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前 言

《大学英语四级考试自适应练习》是一群多年从事大学英语教学的教师——为在校本科生而编写的一本练习教材。练习形式在教学过程中随着四级考试题型变化而日趋多样,练习的难度也随着四级考试难度的提高而逐步增加。2000年大学英语教学大纲的重大修订,使我们为学生提供的练习又提高到了一个新的台阶。本书在新大纲的指导下,集多年四级考前练习之精华,聚四级新大纲词汇于其中,重新充实完善,充分适应最新大学英语四级考试的水平。

随着参加大学英语四级考试人数的逐年增多,考生对高质量考前练习的需求随之上升,这促使我们把自己在教学中使用颇佳的练习推上市场,以求有更多的受益者。

本书的雏形始于教学而非仅用于考试,故形式不同于仿真试卷,使用方法也灵活多样,可以在课内外取单项随时练习,也可以供师生组合成试卷模拟测试。

本书按大学英语四级考试中至今为止所采用的题型编排出九个单元,使用者可以按各种题型的时间要求从该部分选择练习,边练边学,或在考前作强化训练之用。

在本书出版之际,编者衷心希望此作能给广大读者带来收益,也希望得到众多同行的指教。

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Unit One Listening Comprehension

Exercise One

Section A

1. A) Reader—Writer. B) Worker—Technician.
C) Patient—Doctor. D) Student—Teacher.
2. A) How to set up a camp. B) How to cut the wood.
C) How to become a scout. D) How to start a fire.
3. A) At a graduation ceremony. B) At a birthday party.
C) At a housewarming party. D) At a convention for engineers.
4. A) With cream. B) With sugar.
C) Black. D) Iced.
5. A) The crowd is very noisy. B) The show is very difficult to understand.
C) The room is too small for the audience. D) The room is full of theatrical people.
6. A) John should take Bill's remarks seriously.
B) John should not talk to Bill any more.
C) John should tell Bill not to think negatively.
D) John should pay little attention to what Bill says.
7. A) In Paris. B) In Rome.
C) In London. D) In Madrid.
8. A) They've never learnt how to express their feelings.
B) They've been angry with one another for a long time.
C) They had a misunderstanding four years ago.
D) They both had led a hard life.
9. A) \$ 3. 20 B) \$ 2. 40
C) \$ 2. 20 D) \$ 1. 80
10. A) She enjoyed the food more than the man did.
B) She likes Indian food.
C) The dinner was expensive.
D) She expected a better dinner.

Section B

Passage One

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

11. A) Everyone at the Disney and Hollywood is happy.

- B) Many people believe that fun and happiness are the same.
- C) Happiness is more deeply felt than fun.
- D) Going to a ball game can be fun.
- 12. A) Living in Hollywood. B) Having lots of fun.
- C) Watching a movie. D) None of the above.
- 13. A) The happiest people have no fun.
- B) Happiness is a deeper more permanent emotion that is not similar to fun.
- C) Funny activity is good way to relax.
- D) Happiness is more important than fun.

Passage Two

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

- 14. A) 1-day. B) 2-day.
- C) 3-day. D) 4-day.
- 15. A) Monday to Saturday. B) Saturday to Monday.
- C) Thursday to Friday. D) Tuesday to Friday.
- 16. A) No one can be found to take his place.
- B) He hasn't a most high position.
- C) He plays an important role in his work.
- D) He hasn't been working for his company for a long time.

Passage Three

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

- 17. A) Because they carried weapons with them.
- B) Because he had seen them before.
- C) Because they were running to his house.
- D) Because he had never seen them before.
- 18. A) He closed all the windows to keep off the robbers.
- B) He was frightened and ran away with his son.
- C) He was calm and thought of an idea.
- D) He told his son to get away at once.
- 19. A) The two robbers. B) Mr. Black's son.
- C) Both the robbers and Mr. Black's son. D) Both the robbers and Mr. Black.
- 20. A) With a sharp sword. B) With his hands.
- C) With a pistol. D) With a stick.

Exercise Two

Section A

- 1. A) In a hardware store. B) In an art gallery.
- C) In a machine repair shop. D) In a book store.
- 2. A) She's uncertain about the weather. B) She didn't think the man was ever late.

