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前 言

本书是根据由教育部考试中心开发的全国公共英语等级考试(PETS)第四级(Level 4)考试大纲及考试要求编写的一套英语听力考试强化训练教材。PETS 第四级考试是面向社会的、开放的、非学历性的英语等级考试。其试题与评分标准是以考察考生交际能力为核心,考生不受职业、年龄和学历背景等方面限制,其级别标准相当于我国学生普通高中毕业后在大学至少又学习了3—4年的公共英语或自学了同等程度英语课程的水平。通过该级考试的考生,其英语水平基本满足攻读高等院校非英语专业硕士研究生的需要,基本符合一般专业技术人员 and 研究人员、现代企业经理等工作对英语的要求。

根据大纲中关于四级考试听力部分的要求,考生应“能够听懂英文讲座,学术发言或论证的大部分内容”。此教材立足大纲要求,结合多年教学经验,综合了各方面意见,对收集到的大量听力材料进行了整理和修改,选材新,题材广泛,为考生提供了大量针对 PETS 第四级考试的材料和练习,考生使用起来如同身临其境,必将帮助考生有效地提高听力应试水平。

PETS 第四级考试的听力部分所需时间约为 30 分钟(含誊写和转涂答案的时间),试卷内容由 A、B、C 节组成,考察考生理解英语口语的能力。考试大纲要求:

“A 节(5 题):考察考生理解具体信息的能力。要求考生根据所听到的一段 180—220 词的独白或对话的内容,填补句子或表格中的空白。录音材料播放两遍。

B 节(5 题):考察考生理解总体和特定信息的能力。要求考生根据所听到的一段 280—320 词的独白或对话,回答 5 道简答题。录音材料播放两遍。

C 节(10 题):考察考生获取特定信息,理解主旨要义和详细信息,猜测词义,判断演讲者态度、意图的能力。要求考生根据所听到的三段独白或对话(每段 200—300 词),从每题所给的各选择项中选出最佳选项。每段录音材料只播放一遍。”

为了使考生进行有针对性的练习,更好地掌握 A、B、C 节的不同要求,本教材也按 A 节、B 节、C 节三部分编排,每部分包括十套该节的练习材料,其题型与 PETS 第四级考试的题型完全一致。在练习答案中附有解析部分,简明扼要地讲解了答案的由来。教材中附有录音内容的全部文字材料,在每段文字材料后附有简明的单词和短语注释。文字材料部分由外籍教师以标准音朗读,由专业录音师以专业录音器材录制。

●本书使用特色

1. 你可以集中做 A、B、C 各节的练习,这样可以熟练掌握每一节的题型和答题技巧。也可以把 A、B、C 节拆开使用,如先做 A 节中的第一套题,再做 B 节中的第一套题,最后做 C 节中的第一套题,这样就可以凑成一整套听力考题进行训练。
2. 每做完一套练习,可以停下录音机,翻到答案及解析部分检查一下你所做的答案。一定要在做完这部分练习后再参看录音的文字材料及注释。
3. 录音磁带上的内容完全参照正式考试的时间要求及格式录制,包括指令、听力材料、问题及指令上所要求的停顿时间。所以在使用这套教材时只要打开录音机,跟着你所做的那套练习的录音进行就可以了。

●本书答题技巧

1. 因为 A、B、C 三节的题型不同，在做练习时一定要熟悉这三种题型的要求和应答方法：

A 节要求填补空白，而且所填字数一般不超过三个单词；

B 节要求做简答题，而且答案字数一般不超过五个单词；

C 节要求选出最佳选项；

你所做的答案字数一定不能超过要求的字数，单词拼写及语法要尽量正确。A、B 节的答案不用写成完整的句子，只需按要求写出记录式的单词或短语(notes)、字母或数字。数字一般写成阿拉伯数字即可。可以先把答案写在试卷上，因为在听力试题做完后有五分钟誊写答案的时间。

2. 要有目的地去听。你的目的就是弄明白该问题要求你做什么，快速找到有关资料并作出准确的答案。因此如果有听不懂的个别单词也不必过于担心。

3. 为了做到有目的地听，就要充分利用播放所听段落之前的准备时间。首先，每节考试内容之前都有“指令”部分。这些指令内容印在试卷上，而且一般都包含关于所听材料的摘要或简短提示，要认真读或听这一部分。“指令”之后会有一段短暂的时间留给你，让你先读一下随后的答题内容。A 节留出 25 秒，B 节留出 25 秒，C 节在每篇文章之前都留出 15 秒(若有三道问题)或 20 秒(若有四道问题)。一定要充分利用这些时间，纵揽随后的问题。这样你就可以对将要听到的材料做到心中有数，预料到将要听到有关什么的内容，以及要回答哪方面的问题(如：时间，人名，原因等)，因此，在听的过程中就可以做到有的放矢，着重听与所问问题相关的关键信息，有效提高听力能力。

