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内 容 提 要

本书将 1996 年至 2004 年的英语专业四级真题按新大纲的结构将题型重新编排,删除了不再考的题型,补充了新题型的样题,充分体现了专业四级考试大纲修改后的新精神。本书可以帮助参加考试的学生了解、熟悉题型,从而达到提高考试成绩的目的。

本书可供大学英语专业学生参加专业四级考试复习之用,也可供教师参考,并可作为参加英语专业四级考试学生的热身练习。

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再版前言

为了满足高校英语专业学生学习和参加专业四级考试的需要,我们再次修订了这本书,目的是为了适应最近颁布的《高校英语专业四级考试大纲》。

2004年2月高校英语专业四级考试大纲修订小组公布了新的考试大纲和样题。与原来的专业四级考试相比,新的大纲有了很多的变动。首先考试的时间由原来的140分钟改为130分钟;其次从题型看,听力部分去除了原来的叙述(statement),增加了短文(passage);在阅读理解部分去除了速读(skimming);第三从样题看,难度有所增加,听写的文章比原来的加长了,增加的听力短文也比叙述要困难得多,写作的字数要求也增加了。但是从整体来讲,专业四级考试的题型变化还不大,而且从样题看命题的规律还是与原来的很相似,因而原先的题目还是有很大的参考价值。

为了充分利用原有的考题,本次修订将1996年到2004年的专业四级真题重新整理编辑。新版将原考卷拆开,删除以后不再考的听力叙述题和阅读中的速读题,按照听写、听力、完形填空、语法与词汇、阅读理解、写作题型组合,以帮助读者集中练习、提高相应题型的答题能力。本次修订增加了2004年的考题。

为了提高考生的应试能力,本书提供了听力材料和详细的答案及答题分析,其中不但讲解了正确答案,而且对其他选项涉及的语法和词义也作了讲解与分析。读者在使用本书的时候可以先自练习答题,然后再对照答案,对于做错题目读懂讲解内容,达到真正掌握知识的目的。读者可以通过做真题,了解自身不足,提高解题能力,增强临场经验和领会命题意图。在这次修订时,作者再次审视原有的答案,对讲解做了进一步的修改,以达到更完美的境界。为了帮助读者应试,补充原先没有听力短文题的缺陷,本书按照新大纲的要求编写听力短文试题3套,并对样题做了剖析。

为了方便练习本书配有两盒音带,需要说明的是:题目要求听写部分朗读四遍,其中有两遍是逐词或逐词组朗读的,为了节省音带的篇幅,我们改成读两遍,其中一遍是慢读的。

这次修订由郝飞雪和赵宏宇主编,副主编为乔一鸣和闫虹。沈万顺、崔大志、王文玉等老师参加了编写。在本书的编写和修订过程中还得到了美籍教师 Barbara Geisey 女士的热情帮助,在此表示衷心的感谢。

尽管本书已经是第三版,但是书中还可能存在缺点和错误,恳请读者指正。

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1 听力

1.1 历年真题

1996

DICTATION

Listen to the following passage. Altogether the passage will be read to you four times. During the first reading, which will be read at normal speed, listen and try to understand the meaning. For the second and third readings, the passage will be read sentence by sentence, or phrase by phrase, with intervals of 15 to 20 seconds. The last reading will be read at normal speed again and during this time you should check your work. You will then be given 2 minutes to check through your work once more.

CONVERSATION

In this Section, you will hear nine short conversations between two speakers. At the end of each conversation you will be given 10 seconds to answer each of the following nine questions.

Now listen to the conversations.

1. What does the man mean?
 - A. It's really nice to have a change.
 - B. They ought to have been changed long ago.
 - C. The curtains are of a wrong colour.
 - D. The curtains are still quite good.
2. The woman's usual attitude towards films is _____.
 - A. mixed.
 - B. fascinated.
 - C. enthusiastic.
 - D. disinterested.
3. According to the conversation, the woman's sister _____.
 - A. was probably upset.
 - B. had little education.
 - C. always writes like that.
 - D. usually never writes.
4. The man's purpose in visiting was to _____.
 - A. take a course.
 - B. see the city.
 - C. go to the park.
 - D. take a rest.

5. What does the man indicate?

A. Most people like the museum.	B. It is difficult to get up early.
C. There might be varied opinions.	D. It is a problem to get there.

6. What does the woman mean?
 - A. She does not really need his help.
 - B. She has not started thinking about it yet.
 - C. She is very grateful to the man for his advice.
 - D. She has already talked with the man.

7. Which of the following best describes the woman's reaction?

A. Overjoyed.	B. Confused.
C. Surprised.	D. Supportive.

8. The woman is going to the supermarket tomorrow because _____
 - A. the supermarket is closing down after Christmas.
 - B. the man is going to help her with shopping.
 - C. tomorrow is the only day she is free before Christmas.
 - D. she wants to get enough food for the holiday period.

