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前 言

为培养立法、司法、行政执法与法律监督、法律服务以及行政管理、经济管理和社会管理等方面的高层次应用型和复合型法律专业人才,国务院学位委员会第十三次会议于 1995 年 4 月通过《关于设置法律专业硕士学位的报告》。该《报告》确定了法律硕士专业学位的培养目标。即:"该学位获得者应达到胜任政法系统和法律服务部门中级以上专业与管理职务的任职资格要求,具有较坚实和系统的法学理论素养,掌握较宽广的法律实务知识与能力结构,要求能够综合运用法律、经济、管理、科技、外语和计算机等方面的专业知识,独立从事法律实务工作和有关管理工作。"根据法律硕士专业学位的性质和培养目标,结合《非英语专业研究生英语(第一外语)教学大纲(试行稿)》,中国政法大学研究生院组织编写了这本《法律硕士英语教程》。

本教程的主要特点是结合法律硕士专业硕士生的具体情况,力图在教程的总体上把作为教学内容的语言技能、语料所提供的技能运用语境和教材的使用对象这三方面有机地结合起来,具有鲜明的针对性。

本教程的教学对象为攻读法律硕士专业学位研究生,其中相当一部分人是在职攻读法律硕士专业学位。硕士生的英语教学要求基本上是大学英语的继续,这就规定了法律硕士专业学位硕士生的英语教材在总体上要既能适应教学对象的实情又能体现教学目标。因此本教程在教学内容设置和语言习得方法上既努力迎合应届大学毕业生在大学英语基础上继续提高的需要,又力图有利于历届大学毕业生能较系统地进行学习,实行系统学习和继续提高相结合,为区别对待不同层次学生的不同教学要求提供方便。

为突出法律硕士专业的特色,本教程在编排设计上作了些新尝试。在内容上,将语言基础阶段教学和专业阅读阶段的教学相结合,力求使学生达到以英语为工具阅读有关专业书刊,获取专业信息的要求。第一至十课为基础英语教学内容,第十一至十五课为专业英语教学内容,从不同侧面介绍一些法律知识。此外,在每一单元的最后,编有法律阅读练习(Legal Reading Practice)。该部分的阅读材料侧重介绍英国法律,并配有与之相关的阅读理解练习,语言点练习及法律练习等。课文编排由易渐难。编者相信,这一安排合理地处理了发展专业语言技能和进一步打好语言基础的关系。

本教程共由十五个单元组成。供法律硕士专业学位硕士生一学年使用。每一单元由课文(Text)、生词(New Words)、注释(Notes)、练习(Study & Practice)、阅读技能与练习(Reading Skills and Practice)、翻译技巧与练习(Translation Techniques and Practice)、写作技能与练习(Writing Skills and Practice)和法律阅读练习(Leagal Reading Practice)等八部分组成。

每一单元练习(Study & Practice)包括课文理解(Comprehension of the Text)、词汇(Vocabulary)、构词(Word Building)、结构(Structure)、完形填空(Cloze)、翻译(Translation)和写作(Writing)等部分。课文理解要求学生根据课文回答问题或做多项选择练习。词汇练习旨在巩固课文中所学常用词和词组的用法。构词练习要求学生熟悉现代英语中的主要构词法,熟练掌握一些英语常用句型,以提高学生的表达能力。完形填空是一种综合性的练习。翻译练习针对课文中的重点及难点编制,旨在使学生巩固所学语言点。写作练习可作为课外书面作业,培养学生的写作能力。每一单元除了练习(Study & Practice)之外,还分别安排了阅读技能与实践(Reading Skills and Practice)、翻译技巧与实践(Translation Techniques and Practice)和写作技能与实践(Writing Skills and Practice)。这些技能介绍旨在

培养学生的阅读技能、写作技能和翻译技巧。每一(或两、三)单元分别编列一项阅读、写作和翻译技能。其实践部分是针对各项技能编制的练习。着重让学生较系统地学习和实践在阅读中吸取信息、交流思想时所需要的基本阅读技能和写作技能,并加强对长、难句子的英汉互译训练,以提高学生以英语为工具阅读有关专业书刊,获取专业信息的能力,用英语表达思想的写作能力和英汉互译的水平。

