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前 言

《现代英语教程》是根据正在编写的新的大学英语教学大纲及江西省大学英语教学的实际需要而编写的。它是江西省大学外语教学协作组一项重要的科研项目。

教材分精读、泛读、口语和听力四种形式,分四级出版,供各校课堂教学及课外活动使用。

本书的编写得到了江西省教育委员会高教一处的大力支持和帮助;全省的各个外语教学单位积极参加编写,成为本书编写的坚强基础和可靠保证。在江西工作的美国专家 Lisa·J·Peterson、Cindy Stevens、Wes Beasley、Mark King、Pat King、Michelle L. Stabler、Greg A. Entzian 审校全书并为该书录音,在此一并表示衷心地感谢。

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Lesson One

Part A Short Conversations

Directions: In this part, you will hear 10 short conversations. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. The conversation and the question will be spoken only once. After each question, there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked A, B, C and D in your textbook, and then decide which is the best answer.

1. A. She's taking an exam on Friday. B. She has to study on Friday.
C. She doesn't enjoy tours very much. D. She likes staying at home better.
2. A. It's cooler. B. It's warmer.
C. It's cold. D. It's like his home's.
3. A. He's quite good at taking notes.
B. His friend will help him.
C. He's going to take notes for himself.
D. He has no trouble understanding the lecture.
4. A. He's gone on a diet. B. He's caught a cold.
C. The sea food doesn't agree with him. D. He's working too hard.
5. A. To enter the man's apartment. B. To return it to the man.
C. To help the man with it. D. To have it repaired for the man.
6. A. The room is too small for the audience.
B. The show is very difficult to understand.
C. There's nothing worth seeing there.
D. The crowd are very noisy.
7. A. The house is too big. B. She is all alone.
C. Her husband neglects her. D. Her children have left home.
8. A. He needed an electrician. B. The tap was running.
C. He had no hot water. D. There was no heat.
9. A. She must meet her teacher. B. She must attend a class.
C. She must go out with her boyfriend.
D. She must stay at school to finish her homework.
10. A. To attend his sick mother at home.

- B. To go on a vacation with his mother.
- C. To go to Europe on business.
- D. To see his mother in Europe.

Part B Dialogue

Learning Points

Vocabulary: feminism financially old-fashioned china doll

Useful Expressions: 1. a perfect dictionary definition 2. be better off

Exercise I

Directions: Listen to the dialogue and choose the right answer to complete the following statements.

1. The two people who are talking are _____.
 - A. husband and wife
 - B. teacher and student
 - C. boy and girl to be married
 - D. brother and sister
2. According to the girl, feminism is _____.
 - A. equality of the sexes
 - B. inequality of the sexes
 - C. husbands working to support their wives and families
 - D. wives making exactly as much money as their husbands
3. According to the dialogue, we can know the girl is _____.
 - A. old-fashioned B. modern C. unfriendly D. incomprehensible
4. The boy's opinion about the responsibilities of the home is _____.
 - A. modern B. special C. incomprehensible D. traditional

Exercise II

Directions: Listen again and write "T" (for True) or "F" (for False) for each statement you hear on the tape.

1. () 2. () 3. () 4. () 5. ()

Part C Passage

Passage 1 What Is NATO?

Learning Points

Vocabulary: treaty counterweigh applaud ally signatory dominate

Exercise I

Directions: Listen to the passage and choose the right answer to the question you hear.

- A. It is a welfare institution.
B. It is an aid-providing agency.
C. It is a profit-making business.
D. It is a military organization.
- A. April 1949. B. February 1955. C. May 1955. D. May 1982.
- A. Greece, Turkey and Belgium.
B. Poland, Hungary and Czech Republic.
C. Belgium, Canada and Denmark.
D. Poland, Greece and Turkey.
- A. In Washington. B. In New York. C. In Brussels. D. In Warsaw.

Exercise II

Directions: Listen to the passage again and write "T" (for True) or "F" (for False) in the brackets for each statement you hear.

1. () 2. () 3. () 4. () 5. ()

Passage 2 Insurance

Learning Points

Vocabulary: tuberculosis

Useful Expressions: 1. be shown into... 2. It depends.

Exercise I

Directions: Listen to the passage carefully and choose the right answer to each question you

hear.