- C) She agree with the man. D) She has arrived late.
3. A) The woman's boss. B) John.
C) Fred. D) Gail.
4. A) Neither. B) \$ 4. 25.
C) \$ 6. 75. D) Both.
5. A) Andrew is difficult to cheer up.
B) Martha always knows exactly what to say.
C) Andrew didn't know what to do.
D) Martha knows practically everybody.
6. A) \$ 16. 50 B) \$ 17. 95
C) \$ 33 D) \$ 66
7. A) They're colleagues. B) They're team members.
C) They're club members. D) They're roommates.
8. A) He has to study for his science class. B) His wife has got a fever.
C) He has to be at work. D) He doesn't want to get a fever.
9. A) So far she hasn't had any trouble renewing it.
B) She doesn't need a new one after all.
C) She must renew it before taking her jet.
D) She has to run up a big bill on it.
10. A) Her suitcase was too full.
B) It rained on the way to the airport.
C) She put off packing it until it was too late.
D) The umbrella was too long to fit in her suitcase.

Section B

Passage One

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

11. A) The man went to hunt for diamonds in a nearby country.
B) He lived a happy life.
C) He spent 20 years in a foreign country.
D) He came home with a lot of money.
12. A) The Grass Is Always Greener on the Other Side of the Fence.
B) Happiness Is Where You Find It.
C) No News Is Good News.
D) Luck Is Only for the Luck.
13. A) Money is not important for happiness. B) Make the most of what you have.
C) Success is hard to come by. D) No gains no pains.

Passage Two

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

14. A) Students must get good grades.
B) Students must go to good universities.

- C) Students must take twenty courses.
- D) Students have to take required classes in the major.
- 15. A) Warm. B) Effective.
- C) Formal. D) Informal.
- 16. A) Teachers are expected to tell students answers to the questions.
- B) Students need to work harder than students in other countries.
- C) Students are expected to work independently.
- D) Students wouldn't need any help from the teachers.

Passage Three

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

- 17. A) It is a company in France.
- B) It is a world organization attached to the U. N
- C) It works mainly at combating illiteracy.
- D) It has many experts whose level of attainment is far from literacy.
- 18. A) Training responsible citizens.
- B) Enforcing the functions of Unesco.
- C) Helping illiterates learn how to read and write.
- D) Urging Southern European countries to take the lead in attacking illiteracy.
- 19. A) To keep simple account. B) To draw up plans.
- C) To fill in forms. D) To sort out important information.
- 20. A) America, Asia, Africa, Europe.
- B) Asia, Southern Africa and Central Europe.
- C) Southern Asia, Africa and Paris.
- D) Asia, Africa, Central and South America.

Exercise Three

Section A

- 1. A) Responsible. B) Confused.
- C) Unconcerned. D) Upset.
- 2. A) She disliked it. B) She had no opinion.
- C) She hadn't seen it. D) She liked it.
- 3. A) Carry the box down. B) Take the book upstairs.
- C) Move the bricks. D) Help the woman down the stairs.
- 4. A) On the platform. B) Near the stairs.
- C) At the information desk. D) On the train.
- 5. A) 12 B) 48
- C) 36 D) 24
- 6. A) It will probably be cold. B) It will probably rain.
- C) It will probably not rain. D) It will probably not be foggy.

7. A) By plane. B) By train.
C) By bus. D) By ship.
8. A) A plumber. B) An electrician.
C) A telephone repairman. D) A salesman.
9. A) Yes, even though he is busy. B) They haven't yet asked him.
C) John has not decided yet. D) No, because he is too busy.
10. A) The woman thinks the salesman was not dramatic enough.
B) The woman thinks the salesman played his part well.
C) The woman thinks the salesman exaggerated his part.
D) The woman thinks the salesman was realistic.

Section B

Passage One

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you've heard.

11. A) Gaudi was a Spanish architect.
B) Gaudi devoted most of his life to the building of the church.
C) People all over the world admire the architect very much.
D) Many tourists go to see Gaudi's unfinished church.
12. A) He didn't like it. B) He had to work at the same time.
C) He was too poor. D) He had to earn money.
13. A) It's unfinished. B) It's strange.
C) It's modern. D) All of the above.

Passage Two

Questions 14 to 16 are based on the passage you've heard.

14. A) One-half. B) One-fourth.
C) One-third. D) Two-third.
15. A) Single-egg twins. B) Mirror twins.
C) Fraternal twins. D) Separate-egg twins.
16. A) A secret language. B) The same genes.
C) The same careers. D) A different bone structure.

Passage Three

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passage you've heard.

