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内 容 提 要

本书是根据《高等学校英语专业教学大纲》和《高等学校英语专业全程通用词汇表》，专门为英语专业四级考生编写的应试书。本书将英语专业基础阶段词汇分为 33 个 Unit，每个 Unit 又分为 5 个 Group，每个单词后有国际音标、常用词性、中英文释义及中英文对照例句；每个 Group 后附有练习，每个 UNIT 后附有成果测验，可帮助考生在短期内迅速达到英语专业八级考试对词汇的要求，在考试中取得理想成绩。

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前 言

本书是为英语专业四级考生编写的一本词汇速记书,供英语专业一、二年级学生扩大词汇量之用。

本书特点:

将英语专业基础阶段词汇分为 33 个 Unit,每个 Unit 又分为 5 个 Group;每个单词均附有国际音标、常用词性、相应的中、英文释义以及中英文对照的例句,既可帮助考生迅速掌握词汇,又可方便安排学习进度。

每个 Group 后附有习题,以加深对所学单词的印象;每个 Unit 后附有成果测验,供考生检查自己的学习成果。

习题的部分素材出自历年英语专业四级考试真题,可增强考生的“实战”感,提高记忆效果。

考生可在考试前一个月左右的时间内突击阅读本书,通过大量词汇练习等强化记忆手段,迅速记住英语专业四级考试大纲所要求的词汇。考生也可一边大量地阅读,一边研习本书,坚持一个学期,使其真正掌握的英语词汇达到 8 000 以上,不仅能满足 TEM-4 对词汇的要求,更能达到 CET6 和研究生入学英语考试所要求的词汇量,并为进一步提高英语水平打下基础。

常春藤英语考试研究组致力于编写高品质的英语学习、应试用书,目前已出版的近 10 种英语专业四、八级考试用书,均受到读者的欢迎。我们期待着读者给我们提出宝贵的建议和意见。

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Unit 1

Group 1

mar [ma:] *v.* to impair the soundness, perfection, or integrity of; spoil 破坏, 毁坏 The noise **marred** the peace of the night. 噪音破坏了夜晚的安宁。

futile ['fju:tail] *adj.* having no useful result 徒劳的, 无用的 He is a futile sort of person. 他是一个没用的人。

sacred ['seikrid] *adj.* made or declared holy 神圣的, 宗教上的 The cow is a **sacred** animal to Hindus. 对印度人来说, 牛是一种神圣的动物。

devour [di'vauə] *adj.* to eat up greedily 狼吞虎咽地吃 The lion **devoured** the deer. 狮子狼吞虎咽地把鹿吃了下去。

amenable [ə'mi:nəbl] *adj.* responsive to advice, authority, or suggestion 顺从的, 服从的 We are **amenable** to the law. 我们应该服从法律。

rehabilitate [ri:həbilitet] *v.* to restore the former rank, privileges, or rights of 康复, 使恢复原有的职位、名誉等 He has been **rehabilitated** in public esteem. 公众又和以前一样敬重他。

versatile ['vɜ:sətail] *adj.* having varied uses or serving many functions 用途广泛的; 多才多艺的 Nylon is a **versatile** material. 尼龙是一种有多方面用途的材料。

grope [grəup] *v.* to search blindly or uncertainly 摸索, 探索 We are **groping** after the truth. 我们在探索真理。

burdensome ['bɜ:dnəm] *adj.* of or like a burden; onerous 沉重的, 繁

重的,麻烦的 The **burdensome** task of preparing her income tax return awaited her. 准备所得税偿还的繁重任务等着她去完成。

harmful ['hɑ:mful] *adj.* causing or capable of causing harm; injurious 有害的,致伤的 Smoking can be **harmful** to your health. 吸烟有害健康。

Exercise

从 Group 1 中选出最适当的一个词,填入空格:

1. The load was too _____.
2. A medium-sized dog will _____ at least one can of food plus biscuits per day.
3. The Jordanian leader seemed _____ to attending a conference.
4. It is believed that the affair was potentially _____ to British aviation.
5. A number of problems _____ the smooth running of this event.

