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前 言

最近几年,许多高校开设了英语报刊阅读课。报刊以其新鲜充实的内容与生动活泼的文风,愈来愈受到广大学生的欢迎和教师的重视。

选入本门课中的课文都是世界各地最近的新闻报道,因此,在学习这门课时,学生不仅能获得充实的语言知识,而且还能了解国际形势,领略异域风情以及孕藏于此的文化意蕴。

报刊的不少词汇新颖生动。这些词汇可以从一个侧面反映出现代英语语言的变化发展。了解掌握这些词汇,可以使学生从一个新的角度来把握英语这一最普遍的交际工具。同时,有些词汇经过上千年的发展演绎,是沉淀于英语语言中的精华部分,在今天的英语世界中出现的频率极高。学习这些词汇是进入英语宝库的关键一步。

随着文体学家对报刊文体的研究越来越深入,报刊文体的诸多特点如简洁鲜明性、直接了当性等,在今天的日常生活中被普遍采用。了解熟悉这种文体,对英语学习者也是极为必要的。

正因为如此,目前国内出版了一些此方面的教材。在总结这些教材的不足和经验基础上,我们联系组织了一些英语教学工作者编写了本套教材。与其他教材最大不同的是我们所选的材料,都是中国人写的,且都是关于我们自己国家的教育、经济、科技、文化及山水名胜的内容。从中国人在中国学英语用英语的角度出发,突出内容上的实用性、趣味性和知识性,是本书的编写原则。

我们认为让学生从熟悉的内容材料出发学习英语，一是可以增加他们的学习兴趣，减少直接学习原文的困难，二是可以使他们边学边用，有利于他们直接用英语来表达描述他们所熟悉的事情和观念，诸如改革开放、经济变化、股票市场等等。

本套教材由上下两册组成。每册由教育 (Education)、旅游 (Tourism)、经济 (Economy) 和文化 (Culture) 四个单元组成，每单元课文 A 和课文 B 各 5 篇，共 80 篇。课文 A 之后，除有注释 (Notes) 外，还配有形式多样的练习，使学习者通过各种阅读理解练习、词汇练习和读写训练，正确理解和掌握其内容，进而提高他们的英语综合技能。

本套教材上册由杨新亮、孟凡韶任主编，常润芳、许梅英任副主编，下册由段汉武、黄怡俐任主编，王纪东、顾玲、杨建华任副主编。孟凡韶、常润芳和许梅英分别编写了上册的第一、二、三、四单元；杨建华、顾玲、王纪东和黄怡俐分别编写了下册的第一、二、三、四单元。本书上册和下册分别由杨新亮和段汉武统编。

本书由华中师范大学英语系李习俭教授和李维光教授审定。在此，我们表示衷心的感谢。

本套教材在选材原则上虽有所创新，但尚处于探索阶段，加之我们水平有限，经验不足，书中难免有不妥之处。诚恳希望使用本书的师生、读者和有关专家提出批评和改进意见。

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Unit One Education

Lesson One

Text A

Support, Voiced for Nation's Teachers

China's Vice-premier Li Lanqing said in Beijing yesterday that the government will further improve teachers' living and working conditions.

"It is the government's consistent principle and the Chinese nation's fine tradition to respect teachers and put education in an important position," Li said at a rally to mark the country's ninth Teachers' Day, which falls today.

At the gathering, nearly 6 000 teachers were granted national honours for their hard work and outstanding contributions to education. They represented 10 million Chinese teachers nation-

wide.

Li told the rally that the government has done a great deal of work and taken a series of measures to promote teachers' social status and raise their pay. The goals have been at least partially reached.

"As the education enters a new stage featuring profound reform and all — round development," the vice — premier said, "teachers' skills have been improved, and their numbers have increased. Their working and living conditions have gradually become better, and their social status has been rising step by step."

Considering the government has put education at a strategic position which allows the sector to be developed first, he said, the approach is to construct a corps of teachers with sound political and professional sense. But the problem is, as a whole, treatment of teachers has not been so desirable.

"Some practical problems still exist in teachers' living and working conditions," he pointed out, adding that some reasons have delayed paying teachers recently. So governments at various levels must pay close attention to the problem.

But according to the vice — premier, the State is now quickening its pace in enacting a teachers' law to protect teachers' interests. And a new wage system which can meet the needs of education is under consideration.

He also said he hopes that governments at various levels would keep on strengthening education's strategic position. Government chiefs must take charge of teaching work themselves. They must ensure that educational funding reaches its destina-

tion and try to do more practical work for teachers.

The vice-premier again called on the whole society to persevere in supporting education and teachers and in carrying forward the fine tradition of respecting teachers and thinking highly of education.

"This will really turn teaching into a respectable, admirable, and most glorious profession in the society," Li said.