17. A) The same time with Columbus. B) Before Columbus did.
C) After Columbus' arrival. D) In 18th century.
18. A) A place once settled by Europeans.
B) A place inhabited by primitive men.
C) A place dwelled in by America migrants.
D) A place completely uninhabited by other people.
19. A) Held hostile attitude to the Indians.
B) Kept terms with the Indians.
C) Didn't treat the Indians in a friendly way.

- D) Traded with the Indians friendly.
20. A) Struggles for land. B) Making boats.
C) Contemporary tribal life. D) The revival of their tradition.

Exercise Four

Section A

1. A) She'll sit through the whole movie. B) She wants someone to walk to.
C) She doesn't mind talking to Fred. D) She doesn't want to be disturbed either.
2. A) Arrange him a spare room. B) Help him with some heavy work.
C) Go away for the weekend. D) Give him her spare change.
3. A) Fine. B) Sick.
C) Better. D) Tired.
4. A) In a packing plant. B) In a courtroom.
C) At a post office. D) In a school.
5. A) He got angry with his boss.
B) He was frequently sick and absent from work.
C) He always got to work late.
D) He prepared a financial report incorrectly.
6. A) 24. B) 12.
C) 6. D) 18.
7. A) Satisfied with their price.
B) Displeased with their quality.
C) Pleased with modern mass-production techniques.
D) Dissatisfied with their technological complexity.
8. A) He is a sales manager.
B) He answers the phone.
C) He is in charge of the complaint department.
D) He is a vice-president.
9. A) At four thirty. B) At five thirty.
C) At five o'clock. D) At four o'clock.
10. A) Baker---Customer. B) Dentist---Patient.
C) Mechanic---Customer. D) Doctor---Customer.

Section B

Passage One

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

11. A) They like being silent. B) They like making small talk.
C) They like discussing something serious. D) They like to be introduced to others.
12. A) Anything besides serious discussions. B) Anything including polite conversation.

- C) Anything including serious discussion. D) Anything but serious discussion.
13. A) You should introduce yourself to others.
 B) You should say "May I join you?"
 C) You should be introduced by others.
 D) You should say "May I join you?" and introduce yourself to others.

Passage Two

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

14. A) In 1558. B) In 1564.
 C) In 1570. D) Shortly after Shakespeare's birth.
15. A) He became the husband of Anne Hatheway.
 B) He studied in the Grammar School.
 C) He left Stratford Grammar School.
 D) He went to London.
16. A) They were written between the sixteenth and seventeenth century.
 B) They were not published or put on until today.
 C) They were put on but not published.
 D) They were published but not put on.

Passage Three

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

17. A) Any training in medicine.
 B) Connections with telephone or telegraph office.
 C) Enough nurses and technicians to help them.
 D) The special knowledge needed to treat every condition.
18. A) The specialist makes his/her diagnosis
 B) The doctor goes to the patient's home.
 C) The specialist gives the doctor his/her opinion.
 D) The specialist hears the patient's heartbeat.
19. A) Remote areas. B) Good highways.
 C) Mountainous region D) Large centers.
20. A) Quickly. B) Effectively.
 C) Over great distances. D) All of the above.

Exercise Five

Section A

1. A) Failing to make the team. B) Failing in college.
 C) Failing in 4 tries. D) Being a dropout.
2. A) Mr. Weiner. B) Mrs. Pennington.
 C) Dr. Muller. D) Mrs. Weine.
3. A) She was very kind. B) She was apologetic.

- C) She was well spoken.
- 4. A) In a museum.
- C) In a park.
- 5. A) Route 8.
- C) Route 18.
- 6. A) By December thirtieth.
- C) By New Year.
- 7. A) She doesn't qualify to play.
- C) She doesn't know how to play tennis.
- 8. A) By plane.
- C) By bus.
- 9. A) Karen.
- C) A professional.
- 10. A) Take four pills.
- C) Take eight pills.
- D) She was unforgiving.
- B) In a pet store.
- D) In a zoo.
- B) Route 80.
- D) Route 10.
- B) By December third.
- D) By December thirteenth.
- B) She has to study.
- D) She doesn't like the man.
- B) By car.
- D) By train.
- B) A friend.
- D) A neighbor.
- B) Take the doctor's advice.
- D) Hesitate to take any pills.

