

前言

新编《大学英语综合训练教程（第二版）》（以下简称《教程》）为同名教程在2019年8月外研社版本的修订版。该教程依据《大学英语教学指南（2020版）》的教学目标和教学要求设计和编写，旨在培养学生的听、读、写、译等各项语言技能，全面提升学生的英语综合运用能力。新编《教程》包含上、下两册，可供大学一、二年级非英语专业学生课堂学习使用，也可供中级水平以上的英语学习者自学使用。

《教程》（上册）包含五章，前四章每章围绕听、读、写、译中一个专项技能设置练习，第五章为以上技能的综合训练。第一章是听力，主要训练学生在听前根据选项预测所听内容、在听的过程中抓取核心信息等听力技能，包含了短篇新闻、长对话、篇章三种题型。第二章是阅读，主要训练学生根据关键词理解作者的观点、运用词汇及语法衔接手段理解篇章各部分之间的关系等阅读技能，包含了词汇理解、长篇阅读、仔细阅读三种题型。第三章是写作，主要训练学生就熟悉的话题和情景用英语进行书面表达的能力，包含了全国大学英语四级考试常见的各种体裁。第四章是翻译，主要训练学生将语言难度一般的汉语段落翻译成英文的能力，包含了中国文化、社会发展、地理生态、日常生活等话题。第五章是听读写译综合测试，目的是帮助学生自我检查。

《教程》选材内容紧跟最新时代的步伐，完全符合课程思政要求，题型丰富合理，练习设计科学方便。笔者希望，通过对《教程》的学习，读者能够切实提高英语综合运用能力。

由于时间仓促，以及水平有限，本书难免有错误和不足之处，希望教育界同仁和广大读者不吝赐教。谢谢！

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第一章

听力

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Exercise One

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In this section, you will hear six news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Both the news report and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D).

News Report One

Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.

1. A) Her friend Erika.
B) Her little brother.
C) Her grandfather.
D) Her grandmother.
2. A) By taking pictures for passers-by.
B) By working part time at a hospital.
C) By selling lemonade and pictures.
D) By asking for help on social media.

News Report Two

Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.

3. A) Finding cheaper ways of highway construction.
B) Generating electric power for passing vehicles.
C) Providing clean energy to five million people.
D) Testing the efficiency of the new solar panel.
4. A) They can stand the wear and tear of natural elements.
B) They can be laid right on top of existing highways.
C) They are only about half an inch thick.
D) They are made from cheap materials.

News Report Three

Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.

5. A) Endless fighting in the region.
B) The hazards from the desert.
C) Inadequate funding for research.
D) The lack of clues about the species.
6. A) To observe the wildlife in the two national parks.
B) To identify the reasons for the lions' disappearance.
C) To study the habitat of lions in Sudan and Ethiopia.
D) To find evidence of the existence of the "lost lions".
7. A) Baby lions.
B) Lions' tracks.
C) Some camping facilities.
D) Traps set by local hunters.

News Report Four

Questions 8 and 9 are based on the news report you have just heard.

8. A) How college students can improve their sleep habits.
B) Why sufficient sleep is important for college students.
C) Why college students are more likely to have stress problems.
D) How college students can handle their psychological problems.
9. A) It is not easy to improve one's sleep habits.
B) It is not good for students to play video games.
C) Students who are better prepared generally get higher scores in examinations.
D) Making last-minute preparations for tests may be less effective than sleeping.

News Report Five

Questions 10 and 11 are based on the news report you have just heard.

10. A) Whether more airports should be built around London.
B) Whether adequate investment is being made to improve airport facilities.
C) Whether the British Airports Authority should sell off some of its assets.
D) Whether the Spanish company could offer better service.
11. A) Inefficient management.
B) Poor ownership structure.
C) Lack of innovation and competition.
D) Lack of runway and terminal capacity.

News Report Six

Questions 12 to 14 are based on the news report you have just heard.

