

# 國立彰化師範大學105學年度碩士班招生考試試題

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## I. Sentence Completion: Choose the expression that best completes each of the sentences below. (20%)

- One of the \_\_\_\_\_ of living with someone is having to share a bathroom.  
(A) advents (B) advantages (C) drawbacks (D) withdrawals
- Our high living standards cause our current population to \_\_\_\_\_ 25 percent of the world's oil.  
(A) loan (B) target (C) consume (D) research
- It's \_\_\_\_\_ that advertisements aren't just selling the product they are advertising. They also sell ideas or desires.  
(A) collateral (B) anonymous (C) dissatisfaction (D) common knowledge
- He was an \_\_\_\_\_ singer until the age of 40, when he turned professional.  
(A) amateur (B) amenable (C) aromatic (D) amalgamate
- I \_\_\_\_\_ from her expression that she wanted to leave.  
(A) implied (B) inferred (C) offered (D) recognized
- Tariffs keep prices high on imported goods and thus \_\_\_\_\_ the purchase of domestically produced goods.  
(A) encourage (B) encourages (C) encouraging (D) to encourage
- The ancient Spanish shrine of Maria de los Santos \_\_\_\_\_ to the 14<sup>th</sup> century.  
(A) dating believably back (B) is dating back believably  
(C) believes to date back (D) is believed to date back
- To answer accurately is more important than \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) a quick finish (B) quickly finish  
(C) to finish quickly (D) finishing quickly
- \_\_\_\_\_ millions of galaxies exist in the vast space outside the Milky Way.  
(A) An estimate that (B) That the estimated  
(C) That is estimated (D) It is estimated that
- Not until the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries \_\_\_\_\_ as a unified science.  
(A) ecology emerged (B) did ecology emerge  
(C) when ecology emerged (D) when did ecology emerge

## II. Reading Comprehension: *The following is part of the commencement address delivered by J. K. Rowling in Harvard University. Please read the transcript and answer the following questions. (20%)*

President Faust, members of the Harvard Corporation and the Board of Overseers, members of the faculty, proud parents, and, above all, graduates.

The first thing I would like to say is 'thank you.' Not only has Harvard given me an extraordinary honour, but the weeks of fear and nausea I have endured at the thought of giving this commencement address have made me lose weight. A win-win situation! Now all I have to do is take deep breaths, squint at the red banners and convince myself that I am at the world's largest Gryffindor reunion.

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Delivering a commencement address is a great responsibility; or so I thought until I cast my mind back to my own graduation. The commencement speaker that day was the distinguished British philosopher Baroness Mary Warnock. Reflecting on her speech has helped me enormously in writing this one, because it turns out that I can't remember a single word she said. This liberating discovery enables me to proceed without any fear that I might inadvertently influence you to abandon promising careers in business, the law or politics for the giddy delights of becoming a gay wizard. You see? If all you remember in years to come is the 'gay wizard' joke, I've come out ahead of Baroness Mary Warnock. Achievable goals: the first step to self improvement.

Actually, I have wracked my mind and heart for what I ought to say to you today. I have asked myself what I wish I had known at my own graduation, and what important lessons I have learned in the 21 years that have expired between that day and this. I have come up with two answers. On this wonderful day when we are gathered together to celebrate your academic success, I have decided to talk to you about the benefits of failure. And as you stand on the threshold of what is sometimes called 'real life', I want to extol the crucial importance of imagination. These may seem quixotic or paradoxical choices, but please bear with me.

Looking back at the 21-year-old that I was at graduation, is a slightly uncomfortable experience for the 42-year-old that she has become. Half my lifetime ago, I was striking an uneasy balance between the ambition I had for myself, and what those closest to me expected of me. I was convinced that the only thing I wanted to do, ever, was to write novels. However, my parents, both of whom came from impoverished backgrounds and neither of whom had been to college, took the view that my overactive imagination was an amusing personal quirk that would never pay a mortgage, or secure a pension. I know that the irony strikes with the force of a cartoon anvil, now. So they hoped that I would take a vocational degree; I wanted to study English Literature. A compromise was reached that in retrospect satisfied nobody, and I went up to study Modern Languages. Hardly had my parents' car rounded the corner at the end of the road than I ditched German and scuttled off down the Classics corridor.