1. A. One. B. Two. C. Three. D. Four.
2. A. To insure his life.
B. To insure his parents' lives.
C. Because he had a bad heart.
D. Because his parents were not healthy.
3. A. Because his parents died.
B. Because his parents were not healthy.
C. Because the clerk overheard the conversation.
D. Because the manager refused to insure him.
4. A. To give the manager more money.
B. To tell the truth about his parents' health.
C. To tell a lie about his parents' age when they died.
D. To argue with the manager.
5. A. 35 years old B. 30 years old C. 93 years old D. 98 years old

Exercise II

*Directions: Listen to the passage again and write down the questions you hear on the tape.
Then give a brief answer to them.*

1. Question: _____
Answer: _____
2. Question: _____
Answer: _____
3. Question: _____
Answer: _____

Passage 3 Fast Food in the U.S.A

Learning Points
Vocabulary: hamburger

Exercise I

Directions: Listen to the passage carefully and choose the right answer to each question you hear.

1. A. A hotel. B. A fast-food restaurant. C. A supermarket. D. A motel.
2. A. Through the window of the car. B. Sent by a machine.
C. In a plastic bag. D. On a plate.
3. A. Because of the fast service and cheap price.
B. Because of the warm-hearted waitresses.
C. Because of the comfortable surroundings.
D. Because of the convenient location.
4. A. Married men working outside. B. Single men working at home.
C. Married women working outside. D. Single women staying at home.

Exercise II

Directions: Listen again and fill in the missing words.

1. In the fast-food restaurants, people order _____, wait _____, and carry it _____.
2. Hamburgers are not _____ that _____.
3. These restaurants also serve _____ and _____.
4. For many American people, the service is more _____ than _____.

Lesson Two

Part A Short Conversations

Directions: In this part, you will hear 10 short conversations. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. The conversation and the question will be spoken only once. After each question, there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked A, B, C and D in your textbook, and then decide which is the best answer.

1. A. She is going to give up biology.
B. She spends half of her time on biology.
C. To her, biology is difficult, but math is not.
D. To her, math is even more difficult than biology.
2. A. She is eager to know what the gift is.
B. She is not anxious what the present is.
C. She has known what the gift is.
D. She really doesn't care about the present.
3. A. On foot. B. By bus. C. By car. D. By bike.
4. A. Some bread. B. Some milk. C. Some fruit. D. Nothing.
5. A. All films are boring indeed.
B. Some of the films are worth seeing.
C. He never sees films himself.
D. He loves to see films.
6. A. In 10 minutes. B. In 30 minutes.
C. In 20 minutes. D. It's not mentioned.
7. A. They often hear Jean singing.
B. Jean has got a beautiful voice.
C. They never like her singing.
D. Jean's voice is not so beautiful.
8. A. It's not important to know the steps.
B. It's too crowded to dance there.
C. It's necessary to know the steps.
D. Neither of them knows the steps.

9. A. It was rather interesting.
 B. It didn't last long.
 C. They didn't go to the meeting.
 D. They knew nothing about the meeting.
10. A. They will go shopping. B. They will go swimming.
 C. They will go for a picnic. D. They will stay at home.

Part B Dialogue

Learning Points

Vocabulary: dustbin hoover trash ash vacuum

Exercise I

Directions: Listen to the dialogue carefully and choose the right answer to complete the following statement.

1. A. boss and secretary. B. husband and wife.
 C. doctor and patient. D. teacher and student.
2. A. his shoes. B. his cigarettes. C. the dustbin. D. the money.
3. A. frightened. B. pleased. C. worried. D. surprised.
4. A. Housework is not as easy as the work outside.
 B. Housework is not so important as the work outside.
 C. Housework is not so difficult as the work outside.
 D. Housework is as worthwhile as the work outside.

Exercise II

Directions: Listen again and fill in the blanks with the missing words.

1. The floor is dirty because _____.
2. The woman put the man's cigarettes in the dustbin because _____.
3. The man works _____ a day while the woman works _____ a day.
4. The wife said angrily: "housework _____. Well, then _____."

Part C Passage

Passage 1 Dogs—Our Faithful Companions

Learning Points

Vocabulary: companion

Exercise I

Directions : Listen to the passage carefully and choose the right answer to the question you hear .

1. A. Because dogs can guard people's home.
B. Because dogs can pick up rubbish.
C. Because dogs often try hard to please their owners.
D. Because dogs always help people with their housework.
2. A. Every Saturday noon. B. Every Saturday afternoon.
C. Every Sunday noon. D. Every Sunday afternoon.
3. A. In front of the visitor.
B. In front of the owner's house.
C. Right after the visitor.
D. Far away from the visitor.
4. A. He showed his respect to the visitor.
B. He wanted visitor to leave immediately.
C. He helped pick up the hat which had fallen off.
D. He had great interest in the beautiful hat.

Exercise II

Directions : Listen to the passage again and write "T" (for True) or "F" (for False) in the brackets for the statement you hear on the tape .

1. () 2. () 3. () 4. ()

Passage 2 Welcome to Visit Beautiful Thailand!

