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前 言

作为教育工作者，我们所要考虑的问题是高职高专教育能否跟上我国教育改革的发展速度。再具体地说，作为外语教育工作者，我们更要具体考虑高职高专英语课程的改革和建设。显然，这样的改革和建设最后必然要落实在英语教材的编写上。

高职高专英语教材的编写在我国曾经是一个薄弱环节。过去有的出版社或教学单位由于缺乏编写经验和力量，往往选用一些英语专业本科的教材，或者是应付四级考试的教材，仓促上阵，更有甚者，直接从国外引进。这样，一方面我们高呼要发展具有中国特色的职业教育；另一方面，我们拿不出本土化的高职高专英语教材。有些高职高专学校的英语老师也曾尝试自行编写，但受水平所限，有一定困难。因此，笔者专门编写了本教材。

过去要求高职高专英语教材体现各种职业特点，这一点是无可厚非的。但多几个专业术语不是英语教学所追求的唯一目标。我们要考虑所学语言的应用性，也要考虑外语教学的科学性，还要考虑结合进行人文教育和素质教育的适用性。我们要培养的毕竟是新世纪人才。本书完全体现了这个精神。

笔者尽量贯彻“为使用者的需要着想”的原则，引导教师和学习者使用本教材、理解课文内容以及操练各种习题等。只有这样，才能贯彻协同式学习和自主性学习的先进教学理念；也只有这样，教师才能在教学过程中得到提高、趋于成熟，学习者才能通过自己的思考、学习、消化、吸收和掌握，在实际中应用所学的语言。

作为使用者的教师和学习者为一方，而本书的编写者和出版者为另一方，两方面都存在于一个互动过程。相信本书出版后，高职高专的教师和学生会有很大受益，也会给编者和出版社及时反馈，使其进一步完善。

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Section A Dialogues

Unit 1

Dialogue one

(Zhao Lei and Peng Bing are at a welcome party. Peng Bing catches sight of Huang Jierong.)

Bing: There comes Huang Jierong! Hi, Jierong, come and meet Lei.

Jierong: Hi, nice to meet you.

Lei: Nice meeting you, too.

Bing: Guess what? He is my town mate.

Jierong: Oh, really? I am from Beijing. Have you ever been to Beijing before, Lei?

Lei: Well, no. But I've been always dreaming of paying a visit to the Great Wall and taking some photos in the Forbidden City. How do you like Guangzhou?

Jierong: I think it is getting too hot, hot and humid.

Bing: Don't worry. You will get used to it soon.

Jierong: I hope so. The most important thing is that Guangzhou is a food paradise, isn't it?

Lei: Absolutely. Cantonese cuisine is the best. It can satisfy not only your taste but also your view.

Jierong: Wow! Do you know any feature snacks here?

Lei: Yes. But that would be a long story. I can only name some of my favorites: shrimp dumplings, rice noodle rolls and so on.

Bing: And you must not forget the soup. It is the sweetest delicacy in the world.

Jierong: My mouth is watering already!

Lei: I know a good place. We may go and visit it one day.

Jierong: That is a good idea.

Dialogue two

(First day at college, Zhao Lei met Peng Bing on the way to the residence hall.)

Lei: Excuse me, I guess I am lost. Could you please tell me the way to No. 1 Residence Hall?

Bing: I bet you are a freshman, right?

Lei: You said it! How did you come to know that? ...Oh yes, my luggage!

Bing: In fact, I am a freshman, too. And I am heading towards No. 1 Residence Hall too.

Let me give you a hand.

Lei: Oh, it is really kind of you. Well, allow me to introduce myself. I am Lei. I am from Foshan.

Bing: Really? I am from Foshan, too. So we are town mates! Nice to meet you. My name is Bing.

Lei: Nice meeting you, too. I am a student in the Department of Computer Science.

Bing: Computer science is now red-hot.

Lei: To tell you the truth, I am not sure. I guess the more graduates compete for the same job, the fewer opportunities one has got.

Bing: Well, you can never tell. For me, I'm pretty doubtful about the job opportunities for my major.

Lei: What do you study?

Bing: I study in the Department of Environmental Science and Engineering.

Lei: I am sure you will have a promising future since the attention to environmental issues has become an irreversible trend.

Bing: I hope so. Oh, here we are, No. 1 Residence Hall.

Lei: Thanks a lot! You are really helpful.

Bing: You are welcome.

Unit 2

Dialogue one

(Xiao Xiaotian and Zhang Jianguo are doing their off-campus internship course in Samantha's studio.)

Jianguo: It's so tired for my eyes to look at computers so long every day!

