

國立彰化師範大學 97 學年度博士班招生考試試題

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科目： 英文

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I. Choose the best answer to fill in the blank, and write its corresponding letter (A, B, C, or D) on your answer sheet. (20%)

1. _____ in English, William Shakespeare is the most widely known.
(A) With all writers (B) All of the writers (C) All writers (D) Of all writers
2. The prime minister declined to give a speech _____ a bad cold and a sore throat.
(A) in regard to (B) on behalf of (C) on account of (D) in accordance with
3. When disaster strikes and humanitarian assistance is needed, the low cost emergency equipment is often _____ for those in need.
(A) alliterate (B) sadistic (C) prudent (D) critical
4. _____, the little girl was in a small town nearby Nantou city.
(A) When seeing last (B) When last seen (C) When to see last (D) When saw last
5. Apparently what the boy did was wrong, but I don't think it _____ such severe punishment.
(A) cultivated (B) warranted (C) intimidated (D) guaranteed
6. The magician's _____ escape bewildered all the audience.
(A) ingenious (B) humble (C) clumsy (D) futile
7. The accounting department _____ all the records to a faster, more user-friendly software.
(A) converted (B) restrained (C) pursued (D) smothered
8. The basketball player couldn't _____ the possibility of withdrawing from the championship because of serious leg injury.
(A) rule out (B) call up (C) go off (D) take in
9. This novel is not _____; it is more likely to appeal to an international audience than is novel with strictly regional themes.
(A) democratic (B) provincial (C) global (D) conspicuous
10. The purchase of the island of Manhattan from Native Americans in 1626 provided the main part of _____ New York City.
(A) what is now (B) now what is (C) now what (D) what it is now

II. Cloze Test: Choose the answer which best fits in each blank. (12%)

The problem of when and where humans first gained control over fire is still unresolved, (1) sufficiently solid evidence has been found in various parts of Europe and Asia (2) that humans were using fire at least 400,000 years ago. Even though (3) an exact chronology remains problematic, we can be reasonably certain about the sequence of stages or phases. First, there would have been a time when no group was in regular possession of fire; then a time when some groups

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did, and (4) did not, have fire; and eventually every human group would have possessed fire. I am concerned with the crucially important second phase in the sequence, groups fortunate enough to have found a fire would sometimes manage (5) for months or even years until it was extinguished, either through rain or some other natural cause, or through their own (6). Throughout this phase, the possession of fire would have remained tenuous and temporary.

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| 1. (A) so | (B) but | (C) if | (D) which |
| 2. (A) concluded | (B) concludes | (C) conclude | (D) to conclude |
| 3. (A) established | (B) have established | (C) establishing | (D) establishes |
| 4. (A) other | (B) the other | (C) others | (D) the others |
| 5. (A) to keep it burning | (B) keeping it burn | (C) to keep burning | (D) keeping burn |
| 6. (A) passion | (B) negligence | (C) communication | (D) expense |

III. Reading Comprehension: Read each of the following passages and choose the best answer to each question. (18%)

A.

¹ Originating in Babylonia in the second millennium B.C., horoscopes were used to predict important events. The earliest humans looked at the star-filled night sky and knew that the shapes and patterns of the constantly shifting cosmic panoply must somehow be important. Studying the patterns of movements of the constellations, they attempted to explain the seemingly arbitrary events of life (changing seasons, wars, economic hardship, weather) and correlate phenomenon on earth to what was happening in the heavens.

⁷ Shortly afterwards, these observations were recorded and standardized in scientific form as the ancient people came up with charts and graphs representing the positions of the Sun, Moon, planets, the astrological aspects, and sensitive angles at the time of an event. Later, they further associated planets with certain powers and gave the twelve lunar cycles names of animals or mythical people, these symbols today known as zodiac signs.

¹² These horoscopes, initially used by farmers in order to predict natural **calamities** that could affect harvests, were extended to include the fates of emperors and kings, and later were used by ordinary people for purposes of divination. Reading horoscopes became a way of life for people in many countries, but Europe lost this knowledge during the Dark Ages.

¹⁶ The horoscope was revised as well as elaborated on by Arab scholars, reintroducing it to Europe in the Middle Ages and allowing it to spread throughout the rest of the Western world. Nowadays, the horoscope can be found in all sorts of newspapers and magazines around the world and has become a popular facet of everyday life.