12. A) Report the nicotine content of their cigarettes.
B) Set strict limits on production of their cigarettes.
C) Take some steps to reduce the nicotine content.
D) Study the effects of nicotine on young smokers.
13. A) The biggest increase in nicotine yields tended to be in brands young smokers like.
B) Big tobacco companies were frank with their customers about the hazards of smoking.
C) Brands which contain higher nicotine yields were found to be much more popular.
D) Big Tobacco companies refused to discuss the detailed nicotine content of their products.
14. A) They promised to reduce the nicotine content in cigarettes.
B) They have not fully realized the harmful effect of nicotine.
C) They were not prepared to comment on the cigarette study.
D) They will pay more attention to the quality of their products.

Listening Scripts

News Report One

A nine-year-old girl in New Mexico has raised more than \$500 for her little brother who needs heart surgery in Houston Texas this July. Addison Witulski's grandmother Kim Allred said Addison probably overheard a conversation between family members talking about the funds needed to get her little brother to treatment. "I guess she overheard her grandfather and me talking about how we're worried about how we're going to get to Houston, for my grandson's heart surgery," said Allred. She decided to go outside and have a lemonade stand and make some drawings and pictures and sell them. Addison and her friends Erika and Emily decided to sell lemonade for 50 cents a cup and sell pictures for 25 cents each. Before Allred knew it, New Mexico State Police Officers were among the many stopping by, helping them reach a total of \$568. The family turned to social media expressing their gratitude, saying, "From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to deeply thank each and every person that stopped by!"

Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.

1. Whom did Addison raise money for?
2. How did Addison raise money?

News Report Two

Last week, France announced that the country will pave 621 miles of road with solar panels over the next five years, with the goal of providing cheap, renewable energy to five million people.

Called the Wattway, the roads will be built through joint efforts with the French road-building company Colas and the National Institute of Solar Energy. The company spent the last five years developing solar panels that are only about a quarter of an inch thick and are strong enough to stand up to heavy highway traffic without breaking or making the roads more slippery. The panels are also designed so that they can be installed directly on top of the existing roadways, making them relatively cheap and easy to install.

France isn't the first country to kick around the idea of paving its roads with solar panels. In November 2015, the Netherlands unveiled a 229-foot-long bike path paved with solar panels as a test for future projects. However, this is the first time a panel has been designed to be laid directly on top of the existing roads and the first project to install the panels on public highways.

Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.

3. What was France's purpose of constructing the Wattway?
4. What is special about the solar panels used in the Wattway?

News Report Three

Lions have disappeared from much of Africa, but for the past few years scientists have wondered if the big cats were hanging about in remote parts of Sudan and Ethiopia. Continuous fighting in the region has made surveys difficult.

But scientists released a report Monday documenting, with hard evidence, the discovery of "lost lions".

A team with Oxford University's Wildlife Conservation Research Unit, supported by a charity organization, spent two nights in November camping in the National Park in northwest Ethiopia. The researchers set out six camera traps capturing images of lions, and identified lion tracks.

The scientists have concluded that lions are also likely to live in the neighboring

national Park across the border in Sudan. The International Union for Conservation of Nature previously considered the area a “possible range” for the species, and local people had reported seeing lions in the area, but no one presented convincing evidence.

Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.

5. What has made it difficult to survey lions in remote parts in Sudan and Ethiopia?
6. What was the main purpose of the research?
7. What did the researchers find in the Northwest Ethiopia?

News Report Four

You probably think college students are experts at sleeping, but parties, preparations for tests, personal problems and general stress can wreck a student’s sleep habits, which can be bad for the body and the mind. Texas Tech University is even offering a class called “Improving Your Sleep Habits”. People suffering from sleep loss are at an increased risk from obesity, psychological problems and car crashes. Students who don’t get enough sleep have poor attendance and lower grades. On top of all that, a new study published in the journal *Learning and Memory* finds you are probably better off sleeping than making last-minute preparations for a test. Two hundred college kids were taught to play some unfamiliar video games. Subjects who learned the games in the morning lost some skills when they played again 12 hours later. But they did much better after getting a good night’s sleep. So if you really want to do your job well, don’t forget to get some sleep.

Questions 8 and 9 are based on the news report you have just heard.

8. What is the news report mainly about?
9. What is the finding of the new study published in the journal *Learning and Memory*?

