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再版前言

本书自 1994 年出版 5 年以来受到了广大读者的欢迎。今年国家考试中心公布了大学英语四、六级考试新题型后,我们参照新题型所增加的内容和要求对本书进行了修订。

本书共分七个部分。第一部分为听力理解,由十个单元组成,每个单元有十篇对话,三篇短文,20 道测试题。所选材料内容丰富,语言流畅,并请外籍专家录制磁带三盘。第二部分为阅读理解。这一测试项目是考试的重要部分,又是学生的薄弱环节。因此,我们在编写过程中,突出了数量多,难度大的特点。每一单元由四至七篇短文组成,十个单元共有 300 道测试题。此次修订删除了部分段落,增加了一些语言新、内容好、难度大的段落。第三部分为词汇结构。我们精心编写了 450 道试题,分为十个单元。题中约 60% 为词汇和短语,约 40% 为语法结构,词汇部分覆盖了词表中大部分六级词汇,结构部分体现了一定的难度。此次修订删除了不少结构题,增加了大量的六级词汇题,使这部分与目前六级考题的词汇部分非常贴近。第四部分为改错,共有 20 篇短文。我们挑选了难度适中,题材熟悉的文章,合理设计错误供学生练习。第七部分为写作,此次修订又增加 5 个作文题,共 25 个作文题,其中包括各种文体的写作。我们编写了各种作文题目,有段落写作,也有整篇文章写作,题材新颖,思路开阔,而且对每一个作文题都写出了范文,供学生学习模仿。另外,此次修订还增加了第五部分简答题和第六部分完形填空两个题型,把四、六级的题型打通,切实帮助学生适应各种题型,从而提高应试能力。

为了使读者对六级考试有一个全面具体的了解,在附录中,我们收集了国家教委的“大学英语六级考试大纲及样题”。

本书的第一部分听力理解由张俊芝编写,第二部分阅读理解,第五部分简答题和第六部分简答题由薛琛编写,第三部分词汇结构由索金梅编写,第四部分改错和第七部分写作由董红梅编写。全书由薛琛统稿。

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由于时间仓促,水平有限,凡错误与疏漏之处,恳请读者批评指正。

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Part I Listening Comprehension

Unit 1

Section A

Directions: In this section you will hear 10 short conversations. At the end of each conversation, a question will be asked about what was said. Both 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 suggested answers marked A), B), C) and D), and decide which is the best answer. Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.

Example: You will hear:

You will read: A) 2 hours
B) 3 hours
C) 4 hours
D) 5 hours

From the conversation we know that the two are talking about some work they will start at 9 o'clock in the morning and have to finish at 2 in the afternoon. Therefore, D) "5 hours" is the correct answer. You should choose [D] on the Answer Sheet and mark it with a single line through the centre.

Sample Answer

[A][B][C] ~~[D]~~

1. A) In bed. B) At work. C) At home. D) In a post office.
2. A) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
B) Tuesday and Thursday.
C) Saturday and Sunday.
D) Tuesday and Saturday.
3. A) A broken watch.
B) Watching Park Avenue.
C) Arthur's running.
D) The reasonable prices.
4. A) The vacation has been too long.
B) The lady smells musty.
C) The lady smells something musty.
D) The windows are inspected.
5. A) In a bank.
B) In a department store.

- C) In a private house.
 - D) In a bookstore.
6. A) She liked the movie.
- B) She didn't like it because it was violent.
 - C) She thought it was too long.
 - D) She thought it was boring.
7. A) Because he likes painting and doing repairs.
- B) Because he likes to relax.
 - C) Because he is too tired to go fishing.
 - D) Because he has no other time to do it.
8. A) She can teach the man to use the machine.
- B) She will make copies for the man.
 - C) The man shouldn't make any more copies.
 - D) The clerk doesn't want to be bothered.
9. A) The man was late.
- B) The man reminded the woman to take the book.
 - C) The woman forgot to take the book.
 - D) Mary came to talk to the woman.
10. A) He is fine.
- B) He is confused.
 - C) He is terrible.
 - D) He is happy.

Section B

Directions: *In this section, you will hear 3 short passages. At the end of each passage, you will hear some questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the centre.*

Passage 1

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you have just heard.