Learning Points

Vocabulary: Buddhist temple tropical Bangkok Thailand

Exercise I

Directions : Listen to the passage carefully and choose the right answer to each question you hear .

1. A. ancient Buddhist temples. B. Thai dances.
 C. Thai boxing matches. D. the Asian Games.
2. A. It is a large city. B. It is a floating market.
 C. It is a beautiful country. D. It is a wonderful island.
3. A. water tropical gardens. B. watch boxing games.
 C. sail the floating boats. D. visit elephant schools.
4. A. silks and paintings. B. food and flowers.
 C. ancient temples. D. sandy beaches.
5. A. They are not easy to tame.
 B. They live near sandy beaches.
 C. They must learn to work.
 D. They live in ancient buildings.

Exercise II

Directions : Listen again , then read the following 5 statements and select the ones that are true . Put a tick beside your choice .

1. In Bangkok, you are likely to see ancient art in ancient temples. ()
2. During the boxing matches, there is not always music. ()
3. In Bangkok, you can buy nothing else but silks and paintings. ()
4. In the southern part of Thailand, you will see elephants. ()
5. Elephants in Thailand have to work, but they don't have to go to training school. ()

Passage 3 World's Use of Paper

Exercise Spot Dictation

Directions : In this part , you will hear a passage three times . When the passage is read for the first time , you should listen carefully for its general idea . Then listen to the passage again , and fill in the missing words as quickly as you can . For the third time , you should check what you have written .

Paper is one of the most important products ever invented by man. Without paper the written language _____ (1) _____, for some _____ (2) _____. The invention of paper meant (3) _____ because more books (4) _____. Together with the printing press, paper has provided an extremely (5) _____. How much paper do you use every year? Probably, you can not (6) _____. In 1900, (7) _____ was about one kilogram for each person a year. Now (8) _____ fifty kilograms of paper for each person a year. Countries like the U. S., England and Sweden use (9) _____. Paper, like (10) _____, was first made in China. In Egypt and west, paper was not very commonly used before the year 1400A. D.

Lesson Three

Part A Short Conversations

Directions: In this part, you will hear 10 short conversations. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. The conversation and the question will be spoken only once. After each question, there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the four choices marked A, B, C and D in your textbook, and then decide which is the best answer.

1. A. The man might have been able to prevent the problems at the party.
B. The man should have seen how well things had gone at the party.
C. The party wouldn't have gone well even with the man's help.
D. The party wouldn't have gone well even with the woman's help.
2. A. He doesn't care about the weather.
B. He prefers it to be hot.
C. He speaks highly of the weather.
D. He hates the weather.
3. A. She didn't write because she was busy with her research paper.
B. She didn't write because she didn't have his address in Washington.
C. She did write because she went to Washington.
D. She would write after she arrived in Washington.
4. A. The man went to the movie in spite of the rain.
B. The man didn't go to the movie because he was busy.
C. The man didn't go to the cinema because of the heavy rain.
D. The man went to the cinema accompanied by the woman.
5. A. They couldn't afford a new ice-box because they had bought the computer.
B. They couldn't afford a new ice-box because it was too expensive.
C. They couldn't afford a new ice-box because the computer wasn't working well.
D. They couldn't afford a new ice-box because they both wanted to buy a computer.
6. A. The man has a lot of things to do next week.
B. The man will go on business next Monday.

- C. The man came to work this morning, though he should stay in bed.
 D. The man will be dismissed sometime next week.
7. A. Tom passed the exam because he worked very hard.
 B. Tom didn't pass the exam because he played cards too much.
 C. Tom should have passed the exam because he worked very hard.
 D. Tom didn't pass the exam because he didn't work very hard.
8. A. He reviewed his lessons.
 B. He attended a meeting.
 C. He went to Mary's wedding ceremony.
 D. He went to the exhibition.
9. A. He had to work overtime. B. He was hurt in the accident.
 C. He was held up by the traffic. D. He witnessed a traffic accident.
10. A. The woman had bought a lot of things from the shop.
 B. The man was looking for something else they would buy.
 C. The man was waiting too long for the woman.
 D. The woman wanted the man to wait another few minutes.

Part B Dialouge A Computer Date

Learning Points

Vocabulary: compatible analyze Ron Barrister

Useful Expressions: 1. What else do you need to know?

2. That sounds good.

Exercise I

Directions: Listen to the dialogue carefully and choose the right answer to each question you hear.

1. A. The computer will arrange a meeting between two men.
 B. The computer will arrange a meeting between two women.
 C. The computer will arrange a meeting between a man and a woman.
 D. The computer will arrange a meeting between an employer and an employee.
2. A. height and weight. B. likes and dislikes.
 C. age and income. D. family background.
3. A. Computer dating service is becoming more and more popular.