本书附有参考答案及二套测试题,"以满足教、学两方面的需要。

本教程选用了大量的国外材料,因时间仓促,未及一一联系,编者借此机会对这些材料的作者、出版部门表示衷心的感谢。欧小琪、吴建丽为本书的录入做了大量工作。我们谨向他们表示衷心的感谢。
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Unit One

TEXT

THE GIFT OF MAGI

Christmas is without doubt the greatest festival in the western world. Many weeks before the great feast arrives Christmas trees, wreaths of green leaves, and red ribbons are to be seen along the street, and in the great stores of the great cities. As the longed-for day draws near the excitement and holiday spirit grow stronger. More and more presents are purchased. Christmas music may be heard in the streets, stores, and houses. In spite of the prevailing joy, for the poor there is often a pathos and sadness in the season. To be sure free meals and presents are given away by charitable institutions so that none suffer real want, but parents, children and relatives like to give their own presents. They wish to give things for which they have saved and made sacrifices. For this reason saving and sacrificing often begin many weeks before December the twenty-fifth.

It was already summer time when Della began saving money to buy a present for her young husband. Times were hard that year and only a few pennies could be set aside each week. Now it was the day before Christmas and only \$1.87 had been accumulated.

Della was thinking of Jim's gold watch. It was the only really nice thing that her husband owned. For years it had been suspended from a black leather strap, and Della had hoped that by Christmas she might be able to buy a platinum chain for this watch, but after many months she had only \$1.87. What could she do? How could she get the necessary money?

Standing before a small mirror in their poorly furnished flat Della began to stare vaguely into the glass. Tears swelled up in her eyes. The reflected countenance in the mirror became blurred. Finally all she could see was the great mass of brown hair that surrounded her face. Her beautiful hair was Della's greatest pride and joy. It fell down in long folds on all sides.

Suddenly the image in the mirror cleared. The golden brown folds of hair became clearly reflected. She turned on her heels, reached for the door, and ran out of the room and down the dirty stairway into the street below. At the end of the block she stopped suddenly in front of a shop bearing the sign <u>Mme</u>. <u>Sofronie Hair Goods of all Kinds</u>. Only a moment did she hesitate, then quickly she opened the door and stepped inside.

"Will you buy my hair?" asked Della.

"I buy hair", said Madame, "Take yer hat off and lets have a sight at the looks of it."

"Twenty dollars", said Madame, lifting the mass with a practiced hand.

"Give it to me quick," said Della.

Three hours later Della had purchased a beautiful platinum chain for \$21.00 and returned home. Quickly she prepared supper and awaited Jim's return from work. As the minutes went by she became more nervous and apprehensive as to how Jim might feel about the loss of her hair — but it would grow out again in time, and in the mean-time he would have the most beautiful watch chain — a chain really worthy of the watch.

At length the door opened, and Jim walked in. Upon seeing Della he simply stared at her and said nothing. His look was not a look of anger, nor of sorrow, nor even of surprise. At length speaking in the manner of one slowly regaining consciousness he said, "You've cut off your hair."

"Yes, yes, cut it off and sold it. It's Christmas you know, and — and — Jim — I had to get money to buy you a Christmas present. Jim wait until you it — and the hair — well it will grow back quickly — you know — my hair — it grows very quickly, you know."

Jim put his arms about his wife tenderly. Della could wait no longer. She went to the table and picked up a small cardboard box. As she did so Jim reached into his overcoat pocket, and brought out a small package. As he gave it to Della he said, "When you unwrap it you will see why I was so surprised about your hair."

Inside the package Della found a set of beautiful tortoise shell combs, trimmed with real gold. It was a set that she had often admired in a store window, but had never even hoped to own. But where now was the beautiful hair that these combs were meant to adorn! Della picked up the combs and hugged them close to her bosom. Tearfully she looked at Jim. "My hair does grow very fast you know".

