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在PET5中的
Listening
Comprehension

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出版者的话

国家教育部考试中心经过数年的研究酝酿,于1999年推出了全国公共英语等级考试体系(Public English Test System),简称PETS,其中PETS第五级于1999年9月份在全国开始启用,以替代过去的WSK·EPT考试。PETS第五级与过去的WSK·EPT题型相比变化大,更具科学性和实用性,它测试的重点是考生的语言交际能力,它的设计是建立在交际性语言活动模式基础上的。PETS第五级是外语考试研究与改革的产物,比WSK更具统一性和连贯性,题型模式几乎是全新的。根据以往的经验,我们知道考生最难把握的是听力方面,而PETS第五级的听力题型全部都有了变化,因此,我们应广大考生的要求,推出了这本《PETS5听力测试突破》。

《PETS5听力测试突破》是聘请西安外国语学院出国留学人员培训部教材编写组编写的。教材编写组由多年从事短期外语强化教学的谭志明、姜登楨等几位具有丰富教学及培训经验的专家及教授组成。在教材编写中,他们紧扣考试大纲,结合长期的教学经验,尽量多地使学生了解及掌握各种各样的考试题型。他们编写的这本教材选材广泛,题型多样,力求涵盖考试大纲听力方面所涉及的全部内容。

《PETS5听力测试突破》共14套模拟练习题,配有录音带7盒,聘请英国语言学专家Mosely夫妇录音,语音语调纯正、地道,语速与全真试题保持一致,适用于参加PETS第五级考试的考生使用,也适用于公共大学英语3、4、6级及相应水平的英语爱好者学习英语用。

经过多方有序而紧张地努力,这本《PETS5听力测试突破》终

于面世了。我们衷心希望它能助广大考生及英语爱好者一臂之力，使你们迈入成功之门。

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前 言

国家教育部考试中心推出全国公共英语等级考试第五级(PETS5),用以替代全国外语水平考试(WSK)中英语水平考试(EPT),于1999年9月启用。为了帮助广大出国留学人员和有关考生熟悉这一考试并进行针对性训练,根据PETS5考试大纲,我们编写了这本《PETS5听力测试突破》,希望它能有助于提高上述人员英语听力技能,从而成功应试。

与EPT相比,PETS5不仅在设计的科学性、应用性、覆盖面等方面有了明显的改进,而且在形式、内容和结构上也发生了很大变化。

一、形式结构不同:EPT由五部分组成(写作、听力、语法结构和词汇、完形填空、阅读),PETS5笔试为四部分(听力、英语知识运用、阅读理解、写作)。最大的变化是PETS5增加了口试,但却将语法、词汇及填空统一综合为英语知识运用,形式为完形填空,不提供选择。

二、时间分配不同:EPT总需时160分钟,PETS5总需时笔试140分钟,口试15分钟。英语知识运用缩短为15分钟,但用于写作、阅读、听力的时间相对延长了。

三、题量和采分不同:EPT共135题,基本上是每题1分,加上写作,满分160分,考生得分与原始赋分一致;PETS5共80题,阅读理解B节中的5道题每题2分,加上写作原始赋分总分为110分。经过分数加权处理后总分为100分。分数加权处理能够平衡各种技能的考查关系,更能科学地反映考生的实际水平。口试分数单独计算,总分为5分。

四、题型和考查内容不同:以听力理解为例,EPT听力部分划分为A、B、C三节。A节为10个单句,每题各四个选择。B节

为 10 个短对话，每个对话后由第三个人提问，考生从每题的四个选择项中找出最佳答案；C 节一般由三个演讲或会话组成，后有 10 个问题，每个问题需要从 4 项中选出一项作为正确答案。PET-S5 听力部分分为 A、B、C 三节，每节 10 题。A 节一般是 500~600 词的对话或独白，录音只播放一遍，然后判断 10 个陈述句的正误；B 节听三段对话或独白，每段 280~320 词，录音只播放一遍，然后从每题的 4 个选择项中选出最佳项；C 节是一般长约 700~800 词的材料，要求回答问题或补全不完整的句子，录音播放两遍。

从上述对比介绍中，我们不难发现，PETS5 已经不采用单句式孤立的对话方式作为提问的基础，而是以较长的有场景内容的谈话或会话段落形式作为提问基础，无疑要比 EPT 的听力测试难度加大了。考生只有在听懂和理解了录音材料的基本内容或主题之后，方可作出正确的判断。PETS5 在英语知识运用、阅读理解等部分，与 EPT 也有显著区别。总之，PETS5 考试内容拓展了，考查方法多样了，对考生的要求标准提高了。PETS5 是建立在交际性语言活动模式基础上的一种考试。这样的设计思想有利于改变我国考生英语听说能力相对较弱这一现状。

