

國立彰化師範大學九十四學年度碩士班招生考試試題

系所： 各系所(英語研究所、翻譯所、兒英所除外)

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I. Vocabulary and Grammar: Please choose the **best** answer to complete the sentence in each question.
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1. According to a newspaper _____ in 1983, Ann Landers, an advice columnist, was regarded as one of the twenty-five most influential women in the United States.
A. poll B. debut C. rehearsal D. utensil
2. By using the Health Insurance Card, patients only have to pay a _____ registration fee when they visit a doctor.
A. ridiculous B. terrible C. devastating D. nominal
3. There is always something interesting to do in New York. It is a really _____ city.
A. notorious B. abstract C. vibrant D. dull
4. A well-balanced education should include several _____ activities, in addition to formal academic studies.
A. extracurricular B. negligible C. inappropriate D. superficial
5. Ian Thorpe, the Olympic swimming champion, has always kept himself _____ fit.
A. exclusively B. approximately C. unanimously D. superbly
6. The global recession has badly _____ the company's plans for expansion this year, and the outlook for next year is not much better.
A. effected B. infected C. defected D. affected
7. The police raided a popular nightclub last night and detained a number of patrons who were _____ of taking drugs.
A. rejected B. suspected C. accepted D. injected
8. All our _____ thoroughly searched at the _____.
A. luggage was . . . customs B. luggages were . . . customs
C. luggage was . . . custom D. luggages were . . . custom
9. Over the past 30 years, the greenhouse effect _____ a significant influence across the world.
A. exerts B. exerted C. has exerted D. will have exerted
10. You'll look much younger if you have your hair cut and your beard _____.
A. shaved B. shave C. shaving D. to shave
11. John's success has nothing to do with good luck. It is years of hard work that has made him _____ today.
A. that he is B. what he is C. that he has D. what he has
12. This TV program, _____, will introduce you to different species of animals in Africa.
A. far and wide B. by and large C. in and out D. to and fro

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13. _____ corn is usually believed to be the favorite vegetable in this country, broccoli is actually the vegetable people like best.

- A. Despite B. However C. Actually D. While

14. Shakespeare, _____ in Stratford-on-Avon four hundred years ago, is still England's most famous writer.

- A. lives B. live C. who lived D. being living

II. Reading Comprehension: Read the following passages and then answer the questions based on the information in each passage. 20%

Passage 1:

The waters of the open ocean are home to beautiful and delicate organisms that are adapted to an existence of floating or feeble swimming. These organisms are the plankton, both plant and animal. They have evolved clever mechanisms for meeting the problems of life in a totally fluid and surfaceless environment. Many of the single-celled phytoplankton, the plant plankton, are equipped with long spines or globules of oil that keep them from sinking. Some of the zooplankton have become well adapted to avoiding capture by predators that search for food visually: many of them are as transparent as the watery medium in which they live. Some zooplankton have a specialized feeding adaptation. They build and live inside a small balloon of mucus equipped with filters that concentrate their food. Their small house can even trap bacteria. It also helps protect the animal and keep it afloat.

1. The main idea of the passage is that plankton _____.

- A. can be either plants or animals B. are single-celled
C. are beautiful organisms D. are well-adapted to the ocean

2. The reason some zooplankton do not sink is that they _____.

- A. have long spines or drops of oil B. are watery
C. have tiny gas bubbles D. live in a fluid environment

3. Transparency helps the zooplankton to _____.

- A. avoid predators B. float
C. break up globules of oil D. capture small marine animals

4. Which of the following is NOT a function of a zooplankton house?

- A. Trap bacteria B. Make mucus
C. Protect the animal D. Filter food

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Passage 2:

Over thirty years ago, the United Nations established the World Heritage Committee (WHC) to protect sites of outstanding natural beauty or cultural significance, which are threatened by industrial development and environmental changes. To date, the committee has listed 730 sites in various countries as worthy of protection. One requirement for listing is that a site must be unique, like the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. There are several sites in Taiwan that would qualify for inclusion in the world heritage list. Taroko Gorge National Park and Mount Ali are both unique and spectacularly beautiful. The latter also has one of only three mountain railways left in the world. In addition, the large prehistoric burial site in Peinan, the Yushan National Park, and the basalt cliffs of Penghu may also qualify.