4. 在听每篇文章时，不要只注意你所听到的各个单词，而是要着重听你需要找的关键信息。一边听，一边把答案快速写下来，写的时候耳朵还要继续听朗读的内容。如果你在前一步的准备工作做好了，即提前分析出你将听到什么内容以及找哪方面的答案，这一步就不会太难了。如果有必要，可适当作些笔记(尤其是在做 C 节练习时)，快速简短地记录相关的具体信息，如时间等，但不能影响听随后的内容。

5. 因为 A、B 两节每篇文章的朗读都播放两遍，你就要根据自己的情况或习惯，充分利用第二遍放音的机会。你可以把第二遍放音作为验证或检查所做答案的机会，检查你的答案是否正确，是否符合指令的要求。也可以利用第二遍放音，把在第一遍放音中没作出的题再着重听一遍。

6. C 节录音只放一遍，但在每篇文章朗读完之后，你都会被告知有 30 秒(若有三道问题)或 40 秒(若有四道问题)的时间来检查答案。要充分利用这一段时间来检查答案。

7. 在正式考试中，当全部听力考试试题进行完之后，你将被告知有五秒钟的时间将所有听力答案转抄到答题纸上。要快速准确地做完这一工作，若有时间可再一次检查听力部分的答案。

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PETS 四级听力分项训练

(A~C 三部分共 30 分钟)

Section I Listening Comprehension (1)

Directions:

This section is designed to test your ability to understand spoken English. You will have a collection of recorded materials and you must answer the questions that accompany them. There are three parts in this section, Part A, Part B and Part C.

Remember, while you are doing the test, you should first put down your answers in your test booklet. At the end of the listening comprehension section, you will have 5 minutes to transfer all your answers from your test booklet to ANSWER SHEET 1.

If you have any questions, you may raise your hand NOW as you will not be allowed to speak once the test has started.

Now look at Part A in your test booklet.

Part A (1)

*You will hear an announcement about a conference. Listen and complete the sentences in questions 1 ~ 5 with the information you've heard. Write **not more than 3 words** in each numbered box. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the table below.*

This is the ____ of the conference.		1
The Grammar Session will be held in		2
People should return ____ to the session chairpeople.		3
People should gather to take the 3 : 30 buses by		4
The place for people to gather to take the buses is		5

Part A (2)

You will hear an interview. Listen and complete the sentences in questions 1 ~ 5 with the information you've heard. Write **not more than 3 words** in each numbered box. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the table below.

Miss Wood is from		1
She works as		2
She has been doing the job for		3
Her boy friend is		4
Miss Wood speak ____ languages.		5

Part A (3)

You will hear a conversation. Listen and complete the sentences in questions 1 ~ 5 with the information you've heard. Write **not more than 3 words** in each numbered box. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the table below.

The lecture was		1
The new student enrolled in the programme		2
He wants to know something		3
He is nervous about		4
He is nervous because he hasn't had an exam for		5

Part A (4)

You will hear an announcement about a tour. Listen and complete the sentences in questions 1 ~ 5 with the information you've heard. Write **not more than 3 words** in each numbered box.

You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the table below.

This is a tour of		1
Since the university buildings are not quite spread out they will tour		2
They'll start from		3
The huge white building is		4
Opposite the bookstore, there is the		5

Part A (5)

You will hear a weather forecast for the whole of England, Wales and Scotland. Listen and complete the sentences in questions 1 ~ 5 with the information you have heard. Write **not more than 3 words** in each numbered box. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the table below.

It is the weather forecast for the		1
In South England and Midlands it will be cloudy all day with		2
In the afternoon in Wales and Northern Ireland, the strong wind will blow from		3
In parts of the north of Scotland and Northern Ireland, there will be		4
For the whole of Scotland and Northern Ireland, it will be very cold below		5

Part A (6)

You will hear an announcement about student services at Ealing College of Higher

Education given by a teacher. Listen and complete the sentences in questions 1 ~ 5 with the information you have heard. Write **not more than 3 words** in each numbered box. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the table below.

The teacher is talking about the student services which are to be found in		1
All students are automatically members of		2
The document that the students need to get their student cards is		3
On Tuesday, the student health center is open from		4
If students stay in England instead of the London Borough of Ealing, they have to register with		5

Part A (7)

You will hear an interview between a young woman who has applied for a position with a company and the personnel officer of the company. Listen and complete the sentences in questions 1 ~ 5 with the information you have heard. Write **not more than 3 words** in each numbered box. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the table below.

