

第一部分 請將選擇題畫記在答案卡上, 若有個人資料劃記錯誤, 扣總分3分, 請務必小心畫卡

I. Choice 10%

1. An earthquake struck the region last night. Fortunately, only a small _____ of the building was damaged.
(A) portion (B) mission (C) factor (D) process
2. I _____ to ask him out because I was afraid of his possible rejection.
(A) postponed (B) baited (C) hesitated (D) regretted
3. The shop sells a wide variety of souvenirs, _____ magnets, postcards, and keychains.
(A) includes (B) including (C) included (D) and includes
4. It is difficult for me to make a decision without a reliable person to _____.
(A) go through (B) hang out (C) make sure (D) turn to
5. The hotel boasts a good _____ as it is close to tourist destinations, making it an ideal choice for travelers to explore them with ease.
(A) location (B) resolution (C) expectation (D) introduction
6. To lose weight, you had better _____ snacks and sugary drinks.
(A) stick to (B) stir up (C) work on (D) cut down on
7. Blue areas on the map _____ rivers or lakes, and the brown areas are deserts.
(A) surround (B) represent (C) celebrate (D) accomplish
8. It was _____ that Melisa was lying, for she seemed restless and avoided eye contact with me during the conversation.
(A) various (B) sensitive (C) creative (D) obvious
9. Right after submitting her test sheet, Sarah realized that she had made the same mistake on the test as she had in the _____ exam.
(A) upset (B) rough (C) bitter (D) previous
10. Willow's boyfriend has serious trust issues and often _____ her of being unfaithful.
(A) governs (B) proposes (C) suspects (D) signals

II. Cloze 27% (11-15題, 每題2分; 16-32題, 每題1分)

It was a special day last Thursday when John got his driver's license. The next morning, he couldn't wait to drive on the road. As soon as the alarm clock he set on his smartphone went off, he threw on his trendy T-shirt

and came __11__ down the stairs, where he almost tripped over. His mom made a cheese omelet and a sweet pancake for his breakfast. __12__ his lack of driving experience, she kept reminding him to drive with extra caution. However, John, __13__ with excitement and anticipation, did not listen. He grabbed the omelet, wolfed it down and made a hasty exit. __14__ his journey to a palm-fringed beach, the blazing sun streamed through the windows of his shiny new car. Behind the wheel, John felt as if he had entered a world of fantasy, basking in the world he had pictured. On the way, he involuntarily pressed down hard on the pedal, accelerating the car to its top speed. He bumped into a yellowish taxi ahead of him before he knew it. Fortunately, John and the cab driver ended up surviving the crash, with only the cabbie slightly __15__ and no deaths __15__. Right after the accident, John recalled what his mom had said at breakfast time and resumed his journey. This time he drove with extreme care and returned home safe and sound.

11. (A) and rush (B) rushed (C) rushing (D) and rushing
 12. (A) Given (B) Concerning (C) Supposing (D) Provided
 13. (A) flood (B) flooded (C) flooding (D) to flood
 14. (A) Going on (B) When he went on (C) To go on (D) Gone on
 15. (A) injured . . . reporting (B) injuring . . . reported (C) injuring . . . reporting (D) injured . . . reported

Under the influence of TV and social media, Christmas often conjures up images of shopping frenzy and gift-giving. It has become business-oriented to such an extent that it has been commonly seen as a season of consumerism.

However, aware of her husband's dislike of the __16__ side of the festival, Nancy was eager for a different way of celebration. An idea began to form in her mind as she watched her 12-year-old son Kevin __17__ in a wrestling bout. Nancy was alarmed to see that Kevin's school was wrestling against a team without any headgear __18__ is generally essential for school wrestling teams at all levels. Unlike Kevin's teammates in their sparkling new wrestling outfits, those youngsters were dressed in cheap uniforms and worn-out __19__. It was clear that headgear was a luxury those kids could not afford. Under such circumstances, Kevin's team beat them easily. Nancy's husband, who loved kids and had trained young baseball and football teams, was sad to see them lose like that. That afternoon, Nancy went to a local sporting goods shop, purchased wrestling helmets and shoes, and sent them anonymously to those needy kids. On Christmas Eve, she made the secret __20__ to her husband via a note and placed it in the branches of their Christmas tree as his gift from her. When he opened it, his radiant smile turned out to be the most beautiful sight about Christmas that year.

