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前 言

英语听力技能是多种语言能力的综合产物,它涉及到语音、语调、语法、句型,乃至文化与社会背景等各方面的知识。所以接受者即听者除了需要熟悉常用单词或词组的发音,特别是其在连贯说话或快速口语中的发音外,还必须掌握大量的口语句型及其功能,具备扎实的语法基础,了解语言的文化背景、谈话时的具体情景和谈话者的语气等等。提高英语听说水平,学员应该学会用英语“思考”问题、组织“思路”和表达“思想”,不断努力,持之以恒,力争“打开”头脑中的“英语频道”。

我国由于特定的语言环境,学生学习外语往往从书面形式的单词、句子和语法规则开始,并且通过检查学生的词汇量、语法概念、阅读和笔译能力来衡量其外语水平。结果,我国英语学员的听说技能明显“滞后”,在英语听力方面,学生要么是“只能识其形,不能辨其音”,要么是虽然能通过听力理解个别单词的语意,但一旦该词出现在正常语速的句子中或真实的语言环境下,就无法听懂意思或作出正确的理解。

在人类新世纪到来之际,社会和经济的发展需要世界各国人民进一步加强交流,增进合作,早日实现世界的普遍繁荣。外语的听说能力是语言交际的关键,也是语言学习和进一步提高的重要途径。当前,政府与社会各阶层越来越重视对外语的学习,特别是对外语听说技能的培养,本教程根据我国学员对英语听力技能的需要和实际而编写,教学对象是已经具备中等层次英语听说水平的学员,如大学高年级学生或自学考试本科段学员。本教程总计有 16 个教学单元,每单元分两大部分:预备听力练习(WARM-UP EXERCISES)和综合听力训练(COMPREHENSIVE LISTENING PRACTICE)。其中综合听力训练的编写力求选材多样,词汇丰富,有一定的趣味性和知识性;并且尽力在各方面接近有关考试的全真试题,如:英语专业本科段的〈口译与听力〉考试;〈英语高级口译资格证书〉考试等,以检验学员在实际考试中的发挥水准。每单元在预备听力练习和综合听力训练前还列举出相应的词汇,供教学或自学参考。本教程配有录音带,并附有录音文字和练习题的参考答案。培训时可根据教学需要或学员的水平进行反复练习,不断扩大听力词汇,巩固提高听力理解能力。本书配套录音磁带由上海外语音像出版社出版。

本教程既可作为我国大学生的英语听力强化教材,亦可供英语学员自学以进一步提高英语听力技能。教学进度如按每单元授课时间为三至六课时计算,每周三至六课时,学完全书需要三个月到一学期的时间。听力强化班和自学者可酌情缩短或延长学习时间。

本教程编写时间紧迫,疏漏之处在所难免,欢迎专家、读者提出宝贵的意见。

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二〇〇三年八月于

上海外国语大学

使用说明

本教程配有预备听力练习(WARM-UP EXERCISES)和综合听力训练(COMPREHENSIVE LISTENING PRACTICE)的录音磁带,为方便学员使用,现将各部分的参考答题时间列举如下:

(1) 预备听力练习(WARM-UP EXERCISES)的答题时间为每题 12 秒。

(2) 综合听力训练(COMPREHENSIVE LISTENING PRACTICE)中第一部分听写(Part A: Spot Dictation)的答题时间为每篇 180 秒左右;第一部分听力理解(Part B: Listening Comprehension)中选择题的答题时间为每题 12 秒—15 秒,是非题的答题时间为每篇(即每 5 题)90 秒;第三部分听译(Part C: Listening and Translation)单句翻译的答题时间为每题 55 秒左右,篇章翻译的答题时间为每篇 180 秒左右。第四部分(Part D: Note-taking and Gap-filling)开始前应先听录音,并在记录纸上努力记笔记。听完录音后才能打开试题进行操练。答题时间为 480 秒左右。

(3) 为了节省磁带,减轻读者负担,本教程综合测试题的听力部分除第一单元作为样题留出答题时间外,其余单元的练习在录音带上不再留答题时间,学员可根据每项练习后注明的答题时间自行停机并进行练习。

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UNIT 1

SECTION 1: WARM-UP EXERCISES

Vocabulary Preview

inquisitive

stationery

Directions: *Listen carefully to the following statements. After you hear a statement, read the four choices and decide which **ONE** is closest in meaning to the statement you've heard.*

Example: You hear:

(Would you mind helping me with this load of term papers?)

You read and answer:

- B A. Please remind me to read these term papers.
 B. Could you help me carry these term papers?
 C. I don't mind if you help me.
 D. Do you have a heavy course load this term?