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1. What is the main idea of this passage?
 - (A) The compatible zodiac signs.
 - (B) The most important planets in one's horoscope.
 - (C) A brief history of astrology.
 - (D) How to read a horoscope.
2. Horoscopes became popular again in Europe _____.
 - (A) when they were printed in newspapers and magazines
 - (B) through the intellectuals from the Middle East
 - (C) due to the permission of the scholars from the Dark Ages
 - (D) because of the elaboration of the Zodiac signs
3. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word "calamities" in line 12?
 - (A) events
 - (B) problems
 - (C) syndromes
 - (D) catastrophes
4. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?
 - (A) Horoscopes cannot be used when people pursue knowledge.
 - (B) Society wouldn't be able to function on horoscopes.
 - (C) Horoscopes play a significant role in our life.
 - (D) People waste their time on horoscopes.

B.

¹ Diamonds, the hardest natural materials known, were formed from the carbon which was purified and crystallized at extreme high temperatures and pressures deep beneath the earth's crust. They were eventually **thrust** upward to the surface by volcanic action and deposited in pipes of hardened volcanic flow called kimberlite. Some diamonds are mined directly from kimberlite deposits while others are mined from placer, or alluvial, deposits which were formed by the erosion of diamond pipes over eons of time.

⁷ Diamonds have been adapted for many uses because of their exceptional physical characteristics. While diamonds are prized the world over for their hardness and brilliance, fewer than twenty percent of all diamonds mined each year are suitable for use as gemstones. The remainder are relegated to use as industrial diamonds.

¹¹ The extreme hardness of diamonds makes them ideally suited for industrial uses. Rotary bits imbedded with diamonds are used for drilling oil wells, or for boring through solid rock. Diamond dust from crushed diamonds is useful in grinding, polishing, glass etching and cutting, and as coatings for integrated circuits.

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15 Historically diamonds are thought to have been first recognized and mined in alluvial deposits in India. They have been known in India for at least 3000 years. Diamond production of primary deposits (kimberlites) only started in the 1870's after the discovery of the Diamond fields in South Africa. At various times the world's diamond production has been dominated by regions in India, Africa, South America, and Russia. In recent years, Australia has become the world leader in diamond production, outstripping all other areas in total production.

5. According to the passage, diamonds are formed _____.
- (A) because of volcanic eruption
 - (B) from alluvial deposits
 - (C) by extreme pressure and heat
 - (D) with purified substance
6. Industrial diamonds ____.
- (A) outnumber gemstone diamonds
 - (B) are harder than gemstone diamonds
 - (C) are made from crushed diamonds
 - (D) make cutting and grinding materials harder
7. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word "thrust" in line 3?
- (A) pushed
 - (B) formulated
 - (C) released
 - (D) carved
8. According to the passage, which of the following statements is TRUE?
- (A) Diamonds are so hard that nothing can break them.
 - (B) About 80% of mined diamonds are used as gems.
 - (C) Diamonds can only be mined from kimberlite deposits.
 - (D) Recently Australia surpasses South America in diamond production.
9. From the passage, it can be inferred that _____.
- (A) most of the world's diamonds have already been mined
 - (B) industrial diamonds bring a higher price than gemstones
 - (C) diamond mining originated in ancient India
 - (D) diamonds are the purest and rarest substance known

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IV. Translations (30%)

1. Please translate English into Chinese. (7%)

The superior man, when resting in safety, does not forget that danger may come. When in a state of security he does not forget the possibility of ruin. When all is orderly, he does not forget that disorder may come. Thus his person is not endangered, and his States and all their clans are preserved.

Confucius

Chinese philosopher & reformer (551 BC - 479 BC)

2. Please translate English into Chinese. (8%)

Many forms of Government have been tried, and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.

Sir Winston Churchill, *Hansard, November 11, 1947*

British politician (1874 - 1965)

3. Please translate Chinese into English. (15%)

近年來大眾輿情一直千方百計的想要把我整垮；此計不成，又反過來把我捧成偉人。任誰碰上這種事都是相當倒霉的。現在出於另一個企圖，又有人在做同樣的事了。因此對於慶祝我七十歲生日的活動，我一概拒絕發表任何意見。但是，當我的老朋友，工黨，請我到這裡來時，我知道一切將不會有問題。我們發現了一個秘密，那就是世界上沒有什麼偉大的人。我們又發現了另一個秘密，那就是世界上沒有什麼偉大的民族，也沒有什麼偉大的國家。

喬治·蕭伯納

V. Composition (20%)

A Greener Environment

Global warming is a central issue nowadays. Write a well-organized and cogent essay on the topic "A Greener Environment."