At Leeds University, Ms Sutton studied		1
Before being a teacher, Ms Sutton worked as		2
For the last few months, Ms Sutton has been an		3
Every month at the new position, Ms Sutton would expect to earn		4
The benefit of the new job is that the company provides opportunities for		5

Part A (8)

*You will hear a conversation about a summer course between a poet and a newspaperman. Listen and complete the sentences in questions 1 ~ 5 with the information you have heard. Write **not more than 3 words** in each numbered box. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the table below.*

John once taught a summer seminar for college teachers on moral dimensions of		1
His course dealt with what can teach us		2
He once started writing a novel when he was about		3
He abandoned the writing of his novel because he didn't get any		4
He thinks that his novel might have been very much like some of his		5

Part A (9)

*You will hear an announcement about a tour in London given by a tourist guide. Listen and complete the sentences in questions 1 ~ 5 with the information you've heard. Write **not more than 3 words** in each numbered box. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the table below.*

The speaker makes an announcement about a tour called		1
When they get to Trafalgar Square, the visitors will be free to do		2
The Houses of Parliament are open to visitors only on Saturdays during		3

On Saturday morning, the speaker will be leaving the hotel at		4
As the last programme of the journey, the visitors will be having dinner at a		5

Part A (10)

You will hear a welcoming speech delivered by the headmaster of a language school. Listen and complete the sentences in questions 1 ~ 5 with the information you've heard. Write not more than 3 words in each numbered box. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the table below.

Speaking a language is a most effective way of learning it		1
The practice which involves teacher-student and student-teacher conversation is called		2
In class, the students are advised		3
The students are required to return the borrowed books		4
The students can get markers and notepads at		5

Section I Listening Comprehension (2)

Part B (1)

You will hear a conversation at a bank. Answer questions 6 ~ 10 while you listen. Use not more than 5 words for each answer. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the questions.

Why does Mr. Smith come to London?		6
How long will he stay there?		7
How much must you have to open a Higher Rate Deposit Account?		8
What is the interest on gross amount?		9
How much money does Mr. Smith want to put in the bank?		10

Part B (2)

*You will hear a talk on Education in the United States. Answer questions 6 ~ 10 while you listen. Use **not more than 5 words** for each answer. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the questions.*

Who controls public schools in the USA?		6
When do most Americans start to school?		7
What is the six-year schooling called after elementary school?		8
What may girls learn in vocational schools?		9
Until when must children attend school in most places in the USA?		10

Part B (3)

*You will hear a talk about food. Answer questions 6 ~ 10 while you listen. Use **not more than 5 words** for each answer. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the questions.*

What is one of the most important concerns of man during his life?		6
What did early man have to do when he ate all the food in one place?		7
What enabled man to change his life?		8
Why did great civilization begin to develop by the Yellow River in China?		9
What are the most important grains in North America?		10

Part B (4)

*You will hear a radio passage. Answer questions 6 ~ 10 while you listen. Use **not more than 5 words** for each answer. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the questions.*

When was Apollo 11 launched?		6
How many astronauts landed on the moon?		7
What did they put on the moon?		8
What did they pick up on the moon and later bring back?		9
How long did it take them to travel back to the earth?		10

Part B (5)

*You will hear a conversation among Mother, Father and the daughter. Answer questions 6 ~ 10 while you listen. Use **not more than 5 words** for each answer. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the questions.*

What does the mother complain about?		6
When are the phone calls more expensive?		7
Who do you think makes most of the calls?		8
According to her parents, what should Jane feel when phoning her friends?		9
When does Jane work?		10

Part B (6)

You will hear a conversation between Mr. Wang and Jane. Jane is telling Mr. Wang something about shopping in the United States. Answer questions 6 ~ 10 while you listen. Use **not more than 5 words** for each answer. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the questions.

What does Jane advise Mr. Wang to do before he buys?		6
Generally speaking, do the Americans bargain with the seller?		7
What kind of goods should be careful to buy according to Jane?		8
If he wants to have his purchase exchanged, what should he bring with him besides the purchase?		9
At the moment, what is the sales tax in New York City?		10

Part B (7)

You will hear a talk about how to use the library to look for a book. Answer questions 6 ~ 10 while you listen. Use **not more than 5 words** for each answer. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the questions.

How many ways are given to look for a book in the library?		6
Where should you look if you know the author's name?		7
Where should you look up if you want a book on a particular subject?		8
What can be found in the Subject Index?		9
What do you do if you have difficulties in finding a book?		10

Part B (8)

*You will hear a radio weather forecast. Answer questions 6 ~ 10 while you listen. Use **not more than 5 words** for each answer. You will hear the recording twice. You now have 25 seconds to read the questions.*

How would you describe the weather condition from New York to Florida?		6
What's the weather like in the southern areas?		7
What might have brought damage or injury to the Gulf coast of Texas?		8
How deep was the snow in some of the mountain stations?		9
What will the temperatures be in Arizona and the desert Southwest?		10

Part B (9)

*You will hear a talk on marriage customs in different parts of the world. Answer questions 6 ~ 10 while you listen. Use **not more than 5 words** for each answer. You will hear*