- _____ 1. A. Professor Johnson spoke to us again on Wednesday.
 B. Professor Johnson talked about weeds on Wednesday.
 C. Professor Johnson wanted us to be inquisitive.
 D. Professor Johnson scheduled a short test for Wednesday.
- _____ 2. A. The weather is warm on the coast.
 B. The weather affects the operation greatly.
 C. It's extreme weather conditions that make expenses high.
 D. I'm not sure whether or not it's operating.
- _____ 3. A. There are several suggestions for controlling inflation.
 B. Finding a way to control inflation is not impossible.
 C. Many people try not to think about inflation.
 D. It seems to some that inflation can't be controlled.
- _____ 4. A. He doesn't want to correct the mistake.
 B. I saw him take one of those.
 C. He always seems to do everything right.
 D. I never used to see him working.
- _____ 5. A. Jill bought some colored writing paper.
 B. The plane was stationary.

- C. Jill bought a plane ticket.
D. The paper blew away.
- _____ 6. A. I spent an hour each on psychology and mathematics.
B. I studied mathematics twice as long as psychology.
C. I worked for four hours last night.
D. I studied for all but two hours last night.
- _____ 7. A. Do you think the fruit costs too much there?
B. Do you think that farm sells fruit?
C. That farm isn't for sale, is it?
D. I like the fruit there, don't you?
- _____ 8. A. Brian would like to graduate from technical school soon.
B. Brian found a good job after finishing technical school.
C. Brian wondered who had got the job.
D. Brian goes to class every day before work.
- _____ 9. A. Don't you realize you must have a license to rent a car?
B. You can get a license when you rent a car.
C. Don't rental cars have license plates?
D. Car rental companies use licensed drivers.
- _____ 10. A. Patrick's gift will be presented today.
B. Patrick's presentation is tidy.
C. Patrick will give a talk this afternoon.
D. Patrick will give him a gift.

SECTION 2: COMPREHENSIVE LISTENING PRACTICE

Vocabulary Preview

inspector

fundamentally

maglev

ambassador

Queensland

Kuwait

outback

Part A: Spot Dictation

Directions: *In this part of the test, you will hear a passage and read the same passage with blanks in it. Fill in each of the blanks with the word or words you have heard on the tape. Remember you will hear the passage **ONLY ONCE**. Write your answer in the corresponding space that follows the passage on your **TEST BOOK**.*

Iraq is asking for more time to reach a diplomatic solution before any military action
_____ (1) it. Iraq's main chemical weapon's negotiator Amir al-Sadi said _____ (2)

could produce diplomatic solution. Without _____ (3) the Iraqi appeal, Secretary of State Madeline Albright cautioned Iraq's President Saddam Hussein the clock is running. "He is responsible for this crisis. The world is insisting that he allows UN inspectors to go and have _____ (4) these various sites, and he is the one that will be responsible for what happens next." And Secretary Albright says the most important message to _____ (5) Saddam Hussein now is the time is running out. _____ (6) Iraq's UN Ambassador Ira Hondou has repeated _____ (7) to allow US officials to visit 8 of the more than _____ (8) presidential palaces and other sites declared "_____ (9)" to UN weapon's inspectors by the Iraqi government. And he insisted that Iraq is not _____ (10) its neighbors. US Defense Secretary William Cohen is visiting some of those neighbors. Ambassador Hondou insists _____ (11). Arriving in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Mr. Cohen _____ (12) that Iraq has repeatedly lied about its _____ (13) weapon's stock piles. But Mr. Cohen said he is not asking the Saudi Government for _____ (14) to use bases there should military action against Iraq be necessary. But Defense Secretary says Washington has all the cooperation it needs from Kuwait and Bahrain. Ambassador Richardson's confidence was underscored by Russia's Foreign Minister Sunday despite _____ (15) against military action by Russian President. VOA's Peter Hanline reports the Foreign Minister _____ (16) areas of agreement with the United States. "In _____ (17) Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov said just because Russia opposes strikes against Iraq, it does not mean we _____ (18) the United States. But the Russian Foreign Minister, a Middle East expert said, the current crisis is _____ (19) what it was when Iraq occupied Kuwait. He said most Arab countries now oppose _____ (20)."

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Part B: Listening Comprehension

1. Multiple Choice Question

Directions: In this part of the test, there will be some conversations or short talks. After each one, you will be asked some questions. The conversations, talks and questions will be spoken **ONLY ONCE**. Now listen carefully and choose the right answer to each question you have

heard and write the letter of the answer you have chosen in the corresponding space on your **TEST BOOK**.

