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前 言

全国英语等级考试(简称 PETS),是教育部考试中心设计开发的面向“社会的、开放的、非学历性英语等级考试”。一般而言,考生只要具备 PETS 第二级的水平,就可以参加这一级别的考试。全国英语等级考试能全面、客观地检测出应试者的英语水平,并将逐步取代现有的自学考试等英语考试。

全国英语等级考试(PETS)第二级(Level 2)是五个级别中的中下级,其标准相当于我国普通高中优秀毕业生的英语水平。通过该级考试的考生,其英语水平基本满足进入高等院校继续学习的要求,同时也基本符合诸如宾馆前台服务员、一般银行职员、涉外企业一般员工,以及同层次其他工作在对外交往中的基本需要。

全国英语等级考试(PETS)第二级(Level 2)由五个部分组成:听力理解、英语知识运用、阅读理解、写作及口试。

为了帮助广大考生系统、全面地复习各门应试课程,我们特聘请北京大学索玉柱(应用语言学、英语测试学博士)担纲主编了《全国英语等级考试第二级教程》。本教程共有十五章,每章由两个或三个单元构成。每单元有一个交际话题,严格按照教育部考试中心制订的《全国英语等级考试第二级考试大纲》要求进行编写。其首页有“目标与要求”,简要介绍该单元内考生主要练习的内容和情景。每单元包括:

► **会话** 依据各交际话题所涉及的交际情景,提供两至三段对话。会话力求构思精练、巧妙,选材新颖,语境贴切,语言地道、得体,主要用来训练学习者的听说能力。每段对话前有一句话点明情景。

► **课文** 课文的长度平均在 400 字左右,是该单元交际话题的相应阅读材料。每章两个或三个单元,每单元有一篇文章。为帮助学习者加深对课文的理解,每篇课文附有若干个问题。

► **单词和短语** 单词和短语是各课会话和课文中新出现的单词和短语,不包括第一级教程中已出现过的。该部分还给出了单词的国际音标、词性、中文

释义和短语的中文释义。

► **会话和课文注释** 包括三方面的内容：一是从语法、词汇等方面点拨会话和课文中的疑点、难点；二是补充交际中与该课内容有关的其他日常用语，以扩大学习者的知识面；三是介绍相关的文化背景知识，加深学习者对会话和课文的理解。

► **练习** 练习是针对各课的重点内容而设计的，题型与考试大纲基本一致，以便于学习者备考。

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本教程最后的附录包括：各章听力练习录音稿；各章练习题答案；五套笔试样卷及答案。

相信本书能为你的成功助一臂之力！

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Chapter One People

第一章 人 们



目标与要求

- ▶ 学会表示问候、告辞、告别的常用语。
 - ▶ 了解不同群体人们间的交往用语。
- 要求听懂并熟练运用不同群体人们表达上述信息时的常用语。

Unit 1 Children (孩子)

Conversations:

(1)

(*Tom and Peter visiting the local free market.*)

Tom: Hello, Peter. How are you?

Peter: Very well, thank you. And you?

Tom: I'm fine. Well, would you like to go to the local free market with me?

Peter: Why not!

(*In the local free market.*)

Peter: Gosh, how big it is!

Tom: Yes. It sells everything... fruit, vegetables, fish and meat.

Peter: Look at the Chinese cabbage. How cheap it is! It only costs twenty cents a pound. Do you like it?

Tom: No, I don't.

Peter: What are your favourite vegetables?

Tom: I like potatoes, cucumbers and beans.

Peter: Aren't they expensive?

Tom: Yes. I'm afraid the cucumbers and beans are expensive.

Peter: What do you want to buy?

Tom: Well, I need cucumbers, carrots and tomatoes.

Peter: Okay, let's get some.

Seller: That's nine yuan six jiao, please.

Tom: Here you are!

Seller: Thank you. Good-bye!

Tom: Bye-Bye!

(2)

(General knowledge game among children. Tom, Len, Diana, and Roger.)

T: Right, let's play "Quiz Game". No, I'm sorry, Len, you must play. Can you get the board, Roger? Oh, Diana, perhaps you might... er... help Len a bit. Okay, Roger, your first question. What is the longest river in China?

