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英文 科試題

幼教系、美教系 用

I. Reading comprehension: Read the following passages and then choose the best answer to each of the questions. (40% , 每題 4 分)

(A)

Louisa May Alcott, an American author best known for her children's books *Little Woman*, *Little Men*, and *Jo's Boys*, was profoundly influenced by her family, particularly her father. She was the daughter of Bronson Alcott, a well-known teacher; intellectual, and free thinker who advocated abolitionism, women's rights, and vegetarianism long before they were popular. He was called a man of unparalleled intellect by his friend Ralph Waldo Emerson. Bronson Alcott instilled in his daughter his lofty and spiritual values and in return was idolized by his daughter.

The financial situation of the Alcott family during Louisa's childhood was not good, mainly due to the fact that her father made unsound investments in projects that reflected his idealistic view of the world. As a result, Louisa had to begin helping to support her family at a young age, by taking a variety of low-paying jobs as a seamstress, a maid, and a tutor.

Her novel *Little Women* was patterned after her own family, and Louisa used her father as a model for the impractical yet serenely wise and adored father in *Little Women*. With the success of this novel, she was able to provide for her family, giving her father the financial security that until then he had never experienced.

1. The passage mainly discusses

- (A) Louisa May Alcott's famous books
- (B) how Bronson Alcott implemented his educational philosophies
- (C) the success of *Little Women*
- (D) Bronson Alcott's influence on his daughter

2. In line 7, the word "lofty" is closest in meaning to

- (A) commonplace
- (B) high-minded
- (C) self-serving
- (D) sympathetic

3. Which of the following is NOT implied as something that Louisa did to earn money as a youth?
- (A) She did some sewing.
 - (B) She cleaned houses.
 - (C) She taught.
 - (D) She worked in a store.
4. It can be inferred from the passage that Louisa May Alcott used the success of *Little Women* to
- (A) buy herself anything she had ever wanted
 - (B) achieve personal financial success
 - (C) give her father tangible proof of her love
 - (D) detach herself from her family
5. The author's purpose in the passage is to
- (A) explain how an author becomes famous
 - (B) describe the influence of family on a writer
 - (C) support Bronson Alcott's educational theories
 - (D) show the success that can be achieved by an author

(B)

A: Good morning, sir. May I help you?

B: Yes. I have a room booked with you, for five days starting today.

Name of Lin. L-I-N.

A: Thank you, Mr. Lin. Please wait one moment while I check our reservations list.

(pause) That's Mr. David Lin, from Taipei?

B: Yes, it is. By the way, I'd like to cash an American Express traveler's check.

A: Sure. (Would you please sign your name on the back, sir, with your passport number. And I'll need to see your passport.

B: Sure. (Can you give me twenty dollars in small bills, please, and ten dollars in change?

A: No problem. Here's your passport, and here's your money. Have a nice day, Mr. Lin.

6. Where did this conversation take place?
- (A) In a bar.
 - (B) At the hotel.
 - (C) Over the telephone
 - (D) At David's home.

7. Who is Mr. Lin?
- (A) The receptionist of the hotel.
 - (B) The cashier of the hotel.
 - (C) The traveler.
 - (D) An American Express clerk.
8. During the conversation , what does David do ?
- (A) Confirms a book reservation.
 - (B) Checks the reservation list.
 - (C) Checks in the hotel.
 - (D) Deposits money.
9. What ID is required when people cash traveler's checks ?
- (A) A reservations list.
 - (B) The passport.
 - (C) The dollar bills.
 - (D) Some small change.
10. In this conversation , the sentence " I have a room booked with you " means
- (A) " I have a book left in your room."
 - (B) " I am a bookkeeper."
 - (C) " I reserved a room at your hotel."
 - (D) " I am a bookish person."

. Please translate the following paragraphs into Chinese:(60% , 每題 30 分)

1. If the period from birth to three years is the most critical in the development of competence it is clear that the basic responsibility falls to the parents. More specifically , it is likely to fall on the mother or , in increasing numbers of cases , on a primary caregiver outside of the home. In any event , there is likely to be little argument among professionals about the qualifications of parents or child care facilities to accomplish the necessary tasks.
2. Aesthetics is the branch of philosophy dealing with beauty, creative sources and forms of art, and psychological responses to art and beauty. In its broadest sense, aesthetics refers to the ability to perceive through the senses. Evidence suggests that the sensory perceptions of young children are especially keen, more so than those of adults, because young children experience sensory input as integrated. Early aesthetic experiences are therefore powerful and can have lasting significance.