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Foreword

由教育部高等教育司委托“大学英语教学基本要求”项目组制定的《大学英语教学基本要求(试行)》已于2004年实施。在其《课程要求》中,强调了“大学英语的教学目标是培养学生的英语综合应用能力,特别是听说能力,使学生在今后的工作和社会交往中能用英语有效地进行口头和书面的信息交流,同时增强其自主学习能力,提高综合文化素养,以适应我国社会发展和国际交流的需要”。根据这一《课程要求》,全国大学英语四、六级考试委员会在2006年向全国各高等院校发出通知,全国大学英语四、六级考试中增加了听力在考试中的比例,在新的710分的计分中听力部分占了249分。其考试增加了长对话的形式,听写也从过去的不确定项目成了考试中的固定项目。总体比例的增加和考试形式的变化说明了新形式的变革需要,同时也要求我们对教材进行更新探索。

为了更有效地进行听力教学,天津商业大学《大学英语听力训练》教材编写组专门为大学一、二年级的学生编写了《大学英语听力训练》,全套四本。《大学英语听力训练①、②》的对象定位于一年级一、二学期的学生,该教材以大量的听力对话和听写为主。本书旨在加强听力基本训练,并进一步熟悉常用的地道英语口语。

《大学英语听力训练③、④》是针对大学英语四、六级考试有的放矢进行训练。教材中含有大量的听力训练和模拟训练,其目的是让学生在听力方面有较为全面的发展,并在一定程度上提高他们的应试能力。

本套教材既可以作为大学生备战四、六级的补充训练教材,也可作为广大英语爱好者的学习用书。

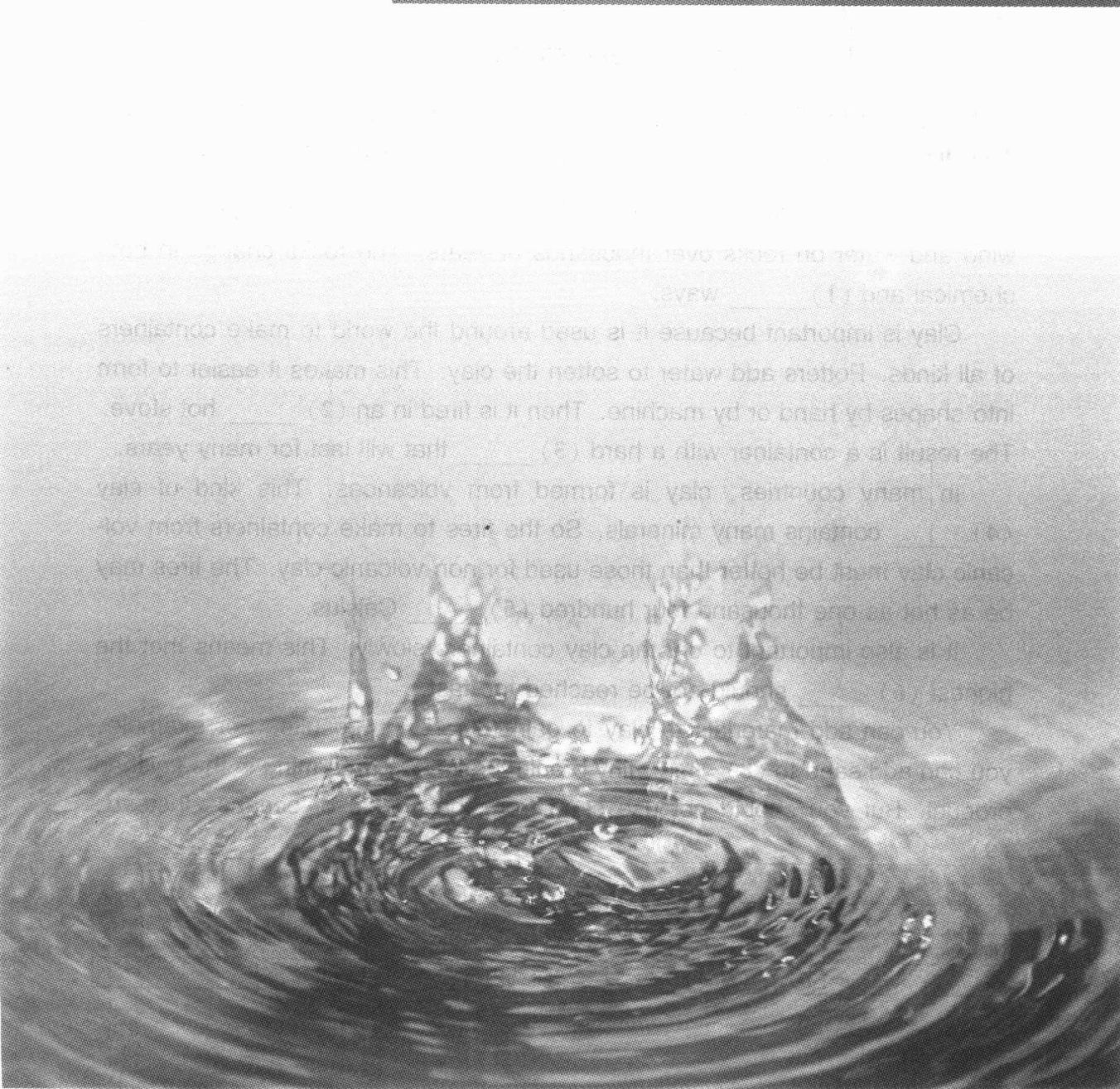
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听写专项训练



