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前 言

我们谨将南开大学英语系集体智慧的结晶——《21 世纪高校英语专业基础课系列教材》奉献给广大的学生,奉献给崭新的 21 世纪。

这套教材是 2000 年教育部批准实施的《高等学校英语专业英语教学大纲》颁布后,国内出版的第一套英语专业基础课系列教材,共计 8 种,分两次出齐,包括:

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新世纪的教材应该有新世纪的特点。我们在教材编写中努力做到:全面贯彻新《大纲》,立足培养具有扎实的英语语言基础和广博的文化知识的复合型英语人才;反映当代科技、文化的最新成就;反映教学内容和课程体系改革的最新成果;在教材内容和体系上有明显特色。

系列教材编写工作难度大、时间紧、要求高。参加编写工作的所有教师兢兢业业,一丝不苟,历冬寒夏暑,始成此书。

我们倾全系之力编写这套教材,因为我们知道:我们正在为新世纪奉献自己的微薄之力。我们倾全系之力编写这套教材,因为我们相信:新世纪需要这样的教材。

这套教材得到了南开大学各级领导,尤其是学校教材建设委员会的关心和支持,并被列为教材重点建设项目;这套教材还得到了南开大学出版社的大力支持和帮助。

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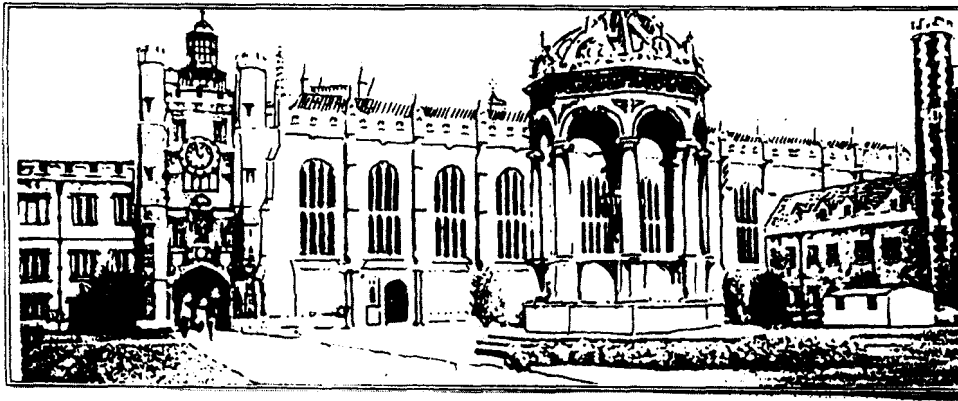
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LESSON ONE

Section One Listening Activities

A. Conversation: Focus on Specific Information

Information for Foreign Students Who First Arrive in the UK



Vocabulary Preview

formality — an act in accordance with law or custom

prosecute — to bring a criminal charge against (someone) in a court of law

prospective — expected or intended; likely to be or become

my mouth waters — liquid forms in my mouth at the thought of tasty food

Listening Guide

In recent years, more and more foreign students have been coming to the United Kingdom to study. What formalities should students coming from abroad complete upon first arriving? In the conversation Mr. Alan Mclean from the British Council will offer them some advice.

Exercise One

Listen to the conversation and get the best choice for each of the following multiple-choice questions.

1. According to Allan, overseas students can go to ____ for information and advice on all aspects of college life and living in the UK.
 - a. the Welfare Office of the Student Union
 - b. the counsellor for overseas students
 - c. overseas students' societies and organizations
 - d. all of the above

