

國立臺中第一高級中學 97 學年度資優鑑定英文成就測驗

I. Vocabulary 字彙 (1% for each): Choose the most appropriate answer. 請選出最適當答案的英文代號。

1. Even if the police insisted that the _____ had a motive for the murder, that still doesn't mean that he did it.
(A) liquor (B) humanity (C) interior (D) suspect
2. The doctor suggested that my father should take one pill every six hours for the temporary _____ of minor aches and pains.
(A) expression (B) purchase (C) relief (D) document
3. Even if playing Wii Fit sometimes makes the excited player look crazy and _____, Wii Fit actually makes exercising more fun with interactive entertainment.
(A) available (B) shortsighted (C) unique (D) ridiculous
4. Greek soldiers sent messages by turning their shields toward the sun; the flashes of _____ light could be seen several miles away.
(A) recalled (B) reflected (C) reminded (D) respected
5. Without much _____ with the outside world for many years, the old man found many technological inventions foreign to him.
(A) contact (B) triumph (C) violation (D) regulation
6. A female chimpanzee at a Tokyo zoo showed how to _____ the vending machine by putting in the coins and taking out cans of juice from the machine.
(A) surround (B) manage (C) operate (D) introduce
7. Every single person in every situation would prefer harmony to war; peace is desired _____.
(A) leisurely (B) universally (C) scarcely (D) roughly
8. To live an _____ life, we have to arrange the things to do in order of importance and start with the most urgent ones.
(A) accidental (B) efficient (C) instant (D) overall
9. Jane cried with joy when she was _____ by her teacher for writing an excellent English composition.
(A) predicted (B) prevented (C) provided (D) praised
10. The old lady is so _____ that nobody can put up with her frequent disapproval and get along well with her.
(A) critical (B) partial (C) strategic (D) educational
11. It's a little dark here and you may want to _____ the lights before we get down to work.
(A) pick up (B) turn on (C) lead to (D) blow out
12. Mary happened to _____ an old friend of hers on her way back from work this evening.
(A) pull up (B) keep up (C) bump into (D) see off
13. When I find a new word, I won't _____ in the dictionary at once; instead, I'll guess what it means first.
(A) see it through (B) shut it down (C) take it off (D) look it up
14. After Mr. Jones retires, he may consider _____ gardening, a hobby in his childhood.
(A) taking up (B) trying on (C) showing up (D) breaking out
15. It is not healthy always to _____ preparing for the following day's tests or exams.
(A) slip away (B) look on (C) hand in (D) sit up

II. Cloze 克漏字 (1% for each): Choose the most appropriate answer. 請選出最好的答案。

(A)

Mrs. Lee, a housewife, discusses the problem of keeping house with Mrs. Wang. Her complaints are common ones in Taiwan.

Mrs. Lee: Sometimes I hate to keep house.
 Mrs. Wang: Why is that?
 Mrs. Lee: The housework keeps me busy all day long. 16, I cannot afford time to do anything I really enjoy, 17 reading or painting.
 Mrs. Wang: Doesn't your husband help 18 the washing or mop the floor?
 Mrs. Lee: Yes, sometimes he does. But more often than not, he comes home very 19.
 Mrs. Wang: Don't your children help out?
 Mrs. Lee: No, not really. That's only part of the problem. They collect 20 junk I cannot stand it. I try to 21 it all the time.
 Mrs. Wang: Won't they let you 22 it away?
 Mrs. Lee: Heavens, no! It's important to them. The problem is that I cannot 23 for all that stuff.
 Mrs. Wang: When I was young, I liked to collect things too.
 Mrs. Lee: So 24 I. But look at this. My son keeps his old tennis shoes even after he 25.

16. (A) As a result (B) Instead (C) In addition (D) By the way
 17. (A) instead of (B) in spite of (C) on account of (D) such as
 18. (A) make (B) do (C) put (D) take
 19. (A) lately (B) late (C) later (D) latter
 20. (A) so many (B) so much (C) such a (D) so little
 21. (A) get rid of (B) put up with (C) look down on (D) get away with
 22. (A) throwing (B) threw (C) to throw (D) throw
 23. (A) spare time (B) make room (C) take place (D) store up
 24. (A) was (B) did (C) am (D) do
 25. (A) dressed them up (B) brought them out
 (C) called them off (D) wore them out

(B)

Around 2,800 years ago, the Greek poet Homer wrote *The Odyssey*. It 26 the story of the great journey of Odysseus, the King of Ithaca.

