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前 言

“美国之音”标准英语新闻是高校英语专业高年级听力课教学的一项重要内容，也是具有一定英语水平的外语爱好者训练听力的极好教材。《美国之音标准英语新闻听力教程》前两辑出版后，深受广大读者的欢迎。为了满足大家的要求、更新新闻的内容，为大家提供更多的练习素材，我们特编写了这本《美国之音标准英语听力教程》（第三辑），奉献给读者。

本书是根据国家教委颁发的《高等学校英语专业高年级教学大纲》所规定的内容范围、目标要求而编写的，共分为三个部分：Workbook, Key to Exercises 和 Tapescript。书内配有填空、回答问题、判断正误、完成句子和多项选择等多种形式的练习，可供读者边听录音，边作练习，以不断提高读者的听力水平。

本教材的新闻选自 1995 年的“美国之音”标准英语新闻节目，内容包括政治、经济、军事和体育等方面。

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由于编者水平有限，加之时间仓促，书中错误在所难免，我们真诚欢迎广大读者批评指正。

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I . WORKBOOK

Item 1

Words and Expressions

Bulgaria [bʌl'ɡeriə] 保加利亚(欧洲国家)

Albania [æl'beniə] 阿尔巴尼亚(欧洲国家)

Macedonia [ˌmæsi'dəʊnjə] 马其顿

symbolic [sim'bɒlik] adj. 象征的

enshrine [in'ʃraɪn] vt. 把……奉为神圣,珍视

charter ['tʃɑ:tə] n. 宪章

Romania [rəu'meinjə] 罗马尼亚(欧洲南部国家)

Exercise A Fill in the blanks with the exact words you have heard from the tape.

He said the highway would be symbolic of a United Europe and also serve the principles enshrined in the UN Charter. The Turkish President said Greece and Romania would be welcome to join the road link.

Exercise B Focusing on Details.

Decide whether each of the following statements is true or false.

- (F) 1. The plan is not to build a super highway linking

Turkey, Bulgaria, and Albania and Macedonia.

(F) 2. They say it will take about fourteen years and cost around one billion dollars.

(T) 3. The idea has been around for a while but four leaders decided it's time to move on the project and raise the money.

Item 2

Words and Expressions

counterpart ['kauntəpɑ:t] n. 地位相同的人, (在职位, 作用, 特征等方面) 相对应的人

Boris Yeltsin 叶利钦 (现任俄罗斯总统)

Hyde Park 海德村 (美国纽约州东南部一村庄)

Bošnia-Herzegovina 波斯尼亚—黑塞哥维那简称波黑 (由前南斯拉夫分裂出的一个国家)

stumble ['stʌmbəl] v. 绊跌, 踉跄不定

NATO ['neitəu] North Atlantic Treaty Organization 北大西洋公约组织 (简称北约)

disarmament [dis'ɑ:məmənt] n. 裁军, 解除武装

ratification [,rætifi'keiʃən] n. 批准, 签署

ban [bæn] n. 禁止, 取缔

Exercise A General Comprehension.

1. This news item tells us that _____.

A. President Clinton in a joint news conference with his Rus-

- sian counterpart Boris Yeltsin following a meeting in Hyde Park says they made progress in talks.
- B. That meeting came on the sidelines of the U. S. 50th anniversary celebrations.
- C. Russia will be willing to commit troops to a postwar peace keeping force once a settlement is in place of Bosnia.
- D. President Yeltsin agreed to comment on why that obstacle had been overcome.

Exercise B Fill in the blank with the exact words you have heard from the tape.

1. The main _____ block has been _____ opposition to _____ its _____ under _____ command.
2. He _____ those includes plans to _____ for _____ of the START I _____ treaty and for a _____ nuclear test _____.
3. _____ his part, Mr. _____ said he _____ leave _____ with much more _____ than _____ he arrived.

Item 3

Words and Expressions

festivity [fes'tiviti] n. 庆祝, 欢庆, (复) 庆祝活动, 庆典
 reshape ['ri:ʃeɪp] vt. 给……以新形式, 采用新方针
 diversity [dai'vɜ:siti] n. 差异, 差别

permanent ['pɜ:mənənt] adj. 永久的,持久的
 hang glider 鸢式(带人)滑翔机
 session ['seʃən] n. 开会,一届会议
 snub [snʌb] vt. 怠慢,冷落
 spectacle ['spektəkl] n. 景象,场面
 ripple ['ripl] n. 涟漪,细浪,波动
 helicopter ['helikɒptə] n. 直升机
 converge [kən'veɪdʒ] vi. 会聚,集中
 coincide [ˌkəʊɪn'saɪd] vi. 恰好重合,同时发生
 General Assembly 联合国大会

Exercise A General Comprehension.