练习

1

Spot Dictation 1

Warm-up

clay *n.* 黏土, 泥土

volcano *n.* 火山

potter *n.* 陶工, 制陶者

shiny *adj.* 鲜亮的, 有光泽的

Clay is found almost everywhere in the world. It is formed by the action of wind and water on rocks over thousands of years. The rocks change in both chemical and (1) _____ ways.

Clay is important because it is used around the world to make containers of all kinds. Potters add water to soften the clay. This makes it easier to form into shapes by hand or by machine. Then it is fired in an (2) _____ hot stove. The result is a container with a hard (3) _____ that will last for many years.

In many countries, clay is formed from volcanoes. This kind of clay (4) _____ contains many minerals. So the fires to make containers from volcanic clay must be hotter than those used for non-volcanic clay. The fires may be as hot as one thousand four hundred (5) _____ Celsius.

It is also important to dry the clay containers slowly. This means that the highest (6) _____ should not be reached too fast.

You can add materials to clay to gain (7) _____ results. For example, you can add sand to (8) _____ tiny breaks or lines from forming in the finished product. But you should not use sand from the coasts of oceans. Instead, (9) _____

Did you know?

No bees, no honey; no work, no money. 没有蜜蜂就没有蜜, 没有劳动就没有钱。

The clay will be found about one meter below the ground. (10) _____

You can recognize clay because it is very shiny when it is wet. Take some of the material and add enough water to it to make it seem like you are making bread. Then press it in your hand until it is about the size of an egg. (11) _____

Spot Dictation 2

Warm-up

expand *v.* 扩充,使发展

intervene *v.* 干涉,调停

inflation *n.* 通货膨胀

Federal Reserve 美联储(美国联邦储备委员会,实际上就是美国的中央银行)

In recent years, home building and buying have increased, helping (1) _____ the American economy. But this year, the housing market has cooled. New home building dropped by more than twenty-five percent since last November.

Many experts blame the housing market for the slow (2) _____ growth of two percent in the three-month period ending in October. In (3) _____, the Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged. Banks followed the Federal Reserve's decisions on interest rates.

While housing (4) _____, giving money to good causes increased. Businessman Warren Buffett (5) _____ a gift of about thirty-seven billion dollars to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Mister Buffett, an investor, is chief of Berkshire Hathaway. He is the world's second richest man.

Bill Gates is the richest. Mister Gates helped start and remains the top shareholder of Microsoft, the world's biggest computer (6) _____ maker. He started his foundation with his wife in two thousand. It gives money to health and educational causes around the world.

Did you know?

No great loss without some small gain. 塞翁失马,安知非福。/有所失必有所得。

John Kenneth Galbraith died in April at age ninety-seven. He not only (7) _____ economists, but was a political force. He advised President John F. Kennedy in the nineteen sixties. And he opposed President Lyndon Johnson on the United States' (8) _____ in the Vietnam War.

(9) _____ . He thought government must intervene in the economy to guarantee fairness in society.

Milton Friedman did not trust government to solve problems of joblessness or high prices. (10) _____ . Mister Friedman advised President Richard Nixon and President Ronald Reagan in the nineteen seventies and eighties. (11) _____ .

For his work, he received the Nobel Prize in Economics in nineteen seventy-six. He died in November at age ninety-four.

Spot Dictation 3

Warm-up

health insurance 健康保险

costly *adj.* 昂贵的

University of Michigan 密歇根大学

therapy *n.* 疗法

in emergency 紧急地

Medical care can be very (1) _____ if a person has an accident or gets sick. Health insurance might pay for most or all of it. Students might already be (2) _____ under their parents' health plan. If not, many schools offer plans of their own.

Most American colleges and universities have student health centers. Some have hospitals where students can go for more (3) _____ problems.

