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## 内 容 提 要

本书是专门为英语专业四级考生编写的应试训练书。材料选自国外电视、广播,题型设计与四级考试一致,配有 MP3 光盘,不仅有助于考试中取得好成绩,更是收听英语广播不可多得的好教材。

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# 前 言

从 2005 年开始执行的新版《英语专业四级考试大纲》要求英语专业二年级学生能够听懂正常语速的英语新闻广播。为帮助考生在较短时间内提高新闻听力水平,高分通过英语专业四级听力考试,我们编写了这本书。

本书选材新颖。可使考生在提高英语听力理解水平的同时,了解社会热点问题,扩大知识面。练习与英语专业四级听力考试题型一致,是绝佳的应试强化材料。注释非常详尽,既包括生词,也有关于国际政治、经济、军事等的背景知识介绍,可帮助考生熟悉新闻广播的常用词汇和常见背景知识,力争让绝大多数英语专业大二学生及相当一部分大一学生都能尽快听懂新闻广播。

英语新闻广播中大量出现的国际组织名称及人名、地名等常构成理解障碍。因此,本书附录中的英语新闻广播常见国际组织,英语新闻广播常见人名、地名及英语新闻广播热点国家与地区,对考生提高听力水平颇有裨益。

收听英语新闻广播,不仅能切实提高听力水平,而且能提高英语整体水平。在国内没有英语语言环境的情况下学习英语,收听英语广播尤其是提高英语水平的必经之路。因此,本书不仅是有效的考试辅导书,更是提高英语新闻听力的良师益友,是收听英语广播不可多得的入门教材。

本书的几位编者均为我校多年从事英语专业四级考试辅导的教师。本书编写完毕后,进行了多次校对,但难免仍有不妥乃至疏漏之处,真诚欢迎读者、专家批评指正,请致电邮:response@126.com

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# Questions

## Politics

### News Item 1

**Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following is TRUE according to the news story?
  - A. President Bush's plan of extending unemployment benefits met strong opposition from the Democrats.
  - B. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton said the President's plan came too late.
  - C. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton says another 30-week extension of unemployment benefits is smart policy.
  - D. Currently there are more than 750,000 people who are out of job in the United States.

### News Item 2

**Choose the Best Answer:**

1. According to the news story, who would resign from the post of Palestinian Prime Minister?
  - A. Yasser Arafat
  - B. Mahmoud Abbas
  - C. Ahmed Queira
  - D. Nasser Yousef
2. Why did the prime minister quit his post?
  - A. Mr. Arafat cancelled a meeting of the Palestinian Legislative Council last week.

- B. Mr. Arafat appointed an eight-member cabinet through what he called a special emergency decree.
- C. He had fought for several days with Palestinian President Yasser Arafat.
- D. He disagreed with Mr. Arafat on who would be the minister in charge of security.

### **News Item 3**

#### **Choose the Best Answer:**

- 1. Which of the following can be the best title for the news story?
  - A. Jaap de Hoop Scheffer's career as a diplomat and politician
  - B. Selects Dutch Foreign Minister as new Secretary General
  - C. Who is Jaap de Hoop Scheffer
  - D. NATO is facing challenging times
- 2. Why did NATO select the Dutch foreign minister as new Secretary General?
  - A. He is believed to be the right man to make sure NATO remains the world's most successful defense alliance.
  - B. He has rich experiences in diplomatic and political affairs.
  - C. He is seen as someone who can improve ties between Washington and NATO.
  - D. Both A and C.

### **News Item 4**

#### **Choose the Best Answer:**

- 1. How many guns have the Albanian authorities managed to retrieve?
  - A. Half a million.
  - B. More than 800 million.
  - C. Around 250 thousand.

D. Around 115 million.

### **News Item 5**

#### **Choose the Best Answer:**

1. According to the rumours, what post will Mr. Gordon Brown take?
  - A. Finance Minister of Britain.
  - B. President of the IMF.
  - C. Chairman of a decision-making committee of the IMF.
  - D. Both B and C.
2. Which of the following is NOT true according to the story?
  - A. Mr. Gordon Brown will have to contend with prominent bankers and politicians from France, Spain and Poland.
  - B. Mr. Gordon Brown has had very good cooperation with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.
  - C. Mr. Gordon Brown is seen by many people as a natural successor of Tony Blair.
  - D. Mr. Gordon Brown's reputation has been damaged somewhat by the rumours.

### **News Item 6**

#### **Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following is NOT true according to the news story?
  - A. The Christian Democrats won much less support in the East than in the West.
  - B. Living standards in the East is much lower than in the West.
  - C. A huge number of people have moved from East to West to seek opportunities.
  - D. A trillion Euros will be transferred from West to East until the year 2019.



