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21世纪是我国在各领域发生深刻变革的时代。随着我国加入世贸组织,与国际接轨日益紧密,外语教育也受到广泛重视。在学前教育领域开展英语教育已成为一种趋势,这是新时期教育改革的一个重要组成部分,也是社会、经济发展的需要。学前教育专业的学生学习专业英语,既能培养语言和文学素质的培养,又能为今后工作的实际运用储备能量。为了把学前教育和英语教育有机地融合起来,体现学前教育与英语教育相结合的特色,《学前英语》教材编写组进行了充分的调研,组织了参与全国教育科学"十五"和"十一五"规划课题"学前双语教育师资培训研究"的子课题研究单位以及国内重点幼师院校的一线教师编写了本套教材。在编写过程中梳理了学前教育和英语教育的课程内容,整合两者的综合知识,强化了学生从事学前英语教育的能力,填补了我国学前英语教育领域的空白。

《学前英语》系列教材以教育部颁发的《高职高专教育英语课程教学基本要求(试行)》和《全国英语等级考试(PETS)考试大纲》为依据进行编写,以"培养实用性人才"、"应用为目的、实用为主、够用为度"为基本原则;以学前教育五大领域为主线,主题鲜明,突出了教学内容的实用性、针对性和可操作性,强化了学生语言运用实践能力的培养。

《综合教程》每册10个单元,每单元包括A、B两大板块:A板块程度较浅,适用于五年专的学前教育专业学生;B板块程度较深,适用于三年专及学前英语或双语教育专业的学生。每单元包括语音(Phonetics)、听说(Listening & Speaking)、阅读(Reading)、语法(Grammar)和开心一刻(Fun Time)。全书以学前教育五大领域(健康、语言、社会、科学和艺术)为主线进行编写。

《综合练习》每册10个单元,每单元包括两个部分。第一部分紧扣单元主题,为单元主要内容的拓展练习;第二部分为全国英语等级考试模拟练习,旨在帮助学生进行全国英语等级考试过级训练。

《教学参考书》每册10个单元,每个单元根据《综合教程》的相关内容配有教学建议、背景知识、课文译文、课文逐段详解、生词和词组例句及译文、习题答案及讲解、英语游戏教案等。

本套教材具有以下特点:

1. 体例规范, 题材新颖。教材以学前教育5大领域(健康、语言、社会、科学和艺术)为主题, 材料选自权威文章, 题材新颖。练习题型以信息输入与知识输出练习相配套, 使学生学了就能练习, 熟练



之后即能掌握。教材共分为5册,每册10个单元,每单元包括语音、听说、阅读、语法、开心一刻,兼顾 英语学习的听、说、读、写、译5个方面的综合技能训练。

- 2. 规范语音, 注重听说。根据学前教育的特点, 突出语音和听说。教材的语音部分从基本的音素 开始, 逐步过渡到单词、句型和歌曲、童谣等。每单元末的英语儿歌与单元的语音练习相呼应, 既体现 了学前教育的特色, 又能对语音语调作进一步的训练; Listening & Speaking 充分训练学生的英语听说 能力; Speaking 环节配有与主题相匹配的图片, 形象生动, 能帮助学生更好地理解和完成口语练习的 任务。
- 3. 立足学前,生动活泼。教材的Fun Time 由英语游戏、英语儿歌和智慧之语3个部分组成。英语儿歌和英语游戏是学前英语教育不可或缺的两个重要部分,通过Fun Time的教学,能更好地培养学生从事学前英语教育的能力;同时,Fun Time也为学生今后从事学前英语教育提供了丰富的教学素材。
- 4. 讲练结合,学以致用。教材注重实用性,认真贯彻"学一点、会一点、用一点"的原则,以学生为主体,充分发挥教师和学生的主体作用,让学生在互动中学习英语,在快乐中学习英语。教材中的chant, nursery rhymes, games 和 reading 都能让学生在课堂上开展说、唱、演等实践活动,有利于提高学生的实践教学能力。教材旨在通过教师的"精讲"和学生的"多练",做到学中有练,练中有学;教材配备了练习册,通过听、说、读、写、译全方位的各种形式的课堂内外的实践,培养学生具有扎实的英语语言基础和较强的英语综合运用能力。
- 5. 由浅入深,循序渐进。教材对内容的难度、梯度都进行了较为科学合理的设置。文章以一般性阅读材料为主,在文章的长度和生词量的设计上梯度递进。在课文长度的安排上,Text A 的课文阅读量分别约为:第一册150词,第二册200词,第三册250词,第四册300词,第五册350词;Text B的课文阅读量约为:第一册250词,第二册300词,第三册350词,第四册400词,第五册500词。在练习册中,教材配备了全国英语等级考试(PETS)相关题型,以满足部分学生参加英语水平等级考试的训练需要。
- 6. 立体教学,新颖便捷。我们充分运用现代教育技术,制作了与课本相配套的多媒体助学光盘,包括学生用书和练习册的听力朗读、经典英语儿童歌曲等有声资料,使课堂教学更加生动、直观、便捷。同时,全国教育科学"十一五"规划课题"学前双语教育师资培训研究"评选出的优秀双语示范课及说课光盘,可作为学生将来从事幼儿园教学的参考资料。