2. An overseas student _____.
 - a. has to register with the police upon arriving in the UK
 - b. has to register with the police if he comes from an EEC or Commonwealth country
 - c. has to register with the police if he intends to stay less than 6 months in the UK
 - d. has to register with the police unless he wants to stay in the UK for less than 6 months or he is from an EEC or Commonwealth country
3. If an overseas student is required to register, he must _____.
 - a. do it within seven days
 - b. bring his passport and two passport-sized photographs
 - c. go to 10 Lambs Conduit Street, London WC1 (if he is living there)
 - d. all of the above
4. There is a charge of twenty-five pounds for registration _____.
 - a. for the overseas students living in London
 - b. for whoever wants to live in London
 - c. for those students who are required to register
 - d. for those coming from EEC
5. Only those who are granted _____ are entitled to claim state benefit or to work in the UK.
 - a. student visas
 - b. non-resident visas
 - c. forms OW 1 and OW5
 - d. work permits
6. Allan's answers turn out to be _____.
 - a. helpful
 - b. not informative
 - c. decisive
 - d. necessary

Exercise Two

Listen to the conversation again and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. Most of the overseas students are not sure about what formalities they should follow on their first arrival in the UK.
2. Students from abroad, upon their first arrival, can go to an off-campus office for help if they have any problems.
3. The stamp put in the student passport by the Immigration Office often determines whether the student has to register with the police or not.
4. The overseas student must inform the police of his new address whenever he changes it during his stay in the UK.
5. 10 Lambs Conduit Street in London stay open from 9 am to 4:45 pm on weekdays.
6. Generally speaking, OW1 form filled out by one's prospective employer should be

restored in the Job Center together with a letter from one's college indicating that the employment will not interfere with one's study.

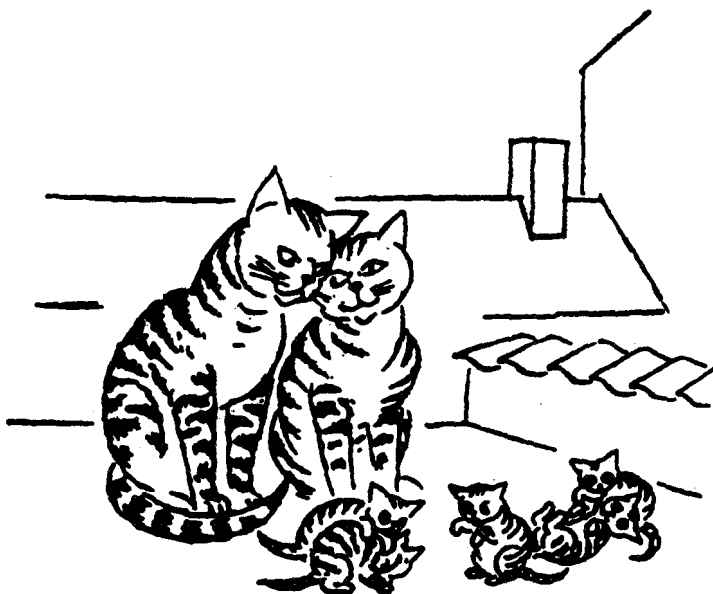
Exercise Three

Put the following steps in the most likely order.

1. Ask about all the formalities.
2. Register with the police.
3. Make sure that you are allowed to work.
4. Pick up and get all the corresponding forms and fill them out.
5. Get necessary help from the Student Union if necessary.
6. Arrive in the UK.

B. Passage: Focus on General Comprehension

Pets Are Good for You



Vocabulary Preview

dog parlour — shop giving beauty treatment to dogs

comedian — a person who makes people laugh (here referring to a “humorous” dog)

fatal — very unwise (but really meaning causing death)

Bad Guy — criminal

trot — to run without effort

dachshund — a small dog with short legs and a long body (also sausage dog)

purr— (make) the noise of a contented cat

tub — round bath

permanganate — medicinal substance

filthy — very dirty

pneumonia — dangerous disease of the lungs

antibiotics — modern medicines to stop the development of disease

lick — to pass the tongue over

ornament — an object possessed because it is beautiful rather than because it is useful

Listening Guide

Do you keep a pet? There is a pet in nearly every family in the UK. People believe that an animal in the family helps to keep us human.

