

**國立虎尾科技大學九十八學年度
研究所(碩士班)入學考試英文科試題**

注意事項：

- (1) 共二十五題，每題四分，共一百分。
(2) 請依序作答於答案卷上，答錯不倒扣。

I. Cloze test: choose the best answer to fill in each blank.

Historical fiction __1__ the same themes as contemporary realism and fantasy—coming of age, family relationships, friendships, societal issues, __2__. We read historical fiction because we are interested __3__ the lives of the characters—their loves, fears, likes, dislikes, struggles, and triumphs. What we invariably learn from historical fiction—and what we learn from history as well—is that human beings of different times and places have a great deal __4__. This is an important concept if we are to get along in this world, for our natural survival instinct tells us to be wary of strangers or anyone different from us. __5__ is the root of hatred, of prejudice and bigotry, of conflict and war. One way to overcome our narrow biases—perhaps the only way—is to learn to know people different from us.

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| 1. A. deals with | B. stands for | C. derives from | D. put off |
| 2. A. so on | B. and the like | C. so forth | D. and as much |
| 3. A. on | B. with | C. in | D. at |
| 4. A. for granted | B. in vain | C. for nothing | D. in common |
| 5. A. Ignorance | B. Happiness | C. Hardship | D. Destination |

We've placed a lot of emphasis in this country __6__ the idea of people's *rights*. That's how it should be, but it __7__ no sense to talk about rights without also talking about responsibilities.

Rights have to come from somewhere, and they come from the community. __8__, all of us have a responsibility to the community. Some people call this the "communitarian" movement, but I call it common sense.

This idea has been lost on a lot of us, and in my twenty years __9__ a professor, I've noticed more and more students just don't get it. The notion __10__ rights come with responsibilities is, literally, a strange concept to them.

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| 6. A. on | B. with | C. in | D. at |
| 7. A. takes | B. makes | C. costs | D. requires |
| 8. A. Taken together | B. By definition | C. In return | D. General speaking |
| 9. A. to be | B. be | C. like | D. as |
| 10. A. that | B. which | C. X | D. what |

Taipei is the capital of the Nationalist government and Taiwan's largest city. __11__ on the northern tip of the island, it is the political, industrial, and cultural heart of Taiwan. Kaohsiung is the second largest city and an important port __12__ Taiwan's southwestern coast. Other important cities include the industrial centers of Taichung and Tainan, and Keelung, which __13__ the port of Taipei.

11. A. Situated B. Situating C. To situate D. Being situating
 12. A. within B. off C. on D. in
 13. A. abides by B. results from C. accounts for D. serves as

II. Reading Comprehension: answer all questions following a passage on the basis of what is stated or implied in that passage.

The New Year celebration, also known as "Spring Festival," is the largest and most colorful festival for the Chinese. As a part of the traditional celebration, every family prepares spring festival greetings to post on the doors.

New Year's Eve is the highlight of the festival. Family members all return home to share a feast. The meal includes various dishes, one of which must be a fish dish because the word for "fish" has the same pronunciation as the word for "plentiful."

Similarly, leftovers are encouraged because the word for "leftovers" is pronounced the same as the word for "spring." After the meal, the family will stay up until the wee hours of the New Year's Day.

The color red represents good fortune in Chinese culture, so early morning on New Year's Day, children traditionally pay their respects to their elders, receiving "Red Envelopes" containing "Lucky Money" in return.

Dragon and Lion dances are indispensable parts of traditional Chinese New Year celebrations. The dances are meant to chase away evil and bring in the good luck and fortune.

14. According to the passage, what is the most noticeable or special part of "Spring Festival"?
- A. Greetings posted on the doors.
 B. New Year's Eve.
 C. Children paying respects to their elders.
 D. Dragon and Lion dances.
15. The feast on the New Year's Eve must include a fish dish because _____.
 A. fish is the most nourishing and delicious of all Chinese dishes
 B. fish will bring good luck and fortune in the coming year
 C. the word for "fish" is pronounced the same as the word for "plentiful"
 D. the word for "fish" has the same pronunciation as the word for "spring"
16. The word *indispensable* in the last paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.
 A. necessary B. fascinating C. impressive D. unusual

17. Which of the following statements is NOT true?

- A. People will not go to bed until very late on the New Year's Eve.
- B. It is encouraged that people prepare more food than they can eat for the feast on the New Year's Eve.
- C. People perform Dragon and Lion dances during the Chinese New Year celebration to get rid of evil and bring in the good luck and fortune.
- D. "Spring Festival" is the most colorful festival for the Chinese because of "the red envelopes" children receive.