16. (A) protective (B) annual (C) ragged (D) commercial
 17. (A) overshadowing (B) competing (C) decorating (D) matching
 18. (A) what (B) where (C) , which (D) , what
 19. (A) sneakers (B) aspects (C) cancers (D) coaches
 20. (A) know (B) knowing (C) known (D) knew

In the retailing industry, the sudden desire to shop is not merely a coincidence but a result of intricate strategies employed by convenience stores. One such strategy is the "eye level is buy level" rule. Shop owners skillfully put their best-sellers at the shoppers' eye level to ensure their __21__. Likewise, products aimed at

children, like toys, find their place on lower shelves to capture the attention of younger shoppers. Convenience stores also promote unplanned purchases. __22__, small, inexpensive items, such as candy bars, will be placed near cash registers. It is believed that __23__ the products are, __23__ customers are to buy them.

To stimulate purchases, convenience stores employ a(n) __24__ strategy: extending customers' stay within the store. By providing bar-style seating or dining areas where customers can leisurely enjoy their time, convenience stores aim to increase additional purchases. Whether they read the paper, conduct a meeting, or simply relax there, customers often find themselves __25__ longer and, thus, spending on unplanned purchases. Next time, __26__ the tricks mentioned above when you step into a convenience store, and you might avoid spending too much!

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| 21. (A) seating | (B) visibility | (C) source | (D) balance |
| 22. (A) However | (B) Besides | (C) For instance | (D) On the other hand |
| 23. (A) the more eye-catching...the more possible | (B) more noticeable...more | | |
| (C) more eye-catching... the more | (D) the more noticeable...the more likely | | |
| 24. (A) designing-well | (B) arranging-skillfully | (C) skillfully-designed | (D) well-organize |
| 25. (A) stay | (B) to stay | (C) staying | (D) stayed |
| 26. (A) to go with | (B) keeping track of | (C) be aware of | (D) set up |

Modern citizens know it is not okay to tell a joke at the expense of other people. Growing up, __27__ not to "build our pleasure upon the pain of others." Yet, __28__ the graffiti debate, the same principle is often ignored. Imagine waking up to find your house covered in graffiti. How would you feel? The graffiti piece on the sides of your house may exhibit vibrant colors, bold strokes, and breathtaking techniques. However, if it wasn't your choice, you'd likely consider the act of some unknown, self-entitled "artists" spray-painting your home to be __29__ a blatant violation of your property rights. Among numerous critics of graffiti, Heather Mac Donald, the Thomas W. Smith Fellow at the Manhattan Institute, __30__ the fact that graffiti is always a wrongdoing, because it is an unauthorized imposition on another's property. __31__ some viewers may support graffiti, to her, it is a crime. At the end of the day, the ugly truth graffiti lovers must face is this: if their own homes were spray-painted without their __32__, would they readily embrace this expression and call it art?

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| 27. (A) parents and teachers have taught us | (B) we have been taught by parents and teachers | | |
| (C) with parents and teachers always teaching us | (D) being always taught by parents and teachers | | |
| 28. (A) rather than | (B) judging from | (C) speaking of | (D) other than |
| 29. (A) but for | (B) as for | (C) anything but | (D) nothing but |
| 30. (A) sees the need for | (B) gets rid of | (C) has a problem with | (D) calls attention to |
| 31. (A) If | (B) While | (C) Whether | (D) As |
| 32. (A) permission | (B) innocence | (C) violence | (D) pollution |

III. Cloze Filling 10%

(A) reward
(E) remove

(B) present
(AB) detector

(C) distant
(AC) poison

(D) specific

Airport security screenings are a way in which transportation security officers can search passengers and their carry-on baggage. They intend to find possibly dangerous or harmful substances, such as explosives and __33__. Security screenings, adopted at almost all international airports all over the world, have developed a __34__ process to maximize safety and minimize passenger delay.