9. John is going to France because _____

A. he'll start a new business in properties.	B. he has been left property there.
C. he's made a fortune with his uncle.	D. his uncle wants his company there.

NEWS BROADCAST

Question 10 is based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the question.

Now listen to the news.

10. What happened to the schoolboy ?
 - A. He forgot to lock the cold store door.
 - B. He was forced to work throughout the night.
 - C. He caught cold while working at the butcher's.
 - D. He was locked up by accident in a cold store.

Questions 11 & 12 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the two questions.

Now listen to the news.

11. Mr. Warren Christopher
 - A. believes there is hope for peace.
 - B. will report to the UN on Thursday.

- C. will hold more talks before leaving the region.
- D. is not sure that the peace process will succeed.

12. With whom did Mr. Christopher NOT meet?
- A. The Syrian President.
 - B. The PLO leader.
 - C. The Jordanian President.
 - D. The Israeli Prime Minister.

Questions 13 & 14 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the two questions.

Now listen to the news

13. The number of the escaped prisoners is _____
- A. 6.
 - B. 5.
 - C. 1.
 - D. 7.
14. Following the prison breakout, the Government is to _____
- A. restructure the prison service.
 - B. discipline some prison officers.
 - C. recruit more security staff.
 - D. look into security conditions.

Questions 15 to 17 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 30 seconds to answer the three questions.

Now listen to the news.

15. The aim of the agreement is to _____
- A. encourage trade in the region.
 - B. crack down on drug smuggling.
 - C. save the declining fishing industry.
 - D. strengthen cross-boarder police presence.
16. Which group of people is now taking advantage of the agreement?
- A. Canadian police.
 - B. Businessmen.
 - C. Drug traffickers.
 - D. Customs officers.
17. The percentage of cocaine brought through the coast has increased by _____
- A. 10%.
 - B. 50%.
 - C. 60%.
 - D. 70%.

1997

DICTION

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sentence, or phrase by phrase, with intervals of 15 to 20 seconds. The last reading will be read at normal speed again and during this time you should check your work. You will then be given 2 minutes to check through your work once more.

CONVERSATION

In this Section, you will hear seven short conversations between two speakers. At the end of each conversation you will be given 10 seconds to answer each of the following seven questions.

1. Between getting up and her meeting, the woman had about _____.
A. 6 hours. B. 40 minutes. C. 4 hours. D. 30 minutes.
2. The conversation probably took place in
A. Rome. B. Paris. C. London. D. Madrid.
3. What does the woman mean?
A. She hasn't read the passage. B. She doesn't understand it either.
C. She cannot read it in darkness. D. She suggests that the man read it.
4. What does the woman mean?
A. The job is advertised in English.
B. The advertisement is in an English paper.
C. She offers the man English and computer skills.
D. English and computer skills are essential for the job.
5. Vincent solved his problem by _____.
A. going directly to the boss. B. talking to his parents.
C. asking his mother to speak to his boss. D. telling his boss' mother about it.
6. What had the woman assumed?
A. They had received a broken computer. B. She knew how to repair the computer.
C. The computer couldn't be fixed. D. They'd have to buy another one.
7. The couple had previously planned to _____.
A. go boating. B. play golf. C. go cycling. D. play tennis.

NEWS BROADCAST

Question 8 is based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the question.

8. What are the attitudes of the local residents?
A. They protested against detaining boat people.

- B. They protested against letting them stay forever.
- C. They urged Vietnam to accept the boat people.
- D. They urged Britain to accept the boat people.

Questions 9 and 10 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the two questions.

9. NATO troops will join in _____
- A. Cold War.
 - B. training exercises.
 - C. Western armies.
 - D. Eastern armies.
10. Soldiers from _____ countries will participate.
- A. 17
 - B. 30
 - C. 13
 - D. 43

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 30 seconds to answer the three questions.

11. Who sponsored the conference on population?
- A. Cairo.
 - B. The United Nations.
 - C. The World Bank.
 - D. The World Health Organization.
12. The current rate of annual increase in the world population is about _____
- A. 9 million.
 - B. 5.7 million.
 - C. 90 million.
 - D. 20 million.
13. Which of the following concerning the document is NOT true?
- A. The document will cover the next two decades.
 - B. The document will win support from the delegates.
 - C. The document will serve as a guideline.
 - D. The document will be completed after the conference.

Questions 14 to 16 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 30 seconds to answer the three questions.

14. The news item reported a(n) _____
- A. air crash.
 - B. traffic accident.
 - C. lorry crash.
 - D. ferry accident.
15. It was reported to have occurred _____
- A. inside Manila's port.
 - B. in Singapore.
 - C. near the Manila Bay.
 - D. in Malaysia.

