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前 言

《高职·高专·成教英语应用能力考试阅读·听力训练与解析》是以“全国高职高专教育英语课程教学基本要求”为依据,针对现行“全国高职高专英语应用能力考试”而编写的一本考前教学辅导书。本书适用于修完“全国高职高专教育英语课程教学基本要求”规定内容的高等职业学校、高等专科学校、本科二级技术学院和成人高等学校的学生,还可供有关院校常规教学和考前使用。其特点如下。

1. 针对性强。本书共分阅读训练与解析和听力训练与解析两篇。在阅读训练与解析中,收入了8个Text,每个Text中含有5篇文章(注:每篇文章用Task表示),共计40篇。包括B级4个Text,20篇文章;A级4个Text,20篇文章,每篇文章包含5个不同子题,共计200题。其后是包括200个习题答案、解析和译文。在听力训练与解析中,收入了8个Text听力训练模拟试题,包括B级4个Text、A级4个Text,每个Text试题均包含3个部分,即Section A、Section B、Section C,并设有15道练习题。3个部分共设120道练习题。其后是听力录音原文与包括120道题的答案、解析和译文,并附有听力磁带。

2. 实用性强。对所给文章和听力材料、习题答案、解析,力求通俗易懂,贴切实用,有助于考生牢固掌握和灵活运用所学知识。本书与全国高等学校英语应用能力考试试卷的文章、题型及难易程度基本相同,有很高的参考价值和实用价值。

原来,我们准备同时编写《高职·高专·成教英语应用能力考试写作训练与解析》和“阅读训练”、“听力训练与解析”这样3本书,因考虑到读者多为在校生经济承受能力有限,故不再编写“写作训练与解析”,并将“阅读”、“听力”合并成为一本。我们希望这套系列读物有利于促进高职高专成教英语教学,帮助考生顺利通过全国高等学校英语应用能力考试,为实现高等技术应用型人才的培养目标而做出应有的贡献。

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I. 阅读理解训练

B 级

Text 1

Directions: This part is to test your reading ability. There are some tasks for you to fulfill. You should read the reading materials carefully and do the tasks as you are instructed.

Task 1

Directions: After reading the following passage, you will find 5 questions or unfinished statements, numbered 1 through 5. For each question or statement there are 4 choices marked A), B), C) and D). You should make the correct choice and mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Pauline Nichter, 46 and her husband, Tom, 44, had both lost their jobs and were living in and out of motels with their 11-year-old son, Jason. They were in danger of losing their car for failure to make payments on it.

One day last winter, Pauline found a wallet containing a credit card, an airline ticket to New Zealand and \$2,394 in cash at a shopping center in the Los Angeles suburb of Buena Park.

"For a second I thought about taking the money," she said later. "But only for a second." Instead, she delivered the wallet and its contents to the nearest police station, where the owner reclaimed (要求归还) them. Word of her honesty quickly got out, and a grateful community responded in kind.

The Nichters received more than ten job offers and an apartment rent-free for six months. An anonymous donor (匿名捐献者) brought the car payments up the date. Others gave cash. One elderly couple walked into the police station where Pauline had turned in the wallet and asked how much money had been in it. When they were told the amount, the man said, "Then that's what they deserve," and wrote out a check for \$2,400.

At a news conference a tearful Pauline said, "Never in a million years would I have thought this would happen to us. What we have received is far more than what was in the wallet."

1. The reason why the Nichters were in danger of losing their car was that they _____.

- A) lived in motels
C) had lost their licenses
- B) were unable to pay for it
D) no longer liked it
2. How did the people in the community react to this event?
A) Someone gave them a free house.
B) Someone sent a new car to them.
C) Someone gave them \$ 2,400 in cash.
D) Some people offered them some job opportunities.
3. "An anonymous donor brought the car payments up the date" (Line 2, Para. 4) means that someone _____.
A) paid all the rest of money they should pay for their car
B) brought the car payments to them
C) bought them an up-to-date car
D) paid all the money for their car
4. The old couple wrote out a check for the Nichters because they _____.
A) were friends of the Nichters
B) thought that the Nichters were too poor
C) were grateful to Nichters for their returning them the wallet
D) wanted to help them and admired their honesty
5. The best title for this passage would be _____.
A) Honesty Is Money
B) Honesty Rewarded
C) Turning in the Wallet to Be Praised
D) Turning in the Wallet to Be Paid

Task 2

Directions: This task is the same as Task 1. The 5 questions or unfinished statements are numbered 6 through 10.

