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英文（含閱讀、寫作）試題

適用系所：英語學系碩士班

I. Vocabulary and Grammar (30%; 2% each)

1. The music group's latest song has just been released. The song has captivating lyrics that inspire you to view life from a _____ perspective. The words in the song can also fill you with a sense of renewed hope.
(A) nip (B) novel (C) nibble (D) nunnery
2. After retiring, older people often find themselves with an abundance of free time. To make the best use of their time, many elderly people engage in activities to stay healthy. Some go to the gym to swim, run, or _____ in sports like ping pong, while others venture to the mountains for invigorating hikes.
(A) possum (B) partake (C) padlock (D) posterior
3. The winter chill has left everything dormant and _____. It is the perfect time to stay warm and embrace the season. Everyone awaits for spring to arrive and looks forward to the rejuvenation of life.
(A) wart (B) withered (C) waistband (D) waterspout
4. Robots are revolutionizing our lives in ways that was previously only _____. What was once fantasy has now become a reality. From cooking and cleaning to even cutting our hair, robots are taking on tasks that used to only be done by people.
(A) inedible (B) indolent (C) interlocutor (D) inconceivable
5. It is good to extend the high-speed rail from Kaohsiung to Pingtung. This will make travel between the two areas more convenient. This will also offer _____ easier access to other places and bring about changes to those people who live in Pingtung.
(A) rebate (B) residents (C) resonance (D) restrictions
6. Building a high-rise apartment building too close to existing houses can lead to significant problems. One major issue is that it could _____ the ground, potentially causing nearby houses to sink into the ground or even collapse.
(A) disarm (B) dustpan (C) deportee (D) destabilize

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7. Green iguanas have been consuming large amounts of vegetation on farms. This has caused significant challenges for farmers. To _____ the problem, the number of these invasive reptiles will need to be reduced.
(A) mirth (B) mitigate (C) monetary (D) mortgage
8. The construction of more buildings and the improvement of efficient transportation are drawing more people to live in cities. However, as the population grows in these places, more CO₂ is released. Enhancing transportation in the countryside could encourage people to relocate, helping to lower CO₂ _____.
(A) ensues (B) enshrine (C) emissions (D) excursionists
9. Diving in the ocean is indeed a breathtaking experience. You can encounter a diverse array of sea creatures, vibrant seagrass, and stunning coral reefs. The _____ underwater world is truly mesmerizing to view.
(A) serene (B) swerve (C) swineherd (D) suspenders
10. Inflation is high, making it increasingly important to save money. One way to cut costs is by staying home and preparing your own meals. With a bit of _____ expertise, you can create delectable dishes that make staying in not only economical but also enjoyable and rewarding.
(A) cull (B) captor (C) culinary (D) culmination
11. Measles has been spreading rapidly. To help curb the outbreak, people are strongly advised to stay home. Additionally, getting vaccinated is highly recommended, as it is one of the most effective ways to prevent _____ and protect both individuals and the community.
(A) insulin (B) irrigate (C) infection (D) inauguration
12. Greenland is the largest island in the world. It is known for its cold climate. Due to the harsh conditions, plants are _____ and the population is very small.
(A) sparse (B) squirm (C) subscribe (D) slaughterhouse
13. People are drawn to bustling night markets for their dynamic atmosphere. They can enjoy _____ delicious food, playing fun games, and shopping for affordable treasures. Night markets are wonderful because they offer memorable experiences for everyone.
(A) slating (B) sawmill (C) savoring (D) sledgehammer
14. Grass jelly is a popular treat in Taiwan. It is loved by people because of its unique texture and _____ flavor. To enhance its taste, toppings like glutinous rice balls, mung beans, and tapioca pearls are added to it. This delightful dessert is widely available and can be found in many places.
(A) shirk (B) scribble (C) scavenger (D) scrumptious

15. When a place faces drought and becomes dry, the lack of _____ creates a favorable condition for fires to ignite. This makes it easy for the fires to spread, which often leads to widespread destruction of land, homes, and wildlife habitats.
- (A) mortify (B) muffler (C) moisture (D) mediocrity

II. Reading Comprehension (30%; 2% each)

Technological development is one driver of change. There is another: the sheer numbers of people who are now on the planet. We are by far the largest population of people that has ever lived on the planet at the same time.