PETS5 是新事物，对于它的把握，不仅考生要有一个熟悉过程，而且我们这些编者也有一个理解的过程。所以，这本书会存在一些纰漏或不足，诚望广大读者能及时指正，则不胜感激。

最后，谨向支持本书出版并为之做出贡献的王长友同志、王树昌同志、蒲建社同志，向西安外语音像教材出版社的宋齐正同志表示谢意。

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PETS5 PRACTICE TESTS

TEST 1

Section I Listening Comprehension

(35 minutes)

Directions:

This section is designed to test your ability to understand spoken English. You will hear a selection 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 your answers from your test booklet onto 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

Directions:

*You will hear a conversation between a tourist guide, Mark, and two of his tourists, Wendy and Laura. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling **True** or **False**. You will hear the conversation **ONLY ONCE**.*

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 - 10.

1. On the Spirit of Atlanta tour, tourists TRUE/FALSE must give their cameras away.

2. Wendy would like to take lots of pictures on the tour. TRUE/FALSE
3. It was warm that day. TRUE/FALSE
4. The OMNI Center is the headquarters of Coca-Cola. TRUE/FALSE
5. Mark had his respect for Margaret Mitchell. TRUE/FALSE
6. Wendy's mother loves *Gone with the Wind* very much. TRUE/FALSE
7. Cyclorama is a round building. TRUE/FALSE
8. Tourists watch a painting by walking along the walls in Cyclorama. TRUE/FALSE
9. The guide had a high opinion of the painting. TRUE/FALSE
10. Martin Luther King, Jr. used to be a preacher. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 - 10.

That is the end of Part A.

Part B

Directions:

You will hear 3 conversations or talks and you must answer the questions by choosing A, B, C or D. You will hear the recording ONLY ONCE.

Questions 11 - 13 are based on the following talk. You now have 15 seconds to read Questions 11 - 13.

11. When will an hour exam be given?
- [A] On January 25.
 - [B] On February 25.
 - [C] On April 28.
 - [D] On both B and C.
12. What kind of each hour exam in Part Two will be?
- [A] Multiple choice questions.
 - [B] Short answer questions.
 - [C] Short essay questions.
 - [D] Short true or false questions.
13. What percentage will each exam account for in the students' final grade?
- [A] 5%.
 - [B] 12.5%.
 - [C] 15%.
 - [D] 25%.

You now have 30 seconds to check your answers to Questions 11 - 13.

Questions 14 - 16 are based on the following conversation. You now have 15 seconds to read Questions 14 - 16.

14. What problem does Wang Hong have?
- [A] Does not like to read.
 - [B] Too many new words.
 - [C] Too busy to read.
 - [D] Couldn't understand the paragraph.

15. What kind of reading habit does Wang Hong not have?
[A] Looking up all the new words in a dictionary while reading.
[B] Writing down the definitions of some words.
[C] Guessing the meanings of some words while reading.
[D] Writing a lot of notes.
16. What does Mr. Johnson suggest?
[A] Reading three or four books a week and trying to understand all what she reads.
[B] Reading fast just for main ideas.
[C] Guessing the meanings of new words and going through the paragraph without stopping.
[D] Guessing the main idea and writing it down.

You now have 30 seconds to check your answers to Questions 14 - 16.

Questions 17 - 20 are based on the following talk. You now have 20 seconds to read Questions 17 - 20.

17. What happened for the first time on December 17th, 1903?
[A] An airplane flew over the river Potomac.
[B] A man piloted an engine-driven plane.
[C] Orville Wright invented a glider.
[D] A steam engine was used to power a plane.
18. Which one of these four statements about the Wright brothers is true?
[A] They ran a cycle factory.
[B] Wilbur was born in 1863.

[C] As soon as they left school they began designing gliders.

[D] Both Orville and Wilbur were born in England.

19. Why did Langley's airplane come down in the river?

[A] It hadn't got a pilot.

[B] The wind dropped suddenly.

[C] Something went wrong with the engine.

[D] A wind tip was damaged.

20. Why are the Wright brothers important in the history of aviation?

[A] They were expert gliders.

[B] One of them was the first man to pilot a power-driven airplane.

[C] They made very good cycles.

[D] They designed and built gliders.

You now have 40 seconds to check your answers to Questions 17 - 20.

That is the end of Part B.