News Report Five

Long queues, delayed flights and overcrowding at airports have become almost as much a topic for conversation in Britain as the traditional complaint about the weather. Meanwhile, there are complaints that the poor service at London’s major airports is discouraging foreigners from doing business in Britain.

Much of the criticism is directed at the British Airports Authority, which runs seven major airports, including the three main ones serving London. The Competition Commission is now to investigate whether the British Airports Authority needs to sell

off some of its assets. The idea is that competition between rival operators would lead to better service at airports.

The British Airports Authority, recently bought by a Spanish company, says the root cause of the problem is not the ownership structure, but a lack of runway and terminal capacity, which it's addressing through a program of heavy investment.

Questions 10 and 11 are based on the news report you have just heard.

10. What is the Competition Commission going to investigate?
11. What is the root cause of the poor service at British airports according to the British Airports Authority?

News Report Six

Under the law in Massachusetts, tobacco companies have to measure the nicotine content of every type of cigarette and report the results.

The Department of Public Health in Boston gathers and carefully examines the figures and then draws its conclusions. A hundred and sixteen brands were looked at for the study. Ninety-two were found to have higher nicotine yields than they did six years previously. The biggest increases tended to be in brands that were popular with young smokers. That worries the department because of the addictive nature of nicotine. Stan Glance, a professor of medicine in San Francisco explains why. "The amount of nicotine that's delivered in every cigarette is 10% higher than it was six years ago, which means that it's easier to get hooked and hard to quit. Big tobacco companies have always insisted that they are frank with their customers about the dangers of smoking and provide enough detail for them to make an informed decision. However, none of them were prepared to comment on this study or discuss the detailed nicotine content of their products."

Questions 12 to 14 are based on the news report you have just heard.

12. What do tobacco companies have to do under the law in Massachusetts?
13. What do we learn from the study by the Department of Public Health in Boston?
14. What do we learn from the news report about the big tobacco companies?

Exercise Two

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News Report One

Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.

1. A) The man in the car was absent-minded.
B) The test driver made a wrong judgment.
C) The self-driving system was faulty.
D) The car was moving at a full speed.
2. A) They have done better than conventional cars.
B) They have caused several severe crashes.
C) They have posed a threat to other drivers.
D) They have generally done quite well.

News Report Two

Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.

3. A) He works at a national park.
B) He is a queen bee specialist.
C) He removed the beyond from the boot.
D) He was not stung by the bees.
4. A) They were looking for food.
B) They were making a lot of noise.
C) They were looking for a new box to live in.
D) They were producing honey for people.

News Report Three

Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.

5. A) The discovery of a new species of snake.
B) The second trip to a small remote island.
C) The finding of two new species of frogs.
D) The latest test on a rare animal species.

- 6. A) A poisonous snake made an attack on him.
B) He discovered a rare frog on a deserted island.
C) A snake slid on to his head as he slept.
D) He fell from a tall palm tree by accident.
- 7. A) From its genes.
B) From its length.
C) From its origin.
D) From its color.

News Report Four

Questions 8 to 10 are based on the news report you have just heard.

- 8. A) It sank into the sea due to overloading.
B) It ran into Nicaragua's Big Corn Island.
C) It disappeared between two large islands.
D) It turned over because of strong winds.
- 9. A) 13.
B) 25.
C) 30.
D) 32.
- 10. A) He has helped with the rescue effort.
B) He is being investigated by the police.
C) He was drowned with the passengers.
D) He was praised by the authorities.

News Report Five

Questions 11 and 12 are based on the news report you have just heard.

- 11. A) The International Labor Organization's key objective.
B) The basic social protection for the most vulnerable.
C) Rising unemployment worldwide.
D) Global economic recovery.
- 12. A) Many countries have not taken measures to address the efforts of the global crisis.
B) Few countries know how to address the current economic crisis.
C) Few countries have realized the seriousness of the current crisis.
D) Many countries have made efforts to improve their people's livelihood.

News Report Six

Questions 13 and 14 are based on the news report you have just heard.

13. A) Serve standardized food nationwide.
B) Post calorie information on the menu.
C) Provide food with a high fat content.
D) Offer convenient food to customers.
14. A) They will be fined.
B) They will be closed.
C) They will get a warning.
D) They will lose customers.