Then she reached for Jim's watch. Her hand trembled in anticipation of finally attaching the beautiful chain to his gold watch. "Jim, Jim where is your watch?" she said, nervously putting her hand into his vest pocket.

"I sold it to get the money to buy the combs for your Christmas present", he said quietly.

After a few moments of silence Jim said, "Della, let's put our presents away for a while. They are too nice to use now — really too good to use every day."

New Words

festival / festival / n.

a time regularly marked out for public gaiety

feast first/n.

festival, a day kept in memory of some happy religious event

wreath $/ \text{ri:} \theta / n$.

a circle of leaves or flowers placed on the head or around the neck 花环

ribbon / ribən/ n.

丝带;缎带

purchase /'patfis/ v.

to buy

prevail /pri'veil/ v.

to exist or be widespread 盛行

pathos / pei θ os/ n.

(lit .) the quality in speech, writing, etc. that causes a feeling of pity and

sorrow (文语)演讲文章等凄楚衷婉

charitable /'tsæritəbəl/ adj. institution / institiu: fan/n. relative / relativ/ n. sacrifice / sækrifais/ n. accumulate /ə kjumjə leit/ v. suspend /sə'spend/ v. leather / leðə/ n. strap /stræp/ n. platinum / plætinəm/ n. furnish /'fəːniʃ/ v. vaguely / veigli/ adv. countenance / kauntinans/ n. swell /swel/ n. blur /blə:/ (-rr-) v. fold /fəuld/ n. image / imid3/n. nervous / nəːvəs/ adj. apprehensive /æpri'hensiv/ adj. consciousness / kənfəsnis/ n. tenderly / tendəli/ adv. cardboard / kardbord/ n. tortoise / to:təs/ n. trim / trim / (-mm-) v. adom /ə'də:n/ v.

hug /h Δ g/ (-gg-) v. anticipation $/ \approx n_i tisi pei \int n .$ (of organization) concerned with giving help to the poor 慈善的 a large society or organization 大的社会团体或 机构 relation; a member of one's family the loss or giving up of something of value 牺牲 to make or become greater in quantity or size to hang from above animal skin that has been treated 皮革 a strong narrow band of material such as leather 带 白金

to put furniture in; supply with furniture 装备家具; 布置家具 not clearly 模糊地 the appearance of the face 表情 to increase in fullness and roundness to make difficult to see clearly a part of a thin flat material laid over another part 褶

form, likeness 形象

excited and anxious; worried 焦虑的; 担心的

fearful; worried; anxious the condition of being awake or able to understand what is happening 清醒 gently and kindly

硬纸板 乌龟

to make neat, even or tidy by cutting to add beauty or ornament to 装饰 to hold sb. in the arms tightly 紧抱 expectation 期望 to fix, fasten, join 连接; 贴上

Phrases and Expressions

long for sth. give away make sacrifice for set aside turn on one's heels have a sight at cut off

put one's arms about sb. hug . . . close to

attach ... to ... in anticipation of

put away

attach /ə'tæt[/v].

to have a strong desire for sth. to make someone a present or prize of something 赠送 to give up something for to save for a special purpose to come to one's feet 离开; 走开; 跑开

to have a look at to separate by cutting 割开; 剪掉 to embrace sb. 拥抱

to hold . . . tightly to to remove sth. to a place where it is stored

to join ... to ...; to fix ... to ...

in expectation of

Notes

- 1. The story was written by O. Henry, retold in History and Anthology of American Literature.
 - O. Henry was a famous American writer of short stories.
- 2. The Magi / meid3ai/

This term appears in the Bible, which refers to the three saints from the Orient to greet the birth of Jesus Christ. They brought with them extremely valuable gifts. Magi is used here in the text to show that the presents the couple gave to each other were valuable.

3. Times were hard that year...

"Times" here means life.

4. Only a moment did she hesitate, ...

When 'only' is used at the very beginning of a sentence, the sentence should be inverted (倒装). For example:

- Only on Sunday do they come out to play with other children.
- 5. Mme. Sofronie Hair Goods of all Kinds

It is the name of a hairshop.

6. Take yer hat off and lets have a sight at the looks of it.

'yer' means your; 'lets' equals let's.