Airport security screening consists of three basic steps. The first step is a document check. Passengers must __35__ their boarding passes and identification to officers when entering the security area. Second, all personal items and carry-on baggage must go through an X-ray machine. Passengers have to __36__ their coats, jackets, and vests and place them in bins for X-ray examination as well. Second, every passenger is required to walk through a metal __37__. The machine can be set off by metal objects like keys and change on the person or clothing. If everything is fine, passengers can proceed to their departure gate.

(A) reputation
(E) domestic

(B) fond of
(AB) as long as

(C) plenty of
(AC) individual

(D) vocalize

If you're an animal lover, you probably want to keep either a cat or a dog. Some people judge cats' behavior in comparison with dogs', though. This has led to them being labeled as unloving or unwilling to spend time with humans. However, this __38__ isn't fair—cats simply express their warmth in their own special ways. Let's learn more about what makes cats so wonderful.

The first __39__ cats came from Africa thousands of years ago. Wild cats realized that there was always __40__ food where there were humans. At the same time, humans realized that __41__ there were cats around, there were fewer mice. Soon, a special relationship formed.

You may wonder what it means when a cat meows. Interestingly, cats only __42__ with humans, not with other cats. They make noises for a number of reasons, such as to say hello or to show their hunger. So, if they're meowing, they're almost certainly talking to you!

IV. Discourse 10%

Robotic vacuums are small, round machines that can clean your floors all by themselves. __43__ That's why some people have jokingly compared them to overnight cleaning fairies. It's no wonder that more and more households are welcoming these mini marvels of technology into their homes.

But how do robotic vacuums work? __44__ This allows them to move around the room without bumping into things or falling downstairs. __45__ Once their tasks are completed, they return to their charging stations to await their next cleaning missions.

If you're already considering adding a robotic vacuum to your shopping cart, it's crucial to note the pros and cons of these time-saving devices. __46__ Also, from hardwood to carpets, they can handle different floor types with ease. However, there are some negative aspects to consider as well. For example, robotic vacuums need to be recharged on a regular basis. __47__ Additionally, users with wooden furniture may find dent marks left by the machine at the bottom.

Finally, before you hit the “Buy Now” button, it may prove worthwhile to hold off on finalizing the purchase and weigh the pros and cons again until you’re sure it’s the right decision for your needs.

- (A) Equipped with obstacle and cliff sensors, they can detect objects in their path.
- (B) On the positive side, they can clean floors effectively and operate independently.
- (C) Let’s take a look at different types of robotic vacuum cleaners available in the market and explore their amazing features.
- (D) While navigating the room to clean, their rotating brushes sweep dirt and dust under the vacuum, which then sucks it up.
- (E) Moreover, as they can sometimes get stuck under furniture or on loose carpets, you may need to rescue them once in a while.
- (AB) If scheduled to start during the night, they will automatically begin and complete the task while you enjoy a good night’s sleep.

V. Reading Comprehension 12%

Homelessness is never a choice but often due to a series of miserable events such as debt, illness, loss of a job, and inability to find work. With no place to go, the streets become their only alternative where they can sleep. Those without shelter are forced to dig through garbage cans for food. Unfortunately, for those who can’t get out of this situation quickly, it only gets worse from there on.

Norman McGillivray, founder of non-profit Beddown, had a light-bulb moment walking through an empty parking lot one night and saw the perfect space for a “pop-up” shelter. With careful planning, willing partners and collaborators, Beddown was ready to give the idea a go. The organization asked one of the largest car park operators, Secure Parking, and they agreed to launch a two-week trial in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Beddown’s aim is to use places only used during daytime and standing empty at night and turning them into safe and secure shelters for the homeless overnight. Sleep deprivation is one condition many homeless people suffer from since they are constantly at risk of having their little possessions stolen. Depression, diabetes, hypertension, and memory loss are just a few of the conditions as a result of living rough. During the trial, Beddown provided additional services to the guests, such as doctors, nurses, dentists, and hairdressers. They also helped provide social services and gave them new clothing as well as a place to clean themselves.