Listening Scripts

News Report One

One of Google's self-driving cars crashed into a bus in California last month. There were no injuries. It is not the first time that Google's famed self-driving cars have been involved in a crash.

On February 14th the self-driving car, travelling at three kilometers per hour, pulled out in front of a public bus going 24 kilometers per hour. The man in the Google vehicle reported that he assumed the bus would slow down to let the car out, and so he did not switch to the manual mode.

In a statement, Google said, "We clearly bear some responsibility, because if our car hadn't moved, there wouldn't have been a crash." That said, our test driver believed the bus was going to slow or stop to allow us to merge into the traffic, and that there would be sufficient space to do that."

The company's self-driving cars have clocked up well over a million miles across various states in the U.S., and until now have only reported minor accidents. In all of those cases, other road users were to blame.

Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.

1. According to Google, what was the cause of the accident?
2. How have Google's self-driving cars performed so far?

News Report Two

Thousands of bees left a town after landing on the back of a car when their queen

got stuck in its boot. Tom Moses who works at a nearby national park, noticed a “brown patch” on the back of the car after the owner parked it to do some shopping. When he looked closer he realized it was a huge group of bees.

Moses said, “I have never seen so many bees in one spot. It was very unusual. They were very close together and there was a lot of noise and movements, it was interesting to see such a strange sight. But there were a lot of people around and I was a bit worried about the bees and the people stopping to look. I thought that someone might do something stupid.

Moses called two local bees specialists who helped removed the bees by attracting them into a box.

Moses spent three hours looking after the bees and was stung five times, he said my stings are a bit painful but I am pleased that all worked out and I could help, people need to realize that bees are valuable and they should be looked after.

Questions 3 and 4 are based on the news report you have just heard.

3. What do we learn about Tom Moses?
4. What do we know about the bees on the back of the car?

News Report Three

A new species of snake has been discovered on a remote island in the Bahamas. Scientists identified 20 of the one meter-long snakes during two trips to the Caribbean islands. The second trip was made in October last year.

One of the creatures made a dramatic appearance by sliding on to the head of the team leader as he slept.

The snake has been named silver boa because it is metallic colored and the first specimen found was climbing a silver palm tree.

The team was led by Dr. Graham Reynolds, from Harvard University, confirmed the snake was a previously unknown species after conducting a genetic analysis of tissue samples.

Commenting on the find, snake expert Robert Henderson from the Milwaukee Museum of Natural History, said, “Worldwide, new species of frogs and lizards are being discovered and described quite regularly. New species of snakes, however, are much rarer.”

Questions 5 to 7 are based on the news report you have just heard.

5. What is the news report mainly about?

6. What do we learn about the scientific team leader?
7. How did the newly discovered creature get its name?

News Report Four

A tour boat overturned off the coast of Nicaragua, killing at least 13 people and leaving more passengers missing, officials said.

The boat was carrying 32 people—25 Costa Ricans, four Americans and three Nicaraguans. The 13 dead were all Costa Rican, the foreign ministry said. The boat, traveling between Nicaragua's Big Corn Island and Little Corn Island, overturned Saturday near the largest island. Some passengers remain missing, the Costa Rican Foreign Ministry said, but did not specify how many. A local radio said an unspecified number of people were rescued, including the tour boat's owner, Hilario Blandon. Nicaragua naval authorities had banned sea travel in the area because of bad weather and strong winds, but the tour boat proceeded anyway.

Blandon, the boat's owner, has been detained by Nicaraguan authorities. Both he and Absalon Pratt Carter, a new member, are being investigated for unintentional murder and exposing people to danger, according to police.

Questions 8 to 10 are based on the news report you have just heard.

8. What happened to the tour boat sailing off the Nicaragua coast?
9. How many people was the boat carrying?
10. What do we know about the owner of the boat?

News Report Five

The International Labor Organization says the number of people without jobs is increasing. In its latest update on global employment trends, the agency says projections of the number of unemployed people this year range from 210 million to nearly 240 million people. The report warns that 200 million poor workers are at risk of joining the ranks of people living on less than two dollars per day in the past three years. The director - general of the International Labor Organization Juan Somavia notes that some countries have taken measures to address the effects of the global crisis. However, he points out that many countries have not done so. According to past experiences, it takes four to five years after economic recovery for unemployment to return to pre-crisis levels. Mr. Somavia says the International Labor Organization is proposing a global jobs' agreement to deal with unemployment. "Its key objective is to place as the center of recovery efforts measures that would generate high levels of employment and

provide basic social protection for the most vulnerable.”

