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序 言

随着 21 世纪新知识经济的来临, 国际国内市场对能熟练运用英语进行国际交流与合作的复合型人才的需求量愈来愈大。我国申办“奥运”的成功和加入世贸组织的指日可待, 更使英语学习快速升温。

众所周知, 听、说、读、写是英语学习者应该掌握的四项基本技能, 其中又把“听”放在了首位, 这足以说明“听”的重要性。因为只有听得懂, 才能说得出口, 即只有通过“听”获取正确的信息, 才有可能准确无误地把它传达出去。由此可见, “听”的能力在整个英语学习中的重要地位。这就是人们常说的“听、说、读、写, 听力先行”。

作者就是根据这一宗旨编写这套教材的。目前, 虽然大学生对英语学习越来越重视, 国家的各种投入也在不断增加, 但学生对语言的实际应用能力还不强, 尤其是听和说的能力还相当薄弱。因此, 提高学生英语的听力理解能力是高等院校英语教学的当务之急。而作为英语教师, 其任务就是给学生创造或提供大量语言实践的氛围和机会。因为学生不仅要在课上“精听”, 还要在课下“泛听”, 这样, 他们就能在各种不同的语言实践中, 提高英语听力理解能力。

本套教材题材广泛, 内容新颖, 知识性、趣味性极强, 不仅可以作为课上的听力教材, 也可以用于外语发射台、学校电台定期播放的教学节目, 同时还可以作为英语自学者、研究生、出国留学人员提高听力的辅助材料。

本套教材共分四册, 即四级, 每级一册。所选材料全部为近期的英文原版文章, 长短合适, 难易程度适中。编排上由浅入深, 循序渐进。前三册基本为一个体例, 练习题型广泛, 有听写填空, 有对篇章的理解, 还有对所学课文中语言点的练习, 同时还穿插了英语歌曲、原版电影录音片断、总统演说等内容, 生动、活泼; 第四册自成一体, 采用大学英语四级统考新题型, 其目的是为了检验学生对前面所学内容掌握的程度, 同时为迎接大学英语四级统考做准备。本套书配有录音磁带, 由外籍语言专家朗读, 声音清晰, 语速适中。全部练习均附有原文和答案。

作者在编写本套教材时, 自始至终体现了“寓学于乐”的指导思想, 以使学能听下去, 学进去。如果本套教材能对提高学生听力理解能力和语言运用能力有所裨益, 那将是对全体参编者辛勤劳动成果的最大肯定。

尽管作者在编写中付出了大量的时间和精力, 但谬误和不当之处在所难免, 敬请广大读者不吝赐教, 以便再版时修正。

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Unit 1

Lesson One

New Words and Expressions

approximately 大约	concourse 候机厅	assemble 装配	restoration 修补
tiptop 顶呱呱的	sturdy 坚固的	reinforce 加强	duplicate 复制品
hospitality 好客	corrode 腐蚀	last 鞋楦	attendant 服务员
courteous 礼貌的	aloft 在上面	cockpit 驾驶舱	majority 大多数

Section A Conversations

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- A. He doesn't mind the traffic.
B. He takes the bus to work.
C. He has to stand on the bus if he takes it to work.
D. He wants to work with the woman.
- A. The bike is in good condition.
C. The bike is missing.

B. The man needs to replace the bike.
D. It is a new bike.
- A. He is at his office.
C. He is at the travel agency.

B. He is at lunch.
D. He is at the bakery.
- A. Something cold.
C. Tea.

B. Coffee.
D. Both coffee and tea.
- A. Ask directions.
C. Take a taxi.

B. Walk to the shopping center.
D. Wait for the bus.
- A. He prefers to talk another time.
C. He would like the woman to continue.

B. He wants the woman to go away.
D. He doesn't know what to think.
- A. At 9:00.
C. At 8:45.

B. At 10:00.
D. At 9:15.

8. A. The time.
C. A class.
9. A. At a post office.
C. At an airport.
10. A. Go to Grove City another day.
C. Ask directions to Grove City.
- B. A flight.
D. A city.
B. At a bank.
D. At a drugstore.
B. Take Route 18 to Grove City.
D. Get lost on the way to Grove City.

