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前言

本书旨在指导参加托福考试者如何应试以取得高分。为此,本书不仅提供正确的答案,而且详加解释分析,介绍有关题目的类型、形式、注意要点、解题技巧,使读者举一反三,触类旁通,答题迅速而正确。

本书分为三个部分。第一部分是 1988—1989 年托福试题;第二部分为标准答案。由于有关的录音带不全,听力部分的答案暂时只得从略。第三部分为试题精解。结构与写作部分的解释深入浅出。词汇部分的解释提供了大量的英语同义词,难词则采用英汉详释。阅读理解部分题目答案的解释采用引证原文,并加横线(以示重要)的办法,以便读者参照有关题目,找出内在联系(句法的及词汇的),深入理解。本书中的解释方法及技巧在编者多年的托福教学实践中证明是行之有效的。

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SECTION 1 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

In this section of the test, you will have an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to understand spoken English. There are three parts to this section, with special directions for each part.

Part A

<u>Directions:</u> For each question in Part A, you will hear a short sentence. Each sentence will be spoken just one time. The sentences you hear will not be written out for you. Therefore, you must listen carefully to understand what the speaker says.

After you hear a sentence, read the four choices in your test book, marked (A), (B), (C), and (D), and decide which <u>one</u> is closest in meaning to the sentence you heard. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen. Fill in the space so that the letter inside the oval cannot be seen.

Example I	•	Sample Answer
You will hear:	· •	◆ • • •
You will read:	(A) Mary outswam the others.	•
•	(B) Mary ought to swim with them.	
	(C) Mary and her friends swam to the island.	
	(D) Mary's friends owned the island.	•

The speaker said, "Mary swam out to the island with her friends" Sentence (C), "Mary and her friends swam to the island," is closest in meaning to the sentence you heard. Therefore, you should choose answer (C).

You will hear: You will read: (A) Please remind me to read this book. (B) Could you help me carry these books? (C) I don't mind if you help me. (D) Do you have a heavy course load this term?

The speaker said, "Would you mind helping me with this load of books?" Sentence (B), "Could you help me carry these books?" is closest in meaning to the sentence you heard. Therefore, you should choose answer (B)

- (A) We are your guides for the day.
 - (B) You should wear your gloves.
 - (C) Where are the light bulbs?
 - (D) Are these gloves better than yours?
- 2. (A) I have a good time in that class.
 - (B) Wait until it's time for class.
 - (C) I don't think that class is worthwhile .
 - (D) You don't need much paper for class.
- 3. (A) Ann helped me a lot.
 - (B) Even Ann felt helpless.
 - (C) Ann wasn't helpful to anyone.
 - (D) Other people helped Ann more than me.
- 4. (A) He wants an ashtray.
 - (B) He's trying to find an ash tree.
 - (C) He's looking for strays.
 - (D) He's going to lock up the cash.
- 5. (A) I've done half as much work as I had planned.
 - (B) Although it is noon, I'm not finished yet.
 - (C) I need a whole day to complete the work.
 - (D) I've done all my work in half a day.
- 6. (A) Since I don't see her, Karen probably didn't take this plane.
 - (B) Karen is not supposed to fly overseas.
 - (C) Karen shouldn't be frightened if she doesn't see us.
 - (D) If the light is too bright, Karen won't be able to see us.
- 7. (A) You're too late to meet my father.
 - (B) My father is never on time.
 - (C) I'd hoped you could come in my father's car.
 - (D) You can meet my father if you have time.