Xiaotian: Me too. Hopefully, people will like the new change of our online shop. Do you yourself do a lot of online shopping?

Jianguo: Not really. I prefer to actually see and touch what I'm buying before I pay for it.

Samantha: Do you like buying things online, Xiaotian?

Xiaotian: No. I'm a little worried about the security. You never know who's trying to find out your codes and passwords.

Samantha: If you buy from reputable companies with secure websites, it should be OK.

Jianguo: I'll check on the Internet for things which are only available in certain areas of the country.

Samantha: By online shopping, products from all over the world can be purchased, and you can compare details and prices of the items, which is really convenient.

Xiaotian: But I am also worrying about the misleading product information that shopper will buy a wrong item.

Samantha: It happens. And I agree that online shopping is not the best way to do shopping.

Jianguo: Yeah. But I don't want to sit in front of a computer screen all day. I think people need to get out and interact with other people.

Dialogue two

(Zhong Wei is 15 minutes late for his work again. This has been the third time in two weeks.)

Jiangtao: You're late again, Wei!

Wei: I know. Catching a bus in the morning has become a real big headache for me.

Jiangtao: Why not buy a car? I find it worth doing it. It is much easier to come to work.

Wei: Will you tell me something about cars?

Jiangtao: With pleasure. What kind of car are you interested in?

Wei: I like the BYD F3.

Jiangtao: You are making a good choice, Wei. BYD has made a lot of design improvements in the new F3.

Wei: Really?

Jiangtao: It comes with cruise control.

Wei: Cruise control? I don't like that.

Jiangtao: Why not?

Wei: I think it's dangerous.

Jiangtao: Actually, if you don't want to use it, you just never turn it on.

Wei: You're right. Can you check for me when I can buy the latest model?

Jiangtao: Just wait a few seconds. Well, it says that the new models will be here in August.

Wei: That's good enough, I think. What color does the new F3 come in?

Jiangtao: Let me see. This new model is in red, white, black or silver.

Wei: I prefer the silver one.

Jiangtao: You have a good taste. Congratulations on you as you are going to "recover" from your horrible headache very soon.

Wei: Thank you very much. You've helped a lot.

Jiangtao: Don't mention it.

Unit 3

Dialogue one

(Zhao Lei and Peng Bing are at the ticket counter checking in their baggage.)

Lei: Is this the right counter to check in for flight 5860 to London?

Clerk: Yes, it is, sir.

Lei: Great! Here are our passports and e-tickets.

Clerk: Thank you. Do you have any seat preferences?

Bing: Yes. We'd like to have an aisle seat and a window seat, both in the non-smoking

section, please.

Clerk: OK. How many bags do you want to check in?

Lei: We have one each.

Clerk: Any carry-ons?

Bing: Just one.

Clerk: OK. Here are your tickets and boarding passes. Have a nice flight!

(The plane took off.)

(F. A. = Flight Attendant)

Lei: I cannot hear clearly.

Bing: That's airplane ear. Yawning, or swallowing will help, or... Here you are, have a chewing gum.

F. A.: Ladies and gentlemen, please be advised that smoking is not allowed during the flight. Please check the menu card in the seat pocket in front of you to help you make your meal selections. We'll be coming around with drink shortly.

Bing: Wow... Look at the menu. I'm starving now!

Lei: Me too.

F. A.: Excuse me, what would you like for dinner?

Bing: Do we get a choice of entrées?

F. A.: Yes. Today we have fried fish with rice pilaf, or chicken curry served with noodles. The meal comes with vegetable, salad, a roll and yogurt for dessert.

Bing: I'll have the fish.

Lei: I'll take the chicken and a cup of tea for each of us.

F. A.: OK. Here you are. Have a nice meal.

Bing: Thanks.

Lei: Let's toast our happy and safe trip in the UK.

Bing: Cheers!

Dialogue two

(Peng Bing and Li Mei are discussing different ways of travel nowadays.)

Mei: What kind of travel do you prefer, Bing?

Bing: If I go alone, my favorite mode is by placing one foot in front of the other in an easy manner. With comfortable shoes, a light pack and an interesting environment.

Mei: That would be a great pleasure.

Bing: Backpacking costs a little and gives a lot of freedom.

Mei: How big is your backpack, then?

Bing: Umm, about 50 liter.

Mei: If you go with your family, what will you choose?

Bing: Well, I'll talk to a travel agent about the package tour.

Mei: Yeah. Package tour is quite popular among the whole family, the senior and people who

have never been abroad.

Bing: But, since the tour is arranged before the trip, people don't have much freedom to go around by themselves.