2. Which of the following is NOT a progress having been made according to the annual reunification report of the government?
- A. Net incomes have doubled in the last fifteen years in East.
  - B. Pavements and roads have been repaired and replaced.
  - C. Unemployment is no longer a problem for people in the East.
  - D. Efforts are being made to improve the motorway and rial network.

#### **News Item 7**

##### **Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following is the best title for the news story?
- A. Candlelit vigils across Spain
  - B. Terrorist attack struck Spain
  - C. Spanish national mourning
  - D. Conflicting evidence for yesterday's terrorist attack

#### **News Item 8**

##### **Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following is NOT true according to the news story?
- A. The bomb attacks in Madrid enormously affected the general election.
  - B. The reporter concludes that the al-Qaeda appears to be capable of changing the government of a leading western democracy.
  - C. The Socialist party leader is unlikely to tackle terrorism in a very different way than the outgoing government.
  - D. The Socialist party leader said he may seek to withdraw Spanish troops who are serving in Iraq now.

#### **News Item 9**

##### **Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following is NOT true according to the news story?
  - A. Gordon Brown is thought to have drummed up a lot of support for the prime minister's plans.
  - B. Tony Blair has succeeded in getting his plans approved.
  - C. The death of the weapons scientist David Kelly is a more disturbing matter for Tony Blair.
  - D. The prime minister's plans are popular among the people, but not among the senior ministers.

### **News Item 10**

**Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following is the best title for the news story?
  - A. Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman on the Iran nuclear controversy
  - B. Pakistan; dialogue needed to resolve Iran nuclear controversy
  - C. The disputes between Pakistan and the United States on Iran nuclear program
  - D. Pakistan; more support to the European nations' peaceful approach to Tehran's nuclear program
2. Who is being detained for having illegally transferred weapons technology and material to several countries, including Iran?
  - A. Abdul Qadeer Khan.
  - B. Masood Khan.
  - C. Khursheed Kasuri.
  - D. Both A and B.
3. Which of the following is NOT true according to the news story?
  - A. Iran says its nuclear energy facilities will not be used to develop weapons of mass destruction.
  - B. Pakistan has caught much attention for the founder of its own nuclear program openly admitted last year to having transferred weapons technology and material to Iran.
  - C. The United States has promised that it will not resort to the

use of force against Iran in a bid to resolve the nuclear controversy.

- D. Compared with the United States, the European nations hope to solve the Iran nuclear controversy through diplomatic means.

### **News Item 11**

#### **Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following can be the best title for the news story?
  - A. Indonesia court dismisses presidential vote challenge
  - B. Presidential election in Indonesia goes smoothly
  - C. Indonesian Presidential candidate General Wiranto
  - D. Who would be the next Indonesian President?
2. Who is a finalist in the presidential election?
  - A. General Wiranto
  - B. Keith Loveard
  - C. Suharto
  - D. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono
3. Which of the following is NOT true according to the news story?
  - A. General Wiranto was charged with crimes against humanity when he was the head of the Indonesian armed forces.
  - B. The presidential election has not been manipulated by political powers, which has drawn praise from international monitors.
  - C. The incumbent President Megawati Sukarnoputri, one of the two finalists, was in the second place in the polls.
  - D. Many voters changed their minds when they learned that Mr. Wiranto has lost the court challenge.

### **News Item 12**

#### **Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following is NOT true according to the news story?
  - A. President Lukashenko has not won enough support to allow him to change the constitution and to run again for president.
  - B. The reporter believes President Lukashenko has established a very authoritarian regime in Belarus.
  - C. President Lukashenko has been alleged of playing electoral fraud in the vote.
  - D. President Lukashenko has called his people to pay no attention to western criticism of him.

### **News Item 13**

#### **Choose the Best Answer:**

1. How many troops has Uganda offered to provide to the AU's peace support mission for Somalia?
  - A. 20,000
  - B. 2,000
  - C. 4,000
  - D. 3,000
2. Which of the following best summarizes the main idea of the news story?
  - A. African Union intends to send more peacekeepers to Somalia.
  - B. The Somali government on its way to its own country.
  - C. African Union approves peace mission for Somalia.
  - D. Uganda sends peacekeepers to Somalia.

### **News Item 14**

#### **Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following can be the best title for the news story?
  - A. Chirac criticizes the United States at the UN
  - B. Chirac: transferring sovereignty to the Iraqis is essential
  - C. Chirac at the UN
  - D. Chirac calls for far-reaching reform of the UN

### **News Item 15**

#### **Choose the Best Answer:**

1. We can conclude from the news story all the following except that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Many people hated John Garang for his brutal methods
  - B. John Garang is a controversial man
  - C. Mr. Kiir will surely solve all the problems in southern Sudan
  - D. John Garang has left a motley of problems for his successor to settle

### **News Item 16**

#### **Choose the Best Answer:**

1. How many people competed for the seats on Afghanistan's new National Assembly?
  - A. More than 600.
  - B. More than 60,000.
  - C. More than 6,000.
  - D. More than 34.
2. What might be the problems on Afghanistan's way to a modern democracy?
  - A. More than half the population is illiterate.
  - B. Many parts of the country are divided because of ethnical and tribal matters.
  - C. Some of the candidates themselves are former warlords or surrogates for drug cartels.
  - D. All the above.

