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等 別：三等考試

類 科：英文組

科 目：外國文 (英文)

甲、申論部分：

一、依請下列情境，用英文寫下你的回答。文長約 120 字。

A TV production team from the US is visiting Taiwan to shoot a program. The hour-long program will showcase the culture of Taiwan and is scheduled to be screened at the end of the year. As someone who works with the production team, what would you recommend to be featured in this program and why?

Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.

【擬答】：

If I am one of the production team for shooting the one-hour TV program featuring the culture of Taiwan, I'll definitely recommend the following items to my team leader for his or her serious consideration, and my specific reasons are also listed below:

- A. The hospitality of Taiwanese;
- B. The diligence and integrity of Taiwanese;
- C. The major religious events and festivals in Taiwan;
- D. The most famous mouth-watering local foods all over Taiwan;
- E. The fast-developing and deepening democracy;

The last but absolutely not the least,

- F. The well-preserved Chinese calligraphy and painting

(上述各項的理由則請發揮您的豐富想像力而據以完成本篇)

二、請依下列情境，寫一篇英文講稿。文長約 120 字。

You are invited to give a talk (speech) to a group of American high school students, and the topic of your talk is--The Traditional Taiwanese Wedding Ceremony. Write out the speech here by using approximately 120 words.

【擬答】：

Good morning boys and girls, my topic for today is a traditional Taiwanese wedding ceremony.

Well, to begin with, I'd like to do some background description first. It all starts with the deciding of the wedding style, be it a church ceremony, a court-house notarized one, or just one with a rather traditional Taiwanese style. Then the couple and their parents must decide on lots of things, such as the date, the site, the list for invitations, the menu for the banquet, the costumes, the photo and video-taking, the arrangement of transportation for the wedding, etc. The most important thing is to set the date on a very propitious day according to the Chinese Zodiac calendar.

During the wedding party, usually it is a hilarious evening banquet with honored guests, relatives and friends gathering and having some nice and exquisite food and wine, the master of ceremony would announce the newly-wedded couple's visiting each table to show their gratitude. The bridegroom usually has to toast to all the guests and do the bottom-up tricks to show his elation. Sometimes the wedding family would hire professional singers or dancers to perform their best to entertain the guests.

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As the banquet gets to its end, the couple would change their costume once again, stand politely at the doorway, get ready to greet and then send the guests off. The bride holds a basket full of assorted candies waiting for the guests' disposal. They say nice words to appreciate guests' coming and get congratulations in return.

Well, they thus become happy and prosperous couple ever since, right?

OK, thank you very much for your listening.

### 三、英文作文：

The following letter was submitted by a reader to a local newspaper in San Francisco. As a staff member of the Taipei Economic and Culture Office in San Francisco, you are assigned by your supervisor to write a letter of response to the newspaper. Write the letter here using no more than 200 words.

Dear Editor:

I am a Lebanese American and am in my second year at San Francisco State University. I grew up with few Asians in my grade school and high school; I can only think of one Japanese kid, who was third generation. Most of what I've learned about Asian culture is from stereotypes through media. I now live in the Sunset district of San Francisco and have mostly Chinese neighbors. I am used to people being welcoming to a new neighbor, but I have a suspicion that there is something about Chinese or maybe Asian culture that keeps my neighbors to themselves. Why are Asians so cold to strangers? I swear they have something against me for being white. Last time I waved at an older Asian man in my neighborhood, he ignored me while staring. Maybe I missed a history class where the whites attacked and raided all of Asia. Please help me connect the missing pieces.

Lebnils

#### 【擬答】：

針對讀者來函，你的回覆必須清楚的解釋為何他所遇到的華人是與外族或任何不認識的人打招呼的傳統心理因素。

再來就是要談這些令他洩氣/難過的情形絕非他的錯，更請他不必在意，畢竟不同民族性與不同的文化，確實會孕育出不同的社交層面與表現在與異生人的接觸情況中。

最後向他保證新一代的台灣人已大部份有國際觀及因長年對外國人存在他們周遭與偶而的接觸已讓他們不再對外國人或不同民族抱持偏見與敵視態度，更誠懇邀請他到台灣來感受一下台灣人的熱情與好客，保證會使他立即改觀。

### 乙、測驗題部分：

- (B) 1. Step-parents may exercise too little control over children for fear that they are the rights of the child's natural parent.  
(A) truncating (B) usurping (C) vilifying (D) yearning
- (C) 2. I bought a boomerang and a toy koala as of my trip to Australia.  
(A) bravos (B) crescendos (C) mementos (D) virtuosos
- (A) 3. Thousands of British hunters vowed to keep up their tradition of hunting with dogs after its practice became illegal in England and Wales. The police will have to evidence collected by anti-hunt groups to enforce the law.  
(A) rely on (B) look out (C) live for (D) make up
- (A) 4. Many parents their children by giving them whatever they want.  
(A) spoil (B) intensify (C) recover (D) dominate

