

英文試題

適用學系：英語學系二、三年級

I. Vocabulary (30%; 2% each)

Direction: Choose the most appropriate word or phrase in the following four choices to complete each sentence.

1. There has been a dramatic increase in the number of people living in the country. Namely, the population of the country has _____ in the last 25 years.
(A) deteriorated (B) tightened up
(C) trebled (D) phrased out
2. Tourists should respect the local environment. _____ they should respect the local customs.
(A) Likewise (B) In brief
(C) In a nutshell (D) Contrarily
3. Estate agents, also called _____, are some of the most diligent people in this country.
(A) henpecks (B) nerds
(C) realtors (D) attorneys
4. He is known for his _____ humor, always leaving everyone in stitches.
(A) judicious (B) sarcastic
(C) volatile (D) intrepid
5. The detective's _____ investigation skills helped solve the mysterious crime case.
(A) fortuitous (B) negligent
(C) arbitrary (D) meticulous
6. The poet's words were so profound that they left the audience in a state of _____ awe.
(A) mesmerizing (B) noticeable
(C) short-lived (D) respectful
7. The professor's _____ teaching style made the subject matter easy to comprehend.
(A) overly academic (B) instructive
(C) careless (D) unpredictable

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8. The young musician exhibited impressive _____ during his piano recital.
(A) skill (B) bad temper
(C) fear (D) satisfaction
9. The author's novel was filled with _____ descriptions that transported readers to distant lands.
(A) ordinary (B) doubtful
(C) powerful and imaginative (D) unusual
10. The chef's _____ cooking skills impressed everyone at the culinary competition.
(A) exceptional (B) ordinary
(C) hesitant (D) pretentious
11. The team's _____ victory in the championship game was celebrated by fans worldwide.
(A) indifferent (B) inconspicuous
(C) reckless (D) triumphant
12. The student's _____ dedication to studying paid off when she received top honors.
(A) nonchalant (B) unwavering
(C) erratic (D) gullible
13. The movie captivated audiences with its _____ storyline and heartfelt performances.
(A) compelling (B) questionable
(C) mundane (D) unpredictable
14. The company's _____ growth in revenue was a testament to their successful strategies.
(A) substantial (B) dubious
(C) complacent (D) capricious
15. The explorer embarked on a(n) _____ journey to discover new lands and cultures.
(A) impulsive (B) unremarkable
(C) cautious (D) adventurous

II. Translation: Translate the following passage into English. (35%)

經過 4 年翻修，Tiffany (Tiffany & Co.) 紐約第五大道的旗艦店重新開張。乍看這場盛大的開幕時機不佳，美國經濟分析局才剛發布報告，3 月名目消費幾乎零成長。然而，當天排隊人龍隱含更微妙故事。一如往昔，景氣不佳使中等收入消費者轉向廉價商店買低價品。但同時，有錢人滿手現金，迎合富豪的企業意外興盛。在這樣的背景下，那些產品既不廉價、又稱不上奢侈的企業，被夾在中間，面臨窘境。高物價對較貧困的人造成了沉重的負擔。消費者財務狀況不均帶來兩大效應。

第一個效應是，提供廉價商品的企業獲得了新客戶。收入中等的家庭雖然買的東西還是較多，但已轉向較便宜的商店和品牌。消費者撿便宜的心態不只影響百貨公司和超市。麥當勞第一季美國同店銷售額較前一年成長 12.6%，超出市場預期。瑞典平價家具品牌 IKEA，四月表示將擴大在美國的業務。幾天後，美國中價位家具商 Bed Bath & Beyond 宣布倒閉。

第二個效應則是富裕的消費者依舊大買奢侈品，推動奢侈品產業繼續蓬勃發展。自金融危機爆發後，奢侈品產業就把重心從一般富人轉向金字塔頂端的富豪，收入分布頂端的顧客即使在經濟看起來動盪不安時，也是可靠的顧客。奢侈品產業比過去更不受景氣循環影響。

III. Essay question (35%)

Choose a novel that you have read and would recommend to others. Explain why.