本套教材共分为五册。五年制专科学校可每学年使用1册,五年内学完1至5册;三年制专科学校可每学期完成1册,三年内完成5册,第三年下学期实习时可使用教材中相关的资料;中专学校每学年使用1册,三年内学完1至3册。使用时,各校可根据具体情况灵活掌握。

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本书为《学前英语综合练习》第一册,全书共10个单元。每单元分为两大部分:第一部分紧扣单元主题,为单元主要内容的拓展练习;第二部分为全国英语等级考试模拟练习,旨在帮助学生进行全国英语等级考试过级训练。

第一部分包括 Speaking, Words and expressions, Sentences translation, Grammar exercises 4个板块。 Speaking 包含两部分: 一是2人小组对话; 二是多人小组讨论。对话或讨论的话题均紧紧围绕课文主题。

Words and expressions包含3种题型:一是根据所给定义和所给首字母写出相应的单词,内容涵盖A课和B课;二是将汉语短语译成英语,内容针对A课和B课;三是用所给词的正确形式填空,本题只针对B课。

Sentences translation根据A课的内容,要求学生把5个中文句子翻译成英文。

Grammar exercises 围绕单元语法,设计拓展练习,加强学生对单元语法的学习和掌握。总共有3个题型:单项选择、用所给动词的正确形式填空和句子改错。

第二部分为全国英语等级考试二级水平的模拟练习, 共有6大题: Listening comprehension, Vocabulary and structure, Cloze, Reading comprehension, Error correction, Writing。

Listening comprehension(听力理解)由5个短对话和3个长对话构成,学生根据听到的内容做选择题;Vocabulary and structure(词汇和句型)共10小题,全面考查学生对本单元词汇、句型和语法的掌握;Cloze(完形填空)1篇(20个空格),考查学生阅读能力及掌握语言基础知识的能力;Reading comprehension(阅读理解)共2篇,后设单选题,考查学生对文章大意的把握及细节的观察;Error correction(短文改错)共10个空格,有9个错,每行一个错,还有一行是无错的。Writing(写作)根据单元主题练写各种文体的小短文。

在本册练习册的最后还附有练习答案和听力原文,供教师讲解或学生自学时使用。

《综合练习》主要是配合学生用书做进一步的拓展练习,为不满足于课堂练习的学生提供更多的练习机会。第二部分的题型对于拟参加全国英语等级考试的学生是很好的应试训练,能培养学生较好的自学能力。

本书可由学生自主学习,也可由教师在课堂上择要讲解。如果使用本书的学校选择让学生自主学习本练习册,我们建议教师在学生初次使用本书时给予一定的指导。

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Part One

Speaking

1. Make a dialogue with your partner according to the instructions.

A asks B what he/she usually does on weekends. B tells that he/she is a couch potato and seldom does any exercise. A tells B he/she used to be in poor health and after keeping working out for 2 years, he/she is in good health now. B promises to start to do exercise but has no idea what kind of exercise to choose. B suggests jogging.

2. Discuss the following questions in groups.

Nowadays, many people suffer from over nutrition, especially young people. How much do you know about over nutrition and what people can do to prevent it?