16. There were _____ people on board.
A. 30 B. 400 C. 110 D. 120

1998

DICTION

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CONVERSATION

In this Section, you will hear nine short conversations between two speakers. At the end of each conversation you will be given 10 seconds to answer each of the following nine questions.

1. Who is the caller?
A. John Smith. B. Max Thomas. C. Max Green. D. John Thomas.
2. The conversation takes place between _____.
A. a host and a guest. B. two neighbours.
C. a doctor and a patient. D. a hotel clerk and a guest.
3. What did the man do last weekend?
A. He went skiing. B. He studied.
C. He did nothing. D. He did shopping.
4. What do you guess they'll do?
A. Go to the class at once. B. Make it in the dorm.
C. Skip over the work. D. Find out the assignment.
5. James is going to _____.
A. buy a car. B. stay at home.
C. go to the party. D. solve the problem.
6. The man advised the woman to _____.
A. find her way around. B. enjoy herself thoroughly.
C. remember her culture. D. see the differences.

7. The woman is supposed to be a(n) _____.
 A. shop assistant. B. job applicant.
 C. interviewer. D. receptionist.
8. What did the woman do this morning?
 A. She had the cooker changed. B. She had her cooker repaired.
 C. She bought a new cooker. D. She returned her new cooker.
9. The woman intends to _____.
 A. offer the man a lift. B. go with the man by bus.
 C. borrow the man's car. D. check if he has a car.

NEWS BROADCAST

Question 10 is based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the question.

Now listen to the news.

10. Which of the following statements is TRUE?
 A. Heavy rains and storms caused rivers to overflow.
 B. Flooding forced evacuation in seven counties.
 C. Flooding damaged homes and cut off electricity.
 D. Heavy rains and flooding kept banks closed.

Question 11 is based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the question.

Now listen to the news.

11. Who is going to make a visit?
 A. The Iranian Foreign Minister. B. The Iraqi Foreign Minister.
 C. A senior Iraqi advisor. D. A senior Iranian advisor.

Questions 12 and 13 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the news.

12. The Senate bill aims to _____ within the next seven years.
 A. end the country's huge public debts.
 B. cut government spendings on health.
 C. end the large budget deficit.
 D. cut some educational programmes.
13. Congressional leaders have to work out a compromise because _____

- A. a similar bill has been passed.
- B. the President might oppose the plan.
- C. the Senate bill was passed by 57 to 42.
- D. the White House is facing opposition.

Question 14 is based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the question.

Now listen to the news.

14. Australia reacted towards the French test by _____
- A. recalling her ambassador to Paris.
 - B. describing the test as insignificant.
 - C. expressing her regret.
 - D. expressing disapproval.

Question 15 is based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the question.

Now listen to the news.

15. The Indian police were reported to have discovered
- A. a large amount of money.
 - B. a large plastic bomb.
 - C. similar explosives.
 - D. the bodies of many victims.

Questions 16 and 17 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the news.

16. The 6-day negotiations between the PLO and Israel are mainly about
- A. the extension of Palestinian self-rule.
 - B. the establishment of Jewish settlement.
 - C. the arrangement of PLO troops.
 - D. the reconstruction of Hebron.
17. What progress has been made in their negotiations?
- A. Israeli troops can stay on in the West Bank.
 - B. Israel has released thousands of prisoners.
 - C. PLO and Israel have made a final agreement.
 - D. Agreement has been reached on the future of Hebron.

1999

DICTATION

Listen to the following passage. Altogether the passage will be read to you four times.

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CONVERSATION

In this Section, you will hear eight short conversations between two speakers. At the end of each conversation you will be given 10 seconds to answer each of the following eight questions.

1. Mark refused to take the job because _____.
A. the working hours were not suitable.
B. the job was not well paid.
C. he had to do a lot of traveling.
D. the job was quite difficult.
2. What do they think about the restaurant?
A. The service there is not good.
B. The food might not be good.
C. The waiter is not hospitable.
D. The restaurant is too small.
3. Which language does Mary speak well?
A. Chinese.
B. French.
C. Japanese.
D. English.
4. The woman believes that John _____.
A. was playing a joke.
B. was leaving Boston.
C. was moving to Boston.
D. was selling his house himself.
5. The woman should have arrived by _____.
A. 10:45.
B. 10:40.
C. 10:55.
D. 11:00.
6. What do we learn from the conversation?
A. John is not sick.
B. John is feeling better.
C. Jack hasn't been sick.
D. Jack has not got better.
7. The tone of the man is that of _____.
A. surprise.
B. sarcasm.
C. disappointment.
D. humor.
8. The two speakers are probably _____.
A. in a parking ground.
B. at a ferry-crossing.

- C. in a traffic jam.
- D. at a petrol station.

