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英文科試題 (共七頁)

本試題分字彙、文法結構、閱讀與文意、及作文共四大題。前三題為單選題，請依題序將所有答案代表字母 (A, B, C, 或 D) 寫在答案卡。第四大題作文，請在答案紙上作答。

I. Vocabulary: 30%

In each of the following 15 sentences there is a blank where a word is left out. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence and write its corresponding letter A, B, C, or D on the answer card.

- Being a person with little to say, Merrill presented his views clearly and then _____ into silence.
(A) relented (B) relapsed (C) withdrew (D) thwarted
- The lawyer, recognizing that the defendant had no money and that the cause was worthwhile, _____ his usual fee.
(A) waived (B) hoarded (C) retrieved (D) overruled
- Until I lose five more pounds I am _____ from eating bread, potatoes, and fried foods.
(A) undermining (B) protecting (C) abstaining (D) refusing
- Mr. Foxson, I have a _____ for your arrest.
(A) legitimacy (B) measurement (C) resignation (D) warrant
- Leona's kitchen has every _____ invented to make the housewife's work easier.
(A) gadget (B) budget (C) setback (D) whim
- They were urged on all sides to change their proposals, but they remained completely _____.
(A) fortuitous (B) prodigious (C) intransigent (D) unprecedented
- You've heard of Earl Roberts, the oil _____, haven't you? His company supplies practically all of the oil sold in this part of the country.
(A) tyrant (B) tycoon (C) hubbub (D) gadfly
- Foster is taking Hastings to court for _____ on the copyright of one of his books.
(A) inferring (B) instilling (C) intriguing (D) infringing
- The leaders tried to _____ their party of all dissenters, but they found it to be an impossible job.
(A) purge (B) punch (C) diehard (D) delegate
- The idea is a good one, Paul, but it is _____ with the subject under discussion now.
(A) incongruous (B) impudent (C) inconspicuous (D) immutable

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11. Any country acting in isolation would be _____ to competition in world markets.
(A) auspicious (B) intangible (C) vulnerable (D) incessant
12. After bribes had proved useless, they tried threats and _____.
(A) indolence (B) intimidation (C) camouflage (D) counterblast
13. This agreement is very _____ and open to various interpretations.
(A) ambient (B) obligatory (C) oblivious (D) ambiguous
14. Both sides are determined to get what they want, and there seems to be no possibilities of _____.
(A) discrimination (B) antagonism (C) compromise (D) redundancy
15. They made Bruce the committee chairman because he is a responsible person who never _____ his duty.
(A) solicits (B) fumbles (C) shirks (D) wields

II. Structure: 20%

Choose the word, phrase, clause, or sentence that best completes the statement, and then write its corresponding letter A, B, C, or D, on your answer card.

16. The reason that Barbara doesn't know how to manage her financial affairs is _____ she has never been entrusted with the responsibility.
(A) because (B) that (C) it (D) due to
17. _____ in a downpour this morning, everything from my hair clips to my shoestrings got soaking wet.
(A) Caught (B) Having caught (C) When I was caught (D) Having been caught
18. As the passengers filed past, an attendant asked each of them to present _____ boarding pass.
(A) a (B) their (C) all the (D) whose
19. The panel member _____ the question was addressed has a great deal of experience in community service.
(A) who (B) whom (C) to who (D) to whom
20. The meteorologist says that if we have another six inches of rain this summer, _____
(A) that we will no longer have a rainfall deficit
(B) that we would no longer have a rainfall deficit
(C) we would no longer have a rainfall deficit
(D) we will no longer have a rainfall deficit
21. A pinch hitter in baseball _____, especially when a run is badly needed.
(A) is a player who bats in place of the scheduled batter

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- (B) is when someone bats in place of the scheduled batter
 (C) is when someone batting in place of the scheduled batter
 (D) is a player when batting in place of the scheduled batter
22. I cannot believe that Ted thinks Harry _____.
- (A) is the strongest of any other boy on the wrestling team
 (B) is the strongest than all the boys on the wrestling team
 (C) is the strongest of all the boys on the wrestling team
 (D) is strongest boy on the wrestling team
23. Anxiety is _____ about future uncertainties.
- (A) when one is uneasy or distressed
 (B) when one being uneasy or distressed
 (C) a state of uneasy or distressed
 (D) a state of uneasiness or distress
24. _____ is important to the Student Advisory Council.
- (A) All students pay the same amount of tuition
 (B) All students who pay the same amount of tuition
 (C) Those who pay the same amount of tuition
 (D) That all students pay the same amount of tuition
25. Please choose the correct sentence from the following.
- (A) If lost, one can always replace travelers' checks.
 (B) Because our pine trees have been infested with beetles is why so many of the trees are dying.
 (C) Our scheduling problems were resolved after considering two or three alternative time frames.
 (D) Standing on the curb, the two men were so busy discussing the Super Bowl that I was certain they would miss their bus.

III. Reading Comprehension: 20%

Passage 1

The passage below is followed by questions based on its content. After reading the passage, choose the best answer to each question. Answer all questions on the basis of what is stated or implied in that passage.