Mei: And I think shopping in some assigned stores, which is included in the package, is a waste of time for some travelers.

Bing: That's true. If you want to be comfortable and enjoy more freedom, why not try driving your own car!

Mei: And don't forget to bring a map or GPS with you to help you find the way.

Bing: Aha. Hopefully, we can take a trip into space one day soon.

Unit 4

Dialogue one

(Huang Jierong is consulting Elizabeth about vegetarianism.)

Jierong: Hey, Elizabeth, can you tell me why people choose to become vegetarian?

Elizabeth: It can be moral or health reasons, or maybe it's a means of supporting the environment.

Jierong: But, Elizabeth, how on earth can you make the connection between eating meat and protecting the earth?

Elizabeth: Let me show you some statistics. It takes up to 16 pounds of grain to produce just 1 pound of animal flesh. You see, it's shockingly inefficient to feed plant foods to farmed animals and consume their flesh rather than eat the plant foods ourselves.

Jierong: Sounds reasonable, but...

Elizabeth: In the US every second, chickens, turkeys, pigs and cows in factory farms produce nearly 89, 000 pounds of excrement, with the antibiotics and hormones that are pumped into these animals.

Jierong: Wow, I cannot believe it! It pollutes our waterways so seriously.

Elizabeth: So, it's fair to say that industrial agriculture consumes and wastes a tremendous number of resources just for raising animals.

Jierong: I have never thought of it before.

Elizabeth: So now, do you agree, that the most serious environmental problems of our time are all directly linked to eating meat?

Elizabeth: Yes, you are right. And in order to reduce my "ecological footprint", and tread lightly on the planet, I'll have a vegetarian diet today.

Dialogue two

(Huang Jierong and David are enjoying tea in one of the best teahouses in Chengdu, Sichuan.)

Jierong: David, do you know what Chengdu is famous for?

David: I guess teahouse. It is said that China has the best teahouses in the world and Chengdu has the best teahouses in China.

Jierong: Yeah! There are currently more than 6,000 teahouses in Chengdu.

David: That's why I can see numerous teahouses along the streets here.

Jierong: People go to the teahouses to make friends, get together with relatives, and find out news and even hearsay.

David: Anything special in the teahouses?

Jierong: Some of the teahouses have theatrical performances, such as storytelling, crosstalk and Sichuan Opera.

David: How magic! Is it expensive to be in teahouses?

Jierong: It depends. The cheap one may cost you only 5 yuan.

David: Maybe these ones are more suitable and economical for me. Is there any etiquette to drink tea?

Jierong: It is very informal to drink tea here. But there are some rules, for example, when someone hands you a cup of tea, take it with two hands. And when someone pours you more tea, it's polite to touch the side of the teacup as they pour it and be sure to say "thank you."

David: It is interesting! I just can't wait to have a cup of Chengdu tea.

Unit 5

Dialogue one

(Zhao Lei rings David, one of his American friends, to invite him to a barbecue.)

Lei: Hello, David, it is Lei. Dongyi and I are planning a barbecue. Would you like to join us?

David: Barbecue? I'd love to. It's what I'm longing for. Who else will be there?

Lei: Well, I am gonna call a number of friends. Oh, yes, Elizabeth will be there too.

David: Elizabeth? I guess she has been travelling around. hasn't she? I haven't see her for ages!

Lei: Yes. She flied home yesterday. We should definitely have a get-together. I'm sure there are a lot to talk about.

David: Great, count me in. What time?

Lei: How about Saturday morning?

David: Saturday morning? Let me see... Oh. I almost forgot. I promised my mother to go shopping with her on Saturday morning. Shall we fix another time for our barbecue? What about Sunday?

Lei: Sunday will be fine. Shall we meet at 10 o'clock in Tianxin Park?

David: Oh, that sounds great. How is it arranged? Do I need to bring something?

Lei: Well, that won't be necessary. But if you have something to share with us, you can also bring some.

David: Actually, I do have something. My mother brought me some wonderful ham from America. I will take some to the barbecue.

Lei: OK, that's settled. I will see you then.

David: See you then. Bye-bye.

Dialogue two

(Chen Hui is back from Britain and is telling some interesting things to Zhong Wei.)

Wei: So, how did you enjoy your time in Britain?

Hui: Well, it's amazing!

Wei: Really? What was that like?

Hui: It was nice. I stayed in Frank's parents' home. They live in the countryside, in a house with a lovely garden. They love reading the Times newspaper and do the crossword game a lot.

Wei: Didn't you teach them how to cook Chinese dishes?

Hui: I surely did! They treated me like a family. I cooked egg fried rice for dinner, and they taught me to bake biscuits as dessert. Oh, and we went to the pub a few times.

