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In the Name of God

Introduction

The present book was originally designed , a few years ago , to fill the gap which existed within the series of text books published by The Center for Studying and Compiling University Books (SAMT) , books which were to be taught as semi-specialized English to all Iranian university students in Iran . Up to that time the SAMT organization had published a number of similar books concerning all subjects of study except for the two fields of law and political science . Since I had worked with the organization and had already prepared various material and books for them, I was asked to fill the existing gap by compiling a semi-specialized (that is , specialized English concerning more than one branch of study) book for law and political science . The publication of this book , which I soon prepared , however, confronted certain technical difficulties, and it took such a long time that I eventually revoked my contract with SAMT and had the book printed by the Faculty of Law and Political Science of Tehran University so that I could use it in my own classes there . Since that time , the book has undergone a number of revisions , and has been printed nine times . It has also been utilized in various other organizations such as The Higher Education Complex of Ghom , The Islamic Azad University , and certain other organizations , some *with* and some others *without* the author's permission .

The present version which is published by Nasle Nican Publishers includes numerous changes and revisions and is entirely different from what it originally was some years back . Many of the passages previously used in the text are changed entirely , and most others are revised and updated . The majority of the original passages are discarded and are substituted by new passages adapted from books published in the 21st century .

The current version consists of 12 chapters including over 50 passages half of which concern law, and the other half pertain to political science . The book is , thus , still a semi-specialized book despite the fact that , due to certain university curriculum requirements , it is referred to as 'General English ' in some universities . The reason for this is that according to the official university curriculum , all university students are required to take a 'Foreign language' course before they take their specialized English language courses . This Foreign Language course is placed among the non- specialized , general courses that the students are expected to take . That is why the course is mistakenly referred to a 'general English' course , which it certainly is *not*.

The present volume is still unique in that no other semi-specialized English text -book concerning law and political science exists in our country. It can, therefore, be utilized by all Iranian Universities which embrace faculties of law and/ or political science . It may be used as teaching material for semi-specialized ("Foreign Language") courses in these faculties. It can also be used as teaching material for either specialized English courses in the field of Law , or in the discipline of political science . Some Iranian Universities have done just that.

In conclusion I wish to stress the fact that , since we are living in a rapidly changing world , the present volume too will have to undergo constant changes . I will certainly discard some of its older material and adopt a number of newer passages with every new printing . I , therefore, deeply appreciate any and every suggestion , recommendation , or criticism presented to me by any students or colleagues for the improvement of this book , and I will certainly keep in mind all such suggestions while revising the book the next time .

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