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经过国内外二十余所大学的一百五十余名中、外英语教师的共同努力,我们完成了 这套《大学金砖英语数字化系列教材》的编写以及教辅资源的开发和建设工作。

这套教材包括二十四本纸质教材和配套教辅资源"金砖英语在线",工作量很大,为此,全体工作人员付出了艰巨的劳动。在此谨向这套教材编写学术委员会的专家、领衔主编的各位教授、参加编写和技术开发的全体教师,以及帮助出版本套教材的对外经济贸易大学出版社的领导和编辑,表示衷心的感谢。

一、编写依据

我们在组织编写这套教材前后,反复学习了教育部颁发的《大学英语课程教学要求》, 在几所大学召开了英语教师和学生座谈会,就"你们喜欢什么样的大学英语教材"听取 了师生的意见,并以《大学英语课程教学要求》为依据,组织编写了这套教材。

二、编写理念

我们在编写这套教材时,坚持满足"不同层次要求"和"个性化要求"两个基本理念;充分考虑了大学生英语"一般要求"、"较高要求"、"更高要求"的水平差异性及不同专业人才对英语需求的个性,在教材设计上注意突出以下特点:

- 1. 满足"一般要求"、"较高要求"、"更高要求"的层级特点;
- 2. 满足"理工"、"医学"、"农林"、"社科"不同学科需求内容个性化特点;
- 3. 可以在线自主学习的数字化特点。

三、教材构成

这套《大学金砖英语数字化系列教材》由纸质教材和配套教辅资源"金砖英语在线"(www.goldenenglishedu.cn)两个部分构成。纸质教材按读者对象分为"理工"、"医学"、"农林"、"社科"四大类。

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四、教材文本

为了保证语言鲜活、地道、时尚,本套教材"视听说"全部文本由美国教师 Jeff Engell, Morgan Matens, Greg Hall 执笔编写;"读写教程"部分文本除了由上述美国教师所写外, 另一部分由中方编者选编、改写。一、二册教材内容和文本侧重于通用的共性,三、四册教材文本内容侧重于专业个性。本教材所用的所有文本语言地道、规范、生动、时代性强。

五、编写团队

本套教材的编写得到了胡壮麟教授为主任的教材编写学术委员会各位专家的悉心指导,并获得了主编委员会二十余位教授的大力支持。来自吉林大学、东北大学、中国医科大学、华中科技大学、北京大学医学部等二十余所高校的有丰富教学经验的中、外英语教师,共计一百五十余人参加了本套数字化系列教材编写工作。

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前言

《大学金砖英语读写教程》第四册是以《大学英语课程要求》为指导,以大学生为读者对象,个性化需求为理念编写的。

《大学金砖英语读写教程》第四册是社科版,选材内容主要围绕社会科学,如,教育,文化,经济,社会,管理,国际问题,文学,历史,人物等。本教材所用的所有文本语言遵循地道、规范、生动、时代性强的原则。本册共包括十个单元。每个单元包括三篇同一主题的阅读文章,每篇文章都附有词汇、例句、阅读理解、写作、翻译练习。

本教材可供给有社科需求的院校非英语专业第四学期教学使用。程度略高于四级水平,大学英语六级以内的难度。为方便使用本册教材,参考答案中除了附有阅读、翻译的练习答案外,每个单元都附有参考译文、例句翻译。由于篇幅所限,教材中每一个单元的 TextA 都附有完整的词汇、例句、阅读理解、写作、翻译等练习。TextB 和 TextC 中的写作与翻译练习汇总在光盘中供学习者使用。

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Scanning	Writing	Translation
A news report: illustrating if a small retailer can compete with big online companies	Write a composition with a general statement supported by details.	Translation of a present participle as adverbial
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Critical Essay: commenting on literary studies nowadays	Write an exposition with further information (Learning to use "moreover").	Translation of Color: red, white, blue, green and yellow
Critical Essay: commenting on literary studies nowadays	Write an exposition with further information (Learning to use "furthermore").	Translation of Expenses
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Scanning	Writing	Translation
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An essay: commenting on World Economic and Employment Prospects	words to indicate upward or downward movement	Translation of Figures (I)
An essay: revealing 2012 job market and the unemployment situation	Describe the pie chart.	Translation of Figures (II)
An argumentation: illustrating the Unemployment Problem Is a Little Bit Structural, but mostly cyclical.	learning to describe a bar chart	Translation of Figures (III)

Unit 1

Diversified Media

The Economics of Groupon: the Dismal Scoop on Groupon

Groupon is the first leading website that can offer its users a $50\% \sim 90\%$ discount on local activities and services. Each day a special deal is given on many things ranging from services, dining, to entertainment. But will its charm last forever?

B The Children's Book Comes to Life Electronically. Should We Be Alarmed?

Recent years have seen immense changes in reading habits due to the invention and improvement of e-books. It seems all reading is migrating to computer screen. What influence will interactive electronic books have on children's imagination and creativity? And will everything concerning publishing go digital or will traditional books and electronic markets co-exist?

C To Tweet or Not to Tweet

Twitter is one of the hottest social networks in recent years. At first glance, it seems to be a limited platform: you make a list of people you want to follow and post updates less than 140 characters to notify your friends of knowing what you are doing or thinking. Behind this simple function, what makes it and other social-media tools so successful? And what do they bring to our economy?