Questions 1 – 5

- _____ (1) A. A family with Father, Mother and the children.
B. A family with a lot of friends dropping in.
C. A family with elderly and unmarried relatives.
D. A family with in-laws and married siblings.
- _____ (2) A. They don't like people to drop in without a previous invitation.
B. They never send an elderly relative to an old persons' home.
C. They like their home and family better than their gardens and pets.
D. They regard it the family's duty to look after an elderly parent.
- _____ (3) A. She was an animal doctor.
B. She helped with the housework.
C. She was a nurse.
D. She worked as the gardener.
- _____ (4) A. Washing up. B. Raising pets.
C. Visiting friends. D. Taking care of the elderly.
- _____ (5) A. Sipping tea. B. Mowing the lawn.
C. Watching television. D. Washing up.

Questions 6 – 10

- _____ (6) A. A person who is having a meal.
B. A kind of small restaurant which serves fast food.
C. A person who invites you to dinner.
D. A cart for carrying goods.
- _____ (7) A. Only breakfast. B. Only lunch.
C. Only night-meals. D. All of the above.
- _____ (8) A. Today. B. In 1872.
C. In 1887. D. In the early 1900s.
- _____ (9) A. Diners existed before fast-food restaurants.
B. The menu in the early 1900s included more food than sandwiches and coffee.
C. McDonald's is a fast-food restaurant.
D. Sandwiches became bigger when diners became permanent buildings.
- _____ (10) A. Why do Americans enjoy fast food?
B. The development of diners in America
C. The father of "diners"
D. Why not try dining in a diner?

2. True or False Question

Directions: In this part of the test, you will hear some short talks or conversations. The talks or conversations will be spoken **ONLY ONCE**. After each one, decide whether the following statements are true or not according to what you have heard. Write "T" if the statement is true and write "F" if it is not in the corresponding space on your **TEST BOOK**.

Questions 11 - 15

- _____ (11) Mrs. West is so interested in working in the travel agency that she'd like to take it up, though she has little previous experience.
- _____ (12) It can be inferred from the conversation that Mrs. West has a good knowledge of a foreign language.
- _____ (13) Overtime work is available to Mrs. West because her husband works as a journalist, and he can look after the children at weekends.
- _____ (14) Mrs. West seems to be qualified for her future job because she has some office skills as well as a good memory.
- _____ (15) Even though Mrs. West has been in London for only two years, she is quite familiar with it and she wants to know it better.

Questions 16 - 20

- _____ (16) Most Australians own their houses which are large and usually more than one storey.
- _____ (17) Australians often take up sports in their leisure time, the facilities for which are charged little and relatively compact in some areas.
- _____ (18) Sheep are raised in such states as Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia, from which the wool is still the main export items.
- _____ (19) In the outback, radio can teach the children, help neighbours miles away communicate, and bring the people news and advice.
- _____ (20) City dwellers can summon the flying doctors who also benefit the inland residents greatly.

Part C: Listening and Translation

1. Sentence Translation

Directions: In this part of the test, you will hear 5 English sentences. You will hear the sentences **ONLY ONCE**. After you have heard each sentence, translate it into Chinese and write your version in the corresponding space on your **TEST BOOK**.

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(2)

(3)

(4)

(5)

2. Passage Translation

Directions: *In this part of the test, you will hear 2 English passages. You will hear the passages **ONLY ONCE**. After you have heard each passage, translate it into Chinese and write your version in the corresponding space on your **TEST BOOK**. You may take notes while you are listening.*

(1)

(2)

记 录 纸

注意：

- 一、第四部分(PART D) 开始前只能使用本记录用纸。在 PART D 听力部分放音结束后,学员方可开始下一页的 NOTE-TAKING 练习。
- 二、本题要求学员填写 20 个空白,每空为一词。答题时间为 10 分钟左右。

Part D: Note-taking and Gap-filling

Directions: *In this part of the test, you will hear a talk. You will hear the talk **ONLY ONCE**. While listening to the talk, you may take notes on the important points so that you can have enough information to complete a gap-filling task on your **TEST BOOK** afterwards.*

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Today, there are different means of public transportation, such as _____ (1), subways and taxis. Public transportation not only provides them with _____ (2)-cost transportation but also helps reduce the _____ (3) on busy streets and public roads. Buses are the most common and perhaps the _____ (4) form of public transportation. They have been in _____ (5) since about 1900. They provide transportation service on innumerable routes in many major cities. In some cities, trolley buses and cable cars offer not only easy and _____ (6) means of public transportation, but also a unique tourist _____ (7) for provincials and _____ (8). Subways, or underground railways, are mostly found in larger cities such as New York, London, Paris, Tokyo, Beijing and _____ (9). Subway trains are faster and more _____ (10) than buses and just as _____ (11). Monorails or even maglevs may also become available in the near future. Although _____ (12) are more expensive than buses or subways, they are _____ (13) since they can deliver you to the _____ (14) location you want in the _____ (15) time possible.

