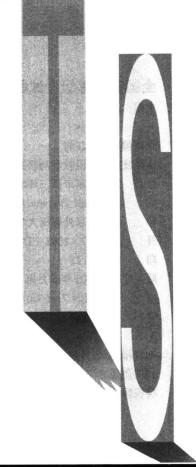


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代 序

PETS(全国英语等级考试)是教育部考试中心在英国剑桥大学考试中心协助下实施的一项面向全国的社会性公共英语考试。PETS的中、长期目标是将全国各级各类面向社会的公共英语考试纳入PETS范围,使之更加规范,更具权威性和可比性。为此教育部考试中心做了大量的前期准备工作,并派出一批国内的命题专家赴剑桥大学接受专门培训,与英方专家共同探讨和确定实施PETS的各个环节。PETS的考试形式是中英专家根据中国英语学习者的特点设计的,既体现了当前国际上大规模英语考试的发展趋势,也充分考虑到国内主流考试的题型,照顾到社会和考生的承受能力。教育部考试中心从1999年开始在全国部分省市开展PETS的试点考试,立刻受到广泛的关注和欢迎,当年考生就达几万人。近两年考生的规模都有大幅度的增加。

PETS 考试的地位是由它的鲜明特点所决定的。首先负责实施的教育部考试中心是我国最大、也是最权威的考试机构。考试中心承担了大部分全国性的外语考试,这些考试具有权威性,考试结果得到了政府机构、教育机构、各类企事业单位(包括在华外资公司)以及社会的普遍认可。考试中心拥有一支高素质的专业队伍,并且得到美国和英国权威考试机构的支持和合作,因此,它所主持的各项考试具有很高的质量,客观反映出考生的外语水平。

突出交际能力的考查是 PETS 考试的特点之一。学习外语的目的就是为了运用这门语言进行交际(包括口头交际和书面交际,也包括语言的表达和对语言的理解)。单纯针对语言形式的考题脱离了语言学习的目的,同时也误导课堂外语教学,使教师脱离语言交际目的和语言使用环境,为讲语法而讲语法,而学生则将外语看作是一门知识讲授性的课程,盲目地死记硬背。PETS 考试引入了较大比例的主观题,包括对考生口语能力进行面对面的评估、听力考试以及书面作文评估等,这在国内大规模英语考试中是罕见的。它的积极导向是,将片面注重语言形式的学习向培养语言运用能力转变,使 PETS 的备考过程成为提高实际语言运用能力的过程。

正是基于以上认识,外研社组织出版了这套"PETS 教程"、"PETS 备考指南"和"PETS 词汇必备"。参加教程编写的专家教授来自全国一些知名院校和单位(包括北京外国语大学、北京师范大学、人民教育出版社、浙江大学、西安外国语学院等)。这些专家教授长期从事英语教学、教材编写和考试命题工作,对 PETS 的命题原则也十分了解。这套教程以各级 PETS 考试为导向,吸收国内外同类教材的编写特点,并充分考虑了中国学生的特点。它可以作为各级 PETS 培训班的教材使用,也可以作为 PETS 考生备考的自学教材。

"PETS 备考指南"和"PETS 词汇必备"的编写人员也是长期从事高校英语教学和科研工作的教师,从我拿到的材料看,这两套系列都是严肃认真之作,精心设计,精心编写,相信对 PETS 的备考会有很大的帮助。

希望 PETS 考试在全国的推广对更新教学指导思想、改革传统的教学方法、从语言知识的传授转向语言能力的培养、从孤立的语言技能训练转向综合语言技能的全面发展,做出积极的贡献。也希望这三套系列实实在在地对提高 PETS 考生的英语实际运用能力提供帮助。

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Free-time Activities



SECTION A



tarter Activities

1 With more leisure time to spend, people nowadays keenly pursue free-time activities of various kinds in their spare time. Imagine you are working as a part-time editor for a local English newspaper. The paper was asked recently to advertise for a short course on guitar playing. You are asked to write the advertisement. One of the typical newspaper advertisements is printed below for your reference.

> Do you need a break from work? Of course you do! And the best way to begin to relax is to get away and take up

GUITAR PLAYING FOR BEGINNERS

— a five-day course in any week from April to October. No previous knowledge or experience needed. An elementary knowledge of music might be useful but it's not essential!

And it would be an advantage if you could bring your own (or someone else's) guitar — but again that's not vital.

The course will take you from simple theory to simple melody and chord playing — in easy stages, and with no pressure. No tests, no exams. You'll be doing it for your own enjoyment. And very quickly we'll help you play what you want to play — classical, pop, and jazz. And the vast majority of our participants succeed in mastering the basics in next to no time.

