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《美国之音标准英语新闻听力教程》第 12 辑收集了 2002 - 2004 年《美国之音》标准英语新闻广播共 71 篇,都是根据题材内容、语言学习和信号质量等方面的考虑,在一千多个录音选集中再精选而集成,覆盖《美国之音》各类英语广播节目,内容涉及政治、经济、军事、外交、科技、航天、体育、医疗保健、社会文化和自然界的天地万象等等。重大或有趣新闻几乎篇篇皆是,例如:“大象交响乐队”、“珍珠港事件第一枪”、“金字塔探秘”、“B-2 飞机”、“姚明与 NBA”、“乔丹告别赛”、“影响健康的十大因素”、“三峡导流明渠截流”、“夏威夷观活火山”、“布什国情咨文”、“太空魅力”、“台湾公投闹剧”、“雅典盛会”等等。题材广泛,篇幅适中。书中编有详尽的词汇、多样的练习和必要的背景介绍。与往辑不

同的是本辑增加了单项选择练习,以增强练习效果,也更接近各类英语测试题型。书后附有录音文字,可供阅读复述使用——编者积40余年听力实践经验,忠告读者:复述实在是提高听说能力的一种十分有效的方法。

本书适用于大学英语专业和非英语专业学生、英语教师以及准备参加BEC二级以上,PETS第四、五级和TOEFL等考试应试者学习或培训。

由于编者水平有限,书中缺点和差错在所难免,诚望广大学习者和同行不吝赐教。

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WORKBOOK



News Item 1

Words and Expressions

1. suspend *vt.* 暂停
2. brand *n.* 商标
3. tar *n.* 焦油, 尼古丁
4. milligram *n.* 毫克
5. regulator *n.* 管理者

Exercises

I. Choose the best answer to complete each of the following statements according to what you have heard from the tape.

1. _____ domestic cigarette brands have been suspended.

A. 141

B. 131

C. 121

D. 140

2. What are the tar levels set for a cigarette?

- A. More than 17 milligrams
- B. More than 15 milligrams
- C. Under 20 milligrams
- D. Under 17 milligrams

II. *Retell the news in your own words.*



News Item 2

Background Information

库尔斯克号(核)潜艇: 2000年8月12日, 俄罗斯海军大演习后, 北方舰队最先进的“库尔斯克”号战略核潜艇神秘地沉没于巴伦支海, 海上官兵118人全部遇难, 直至2002年2月才发现, 它是由于操作不当致使鱼雷爆炸而沉没的。

Words and Expressions

- 1. the Barents Sea 巴伦支海
- 2. to blame ... on ... 把……归咎于……
- 3. faulty *a.* 有故障的
- 4. torpedo *n.* 鱼雷

5. practice torpedo 练习用的鱼雷
6. rip *vt.* (用利器)划出(裂缝、孔洞等)
7. salvage *n.* 海上打捞

Exercises

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

1. What happened in August of 2002?
Russian nuclear submarine Kursk went down in the bitter cold water
2. What does the news say about the crew on board? *118 died*
3. What is the new explanation to the cause of the incident?
practice torpedo exploded inside
4. What was first said to be the possible cause of the incident?
one submarine. a collision with a foreign submarine or a mine left over from WWII
5. What does the news say about the bodies of the people on board and the bulk of the ship?
be recovered

II. Retell the news in your own words.



News Item 3

Words and Expressions

1. Sukhoi 苏霍伊(飞机设计局)

2. airshow 航空表演
3. clip *vt.* 剪辑
4. eject *vi.* 弹射
5. billow *vi.* 波浪般起伏, 滚滚向前
6. in short supply 供应短缺
7. deal a blow to 给……以打击

Exercises

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

1. What is the news about?
Russian fighter jet crashed
2. What type of aircraft is it and how many crew members were on board?
Sukhoi fighter 78+600
3. What is said to have caused the accident?
4. What is said about the pilots?
eject safely
5. What does the news say about the spectators on the ground?
lying on the grass
6. What are the difficulties Ukraine's military is facing in the post-Soviet years?
lack of funding

II. Retell the news in your own words.



News Item 4

Words and Expressions

1. industrial emission 工业排气
2. monsoon *n.* 季风 (印度等地的西南季风)
3. dire *a.* 危险的
4. teeming *a.* 充满的, 拥挤的
5. Bangladesh 孟加拉国
6. subcontinent *n.* 次大陆
7. detrimental *a.* ~ (to) 有害的, 不利的

Exercises

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

1. What is global warming usually understood to mean?
rising air temperatures caused by greenhouse gases and industrial emission
2. What does the new study say about the Southwest Asian monsoons?
have but stronger over the past few years
3. What definition does the news report give to the Southwest Asian monsoon?
a result of global warming

4. What does the Southwest Asian monsoon bring?
5. What negative impact could the monsoon have?
II. Retell the news in your own words.



News Item 5

Background Information

al-Qaeda: (拉登的) 基地(组织) (阿拉伯语, 相当于英文“the Base”)

The September 11 terrorist attack on World Trade Center and the Pentagon has been attributed to bin Laden and the al-Qaeda network. (*The New York Times*)

Words and Expressions

1. deputy *n.* 代表
2. *Time* magazine (美国)时代(周刊)

Exercises

1. Choose the best answer to complete each of the following statements according to what you have heard from the tape.

1. The United States approved a plan to attack al-Qaeda _____ the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

- A. one week before B. two weeks before
C. one week after D. two weeks after

2. The US plan to attack al-Qaeda was made _____.

- A. during the Clinton Administration.
B. during the Bush Administration.
C. on Sept. 4
D. on Sept. 12

II. Retell the news in your own words.



News Item 6

Words and Expressions

1. make it 做到; 成功

2. commissioner *n.* (政府厅局处等部门的)长,
长官

3. panic *n.* 恐慌, 惊慌

Exercises

I. Choose the best answer to complete each of the following statements according to what you have heard from the tape.

1. The focus of the news is _____ as revealed by the new audiotape.
 - A. a grief-stricken widow
 - B. families of the rescuers
 - C. firefighters
 - D. Nicolas Scolpadder
2. Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the news?
 - A. It was generally believed previously that firefighters hadn't climbed so high as they actually did.
 - B. At least two firefighters climbed to the 78th floor.
 - C. The audiotape reveals the fear and panic following the terrorist attack on the World