Write the following words with the help of their first letters and the definitions right next to them. (for Texts A & B)

| 1. p | the father or mother of a person |
|-------|--|
| 2. s | to cause to be surprised |
| 3. p | a person who is taught, esp. a child in a school |
| 4. h | by contrast; on the other hand |
| 5. r | to recall knowledge from memory; have a recollection |
| 6. e | a person with special knowledge or ability who performs skillfully |
| 7. n | a baby from birth to four weeks |
| 8. t | a young child |
| 9. n | a period of time spent sleeping |
| 10. p | a child who attends a preschool or kindergarten |
| | |

Translate the following expressions into English. (for Texts A & B)

| Text A | Text B | |
|----------|---------------|--|
| 1. 忙于 | 6. 关心; 挂念; 关于 | |
| 2. 锻炼 | 7. 睡眠障碍 | |
| 3. 越来越多 | 8. 因为; 由于 | |
| 4. 与住在一起 | 9. 康乐,幸福 | |
| 5. 以及; 也 | 10. 增加; 加到 | |

Fill in the blanks with the proper forms of the given words or expressions. (for Text B)

| as as add to | concern with | regular | not until |
|---|---|---------------------------|-----------|
| nightmare nap | pattern | due to | establish |
| 1. Your pen writes | smoothly | m | ine. |
| 2. He assisted us to | a new compa | ny. | |
| 3. I hope nothing turned up to | yo | ur difficulties. | |
| 4. The accident was | negligence. | | |
| 5. What was your Ph. D. thesis | ? | | |
| 6. What a splendid | ! | | |
| 7. Saturday is a | holiday. | | |
| 8. Do you want to take a | ? | | |
| 9. noon did | l it stop raining. | | |
| | ast night. | | |
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| 1. 令我惊讶的是迈克又迟到 | ſ. | | |
| 1. 令我惊讶的是迈克又迟到 2. 我没有大家想象的那么慢。 | | | |
| | | 能保持身体健康。 | |
| 2. 我没有大家想象的那么慢。 | 门的器械进行锻炼才 | 能保持身体健康。 | |
| 2. 我没有大家想象的那么慢。 3. 广告上说大家必须使用他们 | 门的器械进行锻炼才 | 能保持身体健康。 | |
| 我没有大家想象的那么慢。 广告上说大家必须使用他们 我的同班同学中许多人喜欢 | 门的器械进行锻炼才 | 能保持身体健康。 | |
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| A) was | B) is | C) will be | D) would be |
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| 4. You must study har | d if you want | to fail the exam. | |
| A) won't | B) don't | C) haven't | D) hadn't |
| 5. Mary to | school. | | |
| A) never walks | B) is never walking | C) walk never | D) never is walking |
| B. Complete the follo | owing sentences wi | th the proper form | s of the verbs given in |
| the brackets. | | | |
| 1. Olga | (always, bite) he | r fingernails when she i | s nervous. |
| 2. Sometimes I | (worry) a | bout my grades at scho | ol. Sonya |
| (never, worry) abo | out her grades. She | (study) h | nard. |
| 3. This pen | (not, belong) | to me. It | (belong) to Pierre. |
| 4. I will tell her the r | news when she | (come) to se | e me next week. |
| 5. It | (seem) that you are | | |
| 6. Mike says he | (want) | to be a worker after he | (finish) |
| school. | | | |
| 7. Light | (travel) much fa | ster than sound. | |
| 8. Can you tell me if | it (s | now) tomorrow? | |
| 9. You | (be) late if you | (not h | nurry). |
| 10. I don't know when | n the manager | (return), but | when he |
| (come) back I | (let) you | ı know. | |
| C. Find the errors in | the following senter | nces and then corr | ect them. There is only |
| one error in each | sentence. | | |

- 1. Is your father like reading newspapers?
- 2. My elder sister teachs English in a primary school.
- 3. Mr. Green seldom plaies basketball in his spare time.
- 4. I go with you if I am free tomorrow.
- 5. The man who lives next to me don't like sports at all.