11. A) Don't judge a book by its cover.
- B) Don't judge a person's intelligence by appearances.
 - C) People may fool you by putting up a good front.
 - D) Make sure you know someone well before criticizing him.
12. A) He was stupid.
- B) He was successful with girls.
 - C) He was a talented writer.
 - D) He had many faults.
13. A) It comes from the testimony of his teachers.
- B) It comes from the grades he gets in school.
 - C) It comes from how he behaves in different situations.
 - D) It comes from his outward appearance.

Passage 2

Questions 14 to 17 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A) He went there to get a little exercise.
B) He went there to take in some fresh air.
C) He went there to visit the rich owner.
D) He went there hoping to get something to eat.
15. A) He went up and greeted him.
B) He didn't know what to do.
C) He tried to avoid meeting him.
D) He hurried off.
16. A) Pat's funny looks.
B) Pat's interesting remarks.
C) Pat's quick and witty response.
D) Pat's promise to leave right away.
17. A) Lord Northwood ordered Pat out of the wood.
B) Lord Northwood warned Pat against shooting.
C) Lord Northwood asked Pat to join them.
D) Lord Northwood left Pat alone in the wood.

Passage 3

Questions 18 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

18. A) One of the great mysteries of nature.
B) Electricity high above the earth.
C) A kind of light.
D) The sound from the clouds.
19. A) Every person can see lightning every day.
B) At least one person is killed by lightning every day.
C) There are about 6 million flashes of lightning per year.
D) About one person per day dies from lightning.
20. A) To stay in a closed car.
B) To stand under a tree.
C) To go outside.
D) To stop near windows.

Unit 2

Section A

Directions: (omitted)

1. A) German. B) Italian. C) Japanese. D) Chinese.
2. A) In a bathroom.
 B) On a stage.
 C) At a swimming-pool.
 D) On a sportsground.
3. A) The noise in the library.
 B) The crowded room.
 C) The heat in the office.
 D) The disturbed sleep.
4. A) He was speeding.
 B) He went through a stop sign.
 C) He hit another car.
 D) He ran a red light.
5. A) He will give a speech.
 B) He will see the dentist.
 C) He will attend a meeting.
 D) He will take the day off.
6. A) On Monday. B) On Tuesday. C) On Wednesday. D) On Thursday.
7. A) Peter works in a factory.
 B) Peter has always wanted to play football.
 C) Peter and his wife will go to the football game.
 D) Peter will work at night.
8. A) Worried. B) Indifferent. C) Unhappy. D) Sorry.
9. A) He got angry with his boss.
 B) He always got to work late.
 C) He was frequently sick and absent from work.
 D) He prepared a financial report incorrectly.
10. A) The increasing number of cars.
 B) The price of gas.
 C) The cost of repairing cars.
 D) The poor quality of certain cars.

Section B

Directions: (omitted)

Passage 1

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you have just heard.

11. A) The World Health Organization says people are starving.

- B) There is enough food for everyone.
 - C) People's eating habits are one of the causes of the world-wide food problem.
 - D) Scientists are making food from fish meal.
12. A) Because cows roam the streets.
 B) Because they are East Indians.
 C) Because they don't like beef.
 D) Because their religion forbids it.
13. A) They are the main cause of the world-wide food problem.
 B) They are the bad quality of the world-wide food problem.
 C) They are at the low level of the world-wide food problem.
 D) They are the less important factor of the world-wide food problem.

Passage 2

Questions 14 to 17 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A) Average tuition costs increased by 9 percent.
 B) Average tuition costs increased by 15 percent.
 C) Average tuition costs increased by 90 percent.
 D) Average tuition costs increased by 150 percent.
15. A) By \$ 150 B) By \$ 2150 C) By \$ 3150 D) By \$ 5350
16. A) That they must pay more than out-of-state students.
 B) That only a few are accepted.
 C) That they are not eligible for scholarships at state universities.
 D) That their scholarships are very small.
17. A) Better than it was last year.
 B) Not as good as it was in 1960.
 C) Especially good for graduates in liberal arts.
 D) Not very good for recent graduates.

