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内 容 提 要

本书是根据大学英语教学大纲,参照国家教委最近批发的“大学英语四级考试题型实行改革”文件,考虑到将参加 CET—4 考试的学生对新题型不熟识,不适应而编写了这本应试指导与练习。全书包括六章,每一章有应试概论,十六套模拟题,题后附有参考答案,写作部分有参考范文,听力部分,填空听写和逐词听写配有录音文字稿。完型填空是必改的一项考试内容,我们在文章中留有部分空格,学生根据内容自己填写适当的词,以增加主观题的练习。第六章是新题型练习,有翻译,填空听写和逐词听写等。这三种新题型将在 1996 年 1 月 7 日起及以后的考试中逐项推出。

本书采用 16 开活页本,学生可以根据自己的情况专项练习,也可把全书组成十六套完整的模拟题,以测试自己的应试水平。

前言

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前 言

大学英语四级考试(College English Test—Band Four,简称 CET—4)是由国家教委组织的全国性大学英语教学测试,自 1987 年以来,已举行了 16 次,为推动英语学习起到了积极作用。

我们在多年的大学英语教学中体会到,在对学生进行正规的语言能力训练外,在四级考试前,指导性地让学生做几套模拟练习题,对学生检验自己的语言水平,发现问题,及时解决问题是有好处的。

特别是 1996 年 1 月 7 日的 CET—4 考试将启用新题型,为了让学生尽快熟识和适应这一变化,我们编写了这本应试指导与练习,相信通过学习和使用这本书,考生们会对新题型有个全面了解,从而加快适应过程。

全国考试委员会拟对 CET—4 题型进行主要以下三项内容的改革:1. 增加英译汉以测试学生的阅读理解能力,2. 增加填空听写(Spot Dictation),以测试学生的听力理解和一定的写的能力,3. 增加逐词听写(Full Dictation),以测试学生的听力理解和一定的写的能力。这三种新题型将在 1996 年 1 月 7 日起及以后的考试中逐项推出。另外,从 1996 年 1 月起四级考试的作文分将实行最低分,最低分为 6 分。作文分为 0 分者,整个试卷作不及格处理。

我们可以看出,CET—4 考试加大了主观题测试量,判断题相应减少了,注意了表达测试,这实际上是要考出考生听、说、读、写、译等综合的语言能力,为进一步提高英语水平打下较好的基础。

英语语言基础包括听、说、读和写(四级水平的英译汉只是从另一个方面测试学生的阅读理解能力,并非着重翻译技巧和翻译水平)。实践证明,读的多,听力就会有相应的提高,口语练习得多,也能提高写作水平。所以听、说、读和写是相辅相成的,以后的语言测试的重点也将放在考查学生综合性语言的实际应用能力上,希望能引起师生的注意。

本书编写的特点:

1. 注意给予学生以方法和思路上的指导,在考题应试概论中,简明扼要地论述了考试方法,作题思路,以及如何在考试中高水平发挥等一些问题。

2. 题型、题量和难度贴近真题水准,特别是三项新题型的原始材料绝大多数选编自国外各种图书和报刊,符合题型要求,难易度适中。

3. 有效和实用。全书包括六章,每一章有应试概论,十六套模拟题,题后有参考答案,写作部分有参考范文,听力理解、填空听写和逐词听写均配有录音文字稿。

4. 方便和可行。本书采用16开活页本,学生可以根据自己的情况专项练习,也可把全书重新组合成十六套完整的模拟练习题,以测试自己的应试水平。

5. 完整和配套。本书听力理解、填空听写和逐词听写均有录音磁带,由外籍教师录制,语音清晰,质量良好。

这本书得以及时出版,我们得到了各方人士的大力支持和帮助。翟兴隆教授为作文部分撰写了二篇作文范文;李晓利先生为这本书提供了必要的外文资料;莫恭丽、张力群二位老师为这本书作了部分校对工作;张立群老师为我们提供了可行性建议;这本书得以及时出版,我们还得到了赵兰慧主任的鼎力支持和帮助。在此笔者谨向他们表示深深的谢意。

我们在编写过程中,参考了国内外发行的许多书,但未附出“参考文献”,这里一并向有关作者表示诚挚的感谢,并敬希鉴谅。

由于我们的水平有限且时间仓促,本书一定还存在一些缺点和不足,诚心诚意地希望广大师生提出批评意见。

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第一章 听力理解概论(Listening Comprehension)

大学英语四级考试分为五个部分,听力理解首当其冲,占四级考试总分的20%。大学英语教学大纲对四级听力的要求是“对题材熟悉,浅于课文,基本上无生词,语速为每分钟120词的听力材料,一遍可以听懂,理解的准确率不低于70%”。四级听力试题分为两部分:Section A(对话)和Section B(短文),测试时间为20分钟,共有20个选择题。Section A(对话)有10个选择题,每题均由一男一女对话,然后由第三者就对话内容进行提问,满分为10分。第三者提问的方式各题不尽相同。可以从正面,也可以从反面;可以对某一词语,也可以对整个句子及语言环境;可以对具体情节,也可以对全文概括性提问。其表现形式主要是用带疑问词的特殊疑问句提问。Section B(短文)由三篇短文组成,每篇词数在120—140左右。根据短文内容每篇后设有3—4道选择题,三篇短文共有10道选择题,满分为10分。提问的形式主要是用带疑问词的特殊疑问句对短文内容提问。