【答案】 1. burdensome 2. devour 3. amenable 4. harmful
5. marred/have marred

Group 2

harsh [hɑ:ʃ] *adj.* extremely severe or exacting; stern 严厉的,苛刻的
The teacher gave him a **harsh** punishment. 他受到了老师的严厉惩罚。

loosen ['lu:sn] *v.* to free from restraint, pressure, or strictness 放松, 松开
The runners are **loosening** up before the race. 赛跑运动员们 在做赛前准备动作。

sturdy ['stɜ:di] *adj.* having or showing rugged physical strength 强健 的,结实的 The child had **sturdy** legs. 这个孩子双腿健壮。

merry ['meri] *adj.* marked by or offering fun and gaiety; festive 欢乐的,愉快的 Signs of **merry** life could be seen everywhere after the harvest. 丰收以后到处一片欢乐景象。

feasible ['fi:zəbl] *adj.* logical; likely 可行的,合理的 His story sounds **feasible**. 他讲的似乎有理。

abundant [ə'bʌndənt] *adj.* abounding with; rich 大量的,丰富的 The country is **abundant** in natural resources. 这个国家天然资源丰富。

conceited [kən'si:tɪd] *adj.* holding or characterized by an unduly high opinion of oneself; vain 自负的,自满的 He became **conceited** after only modest success. 他在小有成就之后变得自负起来。

zealous [zeləs] *adj.* filled with or motivated by zeal; fervent 热心的,热诚的 He is a **zealous** supporter of our cause. 他是我们事业的热心支持者。

rural ['ruərəl] *adj.* places far away from large towns or cities 乡村的 Crops are grown in **rural** areas. 庄稼种在农村。

mourn [mə:n] *v.* to feel or express grief or sorrow 哀悼 She **mourned** for her dead child. 她哀悼她那死去的孩子。

Exercise

从 Group 2 中选出最适当的一个词,填入空格:

1. I buried him on the top of the hill and _____.
2. There is a(n) _____ supply of cheap labour.
3. She questioned whether it was _____ to stimulate investment in these regions.
4. From the house come the bursts of _____ laughter.
5. Many business groups have been pressing the Federal Reserve to _____ interest rates.

【答案】 1. mourned 2. abundant 3. feasible 4. merry
5. loosen

Group 3

dignified ['dignifaid] *adj.* having or expressing dignity 高贵的, 庄严的

She seemed a very **dignified** lady. 她看起来像个贵妇。

foster ['fɒstə] *v.* to bring up; nurture 养育, 抚养 We **fostered** the young girl while her mother was in hospital. 小女孩的母亲住院期间我们照料她。

latent ['leitənt] *adj.* in a dormant or hidden stage 潜伏的, 隐藏的

His critical remark immediately awakened all her **latent** hostility. 他的批评立刻引起了她潜在的敌意。

notorious [nəu'tɔ:riəs] *adj.* known widely and usu. unfavorably; infamous 臭名昭著的, 声名狼藉的 Those days everyone in the town was talking about the **notorious** murderer. 那些日子镇上所有人都在谈论那个臭名昭著的凶手。

awful ['ɔ:ful] *adj.* extremely bad or unpleasant; terrible 可怕的, 糟糕的 He had an **awful** day at the office. 他在办公室里度过了糟糕的一天。

rebuke [ri'bjuk] *v.* to criticize or reprove sharply; reprimand 谴责, 指责 The wife **rebuked** her husband strongly for his negligence. 妻子严斥了丈夫的疏忽。

swindle ['swindl] *v.* to obtain by fraudulent means 诈取, 骗取 A gang of criminals **swindled** money from the company. 一帮罪犯诈取了公司的钱财。

underground [ʌndə'graund] *adj.* situated, occurring, or operating below the surface of the earth; conducted in hiding or by secret means 地下的, 秘密的 There is an **underground** room in the old house. 老房子里有一个地下室。

vibrant ['vaibrənt] *adj.* pulsing or throbbing with energy or activity 充满生气的, 兴奋的 Suddenly there came a youthful **vibrant**

voice. 突然传来一个充满青春活力的声音。

kidnap ['kidnæp] *v.* to seize and detain unlawfully and usu. for ransom 绑架, 诱拐 The aim of the terrorists is to **kidnap** rather than kill. 这些恐怖分子的目的在于绑架人质, 而不是杀人。

Exercise

从 Group 3 中选出最适当的一个词, 填入空格:

1. Workers emerged from low _____ doorways into factory yards, and sat on posts and steps, wiping their faces and contemplating coals. (2000 Reading)
2. A city businessman _____ investors out of millions of pounds.
3. Police in Brazil uncovered a plot to _____ him.
4. We hope these meetings will help _____ friendly relations between our two countries.
5. He seemed a very _____ and charming man.