I cannot remember telling my parents that I was studying Classics; they might well have found out for the first time on graduation day. Of all the subjects on this planet, I think they would have been hard put to name one less useful than Greek mythology when it came to securing the keys to an executive bathroom.

I would like to make it clear, **in parenthesis**, that I do not blame my parents for their point of view. There is an expiry date on blaming your parents for steering you in the wrong direction; the moment you are old enough to take the wheel, responsibility lies with you. What is more, I cannot criticise my parents for hoping that I would never experience poverty. They had been poor themselves, and I have since been poor, and I quite agree with them that it is not an ennobling experience. Poverty entails fear, and stress, and sometimes depression; it means a thousand petty humiliations and hardships. Climbing out of poverty by your own efforts, that is indeed something on which to pride yourself, but poverty itself is romanticised only by fools. What I feared most for myself at your age was not poverty, but failure.

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11. Why did the speaker say that it was a “win-win situation” at the beginning of the commencement address?
- (A) Because she published best-selling novels and delivered a commencement address in Harvard.
  - (B) Because she felt honorable to be a keynote in the commencement ceremony and also she lost some weight due to the hard preparation for the talk.
  - (C) Because Harvard had the speaker’s acceptance for the invitation for the talk and at the same time the speaker was a world-famous writer.
  - (D) Because the graduates not only got a chance to listen to a speech by a famous writer but also had a bright future waiting for them.
12. Which of the following is TRUE?
- (A) The speaker can still clearly recall the contents of her commencement address back in her college.
  - (B) The speaker felt relieved because giving a commencement address was a huge responsibility.
  - (C) The two things the speaker wanted to share with the graduates were coherent.
  - (D) When the speaker was in her college, her ambition was rather different from her parents’ expectation.
13. How did the speaker’s parents think of her talents in novel writing?
- (A) It would help her secure at least a decent mortgage.
  - (B) It was a quirky talent.
  - (C) It was something she could develop more in the vocational college.
  - (D) It was something she would need to climb out of poverty.
14. Which of the following is FALSE?
- (A) The speaker thinks that blaming one’s own parents for steering them in the wrong direction was reasonable but only with a limited time span.
  - (B) The speaker compared the commencement to a wizard reunion at the beginning of the speech.
  - (C) The speaker was being sarcastic when she talked about her reflection on what Baroness Mary Warnock said in her graduation ceremony.
  - (D) The speaker made a compromise with her parents and stuck to the study of modern languages throughout the four years of college.
15. Which of the following phrases comes the closest to the meaning of the expression underlined in the last paragraph?
- (A) instead
  - (B) furthermore
  - (C) in particular
  - (D) with all due respect

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## III. 克漏字：從以下單字中選出正確單字填入 (20%)

When you 1 into an apple, 2 the sweet taste and enjoy the 3 juicy crunch. That crisp crunch happens because tiny 4 filled with water form the apple's flesh. But there's more to an apple than its crunch and fantastic 5. An apple provides many health 6.

Research shows apples 7 antioxidants that lower the 8 of heart disease and cancer. Researchers from Cornell University in New York found that eating just 100 grams of apple gives you antioxidants equal to taking 1,500 mg of vitamin C. Studies also show antioxidants in apples help 9 the chance of asthma. In addition, apples contain pectin, which helps to lower 10.

benefits

cholesterol

contain

risk

flavor

bite

cells

reduce

savor

delicious

## IV. Translation: Please translate the following into Chinese.(20%)

1. Late life divorce is becoming more common, and more acceptable. In 2014, people age 50 and above were twice as likely to go through a divorce than in 1990. One explanation is that many older people are in second marriages; the divorce rate is about two and a half times larger for those who have remarried and are often grappling with blended families or greater financial challenges.
2. "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life.... Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice, and most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become," said by Steve Jobs in the commencement address in Stanford University in 2005.

## V. English Writing:(20%)

**Scientists and researchers should focus their research on areas that are likely to benefit the greatest number of people.**

*Please write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.*