Passage 3

Questions 18 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

18. A) Wherever travelers go, cameras are sure to follow.
 B) It's great fun to relive a trip by showing slides to friends and relatives.
 C) A nation lives in its people as well as in its landmarks.
 D) Anyone can take interesting pictures if he will look beyond the obvious.
19. A) People generally admire great landmarks.
 B) People generally enjoy pictures of relatives.
 C) People are generally bored with familiar sights.
 D) People generally dislike the unexpected.
20. A) Wisdom. B) Originality. C) Good breeding. D) Intelligence.

Unit 3

Section A

Directions: (omitted)

1. A) She can only use the dictionary in the library.
B) She can use the dictionary as long as she likes.
C) She gets one for herself.
D) She can take one out.
2. A) Under the tree. B) Near the water. C) On the sand. D) In the sun.
3. A) He can speak only English.
B) He can speak only French.
C) He can speak French and English.
D) He can speak several languages.
4. A) Lose another five pounds.
B) Gain ten more pounds.
C) Buy some new clothes.
D) Be glad she gained weight.
5. A) Because it rained on the way to the airport.
B) Because her suitcase was too full.
C) Because the umbrella was too long to fit in the suitcase.
D) Because she forgot to put it in before they boarded the plane.
6. A) They are living in Alaska.
B) They have visited their daughter recently.
C) They are planning to go to Alaska.
D) Their daughter is a college student.
7. A) Three years ago.
B) Last year.
C) This year.
D) During December.
8. A) \$ 35. B) \$ 50. C) \$ 70. D) \$ 100.
9. A) After Christmas holidays.
B) During the Christmas season.
C) During a sale.
D) In the spring.
10. A) The woman will arrive at the restaurant ten minutes later.
B) The woman has ten minutes to get to the restaurant.
C) The man thinks he will be able to reach the restaurant in ten minutes.
D) The man thinks he will not be able to drive to the restaurant in ten minutes.

Section B

Directions: (omitted)

Passage 1

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 11. A) An American Abroad.
B) A Trunk of Souvenirs.
C) A Valuable Stamp.
D) The Grandson's Good Luck.
- 12. A) He was pressed for time.
B) He forgot to include the date.
C) He also engraved the corrected stamp.
D) He willed the stamp to his grandson.
- 13. A) Because it was one of a kind.
B) Because it was over twenty years old.
C) Because it was rare.
D) Because it was beautiful.

Passage 2

Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 14. A) 28 years. B) 29 years. C) 30 years. D) None of the above.
- 15. A) Kuwait is a quiet country.
B) There are more non-Moslem immigrants living in Kuwait than Moslem immigrants.
C) Kuwait has about 15 percent of the world's known petroleum reserves.
D) The rate of illiteracy is high in Kuwait.
- 16. A) Because it has fewer people than any other country in the world.
B) Because its education is highly developed.
C) Because there are many immigrants who have brought it science and technology.
D) Because it is rich in oil.

Passage 3

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 17. A) The sound of a jet plane may damage or even destroy a person's hearing.
B) Hearing damage or loss can be caused by sounds of all kinds.
C) A terribly loud noise can make a person deaf for some time or all his life.
D) Common sounds at home are not harmful to the ear.
- 18. A) Aspirin should never be taken more than 4 grams daily.
B) Aspirin can damage one's hearing when it is given more than 4 grams daily.
C) Aspirin makes hearing damage from loud noise worse.
D) Aspirin increases hearing loss by two times.
- 19. A) Because they often take jet airplanes on trips.
B) Because they like listening to loud music.
C) Because they hear a lot of loud noises at home.
D) Because they take too much aspirin.
- 20. A) To find whether aspirin would increase the temporary hearing damage from loud noises.
B) To find how much aspirin should be given to the person who had hearing damage.
C) To find whether the person who had hearing damage should use aspirin.
D) To find how much aspirin would affect a person's hearing.

