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**【内容简介】** 本书根据最新修订的《大学英语教学大纲》的要求和大学英语四级考试的最新变化而编写,全书共精选四级听力试题 12 套,每套试题包括对话、短文、听写填空和复合式听写 4 个部分。这能够使考生接触各种题型,受到综合性训练,有助于提高听力测试技能。

本书是参加全国大学英语四级考试学生的应试指导书,也可供具有同等英语水平的自学者参考使用。

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## 前 言

听力一直是大学英语四级考试中困扰学生的一个棘手问题。许多考生未能顺利通过四级考试,其原因主要是听力技能太差和不适应新题型。我们编写这本书的宗旨是,帮助考生熟悉和掌握听力新题型,增强听力技能和提高听力水平,顺利通过全国大学英语四级考试。

本书是按照最新修订的《大学英语教学大纲》和四级考试新题型编写的。全书共精选四级听力试题 12 套。每套包括对话、短文、听写填空和复合式听写 5 个部分。本书配有由外籍专家朗读的音带,书中附有听力试题的文字材料和答案,供参考。

本书选材新颖,全部试题均选用国外最新语言材料。

限于水平,本书难免有错误或不妥之处,敬请读者批评指正。

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## 大学英语四级考试听力简介

大学英语四级考试 (CET-4) 的第一部分为听力理解 (Part I: Listening Comprehension), 这一部分共有 20 道题, 分为 A, B (对话和短文) 两节, 考试时间为 20 分钟。录音语速每分钟 120 词, 只念一遍。听力理解部分的目的是测试学生获取口头信息的能力。

1. A 节 (Section A) 共有 10 题, 其题目顺序统一编号为第 1 题至第 10 题 (Question No. 1~Question No. 10)。每题含一组对话 (a short conversation), 共两句, 对话后有一个问句 (question)。每个问句后有约 15 秒的间隙, 考生要在这短暂的时间内, 从试卷所给出的四个选择项 (A), (B), (C), (D) 中选出一个最佳答案。然后在答题纸上找出相应标码, 用铅笔划出一条直线。

2. B 节 (Section B) 共有 10 题, 其题目顺序统一编号为第 11 题至第 20 题 (Question No. 11~Question No. 20)。这 10 道题分别安排在三个短篇 (short passages) 听力材料之后, 每篇后有 2~4 题, 每题为 一个问句 (question)。每个问题之后的间隙时间与 A 节相同。考生应在这段时间内, 从试卷上的四个答案中, 选择一个正确的。答卷方法与 A 节相同。

3. 为了提高考试的效度, 提高学生的英语实际应用能力, 从 1996 年起全国大学英语四级考试已逐步采用一些新题型。下面是听力理解部分已公布的两新题型。

### (1) 听写填空 (Spot Dictation):

听写填空安排在听力理解题之后。试卷上给出一段 200 词左右的短文, 其中有 10 个左右空格, 每个空格要求填入一个句子或

者句子的一部分。全文以《大学英语教学大纲》规定的语速朗读三遍：第一遍全文朗读，没有停顿，以便考生听懂全文内容；第二遍朗读全文时在空格后有停顿，要求考生把听到的内容（句子或句子的一部分）填入空格；第三遍同第一遍一样，朗读全文时没有停顿，供考生进行核对。

听写填空所有短文的题材、体裁和难度等与听力理解部分的听力篇章相同。听写填空主要考核考生听的能力和一定的书面表达能力。

## (2) 复合式听写(Compound Dictation):

复合式听写是从 1997 年起在大学英语听力考试中使用的一种新题型。试题由两部分组成：第一部分是听写单词，要求考生在空格中填入所缺单词；第二部分是表达，要求考生根据所听内容写出要点。

全文是一篇 250 词左右的短文，共朗读三遍。第一遍是全文朗读，没有停顿，要求考生注意听懂全文内容。第二遍朗读全文时，在第一部分每个空格之后略有停顿，让考生填入所缺单词；在第二部分之后停顿 5 分钟，让考生根据所听到的内容写出主要意思。第三遍同第一遍一样，朗读全文时没有停顿，供考生进行核对。

复合式听写安排在听力理解部分之后。考试时间为 15 分钟。

复合式听写所用短文与听力理解部分的篇章在题材、体裁和难度上大体相同，朗读速度略低于《大学英语教学大纲》规定的语速。

# Listening Practice One

## 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 choices 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 center.

Example:

You will hear:

M: Is it possible for you to work late, Miss Green?

W: Work late? I suppose so, if you really think it's necessary.

Q: Where do you think this conversation most probably took place?

You will read: (A) At the office.

(B) In the waiting room.

(C) At the airport.

(D) In a restaurant.

Sample Answer: (A)(B)(C)(D)

From the conversation we know that the two were talking about some work they have to finish in the evening. This is most likely to

have taken place at the office. Therefore, (A) "At the office" is the best answer. You should mark (A) on the ANSWER SHEET with a single line through the center.

1. (A) Since the weather is nice, she wants to go boating.  
(B) She thinks the park is too far away.  
(C) She suggests they go to the park.  
(D) She's not a very fast walker.
  
2. (A) Everyday.                      (B) Weekends.  
(C) Weekdays.                      (D) Seldom.
  
3. (A) She should turn right on Second Street.  
(B) She is supposed to turn right at this stop sign.  
(C) She should turn left at the stop sign after this one.  
(D) She should turn left after she turns right.
  
4. (A) Catch a cold.  
(B) Hurry to get the bus.  
(C) Sit next to the bus stop.  
(D) Fix his torn sleeve.
  
5. (A) The speakers had conflicting opinions as to the reason.  
(B) Because of her poor grades.  
(C) Because Cindy had broken some of the school's rules.  
(D) Cindy wanted to visit Miss Smith.
  
