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前言

Contents

英语学习者都知道，听、说、读、写是英语学习的基本要素。而其中“听”则是学习英语当中最基础、最重要也是最困难的环节之一，同时它也最能体现出一个人的英语水平。目前在我国，英语学习已相当普及，从未学过英语的人屈指可数，可谓全民同学英语。然而，真正学好英语的人却为数不多，或者说相当多的人学习效果不甚理想，究其原因，主要是语言学习环境较差。我们知道，语言是思想交流的工具，其主要作用是沟通、交流，一旦起不到其作用，学习语言也随之失去了意义。为了帮助英语学习者攻克英语听力这道难关，本书编者精心挑选了VOA教育方面的最新新闻报道资料，供广大英语学习者巩固英语听力之用。

编者相信，如果能用心学习此书，掌握本书的所有内容，在今后收听VOA、BBC或使用英语交流时，定会收到意想不到的效果，使自己的听力水平跨上一个新的台阶。

本书在编写过程中得到刘学飞、王伟亮、刘强、周志风、杨辉、赵天飞等同志的大力支持，在此向他们表示最衷心的感谢！

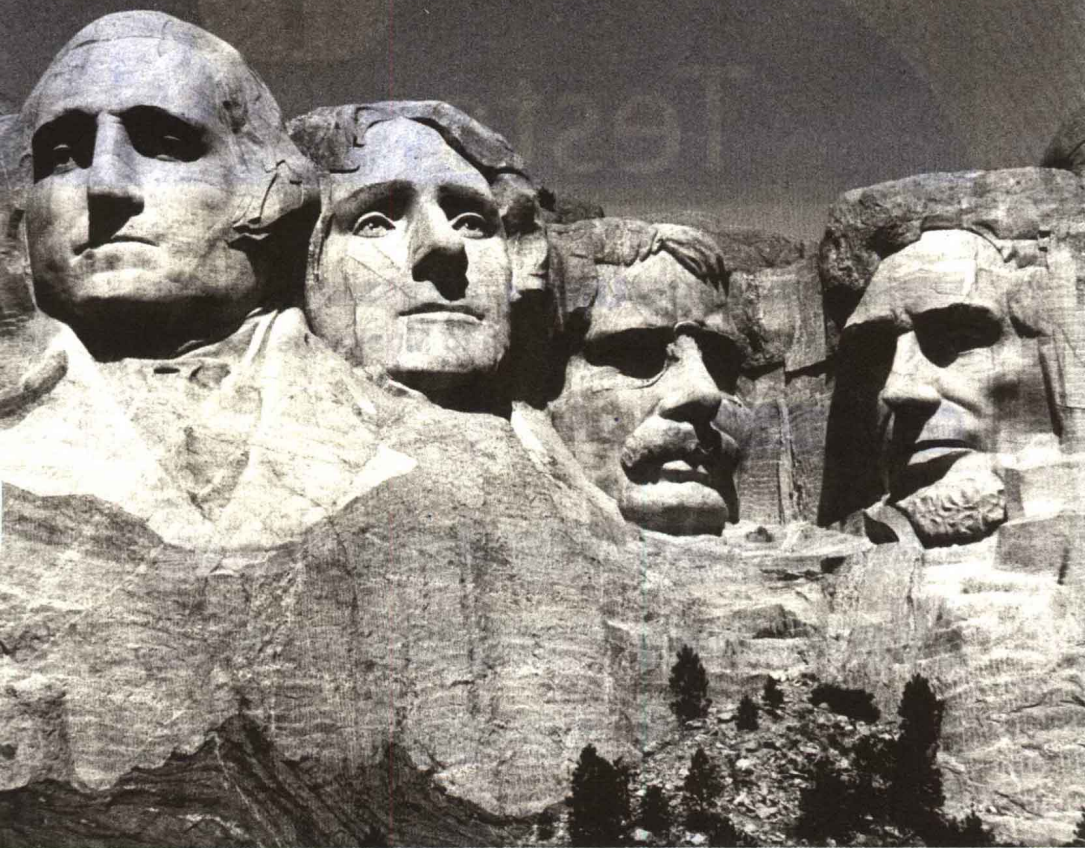
由于编者水平有限，加之编写内容较新，如有不妥之处，敬请批评指正。

编者
2008年4月

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Tests

Unit 1

Yale offers Free Tuition to Musicians

Words & Expressions

tuition <i>n.</i>	学费
endowment <i>n.</i>	(基金、财产等) 捐赠
anonymous <i>a.</i>	匿名的
donor <i>n.</i>	捐助者; 捐赠者
MBA (Master's in Business Administration)	工商管理硕士
trajectory <i>n.</i>	(事物)发展的轨迹; 起落
capitalization <i>n.</i>	资本化
pay off	偿还; 还清
accumulate <i>v.</i>	积累; 积聚
undergraduate <i>n.</i>	大学本科生
hurray <i>v.</i>	欢呼; 喝彩
conservatory <i>n.</i>	音乐学校
incredibly <i>ad.</i>	难以置信地
full-ride <i>n.</i>	全免学费
potential <i>a.</i>	潜在的

Exercises

1 Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from the report.

1. Why is The Yale School of Music able to offer free Master's degrees to any musician good enough to be selected for the program?
2. According to Thomas Duffy, what kind of violin will a student need to buy before they walk in the door?
3. According to Ellen Pfeifer, why Yale is now going to have a solid advantage over other music graduate schools when it comes to attracting the best students?

11 Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If they are false, please correct them according to what you have heard.

- () 1. It is uncommon for a student to leave the Yale School of Music with a two-year Master's Degree and a burden of debt that is \$20,000 to \$40,000.
- () 2. Future doctors and lawyers normally graduate with far less debt than anyone getting a Master's degree in Music.
- () 3. The New England Conservatory offers full scholarships to all of the students it accepts.
- () 4. According to Dean Duffy, art and theater majors are expensive to get into, but they can't guarantee a high-income return.

Note:



Unit 2

College Tuition Continues to Rise in the U.S.