Section B Passages

Directions: In this section, you will hear 3 short passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. Both the passage and the question will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A, B, C and D. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.

Passage 1: Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you have just heard.

11. A. The people of France.
C. Fixing the Statue of Liberty.
12. A. The Statue of Liberty was assembled on an island.
B. The Statue of Liberty became corroded.
C. The Statue of Liberty arrived in 214 crates.
D. The Statue of Liberty had to be repaired.
13. A. He is aware of the rust spots.
C. He is seasick and lonely.
- B. Building a new statue.
D. Replacing a rusty torch.
B. The Statue of Liberty became corroded.
C. The Statue of Liberty arrived in 214 crates.
D. The Statue of Liberty had to be repaired.
B. He is angry at the cost of repairs.
D. He is happy and proud to be there.

Passage 2: Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A. By quitting his job.
C. By inventing a better way.
15. A. Inventors should work much harder.
B. Inventors should make their own shoes.
C. Inventors lead quiet and lazy lives.
D. Inventors often fail to get rich.
16. A. How the last device is best.
C. Inventing a shoemaking machine.
- B. By getting promoted.
D. By trading with a friend.
B. Someone who quit a job.
D. Jan Matzeliger's bad luck.

Passage 3: Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

17. A. One who does a job well.
C. One who works on an airplane.
18. A. Cohn did his job too well.
C. Cohn forgot to sign his name.
19. A. A friend dared him to do it.
- B. One who is often overpaid.
D. One who is not very smart.
B. Cohn angered the other workers.
D. Cohn upset several passengers.
B. Pan Am tried to fire him.

- C. He really wanted to travel. D. He was a government spy.
20. A. He will go as Pan Am's guest. B. He will wear a flight attendant's hat.
C. He will buy a ticket in advance. D. He will work in the plane's cockpit.

Section C Compound Dictation

Directions: In this section, you will hear a passage three times. During the first reading, you should listen carefully for a general idea of the passage. Then listen to the passage again. When the first part of the passage is being read, you should fill in the missing word during the pause at each blank. After listening to the second part of the passage you are required to write down the main points according to what you have just heard. Finally, when the passage is read the third time you can check what you have written.

English is the (S1) _____ language of the United Kingdom and is the first language of the vast (S2) _____ of its citizens. The use of language is (S3) _____ important to Britain's class structure. Some educated English people, (S4) _____ of their class (S5) _____, (S6) _____ to free themselves of regional or local (S7) _____ in order to sound like educated English-speaking people. (S8) _____. On the other hand, many local people, such as Cockneys in East London and people in northern England, (S9) _____. (S10) _____.

Note: Statue of Liberty 自由女神像

Lesson Two

New Words and Expressions

grocery store 杂货店	accustom 使习惯于	choke 窒息
faulty 有缺点的	ibis 朱鹭	wade 涉水而行
marsh 沼泽地	thrive 成长	junkyard 旧货废品栈
vicious 凶恶的	ostrich 鸵鸟	roam 漫步

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1. A. Good grades are not that important to her.
B. She did not get an A on the exam either.
C. Two students got higher grades than she did.
D. Besides hers, there were several other A grades.
2. A. He has finished the class. B. He has been sick.
C. He does not have to take the final exam. D. He is not very responsible.
3. A. They have more time to travel.
B. They are taking advantage of travel opportunities.
C. They travel more than the man does.
D. They spend most of their time traveling.
4. A. At a butcher shop. B. At a restaurant.
C. At a bookstore. D. At a grocery store.
5. A. She forgot her brother's birthday. B. She does not have very much money.
C. She needs a gift for her brother. D. Her brother did not like the present.
6. A. She works at Sun Valley. B. She does not like Mr. Miller.
C. Her husband is not well today. D. She is Mrs. Adams.
7. A. \$ 30. B. \$ 100.
C. \$ 12. D. \$ 60.
8. A. Make an appointment with a dentist.
B. Cancel her appointment with the dentist.
C. Postpone her appointment with the dentist.
D. See the dentist more often.
9. A. He would rather have American food.
B. He has always liked American food.
C. He is accustomed to eating American food.
D. He ate American food more in the past.
10. A. The tickets are lost.
B. Judy was responsible for getting the tickets.
C. There were no tickets available.
D. He does not have his tickets yet.