Section B

Passage One

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

- 11. A) Living conditions.
- B) Sunshine and fresh air.
- C) Air-conditioned houses.
- D) A few flowers and a few leaves.
- 12. A) City-dwellers are obliged to adopt a wholly unnatural way of life.
- B) The sun was hidden from view by tall buildings.
- C) The noise made by traffic never stops.
- D) Large modern cities are too big to control.
- 13. A) It is advisable for you to cling to the pavement.
- B) You'd better visit a public park.
- C) You can remind yourself that it is spring or summer.
- D) You should be barely conscious of the seasons.

Passage Two

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

- 14. A) They are only for beauty.
- B) They help animals, birds and insects.
- C) They are not important.
- D) They belong to animals.
- 15. A) To make the surroundings beautiful.
- B) To save their lives.
- C) To make themselves nice to look at.
- D) To tell other animals, birds and insects to stay away from them.
- 16. A) They catch birds.
- B) They are very beautiful.
- C) They taste bad to birds.
- D) They kill birds.

Passage Three

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

17. A) They have hallucinations.
B) They feel sleepy during the working hours.
C) They don't have enough sleep.
D) They are certain to be kept from going to bed.
18. A) Judging by how many hours you have slept.
B) Judging by how many hours you need to sleep.
C) Judging by whether you do exercise and physical work.
D) Judging by whether you feel fresh and energetic.
19. A) As long hours as a grown-up. B) Much longer hours than a grown-up.
C) For 14 hours each night. D) For less than 8 hours per night.
20. A) Children. B) Grown-ups.
C) Young people. D) Old people.

Exercise Six

Section A

1. A) 6:45. B) 7:15.
C) 7:45. D) 6:15.
2. A) Both of them have overcome their fear.
B) The woman is still afraid of high places, but the man isn't.
C) Both of them prefer high places these days.
D) They are both afraid of high places.
3. A) To offer to let him help cook.
B) To suggest politely that he leave.
C) To encourage him to have another drink.
D) To invite the man to join them.
4. A) Friday morning. B) Saturday morning.
C) Friday afternoon. D) Saturday afternoon.
5. A) Yes, but not at especially low price. B) No, they are not for sale.
C) Yes, at a special low price. D) No, there aren't any rugs left.
6. A) In a publisher's office. B) In Professor's office.
C) In a shipping company office. D) In a university store.
7. A) He was sympathetic. B) He was reserved.
C) He was enthusiastic. D) He was annoyed.
8. A) Make a purchase. B) Try somewhere else.
C) Think about their budget. D) Insist on a better price.
9. A) A little less than four hundred dollars.
B) No money at all.
C) Four hundred dollars.
D) A great deal less than four hundred dollars.

10. A) He doesn't believe everything people say.
 B) The students aren't in good physical condition.
 C) He's afraid to try some of the exercises himself.
 D) The physics class is only halfway over.

Section B

Passage One

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

11. A) We find our money increase in its value.
 B) Employment no longer becomes a problem.
 C) People can always find better paying jobs.
 D) Money keeps losing its value.
12. A) It is very common at present time. B) It seldom happens.
 C) It has become rare in recent years. D) It is just reasonable.
13. A) Invest heavily on the stock market.
 B) Save money.
 C) Hold on to money as a dependable asset.
 D) Spend money and not bother to save.

Passage Two

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

14. A) Protection against rain. B) A shade against the sun.
 C) A symbol of power. D) A symbol of honor.
15. A) Chinese. B) Roman.
 C) Greeks. D) Egyptians.
16. A) In Europe in the 18th century. B) In ancient Egypt and Babylon.
 C) In the Far East in ancient times. D) During the Middle Ages.

Passage Three

Questions 17 to 20 are based on the passages you've just heard.

17. A) A good family doctor.
 B) A man who studied the mosquito.
 C) A man who knew diseases.
 D) A man who risked his life to help others.
18. A) To find how the mosquito bite people. B) To find the cause of yellow fever.
 C) To show he had good health. D) To prove he could resist yellow fever.
19. A) Making lots of money. B) Finding people who had yellow fever.
 C) Saving people's lives. D) Finding clothes and food.
20. A) Dr Carroll was the only doctor hunting the cause of yellow fever.
 B) Dr Carroll must have been a very brave man.
 C) Yellow fever was caused by the bite of mouse.
 D) All real heroes are found in the army.