48. What inspired Norman McGillivray to start Beddown?

- (A) The success of a similar program overseas.
- (B) A government initiative to reduce homelessness.
- (C) The sight of an empty parking lot at night.
- (D) Requests from the homeless community.

49. Which of the following services did Beddown give to the homeless during their trial period?

- (A) Technology training and free gadgets.
- (B) Permanent housing and job placements.
- (C) Financial loans and business investments
- (D) Medical care and personal grooming services.

Are microwaves bad for your health? The convenience they provide is undeniable. But despite the widespread use of microwave ovens and their excellent safety record, some people have doubts that cooking food with microwaves somehow makes food less healthy by zapping the nutrients out of food. Does cooking with microwaves do that? Is microwave food healthy?

Understanding how microwave ovens work can help clarify the answer to these common questions. Microwave ovens cook food using waves of energy that are similar to radio waves but shorter. These waves mostly target water and other molecules that have one end positively charged and the other end negatively charged. Microwaves cause these molecules to vibrate and quickly build up heat energy.

Some nutrients break down when they're heated, whether it is from a microwave or a regular oven. Vitamin C is perhaps the clearest example. But because microwave cooking times are shorter, cooking with a microwave does a better job of preserving vitamin C and other nutrients that break down when heated.

As far as vegetables go, cooking them in water, compared with cooking them in oil, robs them of more of their nutritional value because the nutrients leach out into the cooking water. For example, boiled broccoli loses glucosinolate, a substance that may give the vegetable its cancer-fighting properties, as well as the taste that many find distinctive, and some find disgusting. Is steaming vegetables—even microwave steaming—better? In some respects, yes. For example, steamed broccoli holds on to more glucosinolate than boiled or fried broccoli.

The cooking method that best retains nutrients is one that cooks quickly, heats food for the shortest amount of time, and uses as little liquid as possible. Microwaving meets those criteria. Using the microwave with a small amount of water essentially steams food from the inside out. That keeps in more vitamins and minerals than almost any other cooking method and shows microwave food can indeed be healthy.

50. What is the primary reason why some people doubt the use of microwave ovens?

- (A) They believe microwaves are unsafe to use.
- (B) They think microwaves get nutrients out of food.
- (C) They find microwaves time-consuming.
- (D) They believe food cooked by using regular ovens tastes better.

51. Why does the passage mention Vitamin C?

- (A) To explain why it can help fight cancer.
- (B) To point out the benefits of Vitamin C-rich foods.
- (C) To show how it is exposed to heat during microwave cooking.
- (D) To compare the effectiveness of preserving nutrients in different cooking times.

52. According to the passage, what is the answer to the methods of cooking broccoli that keep the most nutrients? Arrange the list from the one retaining the most nutrients to that keeping the least.

- a. Microwave steamed broccoli
- b. Water-boiled broccoli
- c. Quick-stirred fried broccoli

The answer is _____.

(A) $a > c > b$

(B) $b > a > c$

(C) $c > a > b$

(D) $a > b > c$

53. 請從第二段中找出最適當的單詞 (word) 填入下列句子空格中，並視語法需要做適當的字形變化。每格限填一個單詞 (word)。請將此題答案寫在答案卷上

Microwaves cook by using waves of energy, which are absorbed into the molecules of water. This action causes them to _____, creating _____ to cook food fairly evenly, from the inside out.

第二部分 請將手寫題答案寫在答案卷上

VI. Vocabulary Spelling 14%

54. The arrival of online food d_____y platforms has brought convenience to our lives, allowing us to enjoy restaurant meals without leaving the house.

55. Showcasing her musical talent by playing various instruments well at a young age, the little girl has the p_____l to become an outstanding musician in the future.