Well, sir, opening a bank account is not very difficult. The trouble is finding the cash to put in it. We at Barclays know there's a student problem — shortage of cash. The monthly cheque from home never seems big enough. We can't make it any bigger but we can make it go a little further. Any student who opens a cheque account with Barclays gets our most important services free. We don't charge you for running your account provided you keep out of the red (有盈余).

You'll find you'll be able to budget (预算) far better when you have a current account. And you'll be able to make payments by cheque or standing order. For example you can ask us to pay your rent direct to your landlady. All you need to do is to make out a standing order, and that means we make sure your rent is paid on time, without having to worry about it. You'll receive regular statements to let you know just how you stand. If you have any money problems such as having money sent to you from home our manager will be pleased to help in any way he can. His experience in money matters is sure to be of value to you.

I suggest you open your account today. Don't wait until the term starts — you'll have more than

enough to think about then, settling in and starting your studies. You'll be busy arranging your timetable and generally getting used to your new life and new surroundings.

6. A standing order is _____.
- A) the same as a cheque
 - B) a way of receiving money regularly
 - C) a way of notifying a customer how he stands
 - D) an instruction to the bank to make regular payments to someone
7. The student problem the bank knows about is _____.
- A) the need for a regular statement
 - B) the need for advice on money matters
 - C) a student has a lot to do
 - D) a student's income is not high enough
8. It costs a student nothing to run an account provided that _____.
- A) he does not pay out more than he has in the bank
 - B) he sees the bank manager about money matters
 - C) he makes his money go further
 - D) he opens the account before term starts
9. The writer of this passage is _____.
- A) the chairman of the students' union
 - B) the president of a university
 - C) a banker
 - D) a parent whose son has just gone to college
10. What is actually offered to the students?
- A) A prize for those who study best.
 - B) Some free financial services.
 - C) Cash for those who live on their own.
 - D) Rent-free housing.

Task 3

Directions: After reading the following passage, you are required to complete the outline below it (No. 11 through No. 15). You should write your answers briefly on the Answer Sheet correspondingly.

What makes a leader? Some people think that an effective leader should have characteristics such as self-confidence. Effective leaders have generally proved to themselves over some period of time that they are capable of succeeding in their world. A second, and perhaps more obvious characteristic is that they simply are among the most competent and hardest-working people in their area of expertise (专长). The ability to listen is also listed. Sensitivity and listening are important not only because the members of the

organization value them, but also because they protect the leader. Today's leaders also tend to be highly organized — not just in terms of how they use their time but in how they think as well. An organized mind is far more important than an organized desk. Finally, because the true leader is confident and sensitive he can recognize the success of others and provide the necessary feedback that creates a powerful bond between the leader and follower.

The characteristics for being a leader are reflected in:

1. _____ 11 _____.
2. _____ 12 _____.
3. _____ 13 _____.
4. _____ 14 _____.
5. _____ 15 _____.

11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____

Task 4

Directions: After reading the following material, you are required to find the Chinese / English equivalents in the table below. Then you should put the corresponding letters in the brackets on the Answer Sheet, numbered 16 through 20.

A—Audio Control Panel
 B—Audio Volume Control
 C—Battery Pack
 D—Battery Pack Latch
 E—CD-ROM Drive
 F—Diskette Drive
 G—External Input Device! Connector
 H—External Monitor Port
 I—Headphone Jack
 J—Left Speaker
 K—Line-in Jack
 L—Liquid Crystal Display

M—Memory Door
 N—Microphone
 O—Microphone Jack
 P—Modem Connector
 Q—PC Card Eject Buttons
 R—PC Card Slot
 S—Power Jack
 T—Power Switch
 U—Right Speaker
 V—Security Keyhole
 W—System-expansion Connector
 X—System-status Indicators

Y—Track Point Buttons

Z—Track Point Stick

Example: (U)右扬声器

(F)软盘驱动器

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|-------------------|--------------|
| 16. () 外接输入装置连接器 | () 电源接口 |
| 17. () 系统状态显示 | () 调制解调器连接口 |
| 18. () 电源开关 | () 外接显示器端口 |
| 19. () 液晶显示 | () 耳机插口 |
| 20. () 送话器插孔 | () 音量控制 |

16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Task 5

Directions: After reading the following material you should give brief answers to the 5 questions (No. 21 through No. 25) following it. The answers should be written after the corresponding numbers on the Answer Sheet.