R: Erm... the Yellow River.

T: Bad luck! No, the Yangtze is the longest at 6,300 kilometres. It is the third longest river in the world. Right, Diana... your question. What was the tallest building in New York until 1960?

D: The Empire State Building.

T: Well done! Absolutely right. Len, who was the most famous film actress in America in the 1930's?

L: Um... was it Greta Garbo?

T: No, bad luck. Joan Crawford was more famous than Greta Garbo. Roger again. What is the name of the world's most valuable diamond?

R: I haven't a clue.

T: It was the Imperial Diamond, a diamond as big as the Ritz! Diana, what is the hottest desert in the world as well as the largest?

D: The Sahara?

T: Correct! Congratulations. But the Sahara is the coldest desert at night. Len, which country had the best football team in 1990?

L: Was it West Germany?

T: You're right. Okay. This is the last round. What is the fastest passenger plane in the world, Len?

L: Oh, dear, I've no idea. But I'll make a guess. The "Concorde".

T: Congratulations, Len! You're doing well. Diana, which city is larger: Beijing or Shanghai?

D: Beijing... Oh no... it must be Shanghai.

T: I'm sorry. I must accept your first answer. Now, Roger. Think carefully, what is the most popular sport in China?

R: Oh, that's the easiest question. It's table tennis.

T: I'm sorry, but you're wrong. Volleyball is more popular than table tennis now. So, let's add up the points for the whole game.

L: I think Diana has the most points. And I think I have the fewest.

T: Yes, Diana's top of you, and you're bottom, Len!

Passage:

A Brother Like That

A friend of mine named Paul received an automobile from his brother as a Christmas present. On Christmas Eve when Paul came out of his office, a street urchin was walking around the shiny new car, admiring it. "Is this your car, Mister?" he asked.

Paul nodded. "My brother gave it to me for Christmas." The boy was astounded. "You mean your brother gave it to you and it didn't cost you nothing? Boy, I wish..." He hesitated.

Of course Paul knew what he was going to wish for. He was going to wish he had a brother like that. But what the lad said shocked Paul all the way down to his heels.

"I wish," the boy went on, "that I could be a brother like that."

Paul looked at the boy in astonishment, then impulsively he added, "Would you like to take a ride in my automobile?"

"Oh yes, I'd love that."

After a short ride, the boy turned and with his eyes aglow, said, "Mister, would you mind driving in front of my house?"

Paul smiled a little. He thought he knew what the lad wanted. He wanted to show his neighbors that he could ride home in a big automobile. But Paul was wrong again. "Will you stop where those two steps are?" the boy asked.

He ran up the steps. Then in a little while Paul heard him coming back, but he was not coming fast. He was carrying his little crippled brother. He sat him down on the bottom step, then sort of squeezed up against him and pointed to the car.

"There she is, buddy, just like I told you upstairs. His brother gave it to him for Christmas and it didn't cost him a cent. And someday I'm going to give you one just like it... then you can see for yourself all the pretty things in the Christmas windows that I've been trying to tell you about."

Paul got out and lifted the lad to the front seat of his car. The shining-eyed older brother climbed in beside him and the three of them began a memorable holiday ride. That Christmas Eve, Paul learned what Jesus meant when he said: "It is more blessed to give..."

Questions:

1. What is the main idea of this text?
2. What would you do, if you were Paul?
3. What was the boy's wish? Did Paul guess right?
4. How did the three—Paul, the boy, and the boy's crippled brother spend that Christmas Eve?
5. What do you learn from this text? (compare the two pairs of brothers)

Words and Expressions:

1. local ['ləuk(ə)l]	adj.	地方的,当地的
2. fruit [fru:t]	n.	水果,果实
3. vegetable ['vedʒitəb(ə)l]	n.	蔬菜
4. cabbage ['kæbidʒ]	n.	洋白菜,圆白菜
5. cost [kɒst]	vi. vt.	价(若干),值,花费
6. favourite ['feivərit]	adj.	最喜爱的
7. cucumber ['kju:kʌmbə]	n.	黄瓜
8. bean [bi:n]	n.	豆类植物;豆,菜豆
9. carrot ['kærət]	n.	胡萝卜
10. quiz [kwiz]	n.	测验,问答比赛
11. absolutely ['æbsəlu:tli]	adv.	绝对地,完全地
12. actress ['æktris]	n.	女演员
13. valuable ['væljuəb(ə)l]	adj.	值钱的,有价值的
14. diamond ['daɪəmənd]	n.	钻石,金刚石
15. clue [klu:]	n.	线索,暗示
16. desert ['dezət]	n.	沙漠,不毛之地
17. congratulations [kɒŋgrætʃu'leɪʃ(ə)nz]	n.	祝贺,贺词
18. Germany ['dʒə:məni]	n.	德国
19. passenger ['pæsiŋdʒə]	n.	旅客,乘客
20. volleyball ['vɒlibɔ:l]	n.	排球
21. table tennis ['teib(ə)l 'tenis]	n.	乒乓球
22. receive [ri'si:v]	vt.	接受,收到
23. Christmas ['krisməs]	n.	圣诞节
24. urchin ['ətʃin]	n.	小男孩,街头顽童
25. astound [ə'staund]	vt.	使震惊,使大吃一惊
26. hesitate ['heziteit]	vi.	犹豫,支吾其辞
27. astonishment [ə'stɒnɪʃmənt]	n.	大吃一惊,惊讶
28. impulsive [im'pʌlsɪv]	adj.	感情用事的,冲动的
29. automobile ['ɔ:təməbi:l]	n.	汽车,小汽车
30. aglow [ə'gləu]	adj.	发亮的,兴奋的
31. lad [læd]	n.	少年,小伙子
32. crippled ['krip(ə)ld]	adj.	残疾的,残废的
33. bottom ['bɒtəm]	n.	底部,尽头,末端
34. squeeze [skwiz]	vt. vi.	挤压,握紧,夹紧
35. lift [lift]	vt.	举起,抬起
36. memorable ['memərəb(ə)l]	adj.	值得纪念的,难忘的
37. eve [i:v]	n.	节日的前夜
38. Jesus ['dʒi:zəs]	n.	耶稣,耶稣基督

Notes:

1. local free market 当地的自由市场

local people 当地人

2. How are you? 你好吗? 您(身体)好吗?

这是个问候用语。这类的问候用语还有:

Hello/Hi. Good morning/afternoon/evening.

对于 How are you? 这样的问候用语,一般需要有回答。常用结构如下:

—How are you?

—Fine, thank you. And you?

—I'm fine too.

3. Would you like to go to the local free market with me?

您愿意和我一起去逛逛这里的自由市场吗?

Would you like...? 是个常用的句型,表示委婉的邀请,询问,后面可跟名词,也可跟带 to 的不定式。例如:

Would you like a cup of tea?

Would you like to join us?

4. How big it is! 多大的自由市场呀!

这是一个感叹句。英语感叹句的基本结构是:How + *adj/adv* + 主 + 动词!

例如:How beautiful the girl is!

How fast he runs!

5. Here you are! 给你/您!

这是英语中常用的习语。一般用于付账,或给某人递看某物。

6. What is the longest river in China?

中国最长的河流是哪一条?

the longest river 最长的河流,这是英语中的最高级表示。英语中的形容词,副词有比较级和最高级的表示。用法如下:

表示“较……”或“更……”,用比较级。一般是在形容词或副词后加“-er”,若是多音节词,则需在其前加“more”。另外,如果有对比的对象,则要在形容词或副词后加“than”。例如:

She is more beautiful than her sister.

John runs faster than Tom.

表示“最……”,用最高级。一般是在形容词或副词后加“-est”,若是多音节词,则需在其前加“most”。例如:

She is the most beautiful girl in her class.

John runs fastest in his school.

7. Congratulations! 祝贺你(您)!

这是表示祝贺的常用语,习惯上用复数形式。

8. On Christmas Eve when Paul came out of his office, a street urchin was walking around