Wei: The pub?

Hui: Yes. A British may not speak to you on the train, but will talk to you about the weather if you meet him in the pub.

Wei: So, I guess it's more like a social meeting place?

Hui: You've got it. It's usually quite comfortable inside. It's carpeted, and has wooden furnishings. And there's often a big fireplace with a real fire. Some pubs are very old-hundreds of years old, in fact.

Wei: Do they serve food in these places?

Hui: Yes, but usually quite simple things, for example, a "ploughman's lunch." It's just a bread roll, with butter, cheese and pickles, and a bit of salad.

Wei: I see. It sounds that you really had a good time in Britain, then.

Unit 6

Dialogue one

(Li Mei is going for the election of the student union.)

Dandan: Hi, Mei, what happened to you yesterday? I didn't see you in class.

Mei: Oh, I was preparing for the election of the student union.

Dandan: I have heard about it. Don't you think that the sophomores and juniors will look down on us?

Mei: They may just tell us to do some little things, but I think I will learn from them.

Dandan: Oh, I'd never thought of that.

Mei: And I will take it as a good opportunity to meet more people and improve myself in every aspect.

Dandan: So you must have done a lot of work for the election.

Mei: Yeah. I'm learning to speak in public expressing my thinking fluently and clearly. But I am not sure whether I can do it.

Dandan: Don't be so nervous, Mei. You surely can do it! Which department did you apply for then?

Mei: I'd like to be in the Entertainment Department. You know, I am so fond of music, dancing and some sports events.

Dandan: For this position, what kind of personality do you think you have?

Mei: Well, I approach things very enthusiastically, and I don't like to leave anything half-done. I will concentrate on it until it is finished.

Dandan: Great, Mei, you are on your way. I'm sure you'll soon be made qualified for the position. Good luck to you!

Dialogue two

(Chen Dandan is looking for a part-time job.)

Dandan: My dear sister, I'm looking for a part-time job. Can you give me some help?

Hui: What kind of job are you interested in?

Dandan: I'm trying to find a job as an editor. I think my writing is fairly good.

Hui: Let me see. Umm, one of my friends works for a newspaper. Maybe you can talk to him.

Dandan: That's great!

(Tuesday, 9:05 am, Mr. Zhong Wei is interviewing Chen Dandan.)

Zhong: Do you have any part-time experiences, Dandan?

Dandan: Yes. I used to work as a part-time tutor in a kindergarten, from which I've obtained lots of valuable experience.

Zhong: Good! Then why do you want to be an editor?

Dandan: Well, I want to improve my writing skills in order to be a volunteer editor in the 2010 Asian Games.

Zhong: You're a bit ambitious, aren't you? What are your greatest strengths?

Dandan: I am good at writing, handwriting and drawing.

Zhong: You will mainly use English in this job. Do you think you can make yourself understood in English with ease?

Dandan: Yes. I love English, and I've been always practicing my oral English with my foreign teachers. They say my English is quite good.

Zhong: Excellent, Dandan. It's nice to talk to you. Would you please fill in this form? In due course, I will contact you.

Dandan: Sure. Thank you very much, Mr. Zhong!

Unit 7

Dialogue one

(On the street, Elizabeth ran across Joanna, her roommate in university. They went into a café.)

Elizabeth: I'm glad I ran into you. Where have you been hiding lately?

Joanna: Well, I was worried about my job. Many resumes had been sent out, and few had got a reply for interviews.

Elizabeth: Sweetie, maybe you need to take a break.

Joanna: Where are you working now?

Elizabeth: I am working as a secretary for a small business company now; everything is quite different from college life.

Joanna: Well, you know, Kelly is leaving for America; she is going to study abroad. I've got her farewell message.

Elizabeth: Really? What did she say?

Joanna: "It's hard to say goodbye. We studied, lived, sang and played together. Good luck in the future."

Elizabeth: Umm, it reminds me of the happy days we spent together.

Joanna: It's happy to see her turning over a new life.

Elizabeth: Yeah, tell her if she has time in the future, please do come and visit us. Good luck and best wishes.

Joanna: I surely will. Well, it's great to talk to you, Elizabeth. Let me foot the bill for you.

Elizabeth: Listen, please don't argue with me. Let me pick up the tab this time. You treated me many times when we were together. Now I'm making good money, so it should be my turn.

Joanna: Thank you! Have a nice day! Bye—bye!

Elizabeth: Bye, Joanna!

Dialogue two

(A farewell party is held for Professor Anderson at Chen Hui's House.)