Section B Passages

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Passage 1: Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you have just heard.

11. A. She went to school. B. She worked in a store.
C. She went shopping. D. She fixed the television.
12. A. Mrs. Brown was not a good mother.
B. Mrs. Brown learned a lesson that day.
C. Mrs. Brown didn't like her children.
D. Mrs. Brown spent a lot of time shopping.
13. A. Fires can be exciting. B. Small children shouldn't be alone.
C. Neighbors need to fight fires. D. Going shopping can be dangerous.

Passage 2: Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A. A shallow marsh. B. A big bird.
C. A liquid vitamin. D. A summer songbird.
15. A. Near Jamaica Bay. B. In Florida.
C. By Mrs. Thomas. D. By Eastern Airlines.
16. A. Why birds fly south in winter. B. How an ibis gets its food.
C. Bird watching in Jamaica Bay. D. An unusual ibis and its trip.

Passage 3: Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

17. A. How to run a junkyard. B. Stealing from parked cars.
C. An odd use of an ostrich. D. Trained attack dogs.
18. A. Mr. Haynes was satisfied with his guard dogs.
B. Thieves stole from the junkyard tires, stereos because the dogs were not there.
C. Mr. Haynes is probably delighted to have the ostrich.
D. Thieves still came around since the ostrich's arrival.
19. A. A form of entertainment. B. A trained guard dog.
C. A very large bird. D. A feathered fence.
20. A. It is likely to run the other way. B. It is likely to have slippery feet.
C. It is likely to be eight feet high. D. It is likely to attack someone.

Section C Compound Dictation

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Television, which made its first serious (S1) _____ in 1939, did not become common until the early 1950s. Since then, millions of children have grown up in front of the set,

and many people now worry about the effect that TV has on the young, and on (S2) _____ in general. Many (S3) _____ parents wish it had never been invented.

Like everything else, television has its good and its bad sides. One should (S4) _____ thank its (S5) _____ for the joy and the interest that they have brought into the lives of the old, the sick, and the lonely — all those who, without it, would have no (S6) _____ and no window in the world.

In truth, television has opened windows in everybody's life. No newspaper has ever (S7) _____ so many people and shown so clearly what is happening right now in their own country and everywhere else. (S8) _____
(S9) _____
(S10) _____

Note: Doberman 德国种短毛猎犬

Unit 2

Lesson Three

New Words and Expressions

submit 提交

drawer 抽屉

clog 塞满

sewer 下水道

lagoon 咸水湖

peregrine falcons 游隼

intercept 拦截

tuck 把...塞进

fish cake 炸鱼饼

lemming 旅鼠

swamp 沼泽

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1. A. She wants to submit her paper early. B. The answers on the paper are all correct.
C. The deadline has passed for the paper. D. The paper is not quite finished.
2. A. She does not like the class. B. It is not a required class.
C. She has already taken the class. D. The man will have to take the class.
3. A. Have a party.
B. Attend the International Students' Association.
C. Go to work.
D. Get some rest.
4. A. Leave immediately. B. Watch the game on TV.
C. Start to play. D. Eat a sandwich.
5. A. He went to see the foreign student advisor.
B. He went to Washington.
C. He wrote to the Passport Office.
D. He reported it to the Passport Office.
6. A. A concert. B. An art museum.
C. A flower shop. D. A restaurant.
7. A. He is at lunch. B. He is at the office.