Our example this week is the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. It has more than four thousand six hundred international students this year.

Did you know?

No joy without annoy. 没有快乐中不含烦恼的。/快乐之中有烦恼。/喜中有忧。

All University of Michigan students pay a health service fee. This fee is included in the cost of (4) _____ at the school. It pays for some kinds of medical care and (5) _____ through the University Health Service. It also pays for health education, (6) _____ therapy, X-rays and most (7) _____ tests.

But the health service fee does not pay for everything. For example, it does not pay for medicines or eyeglasses or (8) _____ eye exams. It also does not pay for hospital care.

(9) _____
_____.

The University of Michigan offers its students a choice of plans. One is especially for international students. This plan is designed to pay for medical care in emergencies.

It does not pay for things like dental care. (10) _____
_____.

Students can also (11) _____
_____.

Spot Dictation 4

Warm-up

National Retail Federation	国家零售业联盟	cyber <i>adj.</i>	网络的
site <i>n.</i>	网站	flat-panel television	平板电视
at a loss	亏本地	physical store	实体商店

The winter gift-giving season is responsible for twenty percent of all retail spending at American businesses.

But how and when people buy holiday gifts is changing.

(1) _____ numbers of Americans are turning to the Internet. More than one hundred million people are (2) _____ to buy something online this holiday season.

Did you know?

No living man all things can. 世界上没有万能的人。/世上无全能。

(3) _____, the biggest shopping day of the year was in late (4) _____ on the day after Thanksgiving. People still call it “Black Friday”. The idea was that it could push businesses “into the black” — the color for recording (5) _____. Red is for debts.

But now the busiest days are right before Christmas. Many people wait for last-minute price (6) _____.

With the rise of the Internet, the National Retail (7) _____ came up with a new term. “Cyber Monday” is the Monday after Thanksgiving.

The idea is that many people look in stores over the weekend. Then, to save time, they order online using the Internet at their jobs when they return to work.

Cyber Monday is a big day online. But market (8) _____ at comScore Networks reported Wednesday that the biggest day of the holiday season so far was December thirteenth. (9) _____
_____. That did not include travel sites.

Physical stores remain by far the most popular places to shop. But electronic commerce continues to grow, and not just at Christmastime. In the three-month period ending in September, (10) _____
_____.

But wherever selling takes place, the holiday season means intense competition. For example, demand for flat-panel televisions has jumped recently. Competition has pushed down prices for these popular thin TVs. (11) _____

_____ like Wal-Mart and Circuit City.

Did you know?

No longer pipe, no longer dance. 运不逢时,事不得意。

Spot Dictation 5

Warm-up

House of Representatives 众议院

Department of Education 教育部

option *n.* 购买权, 买卖权

buyout *n.* (股票的) 购进

restrict *v.* 限制, 约束

(1) _____ this: An official in a position of trust helps you choose a company for a service important to your future. You (2) _____ that the advice will be in your best interest.

What you do not know is that the person's office has a financial (3) _____ with that company. The official may have received gifts like trips or stock options, or money for (4) _____ advice.

This is what some American states are (5) _____ in connection with the student loan industry. They are examining possible conflicts of interest when schools direct students to lists of so-called (6) _____ lenders.

Sallie Mae, the nation's biggest education lender, agreed to pay two million dollars. And Education Finance Partners agreed to pay two and one-half million. Neither of them (7) _____ any wrongdoing. The money will go to educate students about loans.

Andrew Cuomo wants financial aid offices and lenders to follow a set of rules, a College Loan Code of Conduct. These would end financial ties between lenders and schools, including gifts and trips.

At the same time, (8) _____ are seeking changes in the student loan system. Mister Cuomo was at a hearing Wednesday in the House of Representatives. (9) _____

A day earlier, Education Secretary Margaret Spellings announced a committee to study federal student loan programs. And last week, her department

Did you know?

No love is foul, nor prison fair. 没有肮脏的爱情, 也没有美丽的监狱。

temporarily restricted the use of a national system of financial records on millions of students. She said (10) _____

In another development, Sallie Mae, officially the SIM Corporation, has agreed to a buyout offer. Two banks and two private equity companies are offering shareholders twenty-five billion dollars. The deal is unusual. (11) _____

Did you know?

Fine words dress ill deeds. 巧言藏恶行。/好话说尽,坏事做尽。/说一套,做一套。

练习

2

Spot Dictation 1

Warm-up

tuition *n.* 学费

adviser *n.* 顾问

state university 州立大学

undergraduate *adj.* 本科生的

statement *n.* 结算单

financial responsibility 支付能力

Students who want to attend an American college or university must explain how they will pay for their education. They have to show that they will be able to pay for each year of study.