- 8. (A) We have never stayed here before.
 - (B) This is the last week that we will stay here.
 - (C) A year has gone by since we were last here.
 - (D) We have been here for two weeks.
- 9. (A) I need to straighten my desk.
 - (B) I must get a new desk.
 - (C) I am missing a drawer.
 - (D) I have to repair the drawer.
- 10. (A) I addressed my teacher properly.
 - (B) My teacher has published very little.
 - (C) I occasionally correspond with my teacher.
 - (D) My teacher invites me only on special occasions.
- 11. (A) Bill doesn't want people to know his political views.
 - (B) Bill agrees with most of the people in his political party.
 - (C) Bill's frequent arguments are mainly political.
 - (D) Politics is not Bill's favorite topic of discussion.
- 12. (A) I misread the instructions.
 - (B) The instructor warned me to drive more carefully.
 - (C) The instructions were written in red.
 - (D) My instructions were to bake the bread carefully.
- 13. (A) Do you want to play here?
 - (B) Is it cards you want to play?
 - (C) You want to buy greeting cards?
 - (D) Do you have cards to play with?
- 14. (A) He was feeling tired.
 - (B) He needed to get some exercise.
 - (C) He disagreed with the professor.
 - (D) He wanted to ask a question.

- 15. (A) There won't be any more projects.
 - (B) There won't be any object-
 - (C) The project is almost finish-
 - (D) The face will soon be completed.
- 16. (A) The psychologist was studied by the group.
 - (B) The psychologist studied the group.
 - (C) Many students take psychology courses.
 - (D) The students were put into groups by the psychologist.
- 17. (A) Mrs. Wilson was running a farm.
 - (B) Mrs. Wilson was coaching the team.
 - (C) Mrs. Wilson was practicing nearby.
 - (D) Mrs. Wilson was always punctual.

- 18. (A) Did you do these drawings?
 - (B) How nice of you to do these!
 - (C) Have you done them already?
 - (D) You are quite an artist.
- 19. (A) They anticipated that I'd be delayed.
 - (B) They predicted that I'd guess the answer quickly.
 - (C) I'd hoped to see them when they arrived.
 - (D) I'd thought they would get here later.
- 20. (A) Please get your things out of my way.
 - (B) You should do what someone else wants sometimes.
 - (C) You never listen to what I gay.
 - (D) Don't be so possessive all the time.

<u>Directions</u>: In Part B you will hear short conversations between two speakers. At the end of each conversation, a third person will ask a question about what was said. You will hear each conversation and question about it just one time. Therefore, you must listen carefully to understand what each speaker says. After you hear a conversation and the question about it, read the four possible answers in your test book and decide which <u>one</u> is the best answer to the question you heard. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Look at the following example.

You will hear:

You will read:

- (A) Present Professor Smith with a picture.
- (B) Photograph Professor Smith.
- (C) Put glass over the photograph.
- (D) Replace the broken headlight.

From the conversation you learn that the woman thinks Professor Smith would like a photograph of the class. The best answer to the question "What does the woman think the class should do?" is (A), "Present Professor Smith with a picture." Therefore, you should choose answer (A).

- 21. (A) She thinks there is too much noise.
 - (B) She likes talking with powerful people.
 - (C) She wasn't paying any attention to him.
 - (D) She's dmazed that the man didn't hear her.
- 22. (A) The woman can read the magazine on the train.
 - (B) The woman left the magazine in the waiting room.
 - (C) There's no time to buy a magazine.
 - (D) They don't have to pay for the magazine.
- 23. (A) Two doors down.
 - (B) On the floor above.
 - (C) To the right.
 - (D) Next to the stairs.
- 24. (A) Judy came to the party.
 - (B) Judy planned the party.
 - (C) Judy hasn't appeared yet.
 - (D) Judy hasn't any imagination.
- 25. (A) He doesn't live in the dormitory anymore.
 - (B) He's busy moving into a new
 - (C) He came back to school this semester.
 - (D) He can't talk about it right now.

- 26. (A) She wants to know what the students are.
 - (B) She wants to greet the president.
 - (C) She's especially eager to meet the treasurer.
 - (D) She's sure she has met the president before.
- 27. (A) Finish putting her book away.
 - (B) Stop what she is doing.
 - (C) Finish her work elsewhere.
 - (D) Help the man a little later.
- 28. (A) There will be four people without him.
 - (B) He will be earlier than they will.
 - (C) His place will already be taken.
 - (D) He will save his money for the play.
- 29. (A) One
 - (B) Two
 - (C) Three
 - (D) More than three.
- 30. (A) He enjoys watching people dance.
 - (B) He doesn't think dancing is very hard.
 - (C) He dances very well.
 - (D) He might not really like dancing.