Odysseus left his wife and his kingdom to help fight the Trojan War. After the battle, he set sail 27 home, but his ship was knocked off course by a powerful storm. It was just the first of many unfortunate events. 28 went right for Odysseus during his journey. Every time he set out in his ship, he was hit or attacked. Finally, it 29 him ten years to reach his home.

During his travels, Odysseus fought 30 a powerful witch named Circe, who turned his sailors into pigs, and 31 people. Besides, he was nearly killed by Poseidon, the God of the Sea, and was kept 32 up for seven years by a woman named Calypso. He used tricks to escape all the danger.

After ten years at sea, Odysseus finally arrived home. He 33 a disguise because he wanted to see what was happening in his kingdom, and didn't want to be recognized by others. His disguise was 34 good that no one believed that he was King. To prove that he was King, Odysseus showed them the scar on his foot, and he finally made his wife Penelope 35 he was Odysseus by revealing a secret that only both of them knew.

26. (A) told (B) spoke (C) expressed (D) said
 27. (A) to (B) from (C) for (D) at
 28. (A) Nothing (B) Anything (C) Something (D) Everything
 29. (A) spent (B) cost (C) wasted (D) took
 30. (A) for (B) against (C) by (D) over
 31. (A) eating-man (B) eating-men (C) man-eating (D) men-eating

32. (A) lock (B) to lock (C) locking (D) being locked
 33. (A) wore out (B) put on (C) took off (D) looked up
 34. (A) so (B) such (C) too (D) as
 35. (A) to believe (B) believe (C) believing (D) believed
 (C)

I love English not only for the beauty 36, but also for the possibilities it offers. It 37 me with access to world events, to different cultures, and to a 38 range of thoughts. Therefore, 39 I think of these benefits, I immediately forget the tiredness of learning it. To sum up, I firmly believe that interest is the most powerful weapon in 40 all the difficulties in learning anything. 41, interest will push me forward on the road of learning English.

The second force that keeps me moving forward along the road of learning English is my love for literature. I enjoy reading literary 42 so much that I sometimes forget what time it is. I often think if I can read not only Chinese novels but also English writing, how great it will be! I 43 tried reading some simple English novels and they really moved me 44. Since then, I have vowed to polish my English 45 I can read a lot of English novels. I hope I can get used to reading these novels without the help of translation. Reading a piece of work in its original language is much more direct than through translation.

36. (A) by itself (B) on its own (C) for itself (D) in itself
 37. (A) proves (B) provides (C) promotes (D) protects
 38. (A) wider (B) wilder (C) wiser (D) whiter
 39. (A) whatever (B) wherever (C) however (D) whenever
 40. (A) biting (B) beating (C) bidding (D) betting
 41. (A) However (B) For example (C) In other words (D) At best
 42. (A) words (B) works (C) wares (D) worries
 43. (A) ever (B) never (C) once (D) hardly
 44. (A) in tears (B) with tears (C) by tears (D) to tears
 45. (A) as (B) though (C) if (D) until

III. Choice of Words in Context 文意選填 (1% for each): Choose the most

appropriate answer and fill it in the blank. 請選出最適當答案的英文字母代號。

In the movie *The Swarm*, great clouds of angry bees attack entire cities and sting hundreds of people to death. This is pure fiction. It could never happen. But folklore like this has 46 within the last ten years. African bees were 47 introduced into the wild in South and North America during 1956. Brazilian scientists were attempting to create a new hybrid bee in the hope of creating improved honey 48. The result, however, were disastrous. The new Africanized bees actually decreased the 49 of honey made and were very destructive. Scientists tried to isolate the bees, but some of them escaped and began to dominate honeybees. Since then, killer bees have been doing great harm to humans, animals and the American honey industry. They've taken over entire colonies of honeybees and have 50 the existence of other bees, troubling beekeepers a lot.

Killer bees react 51 to disturbance around the hive. If one bee stings, it releases an alarm 52 like bananas, which causes the other bees to become upset and sting. Once you are attacked by killer bees, run away in a straight line, 53 your face. You should avoid other people, or they too will be attacked. Do not try and hide underwater. The killer bees swarm will wait for you to surface. Above all, seek 54 attention. Some people are allergic to bee stings. Since killer bees attack and sting in great 55, it is possible that an allergic response may be triggered.