【答案】 1. underground 2. swindled/has swindled 3. kidnap
4. foster 5. dignified

Group 4

skeptical ['skeptikəl] *adj.* marked by or given to doubt; questioning 怀疑的, 多疑的 He had a **skeptical** attitude of political promises. 他对政治承诺持怀疑态度。

intensive [in'tensiv] *adj.* of, relating to, or characterized by intensity 加强的, 深入细致的 **Intensive** care in hospitals is given to the seriously ill. 在医院里, 危重病人得到悉心护理。

grumble ['græmbl] *v.* to complain in a surly manner; mutter discontentedly 发牢骚 She has nothing to **grumble** about. 没有什么可抱怨的。

partial ['pɑːʃəl] *adj.* favoring one person or side over another or others; biased or prejudiced 偏袒的, 不公正的 The decision was **partial** to the plaintiff. 这项决定偏袒原告。

ritual ['ritʃuəl] *n.* a detailed method of procedure faithfully or regularly followed 惯例, 仪式 My household chores have become a morning **ritual**. 做家务已经成了我早晨例行的公事。

vacant ['veikənt] *adj.* without an incumbent or occupant; unfilled 空的, 空缺的 Are there any rooms **vacant** in this hotel? 这家旅馆有空房吗?

flexible ['fleksəbl] *adj.* responsive to change; adaptable 灵活的, 易适应的 Our plans are fairly **flexible**. 我们的计划相当灵活。

dominate ['dɒmineɪt] *v.* to control, govern, or rule by superior authority or power 控制, 支配 A great man can **dominate** others by force of character. 伟人能以人格的力量支配他人。

genuine ['dʒenjuɪn] *adj.* actual; real 真正的, 名副其实的 All **genuine** knowledge originates in direct experience. 一切真知都来源于直接经验。

imperative [ɪm'perətɪv] *adj.* impossible to deter or evade; pressing 急需的, 绝对必要的 It is **imperative** that every one of us remold his world outlook. 我们每个人都必须改造自己的世界观。

Exercise

从 Group 4 中选出最适当的一个词, 填入空格:

1. The events of the past few days make it _____ for her to act.
2. These ceremonies were already part of pre-Christian _____ in Mexico.
3. A newspaper criticized the president's proposal, saying that it was _____ to Israel.
4. 'This is inconvenient,' he _____.
5. Each counselor undergoes a(n) _____ training program before

beginning to work.

- 【答案】 1. imperative 2. ritual 3. partial 4. grumbled
5. intensive

Group 5

maternal [mə'tə:nl] *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother or motherhood or motherly 母性的 Many animals display **maternal** instincts only while their offspring are young and helpless. 许多动物在其幼崽弱小无助时都显出了母性的本能。

seek [si:k] *v.* to inquire for; request 请求, 觅求 I will **seek** my doctor's advice. 我将请教医生的意见。

tragic ['trædʒɪk] *adj.* relating to or characteristic of dramatic tragedy or tragedies 悲惨的, 不幸的 She was a **tragic** poet. 她是一位悲剧诗人。

whisper ['wɪspə] *v.* to speak quietly and privately, as by way of gossip, slander, or intrigue 暗中传说, 低声说 His adventures have been **whispered** everywhere. 他的冒险经历已经尽人皆知了。

clarify ['klærɪfaɪ] *v.* to make clear or easier to understand; elucidate 澄清, 阐明 The government has time and again **clarified** its position on equal pay for women. 政府已经反复阐明政府对男女同工同酬的立场。

antecedent [æntɪ'sɪ:dənt] *adj.* going before; preceding 先前的, 先例的 That was **antecedent** to this event. 那是在这件事之前。

elegant ['elɪɡənt] *adj.* characterized by or exhibiting refined, tasteful beauty of manner, form, or style 优雅的, 精美的 The lady was in **elegant** clothes. 这位女士衣着优雅。

infinite [ɪn'fɪnɪt] *adj.* having no boundaries or limits 无限的, 无穷的 **Infinite** space surrounds the Earth. 无限的空间围绕着地球。

reluctant [rɪ'lʌktənt] *adj.* exhibiting or marked by unwillingness 勉

强的,不情愿的 The child was *reluctant* to leave her mother. 这个孩子不愿意离开她妈妈。

orderly [ˈɔːdəli] *adj.* free from disorder; neat 有秩序的,整洁的 The books are in **orderly** rows on shelves. 书籍整齐地排列在书架上。

Exercise

从 Group 5 中选出最适当的一个词,填入空格:

1. Her feelings towards him were almost _____.
2. Despite the violence that preceded the elections, reports say that polling was _____ and peaceful.
3. She sat on Rossi's knee as he _____ in her ear.
4. A bank spokesman was unable to _____ the situation.
5. They are _____ compensation for being given contaminated blood.