- 31. (A) Hang on tightly to the telephone.
 - (B) Find out for himself about the library's hours.
 - (C) Wait while she looks for the book he wants.
 - (D) Wait while she gets the information he wants.
- 32. (A) Substitute for Laura at work.
 - (B) Accept a full-time job.
 - (C) Meet Laura at the restaurant.
 - (D) Go out of town with Laura.
- 33. (A) Italian is not his native language.
 - (B) He speaks Italian poorly.
 - (C) He's from Italy.
 - (D) Some people think that he is native.

- 34. (A) He can't really afford a car.
 - (B) He certainly has enough money for a car.
 - (C) He should get a new car, not a used one.
 - (D) He doesn't really need a car.
- 35. (A) The infirmary was open.
 - (B) The man wasn't really ill.
 - (C) Yesterday wasn't a holiday.
 - (D) The hospital was closed.

Directions: In this part of the test, you will hear short talks and conversations. After each of them, you will be asked some questions. You will hear the talks and conversations and the questions about them just one time. They will not be written out for you. Therefore, you must listen carefully to understand what each speaker says.

After you hear a question, read the four possible answers in your test book and decide which one is the best answer to the question you heard. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer vou have chosen.

Answer all questions on the basis of what is stated or implied in the talk or conversation.

Listen to this sample talk

You will hear:

Now look at the following example.

You will hear:

Sample Answer

You will read: (A) They are impossible to guide.

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- (B) 'They may go up in flames.
- (C) They tend to leak gas.
- (D) They are cheaply made.

The best answer to the question "Why are gas balloons considered dangerous?" is (B), "They may go up in flames." Therefore, you should choose answer (B).

Now look at the next example.

You will hear:

Sample Answer $lackbox{0}$

- You will read: (A) Watch for changes in weather.
 - (B) Watch their altitude.
 - (C) Check for weak spots in their balloons.
 - (D) Test the strength of the ropes.

The best answer to the question "According to the speaker, what must balloon pilots be careful to do?" is (A), "Watch for changes in weather." Therefore, you should choose answer (A)

- 36. (A) Viewing football games.
 - (B) Interviews with football players.
 - (C) Attendance at track meets.
 - (D) Types of college cheers.
- 37. (A) She doesn't like football.
 - (B) She has no money left.
 - (C) She isn't feeling well.
 - (D) She's too busy to go.
- 38. (A) Attend the game.
 - (B) Watch the game on television.
 - (C) Find someone to sing with.
 - (D) Run to the track.

- 39. (A) Photographing the stadium.
 - (B) Watching the ball.
 - (C) Spectator enthusiasm.
 - (D) Player reactions.
- 40. (A) Pay for the woman's football ticket.
 - (B) Find out how many points were scored.
 - (C) Wait until next month to see a game.
 - (D) See the game in person.

- 41. (A) The burning of different types of fossil fuels.
 - (B) An unexpected effect of changes in the atmosphere.
 - (C) Warnings by scientists not to use fertilizers.
 - (D) Recently discovered tree species.
- 42. (A) It has decreased steadily.
 - (B) It has been stable.
 - (C) It has fluctuated.
 - (D) It has increased noticeably.
- 43. (A) Record-keeping.
 - (B) Rainfall.
 - (C) Tree growth.
 - (D) Fertilizers.
- 44. (A) The increased fertilization of trees.
 - (B) The increased oxidation of coal.
 - (C) The reduced burning of fuels.
 - (D) The reduced layering of fossils.
- 45. (A) The head of a student organization.
 - (B) The college professor.
 - (C) The director of Butler Hall.
 - (D) The dean of students.