Unit 4

Section A

Directions: (omitted)

1. A) She must begin writing a paper for her history class.
B) She must start writing up her laboratory assignments for her chemistry class.
C) She must begin studying for her English examination.
D) She must begin studying for her French examination.
2. A) In Washington. B) In New York. C) In Boston. D) In Chicago.
3. A) In a laundry. B) In an elevator. C) In a library. D) In a bank.
4. A) She found it interesting.
B) She found it boring.
C) She found it attractive.
D) She found it lengthy.
5. A) At 7:00. B) At 7:30. C) At 8:00. D) At 8:30.
6. A) She's a maid.
B) She sells stoves and refrigerators.
C) She's an apartment manager.
D) She's a shop-assistant.
7. A) Mow the lawn.
B) Weed the flowers.
C) Pay \$ 50 a month for gardener.
D) Work in the flower beds.
8. A) The man and woman shopped all over town.
B) The woman managed to buy some bookcases on sale.
C) The man sold the woman some expensive bookcases.
D) The woman went to many different stores.
9. A) Because he wants to meet the woman's aunt.
B) Because he thought he was not informed.
C) Because the woman does not want him to join her.
D) Because the woman goes to her aunt's place too frequently.
10. A) 150 pounds. B) 160 pounds. C) 153 pounds. D) Less than 150 pounds.

Section B

Directions: (omitted)

Passage 1

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you have just heard.

11. A) It is three or four times better than that of adults.
B) It is worse than that of adults.
C) It is as good as that of adults.

- D) It is worth considering three or four times.
12. A) All people. B) Adults. C) Boys only. D) Boys and girls.
13. A) Schools in England make use of football games for the training of character.
B) England is better than all the European countries.
C) Football is more important than lessons.
D) Only some schools in England have football games.

Passage 2

Questions 14 to 17 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A) Light darkens silver salt.
B) Light darkens natural salt.
C) Light darkens silver.
D) Light darkens self-developing film.
15. A) By making use of special paper.
B) By adding common salt to silver salt.
C) By tinting the temporary image.
D) By using a special piece of metal.
16. A) He was a soldier.
B) He took war photographs.
C) He painted portraits.
D) He designed a portable camera.
17. A) A cheap process of developing film at home.
B) A new kind of film.
C) An automatic printer.
D) An "instant" camera that develops its own film.

Passage 3

Questions 18 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

18. A) Early man did not know how to make use of trees.
B) Trees are not as useful now as they were in the past.
C) Trees were more useful in the past than they are now.
D) Men have always found trees useful.
19. A) It is good for agriculture.
B) It is useless and unproductive.
C) It is found only in desert regions.
D) It is dry and sandy.
20. A) The land would become fertile.
B) Heavy rains would clean the tropics.
C) The rich top soil couldn't be held back.
D) There would be no land.

Unit 5

Section A

Directions: (omitted)

1. A) He was late for work.
B) He is a new employee.
C) His boss is ill-tempered.
D) He is hoping for a promotion.
2. A) 20 cents. B) 30 cents. C) 40 cents. D) 60 cents.
3. A) Go abroad.
B) Move to another place.
C) Make a two-week long trip.
D) Look for their next-door neighbor's house.
4. A) Rain. B) Better weather. C) A train. D) Less traffic in the street.
5. A) She thinks he shouldn't come in.
B) She doesn't like talking with powerful people.
C) She wasn't paying any attention to him.
D) She's amazed that the man didn't hear her.
6. A) Speaking. B) Reading. C) Writing. D) Grammar.
7. A) They find TV programs interesting.
B) They enjoy watching advertisements.
D) They find it hard to turn on TV.
C) They think TV is not worth watching.
8. A) An identification to cash a check.
B) To prove he is a foreign visitor.
C) The woman is an immigration official.
D) In order to obtain a visa.
9. A) By 8 o'clock yesterday.
B) By 10 o'clock this morning.
C) By 12 o'clock today.
D) By 8 o'clock this evening.
10. A) She didn't like the colour.
B) She didn't like the style.
C) They were too tight.
D) They were too large.

Section B

Directions: (omitted)

Passage 1

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you have just heard.

11. A) Nothing. B) A strange thing. C) A man's hand. D) Boiling oil.
12. A) It was a good method of detecting criminals.
B) It was a bad example of judicial enquiry.
C) It was a way of establishing guilt.
D) It was just right.
13. A) Justice is done less frequently.
B) An accused person gets a fair trial.
C) The old methods were fair but today's are fairer.
D) They are more serious.