Questions 11 and 12 are based on the news report you have just heard.

11. What is the news report mainly about?
12. What does Juan Somavia, the director-general of the International Labor Organization, say?

News Report Six

Big fast food chains in New York City have started to obey a first-of-its-kind rule requiring them to post calorie counts right on the menu.

Cathy Nona is with the New York City Department of Health. “We wanted to give people an opportunity to actually see the calories before they purchase the food and make a decision, and inform them that if they want to make their healthier choice, if they want to eat fewer calories, they can. And we expect this will have a huge impact on obesity. And of course, if it has an impact on obesity, it will have an impact on diabetes and heart disease and high blood pressure.”

The new rule was introduced as part of an anti-obesity campaign. That also includes a recent citywide ban on artificial trans fats in restaurant food. The menu roll only applies to restaurants that serve standardized portion sizes and have 50 or more locations nationwide. Starting last Saturday, chains big enough to fall under the rule will face penalties about 2,000 dollars for not showing calorie information in a prominent spot on their menus, preferably next to the price.

Questions 13 and 14 are based on the news report you have just heard.

13. What are big fast food chains in New York City required to do according to the new rule?
14. What would happen to big restaurant chains that violate the new rule?

Exercise Three

Directions

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News Report One

Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.

1. A) Annoyed.
B) Scared.
C) Confused.
D) Offended.
2. A) It crawled over the woman's hands.
B) It wound up on the steering wheel.
C) It was killed by the police on the spot.
D) It was covered with large scales.

News Report Two

Questions 3 and 4 are based on the new report you have just heard.

3. A) A study of the fast-food service.
B) Fast food customer satisfaction.
C) McDonald's new business strategies.
D) Competition in the fast-food industry.
4. A) Customers' higher demands.
B) The inefficiency of employees.
C) A greater variety of products.
D) The rising number of customers.

News Report Three

Questions 5 to 7 are based on the new report you have just heard.

5. A) International treaties regarding space travel programs.
B) Legal issues involved in commercial space exploration.
C) US government's approval of private space missions.
D) Competition among public and private space companies.

6. A) Deliver scientific equipment to the Moon.
B) Approve a new mission to travel into outer space.
C) Work with federal agencies on space programs.
D) Launch a manned spacecraft to outer space.
7. A) It is significant.
B) It is promising.
C) It is unpredictable.
D) It is unprofitable.

News Report Four

Questions 8 and 9 are based on the news report you have just heard.

8. A) The return of a bottled message to its owner's daughter.
B) A New Hampshire man's joke with friends on his wife.
C) A father's message for his daughter.
D) The history of a century-old motel.
9. A) Because she wanted to show gratitude for his kindness.
B) Because she wanted to honor her father's promise.
C) Because she had been asked by her father to do so.
D) Because she was excited to see her father's handwriting.

News Report Five

Questions 10 and 11 are based on the news report you have just heard.

10. A) Because people were concerned about the number of bees.
B) Because several cases of Zika disease had been identified.
C) Because two million bees were infected with disease.
D) Because Zika virus had destroyed some bee farms.
11. A) It apologized to its customers.
B) It was forced to kill its bees.
C) It lost a huge stock of bees.
D) It lost 2.5 million dollars.

News Report Six

Questions 12 to 14 are based on the news report you have just heard.

12. A) It stayed in the air for about two hours.
B) It took off and landed on a football field.
C) It proved to be of high commercial value.
D) It made a series of sharp turns in the sky.

13. A) Engineering problems.
B) The air pollution it produced.
C) Inadequate funding.
D) The opposition from the military.
14. A) It uses the latest aviation technology.
B) It flies faster than a commercial jet.
C) It is a safer means of transportation.
D) It is more environmentally friendly.

