stops at the fair.
- 16.(A) Amy was taken over to the controller's office.
 - (B) The controller charged Amy too much.
 - (C) Amy overlooked the error.
 - (D) Amy had control over the situation.
- .17.(A) Let the driver get off at the intersection.

- (B) Has the bus driver reached the intersection yet?
- (C) Have you ever gotten off at this intersection?
- (D) Tell the driver you will get out at the intersection.
- 18.(A) I'm not really disappointed about losing.
 - (B) I thought I would win. (C) I won anyway.
 - (D) I didn't know what to expect.
- 19.(A) He's absent again! (B) Isn't he forgetful;
 - (C) How often is he absent? (D) How forgetful is he?
- 20.(A) High prices annoy me. (B) The trail went up very steeply.
 - (C) I stay away from heights.
 - (D) I enjoy exciting places.

Part B

Directions: In part B you will hear short conversations between two speakers. At the end of each conversatin, a third person will ask a question about what was said. You will hear each conversation and question about it just one time. Therefore, you must listen carefully to understand what each speaker says. After you hear a conversation and the question about it, read the four possible answers in your test book and decide which one is the best answer to the question you heard. Then, on your auswer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Look at the following example.

You will hear,

Sample Answer

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You will read (A) present professor Smith

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with a picture.

- (B) Photograph professor Smith.
- (C) Put glass over the photograph.
- (D) Replace the broken headlight.

From the conversation you learn that the woman thinks professor Smith would like a photograph of the class. The best answer to the question "What does the woman think the class should do?"is(A). "present professor Smith a picture, "Therefore, you should choose aeswer (A).

- 21.(A) Borrow the typewriter (B) Visit the woman.
- - (C) Go home soon.
- (D) Read the woman's paper.
- 22.(A) At a ticket office.
- (B) In a bookstore.
- (C) In an architect's office. (D) At a train station.
- 23.(A) He and his roommates moved the desk.
 - (B) The desk wasn't as heavy as it looks.
 - (C) His roommates found him another desk.
 - (D) They had to get a moving company to help.
- 24. (A) Winter is his favorite time for sports.
 - (B) Sports are quite important to him.
 - (C) He should be more enthusiastic.
 - (D) He plays better than he used to.
- 25.(A) Laura really needs a full-time job.
 - (B) Laura already has a job working for the school.
 - (C) Laura needs to spend her time studying.
 - (D) Laura should think about becoming a teacher.
- 26.(A) She is majoring in art history.
 - (B) She likes having a change from math.
 - (C) She isn't taking the normal history course.

- (D) She fell asleep in math class.
- 27, (A) The situation looks better than it is
 - (B) The phone connection was bad
 - (C) The women connection was bad.
 - (D) It's better to be courageous.
- 28. (A) Look for another seat (B) Repeat the question
 - (C) Remain studing.
- (D) Sit down

29. (A) dentist.

(B) A dietician.

(C) A cook.

- (D) A tailor.
- 30. (A) His car's in quite good condition.
 - (B) He's filling to lend them the car.
 - (C) He would prefer to go to the game on foot.
 - (D) He will take them if he can.
- 31. (A) If she is in good health.
 - (B) If she has corresponded with her relatives recently.
 - (C) If she is about to write to her friends
 - (D) If she still receives a lot of letters.
- 32. (A) The class usually begins at three.
 - (B) Professor Smith didn't have class today.
 - (C) The woman's class was allowed to leave ahead of time.
 - (D) The woman wasn't with the others.
- 33. (A) She constructed a proper container.
 - (B) She thought it was hard to do the grading.
 - (C) She pretended she was happy.
 - (D) She was extremely pleased.
- 34. (A) Don't subscribe to the journal.
 - (B) Read a different journal.
 - (C) Find a better engineer.
 - (D) Don't save any money.

- 35. (A) He hadn't finished his sketches.
 - (B) He he had furnished his house.
 - (C) He could draw beautifully.
 - (D) He wasn't really dreaming.

Part C

Directions. In this part of the test, you will hear short talks and conversations. After each of them, you will be asked some questions. You will hear the talks and conversations and the questions about them just one time. They will not be written out for you. Therefore, you must listen carefully to understand what each speaker says.

After you hear a question, read the four possible answers in your test book and decide which one is the best answer to the question you heard Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Answer all questions on the basis of what is stated or implied in the talk or conversation

Listen to this sample talk.

You will hear;

Now look at the following example.

You will hear.

Sample Answer

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You will read: (A) They are impossible to guide.

(B) They may go up in flames : A second

- (C) They tend to leak gas
- (D) They are cheaply made

The best answer to the question "Why are gas balloons considered dangerous? "is(B), "They may go up in flames "Therefore, you should choose answer (B)

Now look at the next example.

You will hear,

Sample Answer

B (c) (D)

You will read: (A) Watch for changes in weather.

- (B) Watch their altitude
- (C) Check for weak spots in their balloons.
- (D) Test the strength of the ropes

The best answer to the question "According the speaker, what must balloon pilots be careful to do? "is(A), "watch for changes in weather. "Therefore, you should choose answer(A).

- 36.(A) In a classroom
- (B) in a snack bar
- (C) In the dormitory
- (D) In a camera shop
- 37.(A) The man's brother. (B) The man's roommate.
- (C) A neighbor
- (D) A photographer
- 38 (A) He's noisy
- (B) He's messy
- (C) He doesn't tell the truth
- (D) He doesn't close the door
- 39.(A) He worked for a radio station
- (B) He lived in a dormitory
- (C) He took along trip.
- (D) He visited the man's fam ily
- 40.(A) The function and nature of the brain
- (B) The function and nature of nerve cells.

- (C) The five senses.
- 41,(A) Part of a textbook
 - (C) Some microscope slides
- 42.(A) In order to reproduce themselves
 - (C) In order to attach themselves to muscles
- 43.(A) Elongated and stringy.
 - (C) Flat and transparent.
- 44.(A) One.
 - (C) Three.
- 45.(A) To move the niuscles
 - (C) To protect the nerves.
- 46.(A) American literature.
 - (C) Art history.
- 47.(A) They are professional story tellers.
 - (C) The stories will help them improve the vocabulary.
- 48.(A) Psychology professors.
 - (C) The same person.
- 49.(A) It uses an extensive vocabulary.
 - (C) Its author is unknown.
- 50.(A) At the beginning of

- (D) The spinal cord.
- (B) A large chart.
- (D) Her recent research
- (B) In order to stretch and grow.
- (D) In order to carry messages
- (B) Round and compact.
- (D) Flexible and chainlike.
- (B) Two.
- (D) Four
- (B) To detect light.
 - (D) To soothe the brain
 - (B) Elementary education
 - (D) Veterinary medicine.
 - (B) They are the parents of young children.
 - (D) The stories are required for a course.
 - (B) Friends of the speakers
 - (D) Fictional characters.
 - (B) It's useful as a teaching tool.
 - (D) Children find it repetitive and boring.
 - (B) During midterm week.

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a semester

(C) where (D)that

(C) At the end of a semester. (D) In the middle of summer vacation.

SECTION 2

STRUCTURE AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Time-25 minutes

This section is designed to measure your ability to recognize that is appropriate for standard written English. There are two types of question in this section, with special directions for each type.

Directions, Questions 1-15 are incomplete sentences Beneath each sentence you will see four word or phrases, marked (A) (B),(C), and (D). Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen. Fill in the space so that the letter inside the oval cannot be seen.

Example I Vegetables are an excellent source vitamins (A) of (B) has

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