Study & Practice

Comprehension of the Text

- I. Please answer the following questions on the text.
 - 1) What is the greatest festival in the western world?
 - 2) Are the poor very happy during Christmas?
 - 3) What will a charitable institution do during Christmas?
 - 4) Why was Della not be able to save a lot of money?
 - 5) Why did Della choose to buy a platinum chain for Jim's watch?
 - 6) Where in the text did the author tell explicitly that Della and Jim were poor?
 - 7) Why was Della sad when she stood in front of her mirror?
 - 8) What did Della do to buy a present for Jim and what did Jim do to buy a gift to Della?
 - 9) Did the couple regret about what they had done?
 - 10) What was the Christmas gift bought by Jim for his wife?

Vocabulary

II. Fill in the blanks with the words given below and change the form if necessary. Some of them may be used more than once.

	ous apprehensive prevailing wreath	
	h trim countenance charitable festi	
	the Christmas tree	
	a stamp to the envelope (信封)	
	institutions in the co	
	house tells that the owner	
	his fortune(财富)b	by working hard and spending as little as possible
on life necessities.		
0) 10 work for a big com	pany is the	tendency for the students, when they look for a
satisfactory job after g		
// ner	told that she was quite	to speak before such a large
audience (观众).		
8) The girl	her head with a	of flowers.
9) During Christmas, the	most important	in the western country, the old woman
10) (1 , 6 , 1	many presents for her friends and	•
10) She feels	and	, when it is her turn to take the job
interview(应聘).		
 I thirst for (希望得到3) Would you please give The dress is too large f She raised her head in In order to buy a house When Tom saw his mot 	eyes when she saw the wounded boy.) something nice to eat. me the picture? I just want to have a look or you. How about keeping it in store right expectation of a kiss from her husband. I, they saved a certain amount of money eather after five years of study in a foreign or bosom the doll given to her by her boyfing.	every month. ountry, he embraced her tenderly.
IV. Fill in the blanks with	proper prepositions.	
Suddenly the image her hee the street below.	ls, reached the door, and ran ou	wn folds hair became clearly reflected. t the room and down the dirty stairway
Structure		
V. Complete the following s	sentences, paying attention to the usage o	f 'only':

Only he (在你需要的时侯,会帮助你).
 Only through hard work (你才能取得成功).

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- 3) Only on weekends (他们出去吃饭).
- 4) Only once (我说了谎).
- 5) Only the students from the U.S.A. (今天下午体检).

Cloze

VI. Filling in the missing words.
would be foolish to believe that even with a recycle society, we will not still be drawing on a
substantial amount of new resources. Even population leveling off and economic growth cooling off we can
expect growing demand new material resources well into the next century this means is that
we will have to develop a new of ingenuity in materials substitution (代替) and in Buckminster
Fuller calls "ephemeralization": the process of doing more with Fuller uses an example of this the

Telstar satellite which, while weighing only one-tenth of a ton, outperforms 75,000 tons _____ transatlantic cables

Translation

(越洋电报).

VII. Translate the following sentences into English.

- 1) 德拉为了给自己的丈夫买一件圣诞礼物剪掉了头发。
- 2) 她镜中的表情模糊了。
- 3) 当这个盼望已久的日子到来的时侯,她情不自禁地哭了。
- 4) 这个孩子伸出了手,希望得到一些钱。
- 5) 为了买一台电脑,我每月攒五百元人民币。

Writing

VIII. You are required to write a short but moving love story.

Reading Skills and Practice

Guessing Unknown Words from Context

When you read an article or a text, you will inevitably encounter an unfamiliar vocabulary item. There are several strategies you can use to determine the meaning of the unfamiliar word. First, you can continue reading, realizing that often a single word will not prevent understanding of the general meaning of a selection. If further reading does not solve the problem, readers can use one or more of three basic skills to arrive at an understanding of the unfamiliar word. You can use context clues to see if surrounding words and grammatical structures provide information about the unknown word. You can use word analysis to see if understanding the parts of the word leads to an understanding of the word. Or, you can use a dictionary to find an appropriate definition.

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