- (A) protecting (B) numbers (C) accidentally (D) smelling (E) appeared
 (F) violently (G) threatened (H) amount (I) medical (J) production

IV. Discourse Structure 篇章結構 (1% for each): Choose the most appropriate answer and fill it in the blank. 請選出最好的答案並填入空格中。

Swimmer Michael Phelps aims to bring home eight gold medals from the 2008 Olympic Games. Since he is in peak form, he has a good chance of achieving his goal. So far, he has captured five gold medals in 2008 Olympic Games. 56 The swimsuit Michael Phelps chooses to wear is the space age LZR Racer swimsuit, designed by Speedo and quickly accepted by many swimmers. 57 Does the suit give swimmers an unfair advantage by lessening skin drag?

Since the LZR swimsuit by Speedo was introduced in February, 19 long-course world records and 4 short-course marks have been set. The new Speedo swimsuit has been worn in all but one of the total 23 records. 58 The suit appears to be almost like a second skin for swimmers, going from the shoulders all the way to the feet. It compresses swimmers' bodies into a streamlined, smooth shape, reducing the skin friction and drag. 59 Technology and innovation seem to be part of the competition, setting sports on a new path.

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- (A) The swimsuit is now at the heart of Olympic Games argument.
- (B) Whether the technology trend will lead to the rise in athletic performance or the fall in ethics, only time will tell.
- (C) It is amazing that in addition to training and practicing, high-tech equipment can make such a large difference.
- (D) However, the impressive performance brings as much attention to the swimmer himself as to the LZR swimsuit.
- (E) In fact, it is hard to believe a suit that covers so much of a swimmer's body could be an advantage.

V. Reading Comprehension 閱讀測驗 (2% for each): Choose the most appropriate answer. 請選出最好的答案。

(A)

In recent years, the Internet has come to rule our lives. E-mail, instant messaging and chat are rapidly replacing traditional forms of communication. There is no doubt that the importance of the Internet grows rapidly in all fields of human life, including not only research and education but also marketing and trade as well as entertainment and hobbies. How is this affecting language? Whatever language is used on the Internet, people tend to be looser and less respectful because the Internet is relatively anonymous. There is no need to offer real personal information in the virtual world. Forums and bulletin boards tend to be the worst places in terms of respect and politeness. Some internet users may misuse the anonymity. They use fewer markers of respect like "please" except in an ironical sense. They rarely use titles, and sometimes they even use rude addressing of unknown participants. In fact, they feel no responsibility for sending impolite expressions or different opinions. Their "**flaming**", the unrestrained expression of emotional or strongly worded opinions, may lead to fierce conflict, hateful attitudes or insulting behavior.

61. Which one of the following sentences is the main reason for the increasing impoliteness on the Internet?
- (A) Not everyone commands the language used on the Internet.
 - (B) All fields of human life are influenced by the Internet and vice versa.
 - (C) Forum and bulletin board users get used to such a way of communication.
 - (D) The internet users can and may lie about personal details when chatting on line.
62. The author provides _____ as a detail to make clear the condition of impoliteness on the Internet.
- (A) examples
 - (B) research data
 - (C) news reports
 - (D) users' opinions
63. Choose the definition that most closely matches the word "**flaming**."

- (A) burning desire
- (C) offensive language

- (B) unbiased judgment
- (D) light-hearted mood

(B)

On the 8th of August, 91,000 people will be sitting in an open-air stadium in Beijing for the start of the 2008 Summer Olympics. With thousands of athletes in competition and millions of people watching the event on television, the last thing the Chinese government wants is a rainstorm to spoil this well-planned spectacle.

Fixing the weather is not new for the Chinese, who have employed various methods to start rainfall in their drought-plagued northern provinces, an area that includes Beijing, since the 1950s. For the Olympics, the world's largest weather modification bureau will blow up threatening clouds with silver iodide and force them to release their rain before it reaches the Olympic stadium. The bureau has also been practicing a less well-developed strategy; this method increases the number of ice crystals in a cloud but decreases their average size, which makes them less likely to fall as rain.

"None of these methods is a proven technology," says **Roelof Bruintjes**, "I wonder whether they have any chance of success." Of course, the Chinese know full well that weather control is still more art than science. They are grasping every chance to beat the weather.

