

台南一中九十八學年度英文教師甄試考題

- I. Multiple Choice Questions: Choose a paraphrase that is closest in meaning to each sentence. (20%)
1. Disease and starvation characterized conditions on the rat infested boat.
    - a) The boat was plagued by infectious rats that caused disease and starvation.
    - b) Most people on board were diseased and hungry, and surrounded by infectious rats.
    - c) The rats that infested the boat were all starving and carried diseases.
    - d) Diseased rats and starved passengers were characteristic of the boat.
  2. Paper tools produced by academics are often criticized by grass roots workers for using middle class standards to measure the achievements of children from working class families.
    - a) It is unfair to the offspring of the laborers that test battery generated by learned scholars uses the middle-class as the benchmark for assessing their performance.
    - b) Gardeners and lawn-mowers often complain to learned scholars that it is unfair to evaluate their youngster's performance on paper design against that of the middle class children.
    - c) Menial laborers often find fault with the paper machines created by learned scholars in that they use the middle-class as the criterion to evaluate the quality of their children's work.
    - d) Blue-collar workers often disapprove of the findings of papers published by learned scholars because they use middle-class norms to assess the accomplishments of their children.
  3. Coca-Cola concluded that their talent base needs to be multilingual and multicultural so that it has capable and competent bench strength, ready to assume broader responsibilities as they present themselves.
    - a) Coca-Cola intends to recruit genius who can speak several languages so that they can demonstrate their agility on the bench when giving a presentation.
    - b) Coca-Cola plans to hire candidates who are from different cultures and can speak more than one language so that these entry-level employees can perform various tasks successfully in the future.
    - c) Coca-Cola prepares to search for prospective native English-speaking employees with language potential so that they can be trained to pitch Coca-Cola's products in other languages.
    - d) Coca-Cola wants to look for prospective applicants with talent for multiplications so that they can market the bench products successfully.
  4. He had been pushing himself at an inhuman pace, and he had paid the price with paranoid.
    - a) He had to make himself move fast to keep up with his heavy workload or he would sacrifice a famous brand name for his slow pace.

- b) His work had been so demanding that his body was suffering from the mental fatigue.
  - c) He had been working too much and his mind gave way to the pressure.
  - d) His workload had been so heavy that he had to rely on medication that cost him dear.
5. People driven to experience exciting, new activities might be trying to appease the same primal pleasure system as drug abusers.
- a) People forced to experience exhilarating and novice activities might be attempting to appeal to the same basic pleasure system as drug abusers.
  - b) Exciting and novel activities appear to exert a similar effect to drugs on the fundamental pleasure system.
  - c) People forced to experience exhilarating and novel activities are as addicted as drug abusers.
  - d) Most people, when encountering thrilling and novel experiences, share the same primitive pleasure system that drug abusers have.
6. The gentle tapping of ladies' shoes on the cool marble floor could be heard, in syncopation to the hushed voices that pervaded the air.
- a) The air was replete with soft tapping of ladies' shoes on the cool marble floor and the muffled voices from passers-by.
  - b) The soft tapping of ladies' shoes on the cool marble floor was in sync with the rhythm of the voices that permeated the air.
  - c) The gentle tapping of ladies' shoes was echoing the quiet voices that filled the air.
  - d) The soft tapping of ladies' shoes on the cool marble floor provided a contrasting rhythm to the voices that filled the air.
7. Is Taiwan enough of a gastronomic haven to compete with its neighbors whose culinary scenes have been stamped and honored by Michelin?
- a) Does Taiwan have an adequate competitive edge in tire-making when competing with its neighbors in accordance with Michelin's standard?
  - b) Compared to the gasoline price of its neighbors, is Taiwan a haven for motorists as recognized by the esteemed standard of Michelin?
  - c) Is Taiwan a sufficient heaven for fulfilling a gourmet's desires for local food in comparison with its neighbors by the criteria of Michelin?
  - d) Is Taiwan sufficient enough to be recognized as a haven for fine-dining by the honored standard of Michelin?
8. Because stringing broadband lines to lower-density areas is often difficult to justify from a business perspective, it will be left to government initiatives and public imperative to make widespread access to high-speed Internet a priority.