Letter one

Gentlemen:

We think you will be interested in a new product for which we have secured the sole patent (专利) right. The newly invented product definitely satisfies a longstanding want, and it can save both time and inconvenience.

After months of scientific research, a new substance, Texterite has been evolved. The new material is unaffected by water and most chemicals, and it is light in weight. Further it readily lends itself to household uses, as the enclosed catalogue illustrates.

In order to make these products popular, all the catalogue prices are subject to a special discount (折扣) of 10 percent during the month of September only. In all probability this offer will not be repeated for some time, and we accordingly look forward to receiving an early reply from you, when we should be pleased to demonstrate the complete range of these products.

Yours faithfully,

Letter two

Dear Mr. Curtis:

We are most distressed by your letter of July 16th.

We admit you have cause for complaint, and we are sorry you were put to such trouble and inconvenience by the carelessness of one of our clerks.

You have been a good customer for a long time, we sincerely hope you will forgive us such oversight (疏忽).

Cordially,
John Smith

21. What is the first letter about?
22. What are the features of the new product?
23. What discount will the company offer if the new product is ordered in September?
24. Why are they distressed according to the second letter?
25. Why do they write the letter?

Text 2

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Task 1

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The Specialty Language Centre, situated in the centre of Sydney, is in a truly unique location. It is surrounded by parks, museums, shops, department stores, cinemas, entertainment complexes, sporting facilities, Asian and Western restaurants, banks and medical centres, and it is close to all public transport.

Course information;

Courses: General English Communication; Business English; Preparation for High School; Preparation for University; Preparation for College/TAFE; Preparation for International Exams (IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge First Certificate in English, Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English, Cambridge Proficiency in English); and English Touring and/or Sporting Packages.

Levels: Lower Beginner; Beginner; Upper Intermediate; Lower Advanced; Advanced; and Native-speaker Level.

Course costs: Enrolment fee: A \$ 150. full-time: four weeks or more A \$ 245 per week; two weeks A \$ 570. Part-time: four weeks or more A \$ 185 per week; two weeks A \$ 500.

Full-time study is 25 hours per week including five hours of supervised self access study. Part-time study is 15 hours per week.

1. The specialty Language Centre is most likely situated _____.
A) in the centre of a city
B) in the suburbs of a city
C) in a convenient place in the countryside
D) in a strange place where there is everything available
2. The courses offered at Specialty Language Centre are for the purpose of _____.
A) preparing students for further study
B) preparing students for career opportunities
C) improving students' English proficiency
D) all of the above
3. The levels of the programs provided at the Specialty Language Centre range from _____.
A) elementary to native-speaker level
B) beginner to advanced
C) lower beginner to lower advanced
D) lower intermediate to upper intermediate
4. If you want to be enrolled for a six-week full-time program, you should pay a total of _____.
A) A \$ 1,620
B) A \$ 1,470
C) A \$ 815
D) A \$ 570

5. Supervised access study is provided for _____.

- A) part-time students
- B) full time students
- C) advanced students
- D) intermediate students

Task 2

Directions: This task is the same as Task 1. The 5 questions or unfinished statements are numbered 6 through 10.

This product is guaranteed by Philips for a period of one year after the date of purchase against defects due to faulty workmanship or materials. The guarantee covers both parts and labor.

Service under guarantee is only provided upon presentation of reasonable evidence (e.g. completed guarantee card or purchase receipts) that the date of the claim is within the guarantee period.

The guarantee is not valid if the defect is due to accidental damage (including in transport), misuse or neglect and in case of alterations or repair carried out by unauthorized persons.

The guarantee may not apply if the product requires modification or adaptation to enable it to operate in any country other than the country for which it was designed, manufactured, approved and/or authorized or if any damage results from these modifications.