Words & Expressions

commission <i>n.</i>	委员会
inaugural <i>a.</i>	就职 (典礼) 的; 开幕的
participant <i>n.</i>	参与者
priority <i>n.</i>	优先考虑的事
affordable <i>a.</i>	负担得起的
sluggish <i>a.</i>	(商业) 不景气的; 萧条的
enrollment <i>n.</i>	招收
equate <i>v.</i>	视……等同于
a chunk of	大量
available <i>a.</i>	可以得到的; 可利用的
enticement <i>n.</i>	引诱; 诱惑物
prestige <i>n.</i>	名声; 威望
restructure <i>v.</i>	重新组织; 重新调整
formula <i>n.</i>	配方; 制法; 公式

Exercises

I Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from the report.

1. What is the average cost of one year at a private U.S. college or university now?
2. Why are more and more American high school students going to college?
3. According to Patrick Callen, why have universities not always distributed

that money (financial aid) wisely?

II Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If they are false, please correct them according to what you have heard.

- () 1. According to this report, the cost of going to college in the United States is still rising much slower than inflation or Americans' household income.
- () 2. The students today are graduating with nearly twice as much education-related debt as graduates had five years ago.
- () 3. According to the Public Interest Research Group, nearly 30% of student borrowers leave school with what are considered to be "unmanageable" debt levels.
- () 4. Patrick Callen thinks if schools just restructured their aid formulas, they could do a lot to make a college education more affordable.

Note:



Unit 3

World Food Prize 2005 Fights Malnutrition and Obesity

Words & Expressions

malnutrition <i>n.</i>	营养不良
obesity <i>n.</i>	过度肥胖
nutritional <i>a.</i>	营养的
laureate <i>n.</i>	桂冠诗人; 赢得荣誉者
aquaculturist <i>n.</i>	水产专家
sidebar <i>n.</i>	(新闻报道的) 补充报道
dramatic <i>a.</i>	重大的; 戏剧性的
aquaculture <i>n.</i>	水产养殖
alleviate <i>v.</i>	减轻; 减少
protein <i>n.</i>	蛋白质
agenda <i>n.</i>	议事单; 会议议程
surplus <i>n.</i>	过剩
ailment <i>n.</i>	(轻微的) 疾病
cardiovascular <i>a.</i>	心血管的
initiate <i>v.</i>	开始; 创始

Exercises

1 Fill in the blanks with the information you have heard from the report.

1. The World Food Prize Foundation recently has held the convention in Des Moines, Iowa. _____ from 26 countries discussed two major nutritional challenges _____ the world in the 21st century: malnutri-

tion and _____.