Passage 2

Questions 14 to 17 are based on the passage you have just heard.

14. A) A male in a hot country.
B) A male in a cool country.
C) A Dead Leaf Butterfly with its wings closed.
D) A large, heavy butterfly.
15. A) To frighten birds away.
B) To bring females to it.
C) To make it more difficult to see.
D) To protect the female.
16. A) There are not so many kinds of butterflies in cool countries.
B) Male butterflies usually weigh less than females.
C) All butterflies cannot be seen when they close their wings.
D) Birds are enemies of butterflies.
17. A) Because they are bigger.
B) Because they are heavier.
C) Because they cannot be seen with their wings closed.
D) Because they have colours that are not so bright.

Passage 3

Questions 18 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

18. A) Only in homes.
B) Only on roads and highways.
C) Only in worksites and factories.
D) Almost everywhere.
19. A) Because there are more road accidents.
B) Because many home accidents are not reported.
C) Because home accidents are not usually fatal.
D) Because newspapers are not allowed to report home accidents.
20. A) To avoid using electrical appliances.
B) To repair their own faulty appliances.
C) To throw away their faulty electrical appliances.
D) Not to repair their own electrical appliances.

Unit 6

Section A

Directions: (omitted)

1. A) To take a tea break.
B) To have tea later.
C) To wait for a while.
D) To attend a meeting.
2. A) To a gas station.
B) To a police station.
C) To a Lost and Found Department.
D) To a bar.
3. A) Everything. B) Running. C) Grapefruit. D) Quick eating.
4. A) At 2 o'clock. B) At 3 o'clock. C) At 4 o'clock. D) At 5 o'clock.
5. A) She took less than an hour.
B) She took more than an hour.
C) She took an hour and a half.
D) She took more than two hours.
6. A) The people get terribly worried.
B) The people will have a cold winter this year.
C) The cold weather has increased the demand for fuel.
D) No fuel is available.
7. A) It is one of their favorite songs.
B) They are glad she is playing it at last.
C) They are both very tired of it.
D) They would like her to play it another thousand times.
8. A) Human Behaviorus. B) Psychology. C) History. D) Biology.
9. A) She enjoyed the course.
B) She did well in the course.
C) She taught the course.
D) She's already completed the course.
10. A) Accept a full-time job.
B) Go to meet Laura at restaurant.
C) Go out of town with Laura.
D) Substitute for Laura at work.

Section B

Passage 1

Questions 11 to 14 are based on the passage you have just heard.

11. A) The History of Money.
B) Money and Its Uses.

- C) Different Things Used as Money
- D) Different Countries, Different Money Designs.
- 12. A) To buy food, furniture, books, bicycles and to buy hundreds of other things people need or want.
- B) To pay for goods and to pay for services.
- C) To be lent to others in order to get interest and to be put in a bank to get interest.
- D) To be made of metal and to be made of paper.
- 13. A) All of the money today is made of metal or paper.
- B) Shells were the only things used as money.
- C) Shells as well as other things used to be used as money.
- D) The earliest kind of money was cattle.
- 14. A) They would look better like this.
- B) They were the best way to save the metal needed.
- C) That would make them lighter.
- D) It would be easier to put them together and carry them around.

Passage 2

Questions 15 to 17 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 15. A) Atmosphere. B) Weather. C) Horizon. D) Comparison.
- 16. A) An orange moon is better than a silver moon.
- B) We cannot make measurement with our eyes alone.
- C) The moon can change its colour.
- D) When the moon is high in the sky it becomes small.
- 17. A) A Huge Orange Globe.
- B) A Small Silver Disk.
- C) The Shrinking Moon.
- D) To Compare the Moon's Size.

Passage 3

Questions 18 to 20 are based on the passage you have just heard.

- 18. A) How John Milton Wrote *Paradise Lost*.
- B) How John Milton Studied Latin.
- C) How John Milton Became Famous.
- D) How John Milton Became a Poet.
- 19. A) It had a strong Italian accent.
- B) It had a strange accent.
- C) It was easy to understand.
- D) It was difficult to understand.
- 20. A) He was quick at Latin and poems.
- B) He was clever and hardworking.
- C) He was very strange.
- D) He was well-known in the world.