Text A The Economics of Groupon: the Dismal Scoop on Groupon

I Lead-in

Predicting content: You're going to read the Economics of Groupon: the Dismal Scoop on Groupon, please predict:



- 1. Have you ever tried collective buying?
- 2. What reasons lead to the success of Groupon?
- 3. What is the potential risk of Groupon bussiness?
- 4. Up to now, there are many group-buying websites in China. What do you think about their future?

II Skimming

Skim the text to find out the general idea. Look quickly through the discourse clue markers:

- 1. Groupon started with...idea. Its website offered ... whereby.... (Para 2)
- 2. ...this model has big advantages. Groupon helps... Groupon also allows... (Para 3-5)
- 3. A final woe: the Groupon model is open to... (Para 9)

Exercises

- 1. What is the original idea that stimulates the foundation of Groupon and what service is included?
- 2. What are the three main advantages that Groupon bring to merchants?
- 3. What is the most serious problem with Groupon business?

III Scanning

Scan the text for specific information

A micro-economist assesses Groupon

On October 24th Groupon¹ says it will start its "roadshow". The social-media sensation, which offers online coupons for bargains at local shops and restaurants. is planning an initial public offering later this year. Valuations as high as \$20 billion were until recently bandied around, but that now seems wildly optimistic. Groupon will lose \$280m on revenues of \$1.69 billion in 2011, predicts Benchmark, a consultancy. That is an ocean of red ink. Groupon started with a nifty idea. Its website offered a "daily deal" whereby consumers could buy a product or service very cheaply if a minimum number of people signed up. People would nag their friends to come to the same bar or shop. The merchant would get new customers. Groupon would take a cut.

roadshow: n. a group of people who travel around a country, for example as part of an advertising or political campaign 为 了打广告或者政治选举而进行的全国 巡演

The Presidential ticket has planed a roadshow.

sensation: n. extreme excitement or interest, or someone or something that causes this 感觉,轰动

The books create a *sensation* among the readers both at home and abroad.

coupon: n. a piece of paper which can be used to obtain something without paying for it or at a reduced price 折价券
In order to save some money, Amy always brings various coupons whenever she goes shopping.

bargain: n. something you buy cheaply or for less than its usual price 讨价还价 There are no bargains in the supermarket.

initial: adj. of or at the beginning; first 开始的; 最初的; 第一个的

Our *initial* reaction is excitement when we know that Tom Cruise is visiting our campus.

bandy: vt. pass on (a rumour, information, etc), often in a thoughtless way 传播(谣言、消息等)(常为漫不经心地)
His name was being bandied about as a future chairman.

optimistic: adj. hopeful about the future or the success of something in particular 乐观的

We have every reason to be *optimistic* that our new product will succeed.

revenue: n. income, esp the total annual income of the State from taxes, etc 收入; (尤指) 岁入

Advertising *revenue* provides a large sum of funds for commercial television channels.

nifty: adj. good, pleasing or effective 好的 Going shopping over Christmas is a nifty idea because you can get discount.

whereby: adv. in accordance with which; by or through which.与……一致; 通 过……, 借以

Our company has introduced a new system *whereby* all employees have to undergo regular training.

sign up: to put your name on a list for something because you want to take part in it or (cause sb to) sign an agreement to work for sb, become a soldier, etc 报名参加; (使某人)签约 受雇

I have been thinking of *signing up* for a yoga course for a long time.

nag sb to do sth: to keep asking someone to do something, or to keep complaining to someone about their behaviour, in an annoying way 不断央求某人做某事

My wife's been *nagging* me *to* fix the broken tube for one week.

cut: n. someone's share of something, especially money 削減

Although the workers were rewarded with a *cut* of 5% from the profits, they got nothing in the end of the year.

phenomenally: adv. in a very great or impressive way 惊人地

This new record has been *phenomenally* successful and all the comments are positive.

capacity: n. ability to hold or contain sth 容纳某事物的能力

They rent a hall with a seating *capacity* of 2000 for their wedding ceremony.

voucher: n. document, showing that money has been paid or promised, which can be exchanged for certain goods or services (代替现金的)凭单, 凭证,代金券

The *voucher* is valid between March and November and entitles you to 10% off all overseas flights.

redeemable: adj. able to be exchanged for money or goods 可以用来抵钱或者货品的

Those vouchers will be *redeemable* against any future purchase.

hung-over: adj. feeling ill with a bad pain in the head and often wanting to vomit after having drunk too much alcohol 宿

That was a great party last night, but I'm feeling horribly *hung-over* this morning.

turn up: to arrive at a place, especially in a way that is unexpected 现身,出现 Jenny turned up late, as usual.

charge for: ask (an amount) as a price 要价

As long as you've paid in advance, we will not *charge* you *for* delivery.

punter: n. a customer; a user of services or buyer of goods 顾客 It's crucial to keep punters happy. For merchants, this model has big advantages. They are advertised on Groupon's phenomenally popular website.

This is especially useful for new businesses that no one has heard of.

Groupon helps merchants manage capacity, too. For example, a restaurant might sell vouchers that are redeemable only on Tuesdays, thus filling tables on a quiet night. Or a Pilates² studio might use vouchers to manage class sizes. Once a client has paid for the voucher, the studio collects the fee even if she is hung-over and doesn't turn up.

Groupon also allows merchants to charge different people different prices for the same product. A student might buy theatre tickets on Groupon for half price. A businessman with no time to shop around online might buy the same tickets for full price. Without Groupon, it is harder for the theatre to find out what people are willing to pay. It could charge both punters full price, in which case the student may stay at home. Or it could charge both the lower price, in which case it makes less money.