2. Dr. Gupta's fish farming methods has resulted in a _____ increase in freshwater fish _____ in these countries, by as much as three to _____ times.
3. Along with _____ and malnutrition, the problem of obesity was _____ by WFP experts at their _____ gathering.
4. Ambassador Quinn thinks the annual World Food Prize Award ceremony and symposium present an _____ for participants to _____ issues, share experiences and _____ ideas.

II Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If they are false, please correct them according to what you have heard.

- () 1. The World Food Prize, often referred to as the "Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture" was created in 1968.
- () 2. Dr. Modadugu Gupta of India won the 2006 World Food Prize.
- () 3. According to Dr. Gupta, improving nutrition will take less than increasing food production.
- () 4. According to Foundation president Kenneth Quinn, today, more than 115 million people in the developing world struggle with obesity-related ailments.

Note:



Unit 4

Older Americans Study Arab and Islamic Culture

Words & Expressions

retiree <i>n.</i>	退休人员
pillar <i>n.</i>	支柱
misconception <i>n.</i>	错误观念
Christianity <i>n.</i>	基督教
refugee <i>n.</i>	难民
documentary <i>n.</i>	记录影片
sample <i>v.</i>	品尝
motivate <i>v.</i>	激发; 刺激
curiosity <i>n.</i>	好奇
ethnic <i>a.</i>	道德的
suicide bomber	自杀袭击
share...with	与……分享
sign up for	签到
scratch the surface	只看到……表面; 只考虑到……皮毛
venue <i>n.</i>	(行动、事件等的)发生地点; 审判地点; 集会场

Exercises

1 Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from the report.

1. What do the courses offered at the Osher Lifelong Institute include?
2. According to Sue Staples, OLLI's Project Director, why did the institute start offering such classes?

3. According to Mr. Migalli, what does he often share with his students?

II Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If they are false, please correct them according to what you have heard.

- () 1. The old students at Osher Lifelong Institute say they have the same reason for taking the class.
- () 2. In order to make the learning experience enjoyable for his students, lecturer Nabil Migalli uses a lot ways, such as showing short documentaries, inviting his audience to listen to Arabic music and sampling Middle Eastern food.
- () 3. According to Mr. Migalli, one widespread conception is that Islam itself promotes violence and terrorism.
- () 4. OLLI Program Assistant Barbara Grant thinks the courses that ended last month proved to be their most popular classes.

Note:



Unit 5

Kenyan and Guatamalan Receive Buffett Conservation Awards

Exercises

conservation <i>n.</i>	(天然资源) 保护
citation <i>n.</i>	奖状
slender <i>a.</i>	细长的; 修长的
jellyfish <i>n.</i>	水母
manatee <i>n.</i>	海象
dugong <i>n.</i>	儒艮
aerial survey	航空测量
looter <i>n.</i>	掠夺者; 抢夺者
archeological <i>a.</i>	考古的
indigenous <i>a.</i>	土著的
legendary <i>a.</i>	传奇的
cheetah <i>n.</i>	猎豹
habitat <i>n.</i>	(动物的) 栖息地; (植物的) 生长地
spotlight <i>v.</i>	使公众注意; 使突出醒目
safari <i>n.</i>	(徒步) 旅游; 科学考察
bring...to the forefront	使……成为注意中心

Exercises

1 Answer the following questions according to what you have heard from the report.

1. According to Nyawira Muthiga, what caused her to be interested in marine biology?
2. According to Ms. Muthiga, why is a special challenge for many African women to get a university education and become scientists?
3. According to the two recipients of the Buffett Award, how will they use their prize money?

11 Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If they are false, please correct them according to what you have heard.

- () 1. Each of the two recipients of this year's Buffett Conservation Award got a check for \$250,000.
- () 2. That popular American TV series such as Survivor help bring more eco-tourism to the Mayan areas.
- () 3. The Buffett Award for Leadership in Conservation is named for its founder, Howard Buffett.
- () 4. Howard Buffett says that he wants to salute local conservationists who have received wide acclaim.

Note:

