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前言

《研究生英语听说教程》(修订版)系吉林大学研究生院立项教材。当今时代是全球化时代,全球化从经济领域开始,逐渐扩展到政治、文化、科技、军事、金融和环境等各个领域,“相互依存,共同发展”已成为当今不可逆转的历史潮流。英语在我国全球化进程中,起着极为重要的语言中介作用。随着全球化的进一步深入,对研究生英语教育的要求和标准也在不断提高。为此,吉林大学研究生院根据国家教育部《非英语专业研究生英语教学大纲》,在吉林大学公共外语教育学院教师编写的初版教材的基础上修订而成。

本套教材是针对 21 世纪对硕士研究生英语教学要求的新特点而编写的一套系列教材,分为《研究生英语综合教程》和《研究生英语听说教程》两个部分,既相互配合形成一个整体,又根据各自的特点自成体系,供非英语专业硕士研究生英语教学使用。

本系列教材充分吸取国内各高校在非英语专业研究生英语教学中积累的行之有效的经验,借鉴国内外优秀的教学理论和方法,博采众长,将实用性与知识性融为一体,以适应新形势对非英语专业研究生教学的要求。

本系列教材选材新颖,题材广泛,包括哲学、经济、语言、文学、文化、社会问题、现代科技和环境以及人口和资源等领域。选材原则是集时代性、知识性、可思性、前瞻性和实用性为一体,重在培养研究生的英语实用能力。教材编写突破了传统的旧有模式,使整套教材都与后现代语言教育的基本理论与要求相吻合,突出体现以学生为中心的教学理念,坚持以学生为本的基本精神,力图最大程度地调动硕士研究生在英语学习上的主动性,并将类似国际旅行、国外求学、当代歌曲和影视等实际应用内容编写进本教材,并坚持课堂上师生互动的原则,使本系列教材成为国内首创性的研究生英语系列教材。

本系列教材的编写过程中得到了吉林大学研究生院、吉林大学公共外语教育学院和吉林出版集团外语教育出版公司的大力支持,并由美国语言协会专家 Barbara Kindschi 审阅了全部书稿,在此一并致以谢意。另外,协助本教材编写的人员还有:解修振、李韦豫、张素菊、孙乐岩、李维清、石华、孙凌、潘君默、吕娜、金辰等。

由于本系列教材属于开创性教材编写,从形式到内容都遵循新颖、实用的原则,改革的力度很大,因此,教材编写过程中出现一些不足之处也在所难免。为此,在经过一年的教学实验检验之后,教材编写组重新对初版教材进行修订,对部分单元做了调换,对存在的问题做了解决,使本系列教材的质量又有了很大提高。广大教师和研究生在使用过程中如发现新的问题,请与教材编写组取得联系,以便及时修正。

此外,本套教材中所采用的部分文章和图片无法一一追溯原始版权,请有关版权持有者与我们联系。

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本教材共 10 单元,需 30 学时完成。每单元包括三部分:Part A Warm-up,由 Famous Sayings, A Humorous Story 和 Pair-work 三项活动组成;Part B Class Activities,由 True or False, Spot Dictation, Conversations 和 Debate 四项活动组成;Part C Fun Time,由 An English Riddle, An English Song 和 An English Movie 三项活动组成。书后附有听力原文,听力练习答案及口语话题的相关补充材料。

本教材以常用语言话题为主线编排,坚持听与说相互结合,相互促进的原则。听说练习形式多样,实用性强。听力材料语言规范,选材新颖,题材广泛,趣味性强,为随后的口语活动提供了有关话题的常用词汇和语言表达法,有助于学生语言运用能力的培养。

本教材配有 CD-ROM,与教材同步使用。

本教材在编写过程中参考了部分国内外相关文献,在此谨向有关作者表示诚挚的谢意。

限于水平和时间,错漏之处在所难免,欢迎广大研究生及同仁批评指正。

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Unit 1

Education



Part A Warm-up

Activity 1 Famous Sayings

Directions: You are going to hear three dialogues. While listening, try to have a deep understanding of the following sentences.

1. Knowledge is power.
2. She's a walking dictionary.
3. No pains, no gains.

Activity 2 A Humorous Story

Directions: The tape you will hear is a humorous story. Read the questions carefully and you are expected to answer them after listening to the tape. The text will be read twice. You can take notes if you wish.

1. How was Frank's math?

2. What did Frank do during the math exam?

3. Why is it difficult for the teacher to decide who to give the prize to?

4. What is the suggestion given by one of the other students?

5. What did the teacher decide to do?

6. What is the reason given by the teacher for her decision?

Activity 3 Pair-work

Directions: Retell the story briefly to your partner in your own words.

Part B Class Activities

Activity 1 True or False

Task 1 You will hear a dialogue between Margaret and David. As you listen, decide whether the following statements are true or false by writing T or F for each statement.

- () 1. David joined the staff of London University two years before his degree.
- () 2. David is pleased to talk about the teaching program.
- () 3. Margaret has always been nervous about the exam.
- () 4. The course assessment emphasizes essays and seminar papers.
- () 5. Six essays are required before the finals.
- () 6. David greatly enjoyed the course.

Task 2 Listen to the dialogue again and write down your answers to each of the following questions.

1. What is David's opinion about the course?

2. What about the academic staff in the program?

3. What does David think about the life in the university?

Task 3 (Group-work) Introduce yourself to your new classmates (including first name, last name, major, family, hometown, etc.).

Activity 2 Spot Dictation

Task 1 You will hear a text about campus life. While you listen, fill in the blanks with the words or phrases you hear on the tape.

Going to college is a big (1) _____ for most Americans. While it is often said that the US college system is the best in the world, it is estimated that, like most nations, only a small (2) _____ of Americans actually graduate from college. That number is increasing each year, though, with the recent (3) _____ economy of the States and the rise of the Silicon Valley



"dot-comers."

College years are a time filled with lots of (4) _____ emotions. There's the excitement of meeting new friends, going away to a different place, learning new things, and meeting (5) _____ challenges. There's the excitement, too, that comes from (6) _____ new and strange situations that confront thinking and (7) _____ of the world. There are triumphs and defeats, pains and joys, times of doubt and confusion and times of great (8) _____.

Many graduates look back on their experience in college as the most formative years in their lives, the time when they learned about themselves and their (9) _____ in society.

For many students, college is the place where they test out their independence and prepare for the "real world." College life is conducive to not only studying academics, but also gaining an understanding of the basic fundamentals for achieving personal success and for working toward achieving (10) _____ goals.

Task 2 (Pair-work) Talk with your partner about your memorable experiences in college.

Activity 3 Conversations

Task 1 In this section, you will hear ten short conversations between two speakers. After each conversation, you will hear a question about the conversation. The conversations and questions will not be repeated. After you hear a question, read the four possible answers marked A, B, C and D and choose the best answer.

1. A. He won't be able to go to the lab today.
B. He thinks the woman is being unfair.
C. He agrees that the workload is heavy.
D. He feels the assignment is reasonable.
2. A. He may not have enough time to cook.
B. He may spend more money on food next semester.
C. He may gain weight if he does his own cooking.
D. He may not enjoy cooking.
3. A. They don't have to go to the concert.
B. His brother will let them use the car.
C. The subway is fine with her.
D. They'll have to rent a car as early as possible.

4. A. Professor Smith will distribute calculators to students.
B. Calculators will be useful in the class.
C. Statistical calculations should be done by hand.
D. It's necessary to take a statistics class before taking calculus(微积分).
5. A. She'd like the store to send it to her.
B. The package will arrive next week.
C. It must be wrapped quickly.
D. She'll take it with her to save some trouble.
6. A. Mary wouldn't call the woman again.
B. Mary didn't call.
C. Mary wouldn't call next time she came to town.
D. That she hoped to come for dinner next time she came to town.
7. A. She doesn't think Frank is arriving until tomorrow morning.
B. She doesn't know when her class will end.
C. She has to pick up Frank at 2:00 in the airport.
D. She won't be able to go with the man.
8. A. She isn't interested in being a historian.
B. She hasn't chosen a course of study.
C. She's studying American history.
D. She's a very promising student.
9. A. His desire to be an accountant isn't strong enough.
B. He doesn't have the skills necessary for accounting.
C. She's better at arithmetic than he is.
D. He has always been good at arithmetic.
10. A. She doesn't enjoy going to the beach.
B. The beach was closed.
C. There wasn't enough food for everyone at the barbecue.
D. The barbecue was canceled because of the weather.



Task 2 (Pair-work) Practice the conversations with your partner and remember to exchange the roles.

Activity 4 Debate

Topic 1: Test-oriented education vs. quality-oriented education

Topic 2: Receiving higher education at home vs. studying abroad

Topic 3: Acquiring academic achievements vs. seeking work experience

Topic 4: Similarities and differences between Eastern and Western education

Part C Fun Time

Activity 1 An English Riddle

Directions: Think about the following riddle and figure out the answer to it.

Where does afternoon come before morning in the world?

Activity 2 An English Song

Directions: Listen to the following song and learn to sing it.

Moon River

*Moon River wider than a mile
I'm crossing you in style someday
Oh, dream maker
You heart breaker
Wherever you're going
I'm going your way*

*Two drifters off to see the world
There's such a lot of world to see
We're after the same rainbow's end
Waiting round the bend
My huckleberry friend
Moon River and me.*

Activity 3 An English Movie

Title: *My Best Friend's Wedding*
Starring: Julia Roberts, Dermot Mulroney, Cameron Diaz & Rupert Everett
Director: P. J. Hogan
Year of Theatrical Release: 1997
Runtime: Approx. 105 min



Plot Summary:

Food critic Julianne Potter and Baseball sport reporter Michael O'Neal were both classmates and lovebirds in college nine years ago. Later, they became good friends and made a deal to marry each other if, by the ripe age of 28, they had not yet found their true love. One day, Michael called and told Jules that he was engaged to a billionaire's daughter Kimberly Wallace and would get married in four days. Jealousy rears its ugly head when Julianne discovers that Kimmy is perfect for Michael. She is determined to break the wedding. George Downes, Jules' boss, comes to the rescue, but helps her open her eyes to see what she needs to do. A "delightful and surprising" film is coming to you!

Plot Keywords:

Romantic Comedy; Chicago Illinois; Homosexual; Intrigue; Human Relationship; Jealousy; Karaoke; Wedding; Gay Friend; Gay Interest; Maid of Honor; Blockbuster

Memorable Quotes from the Movie:

George Downes: Why don't we stop and have a drink? You can take a later flight.

Julianne Potter: No, no, no, no. I'm a busy girl. I've got exactly four days to break up a wedding, steal the bride's fellow and I haven't one clue how to do it.

Julianne Potter: This is my one chance at happiness. I have to be ruthless!

Kimmy Wallace: He's got you on a pedestal and me in his arms.

Julianne Potter: It is the duty of the best man to dance with the maid of honor.

Michael O'Neill: Dance? You can't dance. When did you learn how to dance?

Julianne Potter: I've got moves you've never seen.

Michael O'Neill: Kimmy says if you love someone you say it, you say it right then, out loud. Otherwise the moment just ...

Julianne Potter: Passes you by ...

Michael O'Neill: Passes you by ...

Julianne Potter: If he were feeling what I'm feeling then he would know how it feels.

Julianne Potter: You're going to humiliate me, aren't you?

George Downes: Only if I can.

Kimmy's Mother: I insist you stay on for lunch.

Julianne Potter: No, no, no, no ... Absolutely ...

George Downes: Love to! Love the bag, love the shoes, love everything. Love to!

George Downes: Tell him you love him. Bite the bullet.

Julianne Potter: Michael ... I love you. I've loved you for nine years, I've just been too arrogant and scared to realize it, and ... well, now I'm just scared. So, I realize this comes at a very inopportune time but I really have this gigantic favor to ask of you. Choose me. Marry me. Let me make you happy. Oh, that sounds like three favors, doesn't it?

Kimmy Wallace: I love this man, and there is no way that I'm gonna give him up to some two-faced, big-haired food critic.

Julianne Potter: I'm pond scum. Well, lower actually. I'm like the fungus that feeds on pond scum.

Michael O'Neal: Lower. The pus that infects the mucus that cruds up the fungus that feeds on the pond scum. On the other hand, thank you for loving me that much, that way. It's pretty flattering.

Julianne Potter: Except it makes me fungus.

Julianne Potter: I had the strangest dream. I dreamt that some psychopath was trying to break the two of you up. Luckily, I woke up and I see that the world is just as it should be. For my best friend has won the best woman. I didn't buy you a gift. But this is on loan until you two find your song ...

(Someday when I'm awfully low, when the world is cold, I will feel a glow just thinking of you and the way you look tonight. Oh, but you're lovely with your smile so warm and your cheeks so soft. There is nothing for me but to love you just the way you look tonight.)

George Downes: You're probably drumming your fingernails on the white linen tablecloth the way you do when you're really feeling down. Perhaps even looking at those nails thinking, "God, I should have stopped in all my evil plotting to have that manicure."

George Downes: Maybe there won't be marriage, maybe there won't be sex, but by God there'll be dancing!



Unit 2

Entertainment



Part A Warm-up

Activity 1 Famous Sayings

Directions: You are going to hear three dialogues. While listening, try to have a deep understanding of the following sentences.

1. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
2. Go for the gold!
3. In wine there is truth.

Activity 2 A Humorous Story

Directions: The tape you will hear is a humorous story. Read the questions carefully and you are expected to answer them after listening to the tape. The text will be read twice. You can take notes if you wish.

1. Why did Mrs. Alda want to go to the expensive restaurant?

2. What happened after Mr. and Mrs. Alda ordered their meal?

3. What did Mrs. Alda say to her husband?

4. What did she ask the waiter?

5. What was the waiter's reply?

6. How did the waiter know that the attractive man and woman were nobody famous?

Activity 3 Pair-work

Directions: Retell the story briefly to your partner in your own words.