- C. He is in class.
8. A. Take the ten o'clock bus.
C. Go to New York another day.
9. A. A teacher.
C. An assignment.
10. A. The desk drawer won't open.
C. She cannot find her pen.
- D. He is at home.
B. Come back in five minutes.
D. Call the airport.
B. A textbook.
D. A movie.
B. The pen is out of ink.
D. She is angry with the man.

Section B Passages

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11. A. Because it provided jobs.
B. Because food was very cheap there.
C. Because people got the pizza free of charge.
D. Because people needed pizza.
12. A. It can be a serious problem.
C. It results in losing jobs.
13. A. They made the plant shut down.
C. They built a larger lagoon.
- B. It always involves tomato paste.
D. It need not worry anyone.
B. They stopped eating pizza.
D. They took steps to solve the problem.

Passage 2: Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A. The Royal Air Force.
C. Secret messages.
15. A. On their backs.
C. Back to their nests.
16. A. Pigeons aren't too bright.
C. Pigeons taste like fish cakes.
- B. German spies.
D. Carrier pigeons.
B. Tucked under a wing.
D. Attached to their legs.
B. Falcons naturally eat meat.
D. The war makes them hungry.

Passage 3: Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

17. A. Soldiers from Norway.
C. Fish.
18. A. They need food.
C. Their legs are stiff.
19. A. Turn back.
C. Drink all the water.
- B. Mice.
D. Fine swimmers.
B. The weather is too cold.
D. They like the sea.
B. Catch fish to eat.
D. Keep right on going.

20. A. If the lemmings didn't drown, they would all live nicely.
 B. If the lemmings didn't drown, they could learn to swim.
 C. If the lemmings didn't drown, many of them would starve.
 D. If the lemmings didn't drown, people would keep them.

Section C Compound Dictation

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Television presents a (S1) _____ world in front of us. For example, TV can keep us (S2) _____ of what is happening throughout the world. For another example, with a TV set at home, we can visit a great deal of wonders of the world in a day, even in an hour, the Great Wall of China, the (S3) _____ in New York, the pyramids in Egypt and so on. Besides, TV brings us (S4) _____ forms of (S5) _____, such as sports (S6) _____, concerts, etc. Television has become one of the most (S7) _____ tools of communication today. (S8) _____. (S9) _____.
 (S10) _____.

Lesson Four

New Words and Expressions

emergency room 急诊室	basement 地下室	cripple 使成跛子
arthritis 关节炎	combat 战斗	marathon 马拉松
spectator 观众	bowler 保龄球选手	pin 保龄球的木瓶
alley 保龄球的球道	circular 圆形的	crumble 粉碎
out of spite 为出气	get back at 向...进行报复	
nasty 讨厌的	spiteful 恶意的	

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1. A. Two dollars. B. Four dollars.
C. Eight dollars. D. Ten dollars.
2. A. The man must stop working. B. There is a little more time.
C. The test is important. D. It is time for the test.
3. A. Sally may get a bike for Christmas. B. Sally already has a bike like that one.
C. Sally likes riding a bike. D. Sally may prefer a different gift.
4. A. Take a break. B. Go to work.
C. Do the other problems. D. Keep trying.
5. A. She thinks the man is too tired to go to the movie.
B. She really wants to go to the movie.
C. She wants to go out to dinner.
D. She does not want to go to the movie.
6. A. He will borrow some typing paper from the woman.
B. He will lend the woman some typing paper.
C. He will type the woman's paper.
D. He will buy some typing paper for the woman.
7. A. The man's father did not go.
B. The man thought that the game was excellent.
C. The man and his father thought that the game was unsatisfactory.
D. The man thought that the game was excellent, but his father thought that it was unsatisfactory.
8. A. A library. B. A hotel.
C. A hospital. D. An elevator.
9. A. Look at the menu. B. Order lunch.
C. Talk to the waitress. D. Eat one of the special lunches.
10. A. That the speakers did not go to the meeting.
B. That the woman went to the meeting, but the man did not.
C. That the man went to the meeting, but the woman did not.
D. That both speakers went to the meeting.

Section B Passages

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