下面就大学英语四级考试听力部分的应试技巧和解题方法作以简单论述,以便使考生了解并掌握必要的应试技巧,在考试中少走或不走弯路。

听力应试技巧:

1. 考生在考前一般都进行过模拟训练,对四级听力的考题设计、题型、时间等都比较熟悉。因此在正式考试时,考生可以不听前面的(Direction)提示,利用这段时间迅速浏览选择项,以便提前掌握重点信息,准确选出正确答案。有人作过试验,拿到试题册打开卷子,从听力部分的第二十题开始往前看,看到第一题时,正好放第一题的录音。应试者不妨试一试。

2. 万一没有听懂录音中谈话的意思,绝不可慌乱,对该题放弃得越早越好,切不可犹豫不决,影响做下题的情绪。否则,会连续失分。

3. 听力材料的速度为每分钟120词左右,这对于缺乏英语语言环境,缺少听力训练的考生来说是比较快的。所以技巧1谈到的预先读选则项,提前了解信息是非常重要的。另外,做完一题后在录音放出下一题之前的瞬时再次把下一题的四个选择项浏览一遍,从中判断出测试点,这就是我们常说的“先看后听”。

4. 注意听所提的问题。有些考生听完了对话或短文后,就忙着读选则项,忽略了下文紧接着要提出的问题。要知道,听不清问题,同样无法准确地答题。这一点在对话中显得更为突出。通常,对话中的多数问题是针对第二个人的答话内容提出的。考生注意所提问题的同时,更要注意答话人所讲的内容。

5. 做好笔记和标记。做好笔记和标记是做好听力理解的重要一环,它的好处在于使考生集中注意力,听后能基本掌握原文内容,获取更多的信息,提高答题的正确率。在浏览全篇选择项时,就应该在选择项旁做笔记和标记。比如九一年六月曝光题 Passage Three 中,通过阅读选择项,可以知道这篇文章是谈狗及其作用的。我们可以在题旁注上“狗,作用”三个字,考生再听录音时,就不太可能分散注意力,从而可以提高答题的准确率。

Simulated College English Test

—Band Four—

Test One

Part I Listening Comprehension (20 minutes)

Section A

Directions: *In this section, you will hear 10 short conversations. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. The conversation and the question will be spoken only once. After each question there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked A), B), C) and D), and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.*

Example: *You will hear:*
You will read:

- A) At the office.
- B) In the waiting room.
- C) At the airport.
- D) In a restaurant.

Sample Answer [A] [B] [C] [D]

From the conversation we know that the two were talking about some work they have to finish in the evening. This is most likely to have taken place at the office. Therefore, A) 'At the office' is the best answer. You should choose answer [A] on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the centre.

1. A) He tells the woman to go to work at once.
B) He asks if the woman feels well enough to go to work.
C) He suggests the woman not go to work until she feels well enough.
D) He implies that the woman should stay in bed and never go to work.
2. A) Most airline pilots don't want to settle down.
B) He doesn't want to get married.
C) Most airline pilots don't really have families.
D) He doesn't want to go home.
3. A) Two.
B) Four.
C) One.
D) Three.

4. A) Went to Japan.
B) Visited her brother.
C) Stayed at home.
D) Spoke to her sister on the phone.
5. A) Changed her professor.
B) Changed her mind.
C) Left school.
D) Seen the professor.
6. A) The man and woman don't know.
B) They are on the man's desk.
C) They are in the man's pocket.
D) They are on the table.
7. A) He took the wrong bus.
B) He was all wound up.
C) He went in the right direction.
D) He got on at the bus stop.
8. A) Go to the conference.
B) Talk to a travel agent.
C) Stay at a hotel.
D) Make his own reservation.
9. A) Her mother doesn't like it.
B) It is a family disgrace.
C) It has been in her family a long time.
D) Her boyfriend gave it to her.
10. A) Colored slides.
B) Camera.
C) Film.
D) Pictures.

Section B

Directions: *In this section, you will hear 3 short passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center.*

Passage One

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you've just heard.

11. A) a damp brow
B) clammy hands
C) restless hand gestures
D) a jittery stomach
12. A) is looking for a job
B) seeks facts from prospective employees
C) has already hired you
D) is always on the lookout to trip applicants up
13. A) wiping your head and hands before entering the interview room
B) taking several tranquilizers before the interview
C) being dramatic and aggressive
D) realizing that interviews are two-sided and making the most of it

Passage Two

Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A) The earth uses only a fraction of the sun's energy.

