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英文閱讀測驗暨引導式寫作比賽

測驗試題

本測驗分兩部份，第一部份閱讀測驗和第二部份引導式寫作，作答時間 60 分鐘。

第一部份 閱讀理解測驗：共 20 題，每題 2.5 分，滿分 50 分。

說明：本部份包括 (A)-(E) 五段短文，每段短文後有 4 個相關問題，試題本上均提供 (A)、(B)、(C)、(D) 四個選項，請從選項中選出最適合者，標示在答案紙上。

(A)

Arguably, the man who best represents English Romanticism is perhaps William Wordsworth. He saw nature with new eyes, and his whole work is an attempt to communicate that new vision. In his youth he had been a strong supporter of the French Revolution, but later he gave up his political ideas to devote himself entirely to the task of bringing to the world beauty and happiness.

Wordsworth held that in cultivation of sensibility and imagination, one would be able to find great sources of healthy enjoyment and delight. To prove his idea, he relied on his own experience. In his works Wordsworth described how he, once **overwhelmed** by unhappiness, could again find comfort and love and recover his peace of mind, and he employed very simple daily language to demonstrate his idea of true art, “the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings, recollected in tranquility.”

1. From the passage we can tell that Wordsworth is _____.
A) a painter B) a poet C) a sculptor D) a composer
2. Which of the following is perhaps a less common theme in Wordsworth’s art?
A) daily life B) nature C) feeling and emotions D) revolutionary ideals
3. In paragraph 2, line 4, the word “**overwhelmed**” is closet in meaning to _____.
A) alienated B) nominated C) dominated D) liberated

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4. Which of the following is NOT true about Wordsworth?

- A) He insisted on the importance of learning in terms of art creation.
- B) His political stance had undergone changes.
- C) He had been troubled by setbacks in life.
- D) He claimed that real joy could be found inward.

(B)

Hailed as “king of animals,” lions have long been honored and respected by humans for its beauty, power and seeming courage. The truth behind the story, however, may disappoint many. It seems that lions are not so courageous after all: they usually choose the weakest prey and attack from behind. As to the myth of power? Well, four out of five times their hunting ends in failure. What’s worse, the males tend to steal the kill of the females. The large build of the body makes it difficult for the male lions to run for long, and they roughly spend 20 hours a day sleeping. Their persistence in spite of the high failure rate, however, is **something else**. Due to the difference in habitats, it’s impossible to see lions and tigers being put together like in the fables in the natural environment. However, if there were to be a fight between these two species, tigers might have the upper hand due to their enormous size and super strong forelimbs. Tigers are also very skillful swimmers – the only exception in the cat family!

5. What most likely describes how the author feels about people’s perception of lions?

- A) convinced
- B) doubtful
- C) hopeful
- D) pessimistic

6. From the article, what do we know about male lions?

- A) They are born hunters.
- B) They often charge into a herd of animals when hunting.
- C) They can swim well.
- D) They might be regarded as lazy in the human world.

7. The expression “**something else**” in line 8 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A) irrelevant
- B) extraordinary
- C) additional
- D) dispensable

8. It’s unlikely to see tigers fight lions because _____.

- A) Their living environments are not overlapped.
- B) Tigers will run away in fear.
- C) Tigers have super strong forelimbs.
- D) Lions symbolize power and beauty.

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(C)

Have you ever seen this word “serendipity?” It has been voted one of the ten English words hardest to translate in June 2004 by a British translation company. Basically, “serendipity” refers to “looking for one thing and **stumbling over** something else that proves to be of greater value.” The word was coined by Horace Walpole, a 18th-century English writer. In a letter he wrote to a friend, Walpole explained an unexpected discovery he had made by reference to a Persian fairy tale, “The Three Princes of Serendip.” The princes made discoveries through accidents, and they turned disasters into triumphs. Serendip, by the way, is the old Persian name for what is now Sri Lanka, aka Ceylon. While this may be a new word to many of us, we have in fact all benefited from inventions of this nature in our daily life. Penicillin, for instance, was created out of an accident. In fact, serendipity has always played an essential role in the human history, particularly that of scientific inventions or discoveries.

9. The word “serendipity” can be best understood as _____.
- A) a disturbing experience B) a sudden understanding
C) a heartfelt relief D) a pleasant surprise
10. The word “serendipity” was created by _____.
- A) a Persian tale B) princes from Sri Lanka
C) a British author D) a British translation company
11. Which of the following is WRONG about the word “serendipity?”
- A) It cannot be properly expressed in other languages.
B) It was accidentally made.
C) It is a relatively new word in English.
D) Its origin involves a fairy tale.
12. In line 3, the phrase “**stumble over**” is closest in meaning to _____.
- A) trip over B) fall for C) bump into D) break down

(D)

Bali island is a province of Indonesia and ranks among one of the top tourist destinations in the world. It’s only a 5-hour flight from Taiwan, with a relaxing atmosphere but no time difference, and the friendly people plus the tasty food will surely win your heart! In the famous movie “Eat, Pray and Love,” Julia Roberts finally found a new life and her love in Bali, and “Taiwan's TV Drama Queen” Ruby Lin (林

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心如) also held her wedding there.