6. (A) Jim washed his friend's car.

- (B) Jim's car was not very well cleaned.  
(C) Jim didn't wash his car this time.  
(D) Jim once had a job washing cars.
7. (A) Matter-of-fact.  
(B) Emotional.  
(C) Unconventional.  
(D) Unsettling.
8. (A) She wants the man to wait.  
(B) She is ready now.  
(C) She has decided not to go.  
(D) She thinks the man should change his clothes.
9. (A) Whether she'll have enough time to do it.  
(B) Whether the professor will approve it.  
(C) Whether she'll change her mind.  
(D) Whether she has enough knowledge to do it.
10. (A) The woman and man were in a store.  
(B) They were riding in a car.  
(C) The man was visiting his wife in the hospital.  
(D) The couple were watching a movie.

### 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 center.

### Passage One

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

11. (A) Music. (B) Science.  
(C) Baseball. (D) Arts.
12. (A) In a cafeteria. (B) In an auditorium.  
(C) In a classroom. (D) In a gymnasium.
13. (A) To be camp counselors.  
(B) To maintain the equipment.  
(C) To drive the campers.  
(D) To work as teachers.
14. (A) To California. (B) To high school.  
(C) To Washington. (D) To college.

### Passage Two

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

15. (A) To study its geography.  
(B) To help at an archaeological dig.  
(C) To take a vacation with friends.

(D) To do research for a physics project.

16. (A) Smaller circles.

(B) Bands of color.

(C) A large white disc.

(D) Curved legs of light.

17. (A) It had never been seen before.

(B) It was in the student's imagination.

(C) It would stay there for days.

(D) It was fairly common.

### Passage Three

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

18. (A) To inform people of the zoo show times.

(B) To announce the zoo will close soon.

(C) To advertise goods sold at the gift shop.

(D) To promote a restaurant serving lunch at the zoo.

19. (A) Lions and tigers.

(B) Elephants and giraffes.

(C) Sharks and rays.

(D) Apes and monkeys.

20. (A) At the main entrance.

(B) In the gift shop.

(C) From Dr. Smith.

(D) At the primate center.

### Spot Dictation

**Directions:** In this section, you will hear a passage of about 120 words three times. The passage is printed on your Answer Sheet with about 50 words missing. First, you will hear the whole passage from the beginning to the end just to get a general idea of it. Then, in the second reading, you will hear a signal indicating the beginning of a pause after each sentence, sometimes two sentences or just part of a sentence. During the pause, you must write down the missing words you have just heard in the corresponding space on the Answer Sheet. There is also a different signal indicating the end of the pause. When you hear this signal, you must get ready for what comes next from the recording. You can check what you have written when the passage is read to you once again without the pause.

Did you know that vegetables can be tricked into growing in climates they're (1) \_\_\_\_\_? Cool climate vegetables like asparagus (2) \_\_\_\_\_ as hot as Hawaii. In Hawaii, marine engineers (3) \_\_\_\_\_ that they're living in cooler climate. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

What these engineers have been using is very simply cold sea water. (5) \_\_\_\_\_? They place pipes in the soil and the cold water flow in through them cools the air. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in tropical climates to grow crops from cooler climates. (7) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and they condense moisture and thus irrigate the garden. What's especially appealing about this process is (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Another innovative use for cold ocean water is to cool buildings. (9) \_\_\_\_\_, for example, the entire west coast of the United States (10) \_\_\_\_\_. We'll be back to discuss that possibility after this commercial message.

### Compound Dictation

**Directions:** In this section you will hear a passage three times. During the first reading, you should listen carefully for a general idea of the whole passage. Then listen to the passage again. When the first part of the passage is being read, you should fill in the missing word during the pause at each blank. After listening to the second part of the passage you are required to write down the main points according to what you have just heard. Finally, when the passage is read the third time you can check what you have written.

## A Nutrition Class

Last week I told you about how the \_\_\_\_\_ uses vitamin C and food that \_\_\_\_\_ vitamin C, such as citrus \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Now I want to \_\_\_\_\_ Vitamin D, which is \_\_\_\_\_ to human \_\_\_\_\_ because it helps the body \_\_\_\_\_ calcium. Calcium, as you know, is essential for maintaining healthy bones and teeth. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_. Vitamin D is

sometimes called "the sunshine vitamin." That is because the body requires sunlight in order to make use of it. Here is how it works;

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Luckily, it takes only ten to twenty minutes of exposure to sunlight a day to ensure proficiency of vitamin D production. Except in extreme atmospheric condition like very heavy smog or a sunless climate, most people are able to get enough exposure to the sun. Doctors recommend that people who don't drink very much milk take vitamin supplements and that everyone spend at least 10 minutes in the sun every day.

## Listening Practice Two

### 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 choices 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 center.

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1. (A) She's too busy to have dinner with the man this month.  
(B) She doesn't know her new schedule yet.  
(C) She'll go to dinner with the man on Monday.  
(D) She doesn't want to cook dinner.
  
  2. (A) Intermittent.                      (B) Torrential.  
(C) Sprinkling.                          (D) Desultory.
  
  3. (A) Wipe the snow off his boots.  
(B) Turn on the radio.  
(C) Unpack his suitcase.  
(D) Take his boots with him.
  
  4. (A) He drinks a lot of water during the day.  
(B) He doesn't usually drink this much water.  
(C) He has never been so thirsty.  
(D) He likes soft drinks more than water.
  
  5. (A) 6:00 PM.                          (B) 8:00 PM.  
(C) 9:00 PM.                          (D) It is delayed.
  
  6. (A) She doesn't like cheap things.  
(B) It was two dollars cheaper than usual.  
(C) It was too expensive.
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