【答案】 1. maternal 2. orderly 3. whispered 4. clarify
5. seeking

成果测验

找出下列各单词所对应的英文释义:

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. rural | A. denoting a large, indefinite number |
| 2. harsh | B. causing or expressing grief, pain, or anguish |
| 3. rehabilitate | C. marked by a lack of compassion |
| 4. infinite | D. of or relating to the country as opposed to the city |
| 5. tragic | E. to restore the former rank, privileges, or rights |

【答案】 1. D 2. C 3. E 4. A 5. B

从下列单词中选出最合适的词,以适当形式填入空格:

vibrant versatile sacred conceited zealous

1. In order to repair barns, build fence, grow crops, and care for

animals a farmer must indeed be _____. (2001 *Grammar & Vocabulary*)

2. The owl is _____ for many Californian Indian people.
3. I thought him _____ and arrogant.
4. She was a _____ worker for charitable bodies.
5. Everyone who has visited the city agrees that it is _____ with life. (2004 *Grammar & Vocabulary*)

【答案】 1. versatile 2. sacred 3. conceited 4. zealous
5. vibrant

阅读下列句子,选出与句中斜体词意义最接近的单词:

1. Bunbury *groped* in his breast pocket for his wallet.
A. engaged B. pursued C. devoted D. fumbled
2. She was a short, sturdy woman in her early sixties.
A. agile B. unruly C. robust D. potable
3. Patricia looked beautiful and *elegant* as always.
A. specific B. stylish C. handful D. particular
4. The president *rebuked* the House and Senate for not passing those bills within 10 days.
A. originated B. derived C. descended D. reprimanded
5. In fact, over fifty per cent of *genuine* British surnames derive from place names of different kinds, and so they belong to the last of our four main categories. (2000 *Reading*)
A. urgent B. instant C. prompt D. real

【答案】 1. D 2. C 3. B 4. D 5. D

找出下列各单词所对应的同义词:

- | | |
|---------------|-------------|
| 1. antecedent | A. dreadful |
| 2. awful | B. empty |
| 3. notorious | C. infamous |

4. latent D. previous
5. vacant E. hidden

【答案】 1. D 2. A 3. C 4. E 5. B

将斜体单词转换为适当的形式,填入空格:

1. *flexible* The _____ of the lens decreases with age; it is therefore common for our sight to worsen as we get older.
2. *skeptical* There was also considerable _____ about the Chancellor's forecast of a booming economy next year.
3. *futile* An opposition spokesman said he hoped the agreement would give them pause for thought about the _____ of violence.
4. *dominate* They had five centuries of _____ by the Romans.
5. *reluctant* Ministers have shown extreme _____ to explain their position to the media.

【答案】 1. flexibility 2. skepticism 3. futility 4. domination
5. reluctance

Unit 2

Group 1

plenary ['pli:nəri] *adj.* fully attended by all qualified members 全体出席的 A **plenary** session of the council will be held next Friday. 下周五要举行一个全体议员出席的会议。

unconscious [ʌn'kɒnfəs] *adj.* temporarily lacking consciousness 失去知觉的 After she hit her head she was **unconscious** for several minutes. 她把头碰了一下后昏迷了几分钟。

dramatic [drə'mætɪk] *adj.* arresting or forceful in appearance or effect 戏剧性的, 激动人心的 She made a **dramatic** speech at the meeting. 她在会上发表了激动人心的演说。

antique [æntɪk] *adj.* old-fashioned 过时, 古时的 She wore a suit of rather **antique** appearance. 她穿着一套相当过时的衣服。

hobby ['hɒbi] *n.* an activity or interest pursued outside one's regular occupation and engaged in primarily for pleasure 兴趣, 爱好 He works in a bank, but his **hobby** is building model boats. 他在银行工作, 但他的业余爱好是做船舶模型。

lofty ['lofti] *adj.* arrogant; haughty 高傲的, 崇高的, 高高的 He likes to speak in a **lofty** strain. 他这个人爱说大话。

melancholy [melənkəli] *n.* sadness or depression of the spirits; gloom 忧郁, 悲伤 A profound **melancholy** seized her. 一阵深深的忧郁袭上她的心头。

poisonous ['pɔɪznəs] *adj.* having the capability of harming or killing by or as if by poison; toxic or venomous 有毒的, 有害的 This