Listening Scripts

News Report One

Kelly Swisher, an Arkansas woman, escaped injury and managed to safely stop her car after a four-foot long rat snake came out from under her car seat and slithered across her feet as she was driving down the highway. Rat snakes aren't poisonous or a threat to people generally. But the woman says the snake she encountered Thursday terrified her out of her wits. "It was rough with big scales," said Swisher, who was on her way to pick up her friend at the airport when it happened. "I don't know whether I had my hands on the steering wheel or not. I am not the most flexible person in the world, but I can guarantee my knees were up next to my ears". She said the snake first slithered back under the seat. She hoped it would stay there until she was able to get off the highway and stop. "That didn't work out," she said. "Here he comes, and it wound up in my back seat before I could finally get off the road, stop and get out of the car." She called for help and Washington County Animal Control officers came and captured the snake.

Questions 1 and 2 are based on the news report you have just heard.

1. How did Kelly Swisher feel when she first came across the rat snake?
2. What does the report say about the snake?

News Report Two

Fast food, as it turns out, isn't quite as fast as it used to be. A new study finds that McDonald's posted its slowest drive-through times since this survey was first conducted 15 years ago.

At McDonald's, customers were spent on average three minutes and nine seconds

from the time they placed their orders until they received their food. That's about ten seconds more than the industry average and a lot slower than a decade ago, according to the study which was commissioned by QSR, an industry trade publication.

McDonald's wasn't not alone in slowing down. Other chains also saw their drive-through performance slowing down.

Today there are more choices on the menu, and the products themselves are more complex. Thus it takes longer to prepare food.

Speed, of course, is essential to the drive-through experience, and drive-through are hugely important to chains such as McDonald's, Burger King, and Taco Bell.

"Usually, the drive-through accounts for 60% to 70% of all business that goes through a fast-food restaurant," notes Sam Ochers, editor of QSR.

Of course, consumers also want their orders prepared correctly and on that score, Ochers says, accuracy is still really high.

Questions 3 and 4 are based on the new report you have just heard.

3. What is the news report mainly about?
4. What has slowed down McDonald's drive-through service?

News Report Three

The first private mission outside of Earth orbit is closer than many of us think.

The U.S. government officials are set to approve a mission by privately-held space company, Moon Express, to travel outside of earth orbit in late 2017.

Moon Express's mission involves plans to land a suitcase-size package of scientific equipment on the moon for ongoing exploration.

The decision involved amounts of lobbying and coordinated conversations between a number of federal agencies. Under international treaties, the US is responsible for the cargo of both public and private space craft. This makes commercial space travel a complex legal issue not just domestically but abroad.

A Moon Express representative declined to comment on the story, but noted that the company is very optimistic about its proposal.

Moon Express is not the only company seeking for the right to travel to outer space. Another project aims to send an unmanned aircraft to Mars by in the near future.

Questions 5 to 7 are based on the new report you have just heard.

5. What is the news report mainly about?
6. What is Moon Express planning to do?

7. What does Moon Express think of its mission?

News Report Four

A message in a bottle sent out to sea by a New Hampshire man more than five decades ago was found 1,500 miles away, and it has been returned to his daughter.

The long-lost message was discovered by Clint Buffington of Utah while he was vacationing. Buffington says he found a soda bottle half-buried in the sand and it looked like it had been there since the beginning of time.

The note inside the bottle said, "Return to 419 Ocean Street, and receive a reward of \$150 from Richard and Tina Pierce, owners of a beachcomber motel." The motel was owned by the parents of Paula Pierce in 1960. Her father had written the note as a joke and had thrown it into the Atlantic Ocean.

Buffington flew to New Hampshire to deliver the message to Paula Pierce. She held up to her father's promise, giving Buffington that reward. But the biggest reward is the message in the bottle finding its way back home.

Questions 8 and 9 are based on the news report you have just heard.

8. What is the news report mainly about?
9. Why did Paula Pierce give Clint Buffington the reward?

News Report Five

Millions of bees have died in South Carolina during spraying operations that were carried out to combat the Zika virus.

The insect spraying over the weekends left more than two million bees dead on the spot in Dorchester County, South Carolina, where four travel-related cases of Zika disease have been confirmed in the area.