UNIT 2

SECTION 1: WARM-UP EXERCISES

Vocabulary Preview

run-around

poll

bulletin board

moderate

Directions: *Listen carefully to the following statements. After you hear a statement, read the four choices and decide which **ONE** is closest in meaning to the statement you've heard.*

Example: You hear:

(Would you mind helping me with this load of term papers?)

You read and answer:

- B A. Please remind me to read these term papers.
 B. Could you help me carry these term papers?
 C. I don't mind if you help me.
 D. Do you have a heavy course load this term?

- _____ 1. A. Emily was the manager of a sporting goods store.
 B. The manager never got a call from Emily.
 C. Emily never got a satisfactory response from the manager.
 D. The manger was running around the store when Emily called.
- _____ 2. A. We should meet once to discuss possible thesis topics.
 B. We should meet each week to talk about the thesis.
 C. We should meet at once, if it's possible.
 D. If possible, we should all meet for the discussion.
- _____ 3. A. The posters were mounted on wooden poles.
 B. The news announcements were posted up on boards.
 C. The survey results could be seen on the bulletin boards.
 D. They mailed a bulletin to announce the results of the poll.
- _____ 4. A. Eddie gave an excellent reception.
 B. Eddie was accepted at the academy.
 C. Eddie was recognized for excelling in his studies.
 D. Eddie received the prize on behalf of the class.
- _____ 5. A. Does Dane have trouble reading?
 B. How did Dane know the note was from me?

- C. I never know what Dane will do.
D. My note was very difficult to read.
- _____ 6. A. There's trash collection every day.
B. The litter gets worse every day.
C. Lee stops at the garage each day.
D. Lee picks up the garbage during the day.
- _____ 7. A. Anne will take her exams no matter what will happen.
B. Anne might come home right after her exams.
C. Anne wonders what will be on her exams.
D. Anne will take her exams in May.
- _____ 8. A. People should moderate the exercise they get.
B. It's important to get a reasonable amount of exercise regularly.
C. Good health is important in this modern age.
D. People should be in good health before exercising.
- _____ 9. A. We left to get breakfast.
B. Breakfast was ready before we left.
C. We left without breakfast.
D. Before breakfast we were ready to leave.
- _____ 10. A. Susan is much shorter than Cathy.
B. There isn't much difference in their height.
C. They are exactly of the same height.
D. Cathy isn't as short as Susan.

SECTION 2: COMPREHENSIVE LISTENING PRACTICE

Vocabulary Preview

Jakarta	deploy	physiology
consultative	strident	percussion
loyalist	syrup	
coronation	franchise	

Part A: Spot Dictation

Directions: *In this part of the test, you will hear a passage and read the same passage with blanks in it. Fill in each of the blanks with the word or words you have heard on the tape. Remember you will hear the passage **ONLY ONCE**. Write your answer in the corresponding space that follows the passage on your **TEST BOOK**.*

Posters have been put up all over Jakarta, _____ (1) Indonesians to make a success of

the people's consultative assembly. But _____ (2), there's very little chance of things _____ (3) for President Suharto. Most of the members of the assembly are strong Suharto loyalists. The few who might _____ (4) dissent from re-appointing Mr. Suharto for _____ (5) will not get their voices heard. Most of the assembly's discussions over the next eleven days _____ (6) the public. As he already has _____ (7) of Indonesia's most powerful institutions, the armed forces in the _____ (8) Golkar Party, there was never any real possibility of President Suharto _____ (9), despite the severe economic crisis in Indonesia and the fact that there is _____ (10) corruption and the president's _____ (11). He is already 76 years old. Critics have described the assembly meetings as _____ (12) a coronation than an election. But Mr. Suharto is taking no chances. _____ (13) troops and police have been deployed in Jakarta alone, to prevent any trouble from _____ (14). Over the past months, towns across Indonesia _____ (15) by food riots and there have been several demonstrations in the capital. _____ (16) is now as high as anyone here can remember, and yet with opposition groups fragmented and _____ (17) the security forces head on, there's little chance of Mr. Suharto being forced to _____ (18). Even some of the President's most strident critics acknowledge that he still has _____ (19) in his hands, and for now, _____ (20) can decide who should replace him and when.

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Part B: Listening Comprehension

1. Multiple Choice Question

Directions: In this part of the test, there will be some conversations or short talks. After each one, you will be asked some questions. The conversations, talks and questions will be spoken **ONLY ONCE**. Now listen carefully and choose the right answer to each question you have heard and write the letter of the answer you have chosen in the corresponding space on your **TEST BOOK**.

Questions 1 - 5

_____ (1) A. Five-minute walk.

B. Fifteen-minute ride.