Students have to consider not only the (1) _____, the cost of classes, but also meals and a place to live, known as room-and-board. They also need money for books and (2) _____. And they need money to spend for social (3) _____ and other things.

Educational (4) _____ say foreign students should keep enough money in a local bank to pay for at least two months of spending.

So how much will a year at an American school cost? (5) _____ speaking, the answer is: a lot.

A (6) _____ state university in the (7) _____ Northwest will serve as our example. The University of Washington says foreign students are paying more than thirty-six thousand dollars this year.

This major research university (8) _____ has two thousand six hundred foreign students from more than one hundred countries. There are many schools that cost less, but also others that cost more.

Did you know?

No money, no honey. 没有金钱,就没有爱情。

(9) _____ . This is generally true of American schools, especially at the undergraduate level.

The international application for the university includes a Statement of Financial Responsibility that must be signed. (10) _____

And they have to name anyone who will help with payments. These people must send proof from a bank to show that they have the money.

Your government or employer may be able to help you pay all or some college costs. (11) _____

Spot Dictation 2

Warm-up

wax *n.* 蜂蜡

pollination *n.* 授粉

reproduction *n.* 繁殖

almond *n.* 扁桃

colony *n.* 蜂群

pollinate *v.* 给……授粉

nectar *n.* 花蜜

pollen *n.* 花粉

broccoli *n.* 花茎甘蓝

hectare *n.* 公顷

Bees not only produce honey and wax, they also provide an important service to farmers. Many crops (1) _____ bees to pollinate them.

Bees gather sweet (2) _____ called nectar from flowers. As they do this, the reproductive (3) _____ of the flowers, pollen, sticks to the bee. Pollen travels from plant to plant this way.

Many different fruits, vegetables, nuts and seed crops depend on bees for reproduction. Also, many flowers grown for their beauty need bees to pollinate them. In the United States, the (4) _____ of agriculture appoints industry leaders to the National Honey Board. This group provides production (5) _____

Did you know?

None but the brave deserve the fair. 勇敢之人才能配美人。

about the honey and beekeeping business. One of the reports said bees pollinated more than fourteen and one-half thousand (6) _____ dollars worth of crops in two thousand.

Selling the services of bees as pollinators is also an important (7) _____. Bees pollinate almost all almond and apple trees. Vegetables like broccoli, carrots, celery and onions require bee pollination.

(8) _____ say even crops that do not require bee pollination can be increased with the help of bees. Also, the quality of many crops depends on the amount of pollination they receive. Crops like apples can grow unevenly if bees do not provide enough pollen for good reproduction.

(9) _____. As much as one-third of all food products are directly or indirectly linked to bee-pollinated crops. Bee pollination is a central activity in the food supply chain.

(10) _____ being used to pollinate crops. Between two and four colonies are needed to pollinate one hectare of most crops.

Today, many beekeepers see pollination as a more important activity than producing honey. (11) _____

Spot Dictation 3

Warm-up

federal *adj.* 联邦的

National Assessment of Adult Literacy 国家成人文化评估体系

moderate *adj.* 中等的

Hispanic *adj.* 拉丁美洲的 *n.* 拉丁美洲人

About one in twenty adults in the United States cannot read English. A new (1) _____ study shows that adults made little (2) _____ in their reading

Did you know?

None so blind as those who won't see. 视而不见的人是真瞎子。/最瞎莫如视而不见。

skills between nineteen ninety-two and two thousand three.

The National Assessment of Adult Literacy is the most important test of how well adult Americans can read. (3) _____ tested nineteen thousand people over the age of sixteen. The study (4) _____ an adult population of two hundred twenty-two million.

The study found that eleven million adults, or five percent, cannot read English. They could not answer even the easiest (5) _____ questions. Four million of them most likely cannot speak English either.

The study shows that more than forty percent of adults can perform only simple reading (6) _____. For many, even that can be difficult.

Fifty-six percent of adults can perform moderate or (7) _____ activities. Moderate can mean finding (8) _____ in a book. Of that number, thirteen percent can perform complex tasks like comparing two different newspaper commentaries.

Researchers say (9) _____.
_____. Also, there are greater numbers of non-English speaking immigrants.

Reading skills can directly affect the ability to earn a living. (10) _____

_____.

By race and ethnic group, blacks and Asians had the biggest increases in English reading skills. But levels decreased among Hispanics. Experts say, however, that while many Hispanics are unable to read in English, they may read well in Spanish.

(11) _____
_____. Even so, the test found that the average adult cannot do much more than perform simple, everyday math.

Did you know?

No possession, but use, is the only riches. 真正的财富不是占有,而是使用。