56. It has been our school's t_____n to celebrate its anniversary by holding a sports meet and a costume parade for decades.

57. As the concert was s_____red by an international enterprise, the superstar had to wear the company's distinctive logo on his shirt.

58. The new business approach proved to be highly p_____e, leading to a significant increase in the company's income.

59. In an attempt to resist the urge to buy things on i_____e, Alex decided to make a shopping list and stick to it.

60. After careful consideration, Emily decided to accept the job o_____r, excited about the opportunities it would bring to her career.

61. The police worked out a clever plan to t_____p the suspect and gather evidence against him.

62. After months of searching, the pirates e_____ly discovered the hidden treasure buried deep beneath the palm trees on the secluded island.

63. Trying to bake a cake for the first time, Casper made a m_____s in the kitchen, spilling flour and batter all over the place.

64. Julio was tricked into attending a work meeting in Marvel costumes; his colorful Spiderman suit

c_____ted sharply with the boring black suits of the other employees.

65. Mimiko made a great e_____t to improve her grades, and her hard work successfully turned them from a couple of Cs to straight As.

66. In Taiwanese culture, the color red is usually a_____ted with good luck and fortune.

67. The Hiroshima bombings caused widespread d_____n and left the lives of many people forever changed.

VII. Guided Translation 17%

68. 街道被兩旁各式各樣的彩色燈籠所點亮。

The streets were _____ by a wide variety of colored lanterns on both sides.

69. 當她開始做報告時，所有必要的工具都會巧妙地安排在伸手可得的地方，讓她能夠有效率的工作。

As she started off her project, all the essential tools and supplies were carefully organized w_____ arm's _____, allowing her to work efficiently.

70. 每一位學美術的學生都知道要想讓一幅畫作達到完美需要花費很多的時間和努力。

Every art student knows that p_____ a painting _____ a lot of time and hard work.

71. 在巴黎擔任駐外記者十年後，他期待回到他的家鄉。

After he has done a ten-year stint as a foreign correspondent in Pairs, he looks _____ r_____ to his hometown.

72. 很多聰明的消費者打算利用黑色星期五的驚人折扣更換家電，因此他們天沒亮就在店門口排隊。

Clever customers planned to _____ a _____ of the incredible discounts of the Black Friday sales to upgrade their electronics; therefore, they _____ outside the stores well before dawn.

73. Banksy的塗鴉具有多樣的形式，往往代表對權力和不平等的批判。

Banksy's graffiti _____ various forms, often _____ critiques of power and inequality.

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V. Reading Comprehension 2%

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VI. Vocabulary Spelling 14%

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VII. Guided Translation 17%

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I. Choice 10% (1-10題, 每題1分)

1-5: A C B D A

6-10: D B D D C

II. Cloze 27% (11-15題, 每題2分;16-32題, 每題1分)

11-15: C A B B D

16-20: D B C A C

21-26: B C D C C C

27-32: B C D D B A

III. Cloze Filling 10% (33-42題, 每題1分)

33-37: (AC), D, B, E, (AB)

38-42: A, E, C, (AB), D

IV. Discourse 10% (43-47題, 每題2分)

43-47: (AB), A, D, B, E

V. Reading Comprehension 12% (49-52題, 每題2分)

48- 52: C, D, B, D, A

53: (請將手寫題答案寫在答案紙上) vibrate; heat 或是 energy (每字1分;該字全對才給分)

第二部分 共33分

V. Reading Comprehension 2%

53. vibrate; heat 或是 energy (每字1分;該字全對才給分)

VI. Vocabulary Spelling 14%

54. delivery

55. potential

56. tradition

57. sponsored

58. profitable

59. impulse

60. offer

61. trap

62. eventually

63. mess

64. contrasted

65. effort

66. associated

67. destruction

VII. Guided Translation 17%

68. lit 或 lighted; up

69. within; reach

70 perfecting; takes 或 requires 或 needs

71. forward; to; returning

72. take; advantage; lined; up

73. come(s); in [或寫 take(s) on]; standing; for