- (B) 5. The melting permafrost and increasing temperatures are having a negative on the forests of Alaska.  
(A) integrity (B) impact (C) glacier (D) thawing
- (B) 6. In the past, banquets at the Confucius Mansions often ran to 180 courses, an admirable exercise in pacing. Qufu restaurants today are not quite as ambitious.  
(A) fragile (B) gustatory (C) olfactory (D) tactile
- (C) 7. The convenience and of the Internet make it a very effective advertising tool.  
(A) intrigue (B) perversity (C) ubiquity (D) transcendence
- (B) 8. One of the weaknesses of education is that it doesn't give enough attention to the need for developing the individual's communication skills.  
(A) plump (B) prime (C) prompt (D) primitive
- (D) 9. In general, men are more to birth defects than women.  
(A) pivotal (B) susceptible (C) intuitive (D) vulnerable
- (A) 10. That the economy is jobs without generating wage increases is evident in the fact that the unemployment rate fell to a record low while wages showed a rise of only 0.3 percent.  
(A) churning out (B) crumbling away (C) crumpling up (D) crunching on
- (D) 11. The economic crisis in the country has put a lot of people into a financial . Some parents cannot even afford to pay for their kids' lunch at school.  
(A) asylum (B) labyrinth (C) myriad (D) predicament
- (C) 12. Modern marketing has consciously the tools of post-modern discourse to sell more stuff. Brands such as *Nike* explicitly adopt rebellious attitudes in their advertising campaigns.  
(A) compounded (B) counterfeited (C) co-opted (D) coveted
- (D) 13. Not knowing what was really going on in front of their eyes, bystanders of flash mob incidents were all .  
(A) betrayed (B) bereaved (C) betrothed (D) bewildered
- (A) 14. Professor Smith is very among students. Once, he had as many as 150 students in his class.  
(A) popular (B) well-grounded (C) well-fixed (D) loving
- (B) 15. I was quite surprised to see some yellowed photographs of my grandparents, which were black-and-white and four three inches.  
(A) and (B) by (C) multiply (D) plus
- (A) 16. Nobody believed that he was completely when he donated 10 million dollars to the Red Cross. He was probably more interested in publicity than charity.  
(A) altruistic (B) euphuistic (C) indigenous (D) oblivious
- (B) 17. The popularity of home schooling has traditionally been blamed on the rigidity of the examination system and parents' dissatisfaction with teaching methods.  
(A) Parents have long blamed the inflexible test system and unsatisfying teaching methods and sent their children to cram schools to receive popular education.  
(B) The inflexible test system and parents' complaint about the instructional approaches are two conventional reasons for the public's welcome of home schooling.  
(C) Receiving home education has become a popular tradition because of the

- inflexible test system and parents' annoyance at the instructional interventions.
- (D) Home schooling has become outdated due to the public's blame on the inflexible test system and parents' complaint about the teaching techniques.
- (A) 18. It is one of those beautiful compensations of this life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.
- (A) When we sincerely try to help others, we are bound to benefit in some way from our kind act as a reward in return.
- (B) The true beauty of our sincere act of trying to help others lies in the compensations we will get to help ourselves later.
- (C) It is a natural law of life that we will receive certain beautiful compensations after we have sincerely tried to help others.
- (D) It is only fair that we are rewarded with certain beautiful compensations after we have sincerely tried to help other people.
- (D) 19. Credit cards are increasingly turning on their owners, who may find themselves locked out not only of a better way of life, but even literally of their own homes.
- (A) More and more credit cards are causing financial problems to their owners, who may end up losing not only their cards but also their own homes.
- (B) More and more credit card owners are found suffering from the consequences of abusing their cards and having to purchase other homes.
- (C) More and more credit cards are found not only failing to bring a better way of life to their owners but also keeping their owners locked in their own homes.
- (D) More and more credit card owners are becoming victims of their cards and may end up losing their chances of having a better life and even their own homes.
- (B) 20. The beneficial environmental effects of such new products are still dwarfed by the sheer volume of emissions that heavy industry spews out.
- (A) Heavy industry is still so dominating that environmentalists fail to do anything to alleviate the damage caused by it.
- (B) Heavy industry has caused so much pollution that the environment can benefit very little from the new products.
- (C) Heavy industry has done so much harm to the environment that the budget for the ecologically friendly inventions has been reduced.
- (D) Heavy industry is giving scientists a hard time since they cannot translate technological progress into environmental gains.
- (D) 21. We will spare no efforts to locate his daughter.
- (A) We will try nothing to find his daughter.
- (B) We will try some ways to find his daughter.
- (C) We will try many ways to find his daughter.
- (D) We will try every means to find his daughter.
- (A) 22. Many of the test questions are so difficult that no student should feel ashamed of not knowing the answers.
- (A) The students should not feel ashamed if they failed to answer some difficult test questions correctly.
- (B) The students should feel ashamed if they cannot answer the difficult test

questions.