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Americans are nervous about the economy right now. Unemployment is ticking upward, wages are down and the stock market is performing like a once great Olympic sprinter who just turned 60 and had a hip replacement. Which raises an important question: What in the world am I going to get my father for Christmas?

Unrelated thoughts? Not in America, where the health of the national economy is critically dependent on having consumers spend as much as they can to keep struggling retailers afloat, create jobs and generate capital. Consumption is such a vital part of the American economy – it long ago superseded good old-fashioned manufacturing – that the most closely watched economic indicator is something called “consumer confidence,” a vague notion that probably can’t even be measured accurately.

Whenever consumer confidence plunges, as it did after the great Internet bust of 2000 or after the September 11 attacks, government officials are sent scurrying to the airwaves to say there’s no reason to panic so long as everyone does his patriotic duty and shops.

I’m not usually a cynic. I love this season from the first chill in the air. There is nothing like the joy of buying a cherished friend that hard-to-find gift or receiving something that you’ve wanted for months but didn’t have the nerve to buy for yourself. But to enter a department store on the day after Thanksgiving – as I did in search of the aforementioned gift for Dad – is to experience the worst that humanity has to offer. Thanksgiving is our national holiday of food consumption, so I guess it’s appropriate that our national holiday of conspicuous consumption is the next day. Watching Americans shop on the so-called Black Friday is to see people pushing each other as they rush from product to product, grabbing for DVD players or rewritable disk drives, even though they’ll probably never figure out how to use them.

I’m just as guilty as anyone, which is why I found myself amid a scrum in the digital-camera section of a local department store. All around me, customers asked each other questions about the various cameras on sale. Of course, there were no salespeople to be found, because hiring extra holiday help would cut into the store’s already razor-thin margins.

Now, my father does not need a digital camera. He has never shown any inclination toward capturing life’s “precious moments” and doesn’t even pose for travel photos standing in front of Important World Monuments. But around Christmas, that’s irrelevant. You get so caught up in Shopping that you don’t even think about the purchases you make. The goal is just to buy something... anything – functional or not, desired or not, affordable or not.

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So, I bought the camera and gave it to my father last week. I thought I had done my patriotic duty, but an hour later I got a call from him, telling me that the camera appeared to be malfunctioning. Now I know where I'll be spending my New Year's Day – home with him, fixing the problem. Maybe conspicuous, egregious, unnecessary consumption do bring families closer, after all.

QUESTIONS

26. The author uses the metaphor of "a once great Olympic sprinter who just turned 60 and had a hip replacement" mainly to make the point that
- (A) the Olympic Games need major reforms to attract public interest.
 (B) the stock market's performance has been disappointing.
 (C) unemployment is an impossible problem to solve.
 (D) the market performance can't be improved without consumers.
27. What is the primary concern of this article?
- (A) Shopping on the day after Thanksgiving is quite demanding, although it helps bring families closer.
 (B) Consumer confidence is the most closely watched economic indicator although it can't be measured.
 (C) Unnecessary consumption taken as doing patriotic duty is problematic.
 (D) Customers are not provided with quality service even though the government continuously encourages spending.
28. The author's attitude toward the role of consumer spending can best be described as one of _____.
- (A) benign complacency
 (B) analytical indifference
 (C) vigorous denunciation
 (D) restrained disapproval

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29. Which of the following words from the article has its origin in rugby games?
- (A) Scrum
(B) Sprinter
(C) Scurrying
(D) Superseded
30. This article is most likely taken from _____.
- (A) a college text on home remodeling
(B) a cultural column of an international newsmagazine
(C) an encyclopedia entry on US economy
(D) an academic journal about cognitive science

Passage 2

The following passage has 5 blanks. For each blank there are four possible answers. Choose the best answer and mark its corresponding letter on the answer card.

It has been feared that environmental damage will result from the offshore production of oil. One kind of damage (31) is harm to benthic, or bottom-dwelling, ocean animals from the mechanical silting that would be produced by drill cuttings and pipeline burial. But these disturbances are (32) when compared with the silting produced by bottom-trawler fishing. Trawl marks over wide expanses of the continental shelf have commonly been observed from submersible research vessels. Trawling can (33) large clouds of silt and clay into suspension, as observed from airplanes flying above trawlers operating over the mud bottom of some inner continental shelves. (34), it has also been observed that numerous crabs and fish quickly congregate along trawl marks made on the bottom by vehicle runners and ballast chains; thus, one might even conclude that disturbing the bottom, as well as spilling minor amounts of oil, benefits (35) harms many benthic animals.

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31. (A) anticipated (B) idealized (C) held (D) doubted
32. (A) maximum (B) medium (C) major (D) minor

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33. (A) dissolve (B) recall (C) throw (D) strengthen
34. (A) Improbably (B) Ironically (C) Recklessly (D) Sadly
35. (A) although (B) in addition to (C) rather than (D) while

IV. Composition: 30%

Write an argumentative essay of approximately 200 words on the topic --

Should college students hold part-time jobs?

Make sure that you include the following discussion:

- (1) What advantages does it have to hold a part-time job?
- (2) What potential problems does it create?
- (3) What is your position on the issue? Why?