### **News Item 17**

#### **Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following is TRUE according to the news story?
  - A. Cyprus has not joined the European Union due to block from

Turkey.

- B. Austria now holds the rotating presidency of the EU.
- C. A majority of people in France and Netherlands do not want Turkey to join the EU.
- D. Turkey is thinking of accepting a less than full EU membership.

### **News Item 18**

**Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Whose identity has been knowingly revealed as retaliation?
  - A. Karl Rove
  - B. Valerie Plame
  - C. Scott McClellan
  - D. Lewis Libby
2. Who has accused the Bush administration of manipulating intelligence on Iraq's mass weapons capability?
  - A. Joseph Wilson
  - B. Robert Luskin
  - C. Patrick Fitzgerald
  - D. William Kristol

### **News Item 19**

**Choose the Best Answer:**

1. What was true of Rosa Parks according to the news story?
  - A. She refused to give her bus seat for a white man, as the law in Montgomery, Alabama, required at the time.
  - B. She was granted the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Bill Clinton in 1996.
  - C. She led a 381-day boycott of the Montgomery bus system.
  - D. She holds an everlasting position in the history of the United States for her challenge to racial discrimination.

### **News Item 20**

**Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following is NOT true according to the news story?
  - A. Ali al-Haidari was involved in an assassination attempt in 1982.
  - B. Ali al-Haidari was only 7 years old when he was put into jail.
  - C. Saddam refused to attend the session on December 7.
  - D. Two defense lawyers for the eight defendants have been murdered.

## **Economy**

### **News Item 21**

**Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following is TRUE according to the news story?
  - A. The Nikkei is up 1.33 percent from last week's close.
  - B. Taiwan's stock index is up 1.75 percent from last week.
  - C. The KOSPI is nearly three percent lower from a week ago.
  - D. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index is half a percent lower from last week's close.
2. Which of the following is NOT true according to the news story?
  - A. The rising Japanese yen could lead to poorer revenues.
  - B. The strategist at Dongwon Securities in Seoul said the stock market could not endure the difficulty of LG Card.
  - C. Some stock markets in Asia closed for a long Christmas week.
  - D. Stock markets in Asia are lack of vitality in general.

### **News Item 22**

**Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following can be the title for the news story?
  - A. Cattle future prices fall due to mad cow diseases

- B. Brazil's beef industry benefits from the problems in the United States
  - C. Beef industry hit hard by mad cow discovery
  - D. Japan stopped to import any beef from the United States
2. Which of the following is NOT a major importer of beef from the United States?
- A. Japan
  - B. South Korea
  - C. Mexico
  - D. Britain

### **News Item 23**

**Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following is NOT true according to the news story?
  - A. James O' Connor is optimistic about the prospects of Ford's sales.
  - B. James O' Connor thinks that Toyota poses no threat to Ford.
  - C. Toyota is likely to become the number one seller of cars in the U. S. in the next few months.
  - D. James O' Connor believes that zero percent interest rate has done little in stimulating car sales.
2. According to O' Connor, how many vehicles will Ford sell in 2003?
  - A. Around 16.5 million units.
  - B. Around 1.5 million units.
  - C. 3 million units.
  - D. 60.5 million units.

### **News Item 24**

**Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following is TRUE according to the news story?
  - A. The OPEC's upper limit of oil price is 22 to 34 dollars.
  - B. The chief economist of the European Central Bank thought the euro would register a sharp rise.



- C. Price pressures in the United States have risen quickly due to the dollar's steady decline against the euro.
- D. Much of China's huge trade surplus with the United States come from its exports to the U. S. market.

### **News Item 25**

#### **Choose the Best Answer:**

1. What did the leaders of the 21 nations of APEC pledge to do?
  - A. Work harder to crack down international terrorism.
  - B. Work harder to revive world trade liberalization talks.
  - C. Work harder to eliminate North Korea's nuclear facilities.
  - D. Both A and B.
2. What does the news story say about the leaders' pledge to fight terrorism?
  - A. Coordinate efforts to block terror financing.
  - B. Improve security at sea ports.
  - C. Restrict the export of portable missiles.
  - D. All the above.

### **News Item 26**

#### **Choose the Best Answer:**

1. Which of the following is NOT true according to the news story?
  - A. President Bush will ask the Congress to pass a growth and jobs package of more tax cuts to boost economic recovery.
  - B. President Bush wants to extend the unemployment benefits for 750,000 Americans who will lose that assistance on December 28.
  - C. He hopes to create an environment in which businesses, especially small businesses, can grow and provide more job opportunities.