One thing that you will definitely see on the streets there is the small baskets of flowers and crackers that local people put out on the ground. It's the daily offering that people give to the gods. The flowers are usually in 3 colors, symbolizing the three major Hindu deities. That's right: while Indonesia is a Muslim country, most of the Balinese believe in Hinduism and hold back from eating. As most Indonesians shy away from pork products, so beef is usually absent on traditional Balinese menus. Additionally, there is one more thing that set the Balinese apart. On traditional Balinese calendar, the new year day is called "Nyepi," which means "the day of silence." On that day, all the people on the island – tourists included – are expected to stay at their places, quietly meditate and reflect upon what they have done in the previous year. Isn't it cool?

13. Which of the following might be less likely to be found in a Balinese restaurant?

- A) Sirloin steak
- B) Deep-fried duck
- C) Chicken soup noodles
- D) Grilled fish and seafood

14. What is the purpose of the first paragraph?

- A) To outline the attractions and interest readers
- B) To list some simple facts about Bali
- C) To advertise the local hospitality industry
- D) To familiarize readers with the records of Bali

15. Which of the following is perhaps an appropriate title to this passage?

- A) The Importance of Religion in Bali
- B) How the Balinese are different from Indonesians
- C) What Daily Life on Bali Island is like
- D) Interesting Facts about Bali Island

16. From the passage, what can we learn about the Balinese people?

- A) Most of them work in food related industry.
- B) Many of them are religious.
- C) None of them is Muslim.
- D) They don't celebrate the New Year's Day.

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(E)

Craig Flatman, known as “Jam Boy,” is every nutritionist’s nightmare. A seemingly perfect normal young man, Craig lives on a terribly imbalanced diet – he never eats anything other than bread and jam. Meat? No. Fruit? No. Vegetables? No-no. The only time he doesn’t have bread and jam is for breakfast, when he has chocolate cereal and milk – and occasionally he has some chocolate cake. Nevertheless, Craig unbelievably healthy. He is 1.83 meters tall, weighs 70 kilos, and he has never been seriously ill except form typical childhood illnesses.

Craig’s weird diet started when he was about four years old. He had rejected almost everything since he was still very little, and milk was all he had until he was four, when he asked to try jam and has since then never stopped having it. Craig said that sometimes he craves for some variety, but every time he tries something else he feels sick. Doctors believed that his condition may have been caused by choking on solid food and he may grow out of it, but Craig just shrugged these ideas off.

Things can be even more complicated if we take a look at Craig’s whole family. While Craig’s parents eat a normal diet, Amy, Craig’s sister who’s 2 years younger by him, is a vegetarian. Now imagine their family meal: “Yes we are ready to order. Steaks for me and my wife please, a green salad for our girl – she’s a vegetarian, and bread and jam for the lad there. Yes, that’s right. No, I am not kidding, bread and jam please.”

Well, guess the very same nightmare happens to restaurants owners as well...

17. Which of the following may be the best title for this passage?

- A) The Perfect Guide to Health and Nutrition
- B) The Power of Dedication
- C) Fed up with Bread and Jam? Not Exactly
- D) Mythical Creature that Comes to Life

18. According to that article, more than 50% of his diet is in fact _____.

- A) Fiber
- B) Protein
- C) Sugar
- D) Mineral

19. How did Craig react to doctors’ comments?

- A) He didn’t buy them.
- B) He was unhappy.
- C) He felt amused.
- D) He felt offended.

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20. What best describe the author's intention in the last two paragraphs?

- A) He / She is being ironic.
- B) He / She sympathizes with the hospitality staff.
- C) He / She complains about how difficult some customers can be.
- D) He / She tries to show some dry sense of humor.

第二部份 引導式寫作測驗：共 1 大題，滿分 50 分。

評分重點包括：內容 13 分、組織 13 分、文法 10 分、用字遣詞 10 分、標點符號和大小寫 4 分。

說明：

- (1) 請用 150 個以上的英語單詞完成以下的故事，寫在「測驗答案紙」標示的位置上。
- (2) 俄羅斯與烏克蘭的戰爭，對全世界都產生了重大的影響，請以 “What have we learned from Russian-Ukraine War?” 為題，寫一篇英語短文。
- (3) 請不要寫出自己或就讀學校的名字。

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