In the middle of the eighteenth century, at the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, there were just 1 billion people on earth. In 1930, there were 2 billion. It took all of human history until about 1800 for the population to reach the first billion and 130 years to reach the second billion. It took only 30 years to add the third in 1960, 14 years to add the fourth in 1974 and 13 years to add the fifth in 1987. By the night of the millennium celebrations in December 1999, the world's population had reached 6 billion, and continued to climb rapidly. In 2017 it reached 7.5 billion and the United Nations estimates that in 2050 the world population will be close to 10 billion.

16. In the text, how many drivers of change are there?
- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4
17. Based on the text, when has the earth been at its most populous?
- (A) Now (B) 1800 (C) 1930 (D) 1999
18. Which of the following happened in 1987?
- (A) The Industrial Revolution
- (B) There were millennium celebrations.
- (C) It was 13 years since the earth's population reached 3 billion.
- (D) The planet's population reached 5 billion.
19. What is the main idea that the text is describing?
- (A) Technological change
- (B) The Industrial Revolution
- (C) Cultural achievements
- (D) Population growth
20. In the 1974, how many people were on the planet?
- (A) 1 billion (B) 2 billion (C) 3 billion (D) 4 billion

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Margaret Eleanor Atwood was born in Ottawa in Canada on 18 November 1939 to Carl Edmund and Margaret Dorothy Atwood. For much of her early childhood, she, along with her mother and older brother, Harold Leslie (her sister, Ruth, was born later, in 1951) would accompany Carl Atwood – an entomologist – on his months-long research expeditions in northern Canada. During these months in the wilderness, Margaret would obtain workbooks for her children so they would not fall behind in their schoolwork. Atwood was nearly a teenager before she began attending school full-time. After school, Atwood studied at Victoria College, University of Toronto, graduating in 1961, and then she completed a master's degree at Radcliffe College, Harvard University, graduating in 1962.

In 1968, she married American writer Jim Polk. After their divorce in 1973, she formed a relationship with another writer, Graeme Gibson. They were together until Gibson passed away in 2019. They have one daughter, Eleanor 'Jess' Atwood Gibson, who was born in 1976.

21. In the text, which statement is true?

- (A) Margaret Eleanor Atwood attended school full-time before she was 13.
- (B) Margaret Eleanor Atwood attended school full-time when she was 13.
- (C) Margaret Eleanor Atwood attended school full-time when she was 14.
- (D) Margaret Eleanor Atwood did not attend school full-time.

22. According to the text, how many husbands did Margaret Eleanor Atwood have?

- (A) 0
- (B) 1
- (C) 2
- (D) 3

23. How many children did Margaret Dorothy Atwood have?

- (A) 0
- (B) 1
- (C) 2
- (D) 3

24. When did Margaret Eleanor Atwood receive a master's degree?

- (A) 1961
- (B) 1962
- (C) 1968
- (D) 1973

25. To whom is Margaret Eleanor Atwood married?

- (A) Carl Atwood
- (B) Jim Polk
- (C) Graeme Gibson
- (D) No one

The United States has the highest incarceration rate of any country in the world. A startling 1 in every 35 American adults is in the correctional system – which includes jail, prison, probation and supervision – more than double the rate 30 years ago. Prison and jail populations grew 274%, to 2.3 million in 2008, while those under supervision grew 226%, to 5.1 million. The numbers are concentrated among particular groups. Just over 10% of black adults in the US are in the correctional system, about 4% of the Hispanic population and 2% of whites. Large numbers of people in the mushrooming prisoner populations did not complete high school, or struggled with literacy or numeracy or underperformed in education because of undiagnosed learning difficulties.

26. What does the US have a higher proportion of compared with other countries?
- (A) People in jail, prison, on probation or under supervision
 - (B) Black people
 - (C) Hispanic people
 - (D) People who are literate
27. According to the text, approximately how many Americans in 100 are in the correctional system?
- (A) 1 (B) 3 (C) 5 (D) 10
28. Which of the following groups has the fewest people in the correctional system?
- (A) Black people
 - (B) Hispanic people
 - (C) White people
 - (D) The text does not say.
29. In the text, which of the following statements is TRUE?
- (A) A large number of prisoners enjoy eating mushrooms.
 - (B) A large number of prisoners enjoy supervision.
 - (C) A large number of prisoners are undereducated.
 - (D) A large number of prisoners are literate.
30. Which of the following numbers reflects Americans under supervision in 2008?
- (A) 2.3 million (B) 5.1 million (C) 274% (D) 226%

III. Write a well-organized essay on each of the following questions (40%; 20% each)

1. Evaluate how generative AI can change English teaching and learning.
2. Comment on President Donald Trump's pledge to abolish the Federal Department of Education.