- (C)The students should know the answers to many of the difficult questions on this test.
- (D)No student would do well on the test because many of the questions are very difficult.
- (C) 23. PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) believes that animals deserve the most basic rights— consideration of their own best interests regardless of whether they are useful to humans.
- (A)To PETA, animals' right is based on how much they can contribute to humans.
- (B)To PETA, animals have their basic rights since humans need them.
- (C)To PETA, animals should have their basic rights without regard to their contribution to humans.
- (D)To PETA, animals should not have their basic rights since they are of no use to humans.
- (C) 24. In North America, the first year of resident hospital training has been known as an internship, but it is no longer distinguished in most hospitals from the total postgraduate period, called residency.
- (A)In North America, internship refers to the first year of resident hospital training. However, in most hospitals, internship is not considered part of the total postgraduate period, called residency.
- (B)In North America, the medical student is required to spend one year in the hospital to get on-site training as an intern, but in most hospitals this internship is not as important as the total postgraduate period, called residency.
- (C)In North America, one year of resident hospital work is required of all medical students, which is also known as internship, but in most hospitals this internship is usually included in the total postgraduate period, called residency.
- (D)In North America, during the postgraduate period, called residency, a medical student gets on-site medical training in the hospital for one year. This period is also known as internship.
- (C) 25. Despite their apparent success in reducing teen crime, curfews have been criticized by teens. Many law-abiding teens find them unfair.
- (A)Curfews have been criticized because they have not been effective in cutting down on teen crime.
- (B)Because of curfews, delinquent teenagers have been given better treatment than the teens who obey the law.
- (C)Teen crime has decreased because of curfews, but non-criminal teens don't think that curfews should be applied to them.
- (D)Although delinquent teenagers' freedom has been restricted by curfews, the law-abiding teens' lives have not been affected.
- (A) 26. Some single women may pursue their careers with such single-mindedness that they postpone marriage until the eligible men as well as their childbearing years run out.
- (A)Some career-minded women keep delaying marriage until it gets harder and harder to find a Mr. Right and bear children.
- (B)Some women pursue their careers to such an extent that they end up being

- single or having no children throughout their lives.
- (C)Some women think that having successful careers is more satisfying than getting married and having their own children.
- (D)Some women are forced to pursue their careers when they lose their chances of getting married and having their own children.
- (A) 27. There is a question about the extent to which any one of us can be free of a prejudiced view in the area of religion and politics.
- (A)Probably everyone is prejudiced in his/her view on religion and politics.
- (B)To some extent we can be free to express our views on religion and politics.
- (C)How many of us can be full of prejudice on religion and politics is questionable.
- (D)There is no question about the fact that we can be objective in the area of religion and politics.
- (B) 28. In Africa, some democratic countries have vibrant political scenes, while other countries go through the routine of election but governance does not seem to improve.
- (A)Violence and corruption dominate the political scenes of most countries in Africa.
- (B)In Africa, there are countries with thriving democracies, but there are also countries where elections fail to deliver progress.
- (C)Democracy in Africa has made an ugly turn as most elections have been either manipulated by ruling parties or spoiled by rampant vote-buying.
- (D)Democracy in Africa is blooming as education and experience in election are gradually improving government efficiency and integrity.
- (D) 29. Despite its youth, the center has already had several remarkable achievements.
- (A)Not only young people, the center has also attracted people of all ages.
- (B)Serving the young mainly, the center proves to be very successful.
- (C)Though established by young people, the center has had a good performance.
- (D)Though established only recently, the center has had a good performance.
- (B) 30. Our ability to draw strong conclusions as to the efficacy of school-based obesity prevention programs is limited by the small number of published studies and by methodological concerns.
- (A)Due to the small number of published studies and the uncertainty in research methods, our school-based obesity prevention programs can be effective.
- (B)Because the number of published studies is limited and the research methods are problematic, we still cannot be sure exactly how effectively the programs prevent obesity in school.
- (C)The number of published research findings and methodological problems affect the accuracy of school obesity prevention programs.
- (D)The accurate conclusion in obesity prevention lies not in a sufficient number of studies but in a careful design of research methodology.

編號第31題至第35題，請依據下文文意，從四個選項中選出最合適者。

The link between conditions in the womb and breast cancer is very surprising. The very 31 of the disease is bad enough. What terrifies women is that it strikes so many

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who have no 32 factor—such as age, close relatives with the disease or not bearing a child before 30. Dr. Karin Michels of the Harvard School of Public Health has identified one overlooked cause. 33 collecting health data from tens of thousands of nurses, Michels and colleagues reported in 1997 that women who had weighed about 5.5 pounds at birth had half the risk of breast cancer 34 women who had weighed about 9 pounds at birth. That was especially true of breast cancer in women aged 50 35 younger. “There is increasing evidence,” says Michels, “that breast cancer may originate before birth.”

- (B) 31. (A)extension (B)existence (C)expansion (D)resistance  
(C) 32. (A)knowing (B)unknown (C)known (D)knowledge  
(D) 33. (A)Of With (B)As (C)After (D)  
(A) 34. (A)compared with (B)contrasted to (C)similar to (D)coped with  
(A) 35. (A)or (B)but (C)look (D