Most of the deaths came from the Flowertown Bee Farm, a company in Summerville that sells bees and honey products. Juanita Stanley who owns the company said the farm looks like it's been destroyed. The farm lost about 2.5 million bees.

Dorchester County officials apologized for the accidental mass killing of bees. Dorchester County is aware that some bee keepers in the area that were sprayed on Sunday lost their bee colonies. County manager Jason Wars said in the statement, "I'm not pleased that so many bees were killed."

Questions 10 and 11 are based on the new report you have just heard.

10. Why was spraying operations carried out in Dorchester County?

11. What does the news report say about the Flowerstown Bee Farm?

News Report Six

One of the world's largest aircraft has taken to the skies for the first time. The Airlander 10 spent nearly two hours in the air, having taken off from Cardington airfield in Bedfordshire. During its flight, it reached 3,000 feet and performed a series of gentle turns all over a safe area.

The aircraft is massive—as long as a football field and as tall as six double-decker buses—and capable of flying for up to five days. It was first developed for the U.S. government as a long-range spy aircraft but was abandoned following budget cutbacks.

The aircraft cost £25 million and can carry heavier loads than huge jet planes while also producing less noise and emitting less pollution. The makers believe it's the future of aircraft.

The Airlander 10 will need to have 200 hours flying time before being deemed airworthy by aviation bodies. If it passes though, we can hope we'll all get some extra leg room.

Questions 12 to 14 are based on the new report you have just heard.

- 12. What do we learn about the first flight of the Airlander 10?
- 13. What caused the U.S. government to abandon the Airlander 10 as a spy aircraft?
- 14. What is the advantage of the Airlander 10 over huge jet planes?

Exercise One

Directions

In this section, you will hear three long conversations. At the end of each conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D).

Conversation One

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

1. A) He wants to change his job assignment.
B) He is unhappy with his department manager.
C) He thinks he deserves extra pay for overtime.
D) He is often singled out for criticism by his boss.
2. A) His workload was much too heavy.
B) His immediate boss did not trust him.
C) His colleagues often refused to cooperate.
D) His salary was too low for his responsibility.
3. A) He never knows how to refuse.
B) He is always ready to help others.
C) His boss has a lot of trust in him.
D) His boss has no sense of fairness.
4. A) Put all his complaints in writing.
B) Wait and see what happens next.
C) Learn to say no when necessary.
D) Talk to his boss in person first.

Conversation Two

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

5. A) The impact of engine design on road safety.
B) The role policemen play in traffic safety.
C) A sense of freedom driving gives.
D) Rules and regulations for driving.
6. A) Make cars with automatic control.
B) Make cars that have better brakes.
C) Make cars that are less powerful.
D) Make cars with higher standards.
7. A) They tend to drive responsibly.
B) They like to go at high speed.
C) They keep within speed limits.
D) They follow traffic rules closely.
8. A) It is a bad idea.
B) It is not useful.
C) It is as effective as speed bumps.
D) It should be combined with education.

Conversation Three

Questions 9 to 12 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

9. A) At a shopping center.
B) At a community college.
C) At an accountancy firm.
D) At an IT company.
10. A) Helping out with data input.
B) Arranging interviews.
C) Sorting application forms.
D) Making phone calls.
11. A) Because he enjoys using computers.
B) Because he needs the money badly.
C) Because he wants to work in the city center.
D) Because he has relevant working experience.
12. A) Purchase some business suits.
B) Learn some computer language.
C) Improve his programming skills.
D) Review some accountancy terms.