64. According to this article, which one is **wrong** about the Chinese government?
- (A) It is the host nation for 2008 summer Olympics.
 - (B) It wants a rainstorm to spoil the Olympics opening night.
 - (C) It encourages the weather control even if it has not been well-developed yet.
 - (D) It has used various ways to increase the rainfall in areas suffering dry weather.
65. How do the Chinese stop the rain?
- (A) They destroy the threatening clouds by blowing them up.
 - (B) They freeze the clouds and stop them from reaching Beijing.
 - (C) They reduce the size of the clouds, making the rain stop quickly.
 - (D) They use chemicals to make the rain drop before arriving at Beijing.
66. Roelof Bruintjes can be described most appropriately as ____.
- (A) a supportive fan of Olympics
 - (B) an expert in atmospheric research
 - (C) a correspondent reporting the news on the rain control
 - (D) an athlete attending the opening of the 2008 Summer Olympics

(C)

These days in Taiwan, good bargains are at a premium. Deals and discounts attract more customers than ever. That is because people are struggling to cope with rising prices for food and other goods. The same is true elsewhere. American shoppers are flocking to dollar stores where each item costs US\$1. Surging prices are the trend in Japan and Europe as well. Why is this happening?

A major reason that food and other commodities are getting more expensive is the rising cost of crude oil. Oil prices have more than quadrupled since 2003 and now stand at close to US\$130 a barrel. Fuel is needed for transportation and production, so when oil becomes more expensive, it follows that everything else gets more expensive as well. Oil prices are being driven up by a complex combination of factors. These include increased demand from rapidly industrializing countries like China and India, instability in the Middle East, and the weakness of the US dollar on international financial markets.

Another reason that food prices keep going up is climate change, and its dramatic effects in many regions. For example, agricultural production has fallen in Mexico, Canada,

and Australia as a result of drought and other climate-related problems. In addition, much land that was previously used for wheat and livestock is now used for the production of corn, soybeans, and other crops. These crops are being grown not so much for food as for so-called biofuels, in order to meet the rising demand for energy. As less land is used for wheat and animals, products such as flour, milk, and meat will cost more.

For a nation like Taiwan that imports a great many food products, monetary exchange rates are critical. The ongoing weakness of the US dollar on international money exchanges means that Taiwanese companies are forced to buy more US dollars with which to purchase imported products. These companies, of course, pass these extra costs on to consumers.

Effects of rising prices can be seen everywhere. Shoppers are choosing carefully and calculating their expenses as they go. Furthermore, the long-term outlook is not good, according to most experts. The general opinion is that prices will continue to rise. All that consumers can do is prepare themselves for harder times ahead.

67. What is the main aim of this passage?

- (A) To explain why the price of oil is rising
- (B) To describe what happens when prices rise
- (C) To analyze the reasons for recent price increases
- (D) To discuss the various effects of globalization

68. Which of the following is true about oil prices?

- (A) They have been rising but have not affected other prices.
- (B) They are higher because of increased transportation prices.
- (C) They are expected to more than double in the next year.
- (D) They are much higher than they were five years ago.

69. What is given as a reason for higher food prices in Taiwan?

- (A) The island's rapid industrialization
- (B) Drought in the Middle East
- (C) The exchange rate of the US dollar
- (D) Biofuel production in Taiwan

70. We can infer from the final paragraph that _____.

- (A) prices will go on increasing
- (B) oil will become cheaper soon
- (C) living standards will improve
- (D) shoppers are happy to spend more

VI. Blank Filling 填充 (2% for each): Fill in an appropriate word for each blank with the help of the hint if there is any. 請填入適當的字彙；若有提示字首，請按照提示作答。

We cannot expect for a beautiful day all the time. It rains, s 71, or even storms from time to time. Just like the w 72, life is not always rosy. There will be happiness, success, and sorrow and failure 73 well. What counts is the attitude when faced 74 difficulties. Take Christopher Reeve 75 example. He became paralyzed from his neck down due to an accident. What a cruel fact to most people, not to mention to such a famous movie s 76! However, Reeve believed in living life 77 its fullest and refused to yield to the difficulty. He made every effort to make himself recover. Besides, he tried his best to r 78 money to help people who suffer 79 similar injuries like himself. With his courage, Reeve is not only the superman we saw in the movie, but also truly a superman in the r 80 life. His courage and determination are what all of us should follow.

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