1. The environmentalist group accuses the French leader of _____.
 - A. snubbing the world opinion with its nuclear testing in the South Pacific.
 - B. following the world opinion with its nuclear testing in the South Pacific.
 - C. accepting the world opinion with its nuclear testing in the poor countries.
 - D. overlooking the world opinion with its nuclear testing in France.

Exercise B Focus on Details.

Decide whether each of the following statements is true or false.

- () 1. President Clinton has called for reform of the United

States in the second day of speeches in New York marking anniversary.

- () 2. President Mandela of South Africa said the UN must not redefine and reshape its structures to reflect the diversity of the world.
- () 3. President Chirac said the circle of permanent members of the security council must be enlarged to include Germany, Japan and Russia.
- () 4. A Greenpeace protester flew a hang glider over the East River near the UN Monday.
- () 5. The operator of the glider Kai Britt of Germany was set free.
- (T) 6. Inside the General Assembly, the French leader said the South Pacific tests will continue until Spring despite international protests.

Item 4

Words and Expressions

Serb [sə:b] n. 塞尔维亚人

Yugoslavia [ˌju:ɡəʊ'slɑ:vjə] 南斯拉夫

Moslem ['mɒzlɪm] n. 回教徒, 伊斯兰教徒

Croatian ['krəʊ'eɪʃjən] adj. 克罗地亚的

Slavonia [slə'vəʊniə] 斯拉沃尼亚 (南斯拉夫北部克罗地亚地区)

resolve [rɪ'zɒlv] vt. 解析, 作出决断

Zagreb [ˈzɑ:ɡreb] 萨格勒布(前南斯拉夫西北部城市)

Exercise Answer the following questions.

1. What right do Bosnian-Serbs say they will push for?

_____.

2. By whom is the demand expected to be rejected?

_____.

3. What does US ambassador Peter Galbraith say?

_____.

Item 5

Words and Expressions

Defense Department 国防部

expeditionary [ekspə'diʃənəri] adj. 远征军的

deployment [di'plɔimənt] n. 部署, 展开

Bahrain [bə'rein] 巴林

hedge [hedʒ] n. 界限, 防卸

Iraqi [i'rɑ:ki] n. 伊拉克人

pentagon ['pentəɡən] n. 五角形

the Pentagon 五角大楼(美国国防部的办公大楼)

squadron ['skwɒdrən] n. 航空队, 飞行中队

aircraft carrier 航空母舰

Persian ['pɜ:ʃən] adj. 波斯的

the Persian Gulf 波斯湾

turbulence [ˈtɜ:bjuləns] n. 混乱, 骚乱

defection [di'fekʃən] n. 背弃, 背叛

Jordan [dʒɔ:dn] 约旦(位于西南亚阿拉伯半岛西北的国家。正式名称 the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan 约旦
哈希姆王国)

Baghdad ['bægdæd] 巴格达(伊拉克首都)

sanction ['sæŋkʃən] n. (通常为复数) 制裁

ground-based ['graund beɪsd] adj. 地面为基地的

Exercise Fill in the blanks according to what you have heard.

1. The US _____ Department says an _____ force of nearly _____ advance warplanes _____ begun _____ to _____ as a _____ against any future _____ military threat to the _____.
2. The United states has _____ continuous _____-carrier presence in the _____ Gulf region _____ the war five years ago.
3. The _____ of the F-16 _____ mentioned no _____ threat.
4. Officials _____ say they are _____ by the continuing political _____ in _____ since the _____ to _____ of two senior _____ officials in August.
5. The United States _____ has about _____ ground-_____ aircraft _____ at various _____ in the Gulf.

Item 6

Words and Expressions

governor ['gʌvənə] n. (美国)州长

endorse [in'dɔ:s] vt. 批准, 签署

Senate ['senit] n. [美] 参议院

nomination [,nəmi'neɪʃən] n. 提名

Exercise Answer the following question.

1. Who has endorsed Senate majority leader Robert Dole for the 1996 Republican Party presidential nomination?
2. Who is the Republican Party's best hope to defeat President Clinton next year?

Item 7

Words and Expressions

fraud [frɔ:d] n. 欺骗, 欺诈

plead guilty 认罪

Exercise Answer the following questions.

1. Why was the New York branch of Daiwa Bank ordered to shut down?
2. How much money did the bank lose exactly?
3. Was the senior management of Daiwa Bank responsible in this case?