Service (during and after guarantee) is available in all countries where this product is officially distributed by Philips. In countries where Philips do not distribute the product, the local Philips Service organization will also provide service although there may be a delay if the appropriate spare parts and technical manuals are not readily available.

These statements do not affect your statutory (法定的) rights as a consumer.

In the event of difficulty please contact the Philips Information Centre in any country (see enclosed addresses).

6. Service under guarantee is available when _____.

- A) the purchase date meets with the guarantee period
- B) a purchase receipt within the validity of the guarantee is presented
- C) the product is damaged
- D) repair needs to be carried out

7. The guarantee is not provided if the defect is the result of _____.

- A) mishandling
- B) modification for use in other countries
- C) unauthorized alterations
- D) all of the above

8. What is necessary when one claims for the guarantee?

- A) The damaged part of the machine.
- B) The purchase receipt for the machine.
- C) The technical workbook for the right model.
- D) The official approval of the local Philips Information Centre.

9. As a rule, the guarantee service is _____.

- A) delayed for some time
- B) offered within one year

C) given to local consumers

D) ignored in some countries

10. What can be inferred from the passage?

A) One will surely need the guarantee service after the purchase of a Philips product.

B) A Philips product can be used in all countries in the world.

C) Philips Service has a very large network over the world.

D) There is some difficulty contacting the Philips Information Centre.

Task 3

Directions: After reading the following passage, you are required to complete the outline below it (No. 11 through No. 15). You should write your answers briefly on the Answer Sheet correspondingly.

Not so long ago it was assumed that the dangers man would meet in space would be terrible, the main one being radiation (辐射). There are two sorts of radiation man must fear in space. The first is radiation from the sun, and this is particularly dangerous when the sun is very active and explosions are occurring on its surface. The second, a less harmful form, comes from the so-called Van Allen Belts. These are two areas of radiation about 15,000 miles away from the earth. Neither of these forms of radiation is a danger to us on the earth, since we are protected by our atmosphere.

Once outside the atmosphere, however, man is no longer protected, and radiation can be harmful in a number of ways. A distinction must be drawn between the short-term and long-term effects of radiation. The former is merely unpleasant, but just because an astronaut returning from a journey in space does not seem to have been greatly harmed, we can assume that he is safe. The long-term effects can be extremely serious, even leading to death.

One solution to the dangers of radiation is to protect the spaceship by putting some kind of shield around it. This was in fact done on the Apollo spaceship which landed on the moon. Another solution would be to surround the spaceship with a magnetic field to deflect (使……偏斜) the radiation. In all, we have to conclude that there is at present no complete solution to the problem of radiation.

The danger people will meet in space is radiation from the sun and from _____ 11 _____.

Effects of radiation:

A. The short-term effects are _____ 12 _____.

B. The long-term effects are _____ 13 _____.

Possible solutions to the dangers of radiation:

A. To _____ 14 _____.

B. To _____ 15 _____.

11. _____

12. _____

13. _____
 14. _____
 15. _____

Task 4

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| 19. () Today's exchange rate | () Introduction of recent album sales |
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16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Task 5

Directions: After reading the following material you should give brief answers to the 5 questions (No. 21 through No. 25) following it. The answers should be written after the corresponding numbers on the Answer Sheet.

Letter one

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your promptness in delivering the goods ordered by us on June 11th, but we must point out that 200 bags were specified in our order form, not 300 bags as you delivered.

Unfortunately, our requirements are so completely covered that we can find no outlet for the surplus (剩余). This is accordingly being held at your disposal, waiting for your instructions to return it.

Faithfully yours,

Letter two

Gentleman:

We are sorry that the shipment of 240 tables received today at Zhanjiang is so badly damaged that we are unable to accept it.

This is as disturbing to us as we know it must be to you, as we have been waiting for these tables for some time now and have promised delivery to users, and insured all precautions (预防) are taken for safe delivery. We should appreciate a wire telling us when the new shipment will arrive.

Yours truly,

21. How many bags did the buyers order?
22. What might the surplus of the bags be done with?
23. Why don't the buyers accept the tables?
24. Why do the buyers ask sellers to send another shipment immediately?
25. What do the buyers expect the sellers to do before the shipment?