- 46. (A) Those who will be on campus during a vacation period.
 - (B) Those who work part-time in the administration offices.
 - (C) Those who normally live in Butler Hall.
 - (D) Those who will be moving on campus in a few months.
- 47. (A) Spring
 - (B) Summer
 - (C) Fall
 - (D) Winter
- 48. (A) One weekend.
 - (B) Five days.
 - (C) Ten days.
 - (D) Two weeks.
- 49. (A) Most facilities will be closed.
 - (B) Only a few facilities will be closed.
 - (C) Most facilities will operate on reduced schedule.
 - (D) All facilities will be open.
- 50. (A) Which dormitory will be open.
 - (B) Where students will eat.
 - (C) Whether any forms need to be filled out.
 - (D) Whether the computer center will be open.

SECTION 2

STRUCTURE AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Time - 25 minutes

This section is designed to measure your ability to recognize language that is appropriate for standard written English. There are two types of questions in this section, with special directions for each type.

<u>Directions</u>: Questions 1-15 are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). Choose the <u>one</u> word or phrase that best completes the sentence. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen. Fill in the space so that the letter inside the oval cannot be seen.

Example	1
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Sample Answer

Vegetables are an excellent source -----vitamins.

- (A) of
- (B) has
- (C) where
- (D) that

The sentence should read, "Vegetables are an excellent source of vitamins." Therefore, you should choose answer (A)

Example II

Sample Answer

----- in history when remarkable progress was made within a relatively short span of time.

- (A) Periods
- (B) Throughout periods
- (C) There have been periods
- (D) Periods have been

The sentence should read, "There have been periods in history when remarkable progress was made within a relatively short span of time." Therefore, you should choose answer (C).

Now begin work on the questions.

- 1. Like a magazine, a newspaper has a contents guide that indicates ----- located.
 - (A) where each feature is
 - (B) each of the features is
 - (C) each feature where it is
 - (D) where is each feature
- A moving stream wears away ----stone.
 - (A) the hardest
 - (B) the hardest is
 - (C) and the hardest
 - (D) it is the hardest

- - (A) can
 - (B) could
 - (C) are able
 - (D) their ability
- 4. During observations made over a fifty-year period, the power output of the Sun has ----- than a few tenths of one percent.
 - (A) varied by no more
 - (B) varied no more by
 - (C) not waried more by
 - (D) more varied by not

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5 many different kinds of	11. According to one definition,
maps.	"avoidance" behavior
(A) So have	induced by adverse stimuli.
(B) So are	(A) when
(C) There have	(B) in
(D) There are	(C) that
(D) Inera are	(D) is
C 771 1	(D) IS
6. When tempera, a kind of paint,	10 0 1 0 0 11 1
is correctly applied and built	12. Some laws formalize long-
up in thin layers, it is	accepted customs, while others
nor completely opaque.	impose norms previously
(A) nor transparent	mandated by the populace.
(B) neither transparent	(A) not
(C) transparent never	(B) are not
(D) transparent either	(C) while do not
(b) cransparenc eroner	, (
7 m. 1441 m. 1 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	(D) and they do not
7. The Little White House in Warm	12 1 1
Springs was the Georgia home of	13 mural art of painter
President Franklin D. Roosevelt,	Charles Alston that has estab-
there on April 12, 1945.	lished his reputation and in-
(A) who died	sured his fame.
(B) died	(A) The
(C) while died	(B) That the
) ((C) It is the
(D) he died) (
	(D) Since the
8. Over the past two centuries, the	
dominant narrative genre	14. Not until the mid-nineteenth-
(A) has been the novel	century discovery of vast
(B) has the novel been	deposits of borates in the
(C) the novel has been	Mojave Desert relative-
(D) the has-been novel	ly common.
(-,	(A) borax became
9. Nancy Ward,, was the	(B) did borax become
	(C) and borax became
legendary "Pacahontas of the) (
West".	(D) borax's
(A) was a Cherokee leader	10 0 0 Ab d. 1 .d 6
(B) whom a Cherokee leader	15. Some of the musical pieces for
(C) a Cherokee leader	Isador Ducan choreo-
(D) of a Cherokee leader	graphed dances were waltzes
	and mazurkas by Chopin.
10. Because the Appalachian Mountains	(A) them
were difficult to cross, Kentucky	`
was not settled the	(C) which
eastern coastal area was.	(D) what
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(A) otherwise	
(B) instead	·
(C) until after	
(D) in spite of	
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<u>Directions</u>: In questions 16-40 each sentence has four underlined words or phrases. The four underlined parts of the sentence are marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). Identify the <u>one</u> underlined word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Example I