NEWS BROADCAST

Questions 9 and 10 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the news.

9. Some Haitians are on strike in order to _____
- A. get proper medical treatment.
 - B. ask for their political rights.
 - C. protest against the US decision.
 - D. demand food supply aid from USA.
10. The strikers are denied entry into the US because _____
- A. AIDS virus has been found among them.
 - B. they can not get political asylum in the US.
 - C. the US government has refused to take them.
 - D. they don't accept proper medical treatment.

Question 11 is based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the question.

Now listen to the news.

11. The US auto-makers decided to stop their action because _____
- A. Japanese auto-makers promised to stop dumping cars in the US.
 - B. the Government promised to solve the US-Japan trade imbalance.
 - C. three US companies have ended the US-Japan trade imbalance.
 - D. Japan agreed to sell cars at the agreed prices inside the US.

Questions 12 and 13 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the news.

12. Where did the storms first strike?
- A. The eastern US.
 - B. The Gulf of Mexico.
 - C. The Canadian border.
 - D. Some areas in Cuba.
13. The storms have, resulted in the following EXCEPT _____
- A. death and damage.
 - B. disruption of air services.
 - C. destruction of crops.
 - D. relocation of people.

Question 14 is based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the question.

Now listen to the news.

14. According to the news, France was strongly criticized for _____
- A. conducting five nuclear tests on Wednesday.
 - B. carrying out a series of nuclear tests in the Pacific.
 - C. getting disappointing results in the nuclear program.
 - D. refusing to sign a global treaty banning nuclear tests

Questions 15 is based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the question.

Now listen to the news.

15. The news item is mainly about _____
- A. air traffic problems.
 - B. safety improvement.
 - C. the number of flights.
 - D. flight training courses.

Questions 16 and 17 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the questions.

Now listen to the news.

16. What is the purpose of the meeting in Luxembourg?
- A. To control patrol boats on the River Danube.
 - B. To end economic sanctions against Serbia.
 - C. To step up economic sanctions against Serbia.
 - D. To send police officers to search the river.
17. International efforts against Serbia have been ineffective because _____
- A. ships carrying illegal supplies still sail along the river.
 - B. more illegal goods have been carried over land.
 - C. local authorities didn't attempt to stop illegal goods.
 - D. there has been disagreement over economic sanctions.

2000

DICTATION

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CONVERSATION

In this Section, you will hear eight short conversations between two speakers. At the end of each conversation you will be given 10 seconds to answer each of the following eight questions.

1. What's the probable relationship between the two speakers?
A. Teacher and student. B. Doctor and patient.
C. Lawyer and client. D. Boss and secretary.
2. What is the weather usually like in November?
A. Hotter than the present weather.
B. More humid than the present weather.
C. Drier than the present weather.
D. Cooler than the present weather.
3. What conclusion can we draw from this conversation?
A. Public buses are fast and cheap.
B. Parking is becoming a big problem.
C. Subway trains are even safer than taxis.
D. Taxis are more convenient than buses.
4. What are the two speakers talking about?
A. Fixing the woman's computer.
B. Ordering some new parts by Friday.
C. Getting the new parts ready by Friday.
D. Sending the woman's computer for repair.
5. What can we learn from the conversation?
A. Neither of them has a favourable opinion of the service.
B. The woman is having a terrible time serving in the restaurant.
C. Both agree it's time for the restaurant to fire some staff.
D. The man thinks the restaurant is all right, but the woman doesn't.
6. Who will pay for the call?
A. The man.
B. The operator.
C. The man's sister.
D. The man and his sister.

7. What does the man think of the woman's choice of clothing?
A. He thinks her choice is good.
B. He thinks her choice is terrible.
C. He doesn't like the colour.
D. He doesn't like the style.
8. What happened to Mr. Hunt's project?
A. It was fairly successful.
B. It was hard and futile.
C. It failed for lack of fund.
D. It stopped for lack of land.

NEWS BROADCAST

Question 9 is based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 10 seconds to answer the question.

Now listen to the news.

9. According to the news, NATO and Russia _____
A. have finalized a charter on their new relationship.
B. still have differences in military and political issues.
C. will hold a fifth round of talks in Luxembourg.
D. made no progress in this round of talks.

Questions 10 and 11 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the two questions.

Now listen to the news.

10. _____ people were killed during the air crash.
A. 61 B. 51 C. 41 D. 10
11. According to the news, the plane crashed _____
A. shortly before it landed.
B. minutes after it took off.
C. after it cleared the mountains.
D. at the foot of the mountains.

Questions 12 and 13 are based on the following news. At the end of the news item, you will be given 20 seconds to answer the two questions.

Now listen to the news.

12. Which of the following is NOT listed as a terrorist group by the US?
A. The pro-Iranian Hezbollah.