The WHC list does not include any sites in Taiwan and official, international recognition of these sites is unlikely to happen any time soon because the country is no longer a member of the United Nations. Nevertheless, vital work by Taiwan's Council of Cultural Affairs (CCA) is well underway to preserve the nation's cultural and environmental heritage sites so that current and future generations can enjoy them. Education is a key part of the program, as it will encourage people to identify with the sites and hopefully engender a sense of pride. However, there has been some opposition to the Council's work. For example, a move to designate Orchid Island as a national park was blocked by the islanders. National parks are strictly regulated to protect the delicate ecology and cultural significance of each region. There is now a danger that much of Orchid Island's unique aboriginal culture will disappear if the region is subjected to haphazard and uncontrolled modernization.

5. What would be a suitable title for this passage?

- A. The World Heritage Committee
- B. Preserving Taiwan's Heritage Sites
- C. Taiwan's National Parks Program
- D. Danger to Orchid Island's Culture

6. According to the article, why is it important to preserve Taiwan's heritage sites?

- A. So they can be developed as tourist attractions
- B. To gain recognition by the WHC
- C. For the benefit of people now and in the future
- D. To boost the nation's economy

7. The WHC does not list heritage sites in Taiwan because _____.

- A. the sites are not considered unique or culturally significant
- B. the WHC does not recognize national parks as heritage sites
- C. the CCA prefers to be independent of the WHC
- D. Taiwan does not belong to the United Nations

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Passage 3:

George Orwell (1903-1950) was one of the most important English writers of the 20th century. Best known for his two anti-utopian novels, *Animal Farm* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, Orwell left many well-written and thought-provoking essays and novels which have served both as a timeless standard for prose and a reminder of the terrors that governments can impose on their citizens.

Born in Bengal during the British colonial period of India, young George was nonetheless sent home to Great Britain for a “proper” education. He was admitted to preparatory school and then Eton, still now the top academy for young scholars. Unlike his classmates who graduated into top government, business, or academic professions, Orwell instead returned to Asia, taking a minor post as a policeman in what today is Myanmar.

This experience formed many of his doubts about European governance. He returned to France and England, then moved to Spain to fight in their Civil War. Exposure to the downtrodden there gave Orwell the sense of hopelessness that would later permeate his novels.

Ironically, the powerful, even imposing writing of George Orwell came from a frail and shy man. Fortunately, his works of skepticism towards utopian governments live on, giving caution to present and future generations of the need for citizens to monitor the activities of their governments to ensure their basic human rights.

8. What is the writer's attitude towards George Orwell?

- A. Skeptical B. Complimentary C. Disapproving D. Puzzled

9. How did the young Orwell differ from his classmates?

- A. He was much older than they were.
B. He was much richer than they were.
C. He was not interested in a “successful” occupation.
D. He was already a renowned writer upon entering school.

10. What, in the writer's opinion, is the most important lesson to be learned from Orwell?

- A. Governments must be watched by their citizens to ensure freedom.
B. People born in other countries can still be a good writer.
C. An early death prevents one from realizing a worthwhile career.
D. Novels are more important than essays in influencing public thought.

III. Translation: (33%)

1. Translate into Chinese: (16%)

(1) To make our economy stronger and more productive, we must make health care more affordable, and give families greater access to good coverage and more control over their health decisions. (*White*

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House, February, 2, 2005)

(2) But even more important, it was the farthest that those scientists had been able to look into the past, for what they were seeing were the patterns and structures that existed 15 billion years ago. (2005 考研英語高分突破)

2. Translate into English: (17%)

(1) 人們有時會說，科學家一味將事情破壞殆盡，讓世界變得比較索然無味，比較無法使人敬畏。
(*United Daily News*, November 1, 2004)

(2) 一項研究指出，遭受過度壓力會導致兩天內氣喘發作機率增加四倍，而在七週之內仍會增加二倍。
(*China Post*, November 26, 2004)

IV. Write a short essay no less than 200 words to tell what graduate education means to you. (33%)