Part Two



Listening comprehension

Section A Short conversations

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Directions: Listen to the short conversations twice and choose the correct answer to each question.

| 1. What kind of drink doe | of drink does the man want? | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A) Milk. | B) W | ater. | C) Juice. |
| 2. What is the boy going t | o do? | | |
| A) Play football. | B) Pl | ay computer games. | C) Play table tennis. |
| 3. When does the woman | go jogging? | | |
| A) In the morning. | B) In | the afternoon. | C) In the evening. |
| 4. What does the woman v | want the man to | do? | |
| A) Show her the way. | | | |
| B) Teach her how to use | e the machine. | | |
| C) Help her in the school | ol. | | |
| 5. Where is the blue butto | n? | | |
| A) In the front. | B) Or | n the right. | C) On the left. |
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| Section B Long conv | ersations/ | | |
| Directions: Listen to the long | g conversations t | hree times and choose t | he correct answer to each question. |
| Conversation One | | | |
| 1. What does the man do? | | | |
| A) He works for an IT of | company. B) He | e works in a factory. | C) He works in a museum. |
| 2. What is the woman's jo | b? | | |
| A) A teacher. | B) A | tour guide. | C) A news reporter. |
| Conversation Two | | | |
| 3. How long has Jennifer | been in China? | | |
| A) One month. | B) Or | ne week. | C) One day. |
| 4. Does Jennifer like Chin | ia? | | |
| A) Yes, she does. | B) No | o, she doesn't. | C) I don't know. |
| Conversation Three | | | |
| 5. Is Peter hungry? | | | |
| A) Yes, he is. | B) No | o, he isn't. | C) I don't know. |
| 6. What is in the fridge? | | | |
| A) Some eggs. | B) So | ome milk. | C) Some water. |
| 7. Does Peter want eggs? | | | |
| A) I don't know. | B) No | o, he doesn't. | C) Yes, he does. |
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| Vocabulary and str | ucture | | |
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| Directions: Complete the s | entences by deci | ding on the most appro | opriate choice. |
| 1. Henry is only | taller than his v | vife. | |
| A) slight | B) slightly | C) slighted | D) regular |
| 2. A gunshot from from from from from from from from | om behind the bu | iilding. | |
| A) out | B) ring | C) rang out | D) add to |



| 3. The pupils | the door as soon as th | ney heard the bell ring. | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A) made for | B) come out | C) came | D) lifelong |
| 4. The moon | from behind the cloud | ds. | |
| A) emerge | B) emerged | C) emerging | D) due to |
| 5. I find it | to study and listen to the | e radio at the same time | <i>y.</i> |
| A) distraction | B) distracting | C) distracted | D) ring |
| 6. John is such a | man that no one li | ikes to talk to him. | |
| A) boring | B) bore | C) bored | D) nap |
| 7. Do you have any | that Charles sto | ole the jewels? | |
| A) evidence | B) kindly | C) evident | D) regular |
| 8. The old lady look | ed at her daughter with | pride. | |
| A) boredom | B) evidence | C) evident | D) pattern |
| 9. The policeman tre | eated the lost child very | * | |
| A) kindness | B) boss | C) kindly | D) establish |
| 10. All the children li | stened to the story with | attention. | |
| A) distracted | B) means | C) eager | D) regular |
| Once the King of | of India was ill and sent for | or his doctor. The doctor | or came,1 him and said, |
| "You will be well so | on in a few days if you | take bull's milk." The | King was 2 , for he had |
| | that gave milk. "How is it | | |
| "Order Gumbo | to get it for you," answe | ered the doctor. "He ca | n do anything." Gumbo was a |
| person with great kn | owledge and was 4 | to the doctor. So the | doctor thought this would be a |
| way of making him | 5 . When the King | told Gumbo what the c | loctor said and6 him to |
| get bull's milk, Guml | oo 7 understood w | hat the doctor was tryin | ng to do. |
| When he got h | ome, he sat thinking ho | w to get out of the _ | 8 . His daughter, seeing |
| him worried, asked | what was the 9. | On hearing what the | King had asked for, she said, |
| "don't10, Fat | her, I will help you." | | |
| The next day sh | e took some old clothes, v | went to the bank of the | river near the palace, and chose |
| a place 11 th | e King's bedroom windo | ow. In the middle of t | he night, she started to do her |
| washing. She made s | o much noise 12 t | he King could not sleep | o. The King got very angry and |
| sent a guard to1 | 3 what was the matte | r. The soldier found th | e girl, and led her to the King. |
| 'Why do you wash y | our clothes here at night?" | " said the King. | |
| The girl14 | to be afraid and sai | id, "I had to wash clo | othes at night. This afternoon |
| ny father had a bab | | | |

for the baby, so I had to come and wash them now."

