

八十二學年度研究所碩士班入學考試

英文試題

I. Vocabulary(30%)

In the following 15 sentences, choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase, and write the corresponding letter A, B, or C in the space provided on the answer sheet.

1. Robert has become quite overbearing.

- (A) domineering
- (B) tense
- (C) mysterious

2. During the gubernatorial campaign neither of the two candidates maligned the other.

- (A) spoke well of
- (B) spoke ill of
- (C) mentioned

3. Pat is much happier as a free-lance writer.

- (A) a part-time
- (B) a professional
- (C) an independent

4. Our hopes were dashed when we got the letter.

- (A) we were pleased
- (B) We were discouraged
- (C) We were hopeful

5. The two professions are not skin in spite of what people commonly think.

- (A) challenging
- (B) related
- (C) esteemed

6. George pondered over what should be done.

- (A) considered carefully
- (B) discussed
- (C) made reports on

7. Peter had no qualms about borrowing money from his friends.
(A) hesitation
(B) feeling of uneasiness
(C) regrets
8. The Smiths' jaunt in the country was very pleasant.
(A) picnic
(B) day
(C) short trip
9. Mary made some disparaging remarks about Jane.
(A) complimentary
(B) deprecatory
(C) interesting
10. That boy is in dire need of psychiatric help.
(A) extreme
(B) a fair amount of
(C) a little
11. This novel is famous for its prologue.
(A) action, movement of the story
(B) originality, creativity, fresh view
(C) the preface of introduction
12. The audience was very interested in Charles Brown's monologue.
(A) a long speech by one person
(B) an act without words, the actor using only his body
(C) a series of dance steps done very slowly
13. This is retrograde development.
(A) going from better to worse
(B) seen or noticed easily
(C) causing or creating other developments
14. She gave birth to a malformed baby.
(A) incompletely developed
(B) below the usual standard
(C) abnormal, badly formed

15. A criminal is often a nondescript person whom witnesses can never recall clearly.

- (A) having no outstanding characteristics of features
- (B) not useful
- (C) silly or without meaning

II. Grammar (20%)

Choose the best answer to fill the blank in each of the following sentences.

1. ___ of patients got relief from their pain after receiving the medicine?

- (A) How many percentages
- (B) How many percents
- (C) What percentage
- (D) What percents

2. Alex ___ to study for the last hour, but something always seems to interrupt him.

- (A) tried
- (B) has tried
- (C) tries
- (D) has been trying

3. Mark hopes ___ next year to editor-in-chief.

- (A) to promote
- (B) promote
- (C) to be promoted
- (D) promotion

4. Some have studied English since 13, but they still cannot ___ themselves in English intelligibly.

- (A) express out
- (B) express
- (C) convey
- (D) convey out

5. Now the government agrees ___ visit their relatives in mainland China.

- (A) to let public employees
- (B) let public employees
- (C) let public employees to
- (D) to let public employees to

6. When Deborah got on the plane, she found out that she had forgotten her favorite book she ____.

- (A) bought years ago.
- (B) bought years before.
- (C) had bought years before.
- (D) had bought years ago.

7. When moving, Rick wrapped all the glass-ware with care because they are ____.

- (A) easy to be broken.
- (B) easy to be broke.
- (C) easy to break.
- (D) easy broken.

8. The temperature will increase up to 10 degrees by the end of the next century ;____, there will be changes in existing living patterns.

- (A) for
- (B) so
- (C) in the same way
- (D) for instance

9. ____ the student take the exam, their blood pressure rise from 115/55 before the exam to 155/115 at the end of the exam.

- (A) Everytime
- (B) Every time
- (C) Everytime when
- (D) Every time when

10. In recent years, one of the biggest issues____ have been the deteriorating quality of the surroundings.

- (A) on the local scene
- (B) of the local scene
- (C) at the local scene
- (D) in the local scene

3. Reading comprehension. 30%

A. In the following paragraph, some words are deleted. Please find them in the following choices and write the corresponding letters on the answer sheet.

< DD> Ozone at low altitudes is __1__ of smog. But in Earth's stratosphere natural ozone helps shield the __2__ from the sun's damaging ultraviolet radiation, which can __3__ skin cancer and harm crop growth.

A NASA satellite has provided overwhelming evidence that industrial __4__ are responsible for the hole in Earth's __5__ ozone layer above Antarctica.