Hui: Ladies and gentlemen, how time flies! Professor Anderson will leave for home tomorrow morning. We, therefore, sincerely, hope that he will benefit us with some advice and valuable suggestions. And, we want to take this opportunity to beg him to convey our profound friendship and best regards to his people. Now let's invite Prof. Anderson to speak to us.

Anderson: Dear friends: first of all, please allow me to say a word of thanks for holding this send-off party for me. I am greatly honored to have an opportunity to visit your great country and meet with so many of your people here. This visit has been full of interesting things and everything here left me a deep impression. I have learnt a lot during my short stay here. It has given me much better understanding of your country and people. I wish to take this opportunity to express

my heartfelt gratitude to you again. I hope that in the cause of promoting our development, we will understand each other better, learn from each other, enhance the friendship and strive for a better future.

Hui: Thank you, Professor Anderson. At this point, I propose a toast: to the health of Professor Anderson and to the better future of everyone, cheers!

Anderson: Cheers!

All: Cheers!

Anderson: Thank you, everyone. Thank you, Hui.

Unit 8

Dialogue one

(Since being enrolled in college, Zhao Lei found that the learning skills he employed in high school were not likely sufficient to guarantee success in his college courses.)

Xuegang: What's wrong with you? You look so depressed.

Lei: I got a C in the Statistics examination. I find it really hard for me, but I don't know to whom I should turn for help.

Xuegang: Have you talked to your instructor yet?

Lei: Not really.

Xuegang: This is unfortunate. Since the lecture professors and lab instructors know the course well, they have a keen interest in helping students understand those materials better.

Lei: It seems I have missed an important part of my academic study. Are there some other ways that can help me improve my performance in the examination?

Xuegang: Many professors provide lecture outlines, problem sets, and practice exams as part of their course handouts. You should utilize them as much as possible.

Lei: You are right. Before the examination, I paid little attention to those materials. I think this can partly account for my bad performance in the examination.

Xuegang: It's not too late for you to realize that.

Lei: Do you think the review sessions before each exam will be helpful as well?

Xuegang: These sessions provide an excellent opportunity to ask questions about the course that is not clear to you after studying your notes or other course materials.

Lei: I get your point. To be frank, I didn't attend the reviewing sessions. How foolish I am!

Dialogue two

(Li Mei has got a problem on time management.)

Xuegang: Hi, Mei, you don't look very well. What's the matter?

Mei: I was so busy handing out leaflets the whole morning that I didn't have time to have lunch, and I'm tired out now.

Xuegang: Why? Isn't it a great honor to be in the Student Union?

Mei: I'd say it's a waste of time. To tell the truth, I'm fed up with pointless exercises like this.

Xuegang: Come on, Mei. Life in university is quite different from life in middle school. Activities of the Student Union give you chances to make friends and to do something useful for society.

Mei: But I find it hard to balance. Xuegang, can you tell me why you can be both good at study and activity in the campus?

Xuegang: Actually, it's all about time management. You know, university is an exciting time in your life.

Mei: Yeah, meeting new friends and experiencing new activities...

Xuegang: Those will make demands on your time and energy.

Mei: That's true. I always find myself very exhausted.

Xuegang: It is impossible to be a good student if you are constantly exhausted, whether it's from studying or socializing.

Mei: Yes, basically, study comes first for students. But there are so much work. Sometimes I even miss class to finish it.

Xuegang: OK. Let's go for a coffee and rework your timetable.

Unit 9

Dialogue one

(Zhang Jiangtao and his colleague Zhong Wei are at Professor Legge's office.)

Jiangtao: Professor Legge, we are grateful to you for your warm hospitality. Your kindness has made our stay in New York very pleasant. And your lectures were really wonderful and valuable.

Wei: Here is a gift for you to express our gratitude—Tieh-kuan-yin, a kind of oolong tea, and a tea set. We hope you will enjoy this special Chinese flavor.

Legge: Thank you for your gift, Jiangtao and Wei! I'd like to have it instead of coffee every day. But when I treat my guests with Chinese tea, what should I do?

Wei: Let's show you, Professor. Making a cup or pot of Chinese tea, you'll need tea leaves, teapot, cups, and kettle for boiling water.

Jiangtao: Then, you put a handful of tea leaves in the pot, and add not-quite-boiling water to wash the leaves. Leave for few seconds and then pour out.

Legge: OK.

Jiangtao: Add boiled water, and leave for a minute. Boiling water releases a chemical that makes the tea sour.

Wei: So you can add some sugar to it, if you like. Real Chinese tea usually has sugar added but only for some types.

Jiangtao: That's right. And by then, you will get a few cups of real Chinese tea.