Over the next decade, the potential for green collar jobs, which I define as blue-collar work force opportunities created by firms and organizations whose mission is to improve environmental quality, could be very large. This is because, despite what is happening at the federal level, many San Francisco Bay Area cities, and the state of California, are proposing and passing policies and programs designed to improve environmental quality. These include policies related to zero waste, energy and water conservation, residential solar energy, whole home performance, local procurement, open space, and strengthening local food systems. In addition, the number of San Francisco Bay Area residents choosing to use their money to buy goods and services from firms and organizations that are improving environmental quality is increasing rapidly. Over time, this combination of factors should result in a significant expansion of local green collar jobs in the area.

It is very clear that moving away from polluting work and towards environmentally restorative work will bring significant changes and immediate benefits to workers, communities, and society at large. We need to develop a clearer understanding of what kinds of policies and programs can ensure that green collar jobs are made available to workers with limited initial education and skills, and that these jobs are stable, living wage jobs that provide benefits to workers and their families.

18. Green Collar jobs are those _____.

- A. created by blue-collar work force
- B. happening at the federal level
- C. beneficial to improving environmental quality
- D. proposed by the state of California

19. The word *potential* in the first paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. possibility
- B. acquisition
- C. employment
- D. proposition

20. Which factor could lead to a significant expansion of local jobs in San Francisco Bay Area and California State?

- A. Policies and programs designed to improve environmental quality are proposed and passed by this area.
- B. The policies passed include those related to many sectors, ranging from energy and water conservation to strengthening local food systems.
- C. More and more residents of the area buy goods and services from firms and organizations that are improving environmental quality.
- D. All of the above.

21. According to the author of this passage, which should the green collar jobs be made available to?
- A. The middle class.
 - B. Blue-collar work force.
 - C. Firms and organizations improving environmental quality.
 - D. Federal governments.

Since 1999, the G-20 has contributed to strengthen the international financial architecture and to foster sustainable economic growth and development. The G-20 now has a crucial role in driving forward work between advanced and emerging economies to tackle the international financial and economic crisis, restore worldwide financial stability, lead the international economic recovery and secure a sustainable future for all countries.

The financial markets and the world economy continue to face serious global challenges and the severity of the crisis and ongoing uncertainties demonstrate the need for urgent action. During the United Kingdom's Chair, the immediate priority will be to gain further agreements for a concerted, coordinated international response.

The G-20 will need to send a strong signal that it is prepared to take whatever further actions are necessary to stabilize the financial system and to provide further macroeconomic support. At the same time, the G-20 must commit to maintaining open trade and investment, to avoid a retreat to protectionism, and direct necessary additional support to emerging markets and developing countries.

The G-20 should also lay the foundations to move beyond the crisis to a sustainable recovery. In 2009, it will be important to understand the roots of the international financial crisis and identify the lessons that we can learn to ensure that a crisis of this kind does not happen again. The G-20 should develop proposals that will restore global growth in the medium term, including the unwinding of emergency measures taken in response to the crisis.

22. Which country hosts the 2009 Summit of the Group of Twenty?
- A. The United States.
 - B. The United Nations.
 - C. The United Kingdom.
 - D. Canada.
23. How long has the G-20 been established?
- A. A decade
 - B. Two decades
 - C. A dozen years
 - D. A half dozen years
24. The word *ongoing* in the second paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.
- A. delaying
 - B. continuing
 - C. developing
 - D. unwinding
25. According to the passage, what will be the important thing for the G-20 to do in 2009?
- A. To understand the causes for the international financial crisis.
 - B. To identify the lessons that we can learn to prevent the crisis from happening again.
 - C. To develop proposals that will restore global growth in the medium term.
 - D. All of the above.