- a) Given its cost-effectiveness of connecting broadband lines to the remote areas, the business sectors take the initiative to request government subsidy in rendering their services.
  - b) The public thinks it imperative for the government to prioritize its broadband connecting services to the remote area despite high costs.
  - c) Given the expenses in stringing the high-speed Internet to the less populated areas, private businesses will not make it a priority unless prompted by the government and demanded by the public.
  - d) From the economic perspective, the business sectors find it hard to justify to the government and the public why their initiatives to string broadband lines to remote areas are a prioritized imperative.
9. She would have developed the ability to distance herself from the pop culture machinery and to view it with critical detachment.
- a) She would have been able to stand by herself without having to succumb to pop culture with nonchalance.
  - b) She would have understood that popular culture has its own agenda and been able to think for herself.
  - c) She would have learned how to resist the temptation of purchasing products from the pop culture machinery with a clear mind.
  - d) She would have learned how to combat pop culture with strategic schemes and maneuvers.
10. Our Zodiac cruises reaped close-ups of other seal species-solitary Leopard Seals, Weddell Seals and Crabeater Seals lounging on ice floes.
- a) Our Zodiac cruises were fruitful because we got to see and photograph the animals closely resting on the ice.
  - b) Our Zodiac cruises were dangerous because we were very close to the animals swimming swift among ice.
  - c) Our Zodiac cruises were very interesting because we could specify which animals we wanted to see closely among the ice.
  - d) Our Zodiac cruises reaped bountiful fruits because we got to shoot numerous varieties of seals on the ice individually.

II. Fill in the each blank with the most appropriate choice (a-o) from below (20%).  
 You don't need to copy each word in the answer sheet. Just write down a, b, c, etc.

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|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| a. conceit    | b. aggressive | c. tempered    |
| d. allure     | e. society    | f. commodities |
| g. counselors | h. gripping   | i. consuls     |

j. proliferation  
m. unfettered

k. perceived  
n. grisly

l. destructive  
o. elude

Despite the 11 of look-at-me sites like Facebook and Twitter, which are places that encourage the phenomena known as “oversharing,” technology’s most powerful 12 may be how it empowers anonymous users to delve into taboo topics, subvert government efforts to control information and engage in behavior frowned on by polite 13.

Some teenagers, for example, likely too embarrassed to address their most intimate questions to their parents or peers, can now turn to their cellphones for help. In North Carolina, a service that started February 1 is staffed with 14 who will answer anonymous questions by text message.

Technology reduces the shame and embarrassment, according to Deb Levine, executive director of a non-profit organization that began many technology-based reproductive health programs. She said that it’s the 15 privacy that people have when they’re typing into a computer or a cellphone. And “it’s culturally appropriate for young people: they don’t learn about this from adults lecturing them.”

Beyond sex education, information is among the hottest online 16. But more than 20 countries now use blocking and filtering systems for Internet content, according to Reporters Without Borders, a Paris-based group that encourages freedom of the press. The most 17 filtering systems are used by authoritarian governments like those in Iran, China, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Syria. These governments often succeed at controlling information, but some ordinary citizens have found a way to 18 the online censors and shield their identities.

Beyond lusty teenagers and citizens seeking 19 information, though, is a darker online world where sexual favors are traded like used books on Ebay. Two recent encounters arranged in the United States on the free online site Craigslist resulted in 20 killings. Craigslist said it would close its erotic services category; its new adult services category, it said, would be monitored. But it seems unlikely that the online marketplace for sex will change, mostly because of demand.

III. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word from below (30%). You need to write down the CORRECT FORM of each word in your answer sheet.

exalt  
stimulus

evolve  
instinct

batter  
celebrate

contemplate  
hierarchy

spontaneous  
separate

He's named after a rock star. He lives in a mansion. His every move is chronicled by a rabid mob of paparazzi. But just what is going on in the mind of the Obama family's new puppy, Bo? Is he aware of his status as the much-celebrated and highly 21 First Dog?

The question goes to the heart of a centuries-old argument over how much animals actually think and feel. Are they, as Descartes posited in the 1600s, mindless automatons responding to 22? Or are they, as many pet owners fervently insist, complex emotional beings with their own level of sentient consciousness?

Bo the dog is probably no more aware of his 23 status than he is of Bo Diddley, his namesake. But he may be intensely aware of his status within the Obama family.

"Dogs don't know fame," according to Stanley Coren, a professor of psychology, "but they know their position in the pack. The Obamas's treating him like a true alpha dog may be equivalent to fame." Professor Coren stressed that this sense of 24 was essential to understanding canine cognition. "It's the first level of consciousness," he said, "knowing that you are there and a 25 entity from everyone else."

Such opinions have given Descartes a 26 in recent decades. Some researchers have observed creatures that even appear to grieve. Natalie Angier wrote about monkey and ape mothers who desperately clutch their dead infants for weeks.

The idea that humans are unique in 27 the future, however, is also under fire. A chimp named Santino in Sweden has a passion for throwing rocks at human visitors to his zoo. It is not just a 28 act of aggression, because for 11 years, Santino has been stockpiling and hiding the stones, each time planning another attack. Unlike a squirrel saving nuts for the winter, the behavior is conscious, not 29, revealing a cognitive awareness of the future.

The chimps are no doubt smarter. But it could be argued that the behavior of the squirrels is more 30.

IV. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word from below (30%). You need to write down the CORRECT FORM of each word in your answer sheet.

primitive	linger	recent	while	enact
premature	rail	concentrate	project	overlook

In a little village in central India, with no cars and little electricity, emissions of carbon dioxide, the main heat-trapping gas linked to global warming, are near zero. But soot--also known as black carbon--from tens of thousands of villages like this one in developing countries is emerging as a major and previously 31 source of global climate change.

32 carbon dioxide may be the No.1 contributor to rising global temperatures, scientists say, black carbon has emerged as an important No.2, with recent studies estimating that it is responsible for 18 percent of the planet's warming, compared with 40 percent for carbon dioxide. Decreasing black carbon emissions would be a relatively cheap way to significantly rein in global warming-especially in the short term, climate experts say. Replacing 33 cooking stoves with modern versions that emit far less soot could provide a much-needed stopgap, while nations struggle with the more difficult task of 34 programs and developing technologies to curb carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels.

In fact, reducing black carbon is one of a number of relatively quick and simple climate fixes using existing technologies that scientists say should be done immediately to avert the worst 35 consequences of global warming. Better still, decreasing soot could have a rapid effect. Unlike carbon dioxide, which 36 in the atmosphere for years, soot stays here for a few weeks. Converting to low-soot cook stoves would remove the warming effects of black carbon quickly, while shutting a coal plant takes years to substantially reduce global CO<sub>2</sub> 37.

But the awareness of black carbon's role in climate change has come so 38 that it was not even mentioned as a warming agent in the 2007 summary report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that pronounced the evidence for global warming to be "unequivocal." The fact that black carbon was not included in international climate efforts was bizarre, but partly reflects how new the idea is. The United Nations is trying to figure out how to include black carbon in climate change programs.

Doctors have long 39 against black carbon for its devastating health effects in poor countries. The combination of health and environmental benefits means that reducing soot provides a "very big bang for your buck," said a lawyer at Earth Justice. "Now it's in everybody's self-interest to deal with things like cook stoves--not just because hundreds of thousands of women and children far away are dying 40."