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| "What!" cried | the King. "Are you tryin | g to make a 17 of m | e? I have never heard of man |
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| having a baby." | | | |
| "Well, if the K | King himself orders som | eone to get bull's milk for | him, 18 can't a man |
| have a baby?" | | | |
| The King smil | ed and said, "You must | be Gumbo's Go | o and tell your father that he |
| may keep the bull's | milk for his20" | | |
| | | | |
| 1. A) checked | B) tested | C) judged | D) examined |
| 2. A) pleased | B) surprised | C) touched | D) moved |
| 3. A) possible | B) impossible | C) usual | D) unusual |
| 4. A) a friend | B) an enemy | C) a neighbor | D) a patient |
| 5. A) suffer | B) happy | C) angry | D) laugh |
| 6. A) begged | B) ordered | C) decided | D) demanded |
| 7. A) suddenly | B) certainly | C) immediately | D) directly |
| 8. A) chance | B) situation | C) position | D) difficulty |
| 9. A) matter | B) wrong | C) thing | D) problem |
| 10. A) frighten | B) worry | C) doubt | D) fear |
| 11. A) above | B) on | C) below | D) under |
| 12. A) but | B) when | C) as | D) that |
| 13. A) find out | B) get out | C) take out | D) bring out |
| 14. A) began | B) looked | C) became | D) pretended |
| 15. A) busy | B) free | C) surprised | D) anxious |
| 16. A) food | B) clothes | C) boxes | D) something |
| 17. A) trick | B) joke | C) friend | D) fool |
| 18. A) why | B) how | C) who | D) what |
| 19. A) girl | B) daughter | C) wife | D) friend |
| 20. A) daughter | B) son | C) girl | D) baby |

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Reading comprehension

Directions: Read the following passages. The passage is followed by questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Choose the ONE that best fits.

(A)

Americans eat breakfast and lunch quickly if it is not a social, business or family occasion. The evening meal is usually longer and a time for families to gather together. Rushing through daytime meals is part of the fast pace in America. Another reason for rushing through daytime meals is that many people eat in restaurants that are usually crowded with people waiting for a place so that they, too, can be served and return to work on time. So each one hurries to make room for the next person.



As with busy people everywhere there is a real difference between meals that are eaten in a hurry and those that can be enjoyed slowly with friends.

| 1. | What is not mentioned in the passage? | |
|----|--|---------------------------------------|
| | A) What time Americans eat dinner. | |
| | B) Where Americans eat. | |
| | C) The reason why Americans eat in a hurry. | |
| | D) Which meal Americans eat slowly. | |
| 2. | Americans hurry at meals because | |
| | A) they are not used to eating slowly | |
| | B) they do not like eating outdoors | |
| | C) they don't have enough time for meals in the | ne daytime |
| | D) they don't like to eat slowly during their we | ork time |
| 3. | According to the passage the least busy time to | eat in a restaurant would probable be |
| | A) during the busy time | B) at lunch |
| | C) at dinner | D) at either breakfast or lunch |
| 4. | The passage suggests that the Americans | |
| | A) like eating with friends | B) don't take a sleep after lunch |
| | C) don't eat much at lunch | D) eat dinner less slowly than lunch |
| 5. | According to the passage Americans | |
| | A) often hurry in the evening | |
| | B) are always late for their work | |
| | C) eat slower for social and business reasons | |
| | D) never eat in restaurant in the evening | |
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(B)

Cars are the most important part of life in the United States. Without a car most people feel that they are poor. And even if a person is poor he doesn't feel really poor when he has a car. Henry Ford was the man who first started making cars in large numbers. He probably doesn't know how much the car was going to affect American culture. The car made the United States a nation on wheels. And it helped to make the United States what it is today. There are many reasons that the car became so popular in the United States. First of all, the country was a large one and Americans like to move around in it. The car provides the most comfortable and cheapest form of transportation (交通). With a car people can go to any place without spending a lot of money. The second reason that cars are popular is the fact that the United States never really developed an efficient and inexpensive form of public transportation.

Long distance trains have never been as common in the United States as they are in the other parts of the world. Nowadays there is a good system of air service provided by planes. But it is too expensive to be used frequently. The third reason is the most important one. The American spirit of independence is what really made cars popular. Americans don't like to wait for a bus, or a train or even a plane. They