Part C

Directions:

*You will hear a talk given by a university lecturer. As you listen, you must answer Questions 21 - 30 by writing **NO MORE THAN THREE** words in the space provided on the right. You will hear the talk **TWICE**.*

You now have 60 seconds to read questions 21 - 30.

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| 21. Who will probably meet the problems mentioned in the talk? | |
| 22. How many types of problems does the speaker talk about? | |
| 23. Which types of problems mainly concerns overseas students in Britain? | |
| 24. Which type of problems will be discussed in greatest detail? | |
| 25. What feeling do all students share when studying abroad? | |
| 26. How does the speaker describe the nature of some of the cultural problems? | |
| 27. Generally speaking, what causes difficulty in using English? | |
| 28. What does the speaker say about native English people (by temperament)? | |
| 29. What does the speaker say about the advice on how to improve spoken English? | |
| 30. In general, how can a student overcome the difficulties in speaking English fluently? | |

You now have 100 seconds to check your answers to Questions 21 - 30.

*That is the end of Part C. You now have 5 minutes to transfer all your answers from your test booklet to **ANSWER SHEET 1**.*

That is the end of Listening Comprehension.

TEST 2

Section I Listening Comprehension

(35 minutes)

Directions:

This section is designed to test your ability to understand spoken English. You will hear a selection 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 your answers from your test booklet onto 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

Directions:

You will hear a conversation between two friends. As you listen, answer Questions 1 to 10 by circling True or False. You will hear the conversation ONLY ONCE.

You now have 60 seconds to read Questions 1 - 10.

1. What the man likes most about San Francisco is its different neighborhoods and architecture. TRUE/FALSE

2. The climate in San Francisco is described as freezing cold. TRUE/FALSE
3. It is often foggy and damp in San Francisco. TRUE/FALSE
4. San Francisco is much bigger than Los Angeles. TRUE/FALSE
5. Public transportation in San Francisco is poor. TRUE/FALSE
6. For Italian and Chinese food, San Francisco is the best city in the United States. TRUE/FALSE
7. There isn't much to see in San Francisco except for Golden Gate Park. TRUE/FALSE
8. For museums, San Francisco can compare to New York. TRUE/FALSE
9. The summer would be a good time to visit San Francisco. TRUE/FALSE
10. The man recommends the Mark Hopkins Hotel to stay at. TRUE/FALSE

You now have 20 seconds to check your answers to Questions 1 - 10.

That is the end of Part A.

Part B

Directions:

You will hear 3 conversations or talks and you must answer the questions by choosing A, B, C or D. You will hear the recording

ONLY ONCE.

Questions 11 - 13 are based on the following talk. You now have 15 seconds to read Questions 11 - 13.

11. Which of the following is unlikely to be associated with a solicitor as his work?
- [A] Dealing with petty crimes.
 - [B] Handling matrimonial matters.
 - [C] Preparing the case and the evidence outside Court.
 - [D] Advising on really difficult points in Courts.
12. Which of the following is NOT true of a barrister?
- [A] He is an expert in the interpretation of the Law.
 - [B] He represents a case in any Court above a Magistrates'.
 - [C] He is an expert on advocacy.
 - [D] He has an office in Prince Street.
13. To qualify as a solicitor one does not need to
- [A] obtain a university degree in law.
 - [B] study for the 'Law Society' exams.
 - [C] work for a solicitor for a period of time.
 - [D] pass the required exams.

You now have 30 seconds to check your answers to Questions 11 - 13.

Questions 14 - 16 are based on the following conversation. You now have 15 seconds to read Questions 14 - 16.

14. Which film did they agree to be good?
- [A] *Lusts of a lonely Loner.*

- [B] Old Cowboy films.
- [C] *Far from the Madding Crowd*.
- [D] Julie Christie.

15. Why did the man NOT like Westerns?

- [A] Because they are romantic.
- [B] Because they are worse than sex films.
- [C] Because Alan Bates was in them.
- [D] Because they are all the same.

16. It's of the woman's opinion that

- [A] stories by Thomas Hardy are usually romantic.
- [B] films with Julie Christie in it are all the same.
- [C] she'd go to London for new films more often.
- [D] she loves chocolates with a soft centre.

You now have 30 seconds to check your answers to Questions 14 - 16.

Questions 17 - 20 are based on the following talk. You now have 20 seconds to read Questions 17 - 20.

17. In what areas does the speaker talk about the applications of computers?

- [A] In business and accounting.
- [B] In commerce and industry.
- [C] In farming and irrigation.
- [D] In aeronautics and aviation.

18. How many examples are given to indicate the use of computers for clerical work?