- B) Early man was incapable of using solar energy.
 C) Solar radiation can be dangerous.
 D) The windmill was the forerunner (先驱) of the steam engine.
15. A) Weather is influenced by the sun's energy.
 B) Water power is the most economical form of energy.
 C) Coal is the result of heat and pressure.
 D) The sun is the source of all our energy.
16. A) A machine which is similar to an old windmill.
 B) A mirror which can reflect the sun's light in all directions.
 C) An electric motor which can be used in a car.
 D) An engine which can turn water into steam by using the sun's energy.

Passage Three

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you've just heard.

17. A) That she didn't have the alarm.
 B) That she was late for class.
 C) That her clock didn't go off.
 D) That she had shoes of different colors on her feet.
18. A) That he was holding his wife's hand.
 B) That he took a stranger's hand by mistake.
 C) That he didn't bring enough money to buy the dress.
 D) That he tried to avoid looking at the dress.
19. A) The clock was stolen.
 B) There was something wrong with it.
 C) She forgot to set the clock the night before.
 D) Someone stopped the clock before it went off.
20. A) Men are always careless.
 B) Getting up late often makes a person feel embarrassed.
 C) Carelessness causes lots of embarrassment.
 D) Susan and Bill were embarrassed when they met again.

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Band Four

Test Two

Part I

Listening Comprehension

(20 minutes)

Section A

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| 1. A) A clock radar.
B) A clock radio. | C) A pocket radio.
D) A pocket mirror. |
| 2. A) About 60.
B) More than 60. | C) Half of the student body.
D) About 30. |
| 3. A) Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
B) Tuesday and Saturday. | C) Saturday and Sunday.
D) Tuesday and Thursday. |
| 4. A) To buy a car.
B) To hear a musical program. | C) To visit friends.
D) To buy tickets. |
| 5. A) He doesn't have a job. | B) He can't associate with his boss. |

- C) His boss sent him out on a job. D) Bob's having problems hearing his boss.
6. A) Not as nervous as she expected. C) Angry at the professor.
B) Extremely anxious. D) very relaxed.
7. A) The new manager is sick. C) There are six new managers.
B) She hasn't met the manager yet. D) She didn't like the manager.
8. A) Her boss. C) A teacher.
B) Her friend. D) An editor.
9. A) The mountain's height. C) The view.
B) The woman's height. D) Their ages.
10. A) 8:00. C) 8:30.
B) 8:15. D) 8:45.

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11. A) physics C) archaeology
B) sociology D) medicine
12. A) radical change in the organism
B) changes similar to those accomplished by plants
C) dramatically different head sizes
D) cultural adjustments in the customs of society
13. A) learned and social
B) caused by heredity and physical variation
C) due to different mental capacities
D) similar to the varying ways of plants

Passage Two

Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A) Geography. C) Art and craft.
B) Medicine. D) Physical education.
15. A) To attend lectures on the theory of education.

- B) To have four weeks of teaching practice in various schools.
- C) To act for the headmistress during her absence.
- D) To teach a class of forty children.

16. A) To take over the school.
B) To remain as teacher.

- C) To shift to some other
D) To become a head in a

Passage Three

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the following passage you've just heard.

17. A) Ten o'clock.
B) One o'clock.

- C) One-thirty.
D) Two o'clock.

18. A) Hot.
B) Warm.

- C) Cool.
D) Cold.

19. A) 10 degrees.
B) 24 degrees.

- C) 30 degrees.
D) 33 degrees.

20. A) Tuesday.
B) Wednesday.

- C) Thursday.
D) Saturday.

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1. A) She is not going to dinner with the man.
B) She'd like to go though she is busy.
C) She is not going to dinner because she makes it at home.
D) She'd like to go after she finishes her work.
2. A) A headache.
B) The weather.
C) The woman's son.
D) Fatigue.
3. A) At the office.
B) In bed..
C) In the hospital.
D) At her mother's.
4. A) An apartment building.
B) A hotel.
C) A department store.
D) A market.

5. A) In a post office.
B) In a hospital.
C) In a drugstore.
D) In a supermarket.
6. A) Where to go.
B) What time the train starts.
C) Where to find a phone.
D) What the train number is.
7. A) Call a friend.
B) Work on his car.
C) Take a taxi.
D) Walk to work.
8. A) At the restaurant.
B) At the theatre.
C) At the station.
D) At the drugstore.
9. A) 5 minutes.
B) 10 minutes.
C) 45 minutes.
D) 50 minutes.
10. A) Shopping for clothes.
B) Taking a trip.
C) Exercising.
D) Studying.

Section B

Directions: *In this section, you will hear 3 short passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.*

Passage One

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you've just heard.

11. A) Susan.
B) Susan's father.
C) Tom's mother.
D) Tom.
12. A) He is sitting at a table in the garden.
B) He is in the garden near a window.
C) He is in his house.
D) He is writing a letter to Susan.
13. A) I don't know.
B) He is repairing a shirt.
C) He is cutting some flowers.
D) He is giving the bird some food and water.

Passage Two

Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you've just heard.

14. A) boiled with ammonia.
B) in the grease.
C) washed.
D) scoured.