- 1.(A)part (B)component (C)mixture (D)product
- 2.(A)universe (B)space (C)star (D)planet
- 3.(A)create (B)make (C)cause (D)produce
- 4.(A)pollutants (B)pollutes (C)ruins (D)damages
- 5.(A)harmful (B)harmless (C)protected (D)protective

B. Read the following selection and answer the questions

The Brutal beating inflicted on Rodney King and the acquittal of the policemen responsible for it show the United States to be a nation as divided as ever by racial and social fear, mistrust and animosity. Regardless of how we assess the police, the trial or the jury, most of the Americans simply do not believe that these injustices would have occurred if Rodney King had been white, or if either the arresting officers or if either the arresting officers or the jury had included African-Americans. Marginalized Americans live a life of rage, despair, bitterness, and alienation. Whatever its cause or explanation, exclusion breeds violence and indifference to law. People disagree endlessly about who or what is responsible for exclusion and violence; individual or society, nature or culture, corrupt government of people. These politicized debates hide what we already know as part of their common democratic heritage. The American dream is a dream of individual responsibility and equal opportunity. Without the willingness and ability of a person to take responsibility for his or her life, opportunities and resources are washed. Similarly, without sufficient opportunities and resources, individual responsibility spins out of control and cannot function. Thus, as citizens, they have always been willing to take some measure of collective responsibility for the American Dream--for caring and assuring that all of their children and citizens have assuring that all of their children and citizen have sufficient education, economic, social and political opportunities to live with dignity. They will not let the dream die.

As citizens of a modern democracy, their fates are intertwined. In the wake of the shocking events surrounding the case of King, they might their moral integrity as Americans by starting again to think about how to rebuild their common institutions and way of life so that every American has full opportunity for a responsible and worth-while life.

6. What is the main idea of the passage?

- (A) The Rodney King case shows that all the American policemen like to beat non-white Americans.
- (B) The government is responsible for exclusion and violence.
- (C) The American dream is not a dream of individual responsibility and equal opportunity.
- (D) The Americans should take collective responsibility for the rebuilding of the American dream.

7. What does "acquittal" mean?

- (A) declaration of a person not guilty
- (B) irresponsible
- (C) declaration of a person guilty
- (D) biased

8. According to the passage, which shows the U.S. to be a nation threatened by racial and social division?

- (A) Racism and poverty
- (B) The beating of King and the acquittal of the policemen responsible for it.
- (C) The shock and outrage of most Americans.
- (D) The rioting, looting in Los Angeles and the reactions to them.

9. Most of the Americans think that

- (A) if King had been white, the jury would make the same decision.
- (B) if the police officers were African-Americans, they would beat King even harder.
- (C) if there were some African-Americans among the jury, King's case would be justified.
- (D) racism has nothing to do with King's verdict.

10. What does "marginalized" means?

- (A) living on the edge of a cliff
- (B) living on the margins of society

- (C)at the left or right side of a group
- (D)on the borderline of the U.S.

11. Some Americans live a life of rage, despair, bitterness, and alienation because

- (A)they should be responsible for their own lives.
- (B)they have no positive role, identity, voice or visibility in mainstream social and economic institutions.
- (C)America is full of cultural diversity
- (D)other Americans are indifferent to what kind of life they desire.

12. The author thinks the debates of the American people

- (A)are aimed at finding out who should be responsible for exclusion and violence.
- (B)show the nation is divided by racial and social fear.
- (C)help rebuilding the American dream.
- (D)are becoming politicized.

13. which of the following is true according to the passage?

- (A)The American dream has nothing to do with the beating of Rodney King and the looting in Los Angeles.
- (B)The American dream for all Americans has died.
- (C)The riot contributes to the fractures of American dream.
- (D)Individual responsibility, opportunities and resources are interdependent.

14. The American dream will not die if

- (A)all Americans' fates are intertwined.
- (B)all Americans are citizens of a modern democracy.
- (C)all Americans join hands to assure that they all have sufficient opportunities to live with dignity.
- (D)all Americans shocked and outraged by King's case.

15. According to the author of the passage, the case of Rodney King might

- (A)help the Americans
- (B)to think about how to rebuild the American dream
- (C)to talk about how to compensate King
- (D)to pay more attention to cases similar to this own.

4. Translate the following sentences into English. 20%

1. 美國堅持中華民國必須於四月十五日前通過中美著作權協定，否則華府將對台灣施予貿易制裁。
2. 一家國際顧問公司說，中華民國的投資環境名列世界第二。

- 3.根據美國環保署(U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)的一份報告，二手煙每年使全美大約三千名不吸煙人士罹患癌症而死亡。
- 4.朝野兩黨大部份立法委員均認為李總統有參與聯合國的談話，是一項重大的政治突破。
- 5.明知存款不足仍開支票，是不道德的。