Conversation One

- W:** Good morning, Mr. Johnson. How can I help you?
- M:** Well, I'd like to talk to you about Tim Bond, the department manager.
- W:** What seems to be the problem?
- M:** Well, ever since Sandra left the department, I feel like I've been targeted to do all her work as well as mine. I'm expected to attend too many meetings and I seem to be spending a lot of my time doing unnecessary paper work.
- W:** I'm sorry to hear that.
- M:** And, on top of that, I specifically asked if I could leave early last Friday as I'd done a lot of overtime during the week. But that afternoon, even though I'd finished my assigned work, I was told to help other colleagues finish their work, too.
- W:** But surely that's a positive sign showing that Mr. Bond has a lot of trust in you.
- M:** Yes, but other colleagues get to leave early, and they don't have such a lot of work to do.
- W:** So you feel he's really making unrealistic demands on you?
- M:** Yes, absolutely.
- W:** Have you approached Mr. Bond about this particular problem?
- M:** I've tried, but it seems like he just has no time for me.
- W:** Well, at this stage, it would be better if you approached him directly. If nothing else shows that you've tried to solve the problem yourself before you take it further, makes it clear that you're just not a complainer. Why don't you send an email requesting a meeting with him in private?
- M:** Hmm, I've been a bit worried about his reaction. But anyway, I'll send him an email to request a meeting, and I'll see what happens from there. Thanks for your advice.
- W:** Good luck. And let us know the outcome.

Questions 1 to 4 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

1. What do we learn about the man from the conversation?
2. What is the man's chief complaint?
3. How does the woman interpret the fact that the man was asked to help his colleagues with their work?
4. What does the woman advise the man to do?

Conversation Two

- W:** OK, Nathan, so we're talking about driving. And are there any rules or regulations that you'd like to change?
- M:** I'm not sure I want to change rules, but I'd like the police to be stricter about the rules. Like if people jump the traffic lights, I don't know why there isn't a camera on the traffic lights to stop people doing that. Or like speeding, it's very easy to put speed cameras in some places.
- W:** Maybe car manufacturers should have some responsibility in limiting the power of their engines. What's the point of producing an engine that's big and powerful enough to go like 200 kilometers an hour when the speed limit is only 100.
- M:** Right. But do you know there are no speed limits in Germany.
- W:** People there do drive responsibly, though. Often, people break the laws simply because the law is there. If the law isn't there, people will drive within their ability range. When you've got speed limits, this creates situations that actually present dangers on the road.
- M:** Do you think Germans have better education about personal responsibility when driving?
- W:** Possibly, they also have very good cars.
- M:** Right.
- W:** If you've got a good car that can go at a high speed, then it's really nice to do that.
- M:** But still with care.
- W:** So I think it's the restrictions that create the dangers sometimes.
- M:** OK.
- W:** Obviously, when driving through a residential area or where there's a school, you've got to have speed policemen.
- M:** Speed bumps.
- W:** Yes, speed bumps, those speed bumps that force you to slow down. I think that's a good idea.
- M:** So you don't think fining people is useful.
- W:** Not really, because the police don't have time to police every single driver.

Questions 5 to 8 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

5. What are the speakers mainly talking about?
6. What does the woman think car manufacturers could do?
7. What can we learn about people driving in Germany?
8. What does the woman think of the police's fining drivers?

Conversation Three

- M:** Hi, Susan! You're looking very smart today.
- W:** I always look smart, James. Actually I'm on my way to a job interview.
- M:** What job? Oh, you mean a summer job?
- W:** Yeah, there are only two weeks to go. I've got a second interview with that big foreign accountancy firm in the city center. You know the one.
- M:** That's fantastic!
- W:** The work is just helping out with the data input, you know, but the pay isn't too bad. It might suit you too. I know they have released two temporary positions available. And I don't think they have anyone else yet.
- M:** Um, if they take you on, tell them you know a friend who'd be really good too. I really need the money, and the experience will look good on my resume. Maybe we'll be working together.
- W:** OK, I'll do that. If the boss likes me, I'll mention it. It would be good to have someone around who I know. I'll phone you afterward. But perhaps you should put in an application anyway.
- M:** Thanks, Susan. That's great! Listen, do you want a lift to the city? I have my dad's car today and nothing else to do this morning.
- W:** Sure. Thanks, James.
- M:** Let's go then. The car is over there.
- W:** By the way, how is your knowledge of accountancy? The interviewer may ask you about it.
- M:** No problem. I think I can survive. I might just have to review a few accountancy terms. Maybe you can give me a practicing interview first.
- W:** Of course. Let's go then. I don't want to be late!

Questions 9 to 12 are based on the conversation you have just heard.

9. Where will Susan probably get a job?
10. What will Susan's future job involve?
11. Why does James want the job in that company?
12. What does James say he'll have to do to prepare for the interview?