- $m{2}$ What kind of free-time activities is the best choice for the following groups of people? When you make suggestions, take into consideration the factor of gender. Work in a group and report your result to the whole class when you finish it.
 - A. company CEOs
- B. company employees, office workers
- C. college students
- D. retired people

3 The	words or phrases in this exercise are either take	n from the texts you are going to read or
PET	'S Level 3 words or phrases. Now choose the o	ne which best completes each sentence.
	If you're going to walk a long way, it's bette	
	A. rate	B. pace
	C. proportion	D. ratio
(2)	Cathy has just her typewriter	a computer to make sure she can
	work more efficiently.	
	A. exchanged; with	B. substituted; for
	C. transferred; to	D. traded; for
(3)	John has been having treatment for two mor	nths now without any
	A. improvement	B. perfection
	C. increase	D. reinforcement
(4)	The scientist decided he didn't want to be _	the project, and left.
	A. associated with	B. related to
	C. representative of	D. relevant to
(5)	There is no English for "bon app	etit" so we have adopted the French
	expression.	
	A. alternative	B. supplement
	C. equivalent	D. replacement
(6)	The museum has been its reputatio	n as one of the finest in the world.
	A. applauding	B. trumpeting
	C. appointing	D. confirming
(7)	To avoid, the twins never wore the	e same clothes.
	A. distinction	B. puzzle
	C. confusion	D. ambiguity
(8)	That summer Irene stayed at home, but the	two summers she had worked
	abroad.	
	A. proceeding	B. prime
	C. former	D. previous
(9)	At first I thought Richard was a bit shy, bu	t now I've come to the that
	he's simply unfriendly!	
	A. calculation	B. recognition
	C. appreciation	D. conclusion
(10)	The court heard how the driver had failed t	o his brakes in time, which
	caused the accident.	
	A. apply	B. manage

D. operate

C. release

(11)	One of the many of foreign travel is learning how to cope with the unex-		
	pected.		
	A. strategies	B. interests	
	C. benefits	D. profits	
(12)	We are having such a good time that we de	cide to our stay by another	
	week.		
	A. enlarge	B. prolong	
	C. stretch	D. expand	
(13)	After we'd finished painting the kitchen, we	stood back and our work.	
	A. surveyed	B. investigated	
	C. inspected	D. estimated	
(14)	How will such a small firm survive in the	world of business?	
	A. innocent	B. subjective	
	C. competitive	D. glorious	
(15)	The results of the recent research will	the mystery of the creation of the	
	universe.		
	A. enrich	B. resolve	
	C. illustrate	D. illuminate	



1

Your Weekly Guide to the Entertainment

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suck into assess intriguing damn revival synchronize masterpiece reject quarter sculpture fascination promote symbolize orchestra rehearsal

Learn Before Listening

1) Five people are talking about something which falls into five categories: music, books, cinema, theater, and visual arts. Listen to the talks and put a tick $(\sqrt{\ })$ in the corresponding space.

	Music	Books	Cinema	Theater	Visual Arts
Talk 1					
Talk 2					
Talk 3					
Talk 4					
Talk 5					

2)	Listen to the talks again and answer the questions by choosing A, B, C, or D which
	you think fits best.
	(1) According to Anna, a reviewer of a play should
	A. first read and understand the story of the play
	B. focus his attention on the actors' action on the stage
	C. try to judge the quality without being fully taken in
	D. identify himself with the characters of the play
	(2) Jimmy thinks the film is
	A. a failure because it fails to stand the test of time
	B. unable to satisfy its audience because it is out of date
	C. really a success for its visual image and music
	D. worth seeing for it makes its audience delighted
	(3) We can infer from Talk 3 that David
	A. hopes he can read the book someday
	B. regrets having read the book
	C. thinks highly of the book
	D. refuses to read the book
	(4) Tina likes modern sculpture because it
	A. makes people think what it represents
	B. resembles things people can recognize
	C. makes people excited to see something unusual
	D. enables people to better understand Warren
	(5) Martin believes the concert will be marvelous because he has
	A. helped the orchestra make preparation for the performance
	B. heard it live in a concert hall one Saturday evening
	C. helped the orchestra in public one Saturday evening
	D. heard it when the orchestra prepared for the coming performance

2

An Interview with a Baseball Player



league prime

pension pitcher

insecurity contract

prospect

Learn Before Listening

Listen to a radio interview with James Wright, a professiona	ıl baseball player. Ther
complete the following statements with what you get from the tay	be.
(1) Topic: James Wright's Views on	
(2) James does not view professional baseball as	
(3) James' first goal is to	
(4) James' next goal is to make it through	
(5) According to James, the prime time for a pitcher is from	

position because his team can _____.

(7) _____ and ____ were the main things that got James to the big leagues.

(6) Though he has a contract, James feels about his