Exercise One

Listen to the passage about pets and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. According to the passage, the Queen looks down on animals.
2. Many British families have special chairs near the fire for their pets because they think of their pets as members of the family.
3. The pensioner wanted the bones and fish for her pets.
4. The customer at the Dog Parlour thought the coat should be a surprise.
5. Some psychologists think pets are important for children.
6. Doris Lessing had a pet cat many years ago when she was a little girl and she still has a clear memory about her cat, the weather of that winter and the little room.

Exercise Two

Listen to the passage again and answer the following questions.

1. How did the pensioner feel about the meals pet animals ate?

2. Why do some people say many pet owners make a mistake in their way of treating their animals?

3. What do the psychologists think about pets?

4. Does Wodehouse think owners should encourage their pets to be amusing? Why (or why not)?

5. Was Rudolph innocent?

6. What reasons does Doris Lessing give for not having another cat for 25 years?

Exercise Three

Complete the following sentences.

1. The basic meaning of "pet" is an animal we keep _____.
2. A pet in the family keeps people _____ the more natural, animal _____.
3. Dachshunds overplay their sense of _____, and I suppose other dogs have _____, but they seem unimportant compared with _____.
4. The great virtue of pets is surely, as these writers show, that _____. An animal in the family helps to _____.

Section Two Listening in the Real World

Vocabulary Preview

erupt—to explode and pour out fire

evacuate—to move out of danger

fatal—causing or resulting in death

Cultural Notes

Caribbean Sea

The name of the sea is derived from the Carib people, who inhabited the area when Spanish explorers arrived there in the 15th century. It's the arm of the Atlantic Ocean, bounded on the south by South America and Panama, and on the west by Central America. It has an area of about 1 942 500 square kilometers.

Montserrat

It's an island in the Caribbean Sea, southwest of Antigua. This island is mountainous, rising to the volcanic peak of Chances Peak. Plymouth, the only major community on the island, is the capital of Montserrat.

A. News from BBC

1. Listen to the news item and write down the main point of the news.

This news item is about _____.

2. Listen to the news item again and fill in the blanks according to the information you hear on the tape.

The latest _____ on the island of Montserrat in the Caribbean are threatening _____ disruption for the island's inhabitants. About half the population of _____ have been _____ to the north of the British territory for the third time since the Chances Peak volcano _____ again last July. The British government _____ to leave Montserrat and has relaxed _____ to allow them to live in Britain for up to two years. Our diplomatic correspondent Barnoby Mason reports.

B. News from YOA

1. Listen to the news item and choose the most appropriate title for it.

- The Crash of a US Marine Corps Plane.
- The Investigation of the US Military Officials.
- The Training Mission of US Marine Corps.

2. Listen to the news item again and answer the following questions.

- a. What happened to a marine corps plane ?

b. What place did the US military investigators go to ?

- c. For what purpose did they go to that place ?

- d. How many people died in the crash ?

- e. What was the marine corps plane doing when the accident occurred ?

- f. Altogether how many planes were participating the training mission before the crash happened?

C. News from CNN

Listen to the news item from CNN and answer the question:

Why have the two men been arrested ?

Section Three Dictation and Listening Assignments

A. Dictation

The following passage will be read to you slowly. Listen to it three times, and while listening try your best to take down everything in the original text.

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B. Listening Assignments

Listen to an excerpt from a book about naming ceremonies after class and get ready to discuss the following questions with your classmates next time in class.

1. How does the elder purify himself for this ritual?
2. What markings does the elder put on himself and on the baby?
3. Why is the baby held up to the sky?
4. Why do you think some families name children after a parent or grandparent?
5. The text says that the Ashkenazi Jews and Kung people of Namibia do not name their children after living parents, but it doesn't give the reasons why. Think about a possible reason for this custom, and discuss it with a partner.
6. Do you know any other naming ceremonies? If so, describe them to your classmates.