Exercise Seven

Section A

1. A) She shows no interest in it. B) She doesn't bother to do it.
C) She minds all the overtime. D) She enjoys it.
2. A) The woman should pay both.
B) The woman should pay the cashier.
C) The woman can pay either person.
D) The woman should pay the one she prefers.
3. A) At the post office. B) At a department store.
C) At the life insurance company. D) At an airport.
4. A) The rain is not expected for the last few days.
B) Clouds and cool temperatures are predicated.
C) The next few days are supposed to be warm.
D) It can't get much better.
5. A) Disappointed. B) Sentimental.
C) Happy. D) Resentful.
6. A) It is closed. B) 12 noon to 9 p. m.
C) 9a. m to 5 p. m. D) 9a. m to 12 noon.
7. A) In a dentist's office. B) In a hotel.
C) In a hospital. D) At home.
8. A) 600. B) 300.
C) 400. D) 800.
9. A) Wednesday. B) Sunday.
C) Saturday. D) Monday.
10. A) As identification to cash a check. B) To prove he is a foreign visitor.
C) In order to obtain a visa. D) The woman is an immigration official.

Section B

Passage One

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

11. A) It is just a cassette tape with only music.
B) It is just a cassette tape recorder.
C) It is a band from Japan.
D) It is a voice recording equipment.
12. A) To have a good time. B) To have something to drink.
C) To relax themselves. D) Both A and B.
13. A) As soon as it was invented. B) Long before.
C) Not long after it was invented. D) Before long.

Passage two

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

14. A) Animals sometimes killed men.
B) Animals sometimes killed women.
C) Only men went out to get food every day.
D) Women also went out to hunt.
15. A) Growing plants.
B) Raising animals.
C) Hunting.
D) Both A and B.
16. A) They learned accidentally.
B) They were taught by the God.
C) They learned from their husbands.
D) No one knows.

Passage Three

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

17. A) They had to climb many mountains and cross many rivers.
B) They had to drive their enemies away from their new places.
C) There were no cars, no roads, no trains and no ships.
D) There were many wild animals on their way to new places.
18. A) Using some simple weapons.
B) Keeping together.
C) Lighting fires.
D) Building stone fences.
19. A) Moving from place to place for living.
B) Wandering around for pleasure.
C) Going from one place to another or to several places.
D) An organized club, which helps people make a journey to other places.
20. A) They travel for pleasure.
B) They are eager to do business in some other places.
C) They are trying to discover some new things.
D) They want to experience feelings of an exciting riding or flight.

Exercise Eight

Section A

1. A) It is typical November weather for this region.
B) There wasn't much snow in last November.
C) Such a large amount of snow is unusual for this month. .
D) It won't really snow until November.
2. A) Taxicab driver.
C) Grocer.
3. A) Six times.
C) Four times.
4. A) At the office.
C) At Jenny's home.
- B) Shoemaker.
D) Carpenter.
- B) Eight times.
D) Ten times.
- B) At home.
D) In the hospital.

5. A) Fuel can't be transported to the northeastern states.
B) There are too few houses in the northeast.
C) People in the northeast are inexperienced in dealing with snow.
D) Cold weather in the northeast has increased the demand for fuel.
6. A) By subway. B) By bus.
C) By taxi. D) In their own car.
7. A) Living in the suburbs is expensive. B) Her job is in the city.
C) Jobs are easier to find in the city. D) Life is less expensive in the city.
8. A) The woman herself. B) The man.
C) The two of them together. D) The store's gift-wrapping department.
9. A) She'll be changing jobs soon.
B) She'll have to accept a reduced salary.
C) Her boss noticed her that she's been fired.
D) She always does the right thing.
10. A) 7:00 p. m. B) 8:00 p. m.
C) 9:00 p. m. D) It is delayed.

Section B

Passage One

Questions 11 to 13 are based on the passage you've heard.

11. A) It can be made into jewelry. B) It is not easily found.
C) It is soft and shiny. D) It does not rust when wet.
12. A) 12. B) 50.
C) 25. D) 24.
13. A) Soft. B) Strong.
C) Acid resistant. D) Bright.

Passage Two

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

14. A) Ante meridian in Latin. B) P. M in Latin.
C) Post meridian in Latin. D) Meridian in Latin.
15. A) By noticing where the sun stood in the sky.
B) By knowing the exact moment of noon.
C) By observing the position that stars exist in the sky.
D) By drawing a meridian across the sky.
16. A) That the sun crosses the imaginary line.
B) When the sun still lies to the east of the meridian.
C) After the sun had crossed the imaginary line.
D) When the sun is not directly overhead.

Passage Three

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

17. A) Britain was occupied but Belgium was not.