Sample Arswer

A ray of light passing through $\frac{A}{A}$ $\frac{A}{B}$ of a thin lens keep its original direction.

The sentence should read, "A ray of light passing through the center of a thin lens keeps its original direction." Therefore, you should choose answer (C).

Example II

Sample Answer

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The mandolin, a musical instrument that has A B strings, was probably copied from the lute, a many older instrument.

The sentence should read, "The mandolin, a musical instrument that has strings, was probably copied from the lute, a much older instrument." Therefore, you should choose answer (D). Now begin work on the questions.

- 16. Certain minerals are magnetic and are able to detected be by instru
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 ments that measure differences in the Earth's magnetic fields.

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- 17. A regular hexagon it has equal interior angles and equal sides.

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- 18. Ohio has long been a leader into the invention, improvement, and B C manufacture of farm machinery.
- 19. A governmental budget are the forecast by a government of its expenditures and revenues for a specific period of time.

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- 20. Food seasoning plays an important role in the cooking customs of much a cultures in the world.
- 21. Paul Revere designed the first officially seal of the thirteen colonies

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 as well as the state seal now used by Massachusetts.
- 22. A loudspeaker functions on the same principle that the telephone

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 receiver does, but is more larger and louder.

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- 23. Experts believe that in the year 2000 almost ninety percent of the A B labor force in the United States going be white-collar.
- 24. Subject bibliographies vary in size, scope, and method, according to A B C the purpose for which it is designed.
- 25. Even the most detailed flowchart ultimately has to being expressed in A B C a formal programming language.
- 26. Some geologists predict that, by end of the next century, movement A along the San Andress Fault will have caused part of California to B C separate from the continent.
- 27. The dark patches that define the <u>features</u> of the mythical "Man in the A Moon" are really lunar <u>plains appear darker</u> than their <u>surroundings</u>.

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- 28. Cuneiform writing, the distant ancestor of the Western alphabet,

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 originated for 3000 B.C. in the Near East.

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 D
- 29. Scientists still cannot find any convined link between intelligence

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 and the quantity or quality of brain cells.
- 30. <u>Highly precise</u> measurements <u>have been shown</u> that <u>variation</u> in the B C

 Earth's rotation is largely controlled by <u>climatic conditions</u>.

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- 31. The better known of William Grant Still's three operas is TROUBLED

 ISLAND, which was set to a libretto by Langston Hughes about eighteen—

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 th-century Haiti.
- 32. Close cooperation among home and school is necessary for the success
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 ful maturation of a young student.
- 33. Collecting dolls as a hobby becomes increasingly popular during the B C past fifty years.

- 34. Women have always worked in the United States, and hers work has been

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 indispensable in the expasion of American industry.

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- 35. An old city, Saint Augustine, Florida, was founded in 1565 by the

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 Spanish explorator Pedro Menendez de Aviles.

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- 36. A question often posed about journalism is "How much freedom

 A reporters should have in interpreting any given news item?"

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- 37. Even though Great Bear Lake in Canada is one of North America's A deepest lakes, it is icebound for eight month of the year.

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 D
- 38. Modern advertising is used as <u>frequently</u> to <u>promote</u> ideas and <u>positions</u>

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 as it is to <u>sale</u> products.
- 39. History and geography have been separate branches of study since a long time.
- 40. Municipalities generally supply such as services as fire fighting

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 and sewage disposal for local residents.

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