—*China Today*, No. 9, 1991

Notes

1. **consistent** *adj.* (of a person, his behaviour, principles, etc.) confirming to a regular pattern or style, regular
2. **rally** *n.* a large public meeting that is held in order to show support for sth. such as a political party
3. **grant** *n.* an amount of money that the government gives to a person or to an organization for a particular purpose such as education, welfare, or home improvements
4. **represent** *v.* to act or speak on one's behalf, for example, by expressing their views in a parliament or meeting
5. **status** *n.* position in society
6. **strategic** *adj.* A strategic plan or action is intended to help you to achieve sth. or gain an advantage. A country's strategic weapons and policies are part of the general organization of its defence systems or its organization of a war.
7. **sector** *n.* a division or section
8. **approach** *n.* a way, a path, a road
9. **corps** *n.* a small group of people who do a special job

10. ensure *v.* to make certain of getting or achieving
11. destination *n.* the place to which a person or thing is going
12. persevere *v.* to keep trying to do and not give up

EXERCISE

I. Reading Comprehension

Analyse the ideas and relationships. Circle the letter that best suits the answer or completes the statement.

1. Vice—premier Li Lanqing said that the government has been laying great stress upon _____.
 - A. teachers' wages
 - B. teachers' living conditions
 - C. teachers' political treatment
 - D. teachers' social position and their income
2. It can be inferred from the second paragraph that this article was written _____.
 - A. on September 10, 1991
 - B. on September 10, 1992
 - C. on September 10, 1993
 - D. on September 10, 1994
3. According to the essay _____.
 - A. teachers' working and living conditions have improved
 - B. teachers' working and living conditions have been improving
 - C. teachers' working and living conditions were improved

- D. teachers' working and living conditions are improved
4. Vice-premier Li told the teachers who represented millions of Chinese educators to attend the celebration meeting that _____.
- A. the problem of their social status and payment had been partly solved
 - B. the problem of their social status and payment is completely solved
 - C. the problem of their social status and payment is half solved
 - D. the problem of their social status and payment was entirely solved
5. Which of the following statement is not true as far as education is concerned?
- A. Education is the key work to the country's development.
 - B. Developing education must first set up a corps of teachers.
 - C. Raising teachers' pay is the only way to think highly of education for governments at various levels.
 - D. The governments at various levels must pay close attention to education.
6. According to the article, Vice-premier Li called the governments at various levels attention to _____.
- A. enacting a teachers' law
 - B. arrears with teachers' wages
 - C. taking charge of teaching work
 - D. supporting education
7. "Treatment of teachers" here refers to _____.
- A. teachers' skills

- B. teachers' numbers
 - C. teachers' political and professional sense
 - D. teachers' low pay
8. Which is not accurate?
- A. 10 million Chinese teachers are given the title of model workers by the state.
 - B. The state awarded 6 000 teachers the title of outstanding contribution to education.
 - C. 6 000 teachers got together to celebrate the 9th anniversary of Teachers' Day.
 - D. Respecting teachers and putting education in an important position is the Chinese people's fine tradition.
9. Though the government has done its best to education _____.
- A. there are still some problems in raising teacher's pay
 - B. the teachers' working, studying and living conditions are still unsatisfactory
 - C. the shortage of educational funds has been resolved
 - D. teachers' numbers have increased
10. The main idea in this article is _____.
- A. to promote the teachers' social position
 - B. to improve the teachers' working conditions
 - C. to arouse the whole nation to respect teachers and attach importance to education
 - D. both A and B

I . Vocabulary

Choose the best answer to explain the meaning of the underlined

word or phrase.

1. Li said at a rally to mark the country's ninth Teachers' day.
A. at a meeting B. at a competition
C. at an interview D. at a conversation
2. Nearly 6 000 teachers were granted national honour of their hard work and outstanding contributions to education.
A. were authorized B. were conferred
C. were instructed D. were inspired
3. They represented 10 million Chinese teachers nation-wide.
A. attended B. substituted
C. acted as deputy for D. took the place of
4. The goals have been at least partially reached.
A. s series of measures
B. a great deal of work
C. teaching work
D. promoting teachers' social status and raising their pay
5. The government has put education at a strategic position which allows the sector to be developed first.
A. key to the nation's future
B. fundamental importance to the state
C. fighting place
D. defensive tactics
6. The approach is to construct a corps of teachers with sound political and professional sense.
A. management B. way
C. path D. road
7. The state is now quickening its pace in enacting a teachers' law to protect teachers' interests.

- A. step B. progress
C. speed D. footmark
8. A new wage system which can meet the needs of education is under consideration.
A. being considered B. in the cause of discussing
C. during consideration D. in the cause of studying
9. They must ensure that educational funding reaches its destination.
A. make safe B. make certain
C. carry on D. carry out
10. The vice—premier again called on the whole society to persevere in supporting education and teachers.
A. pay a brief visit to B. say loudly
C. summon together D. appeal to

Study the meanings of the following words or phrases. Then choose the most suitable word or phrase to complete each sentence.

voice for put in grant a series of reach step by step a corps of pay attention to meet the needs keep on take charge of call on persevere in carry forward turn in to

1. At first this shop sold newspapers and magazines only, but it has since _____ juvenile books.
2. We were _____ by all our neighbours before we had been settled in our new home a week.
3. The ancient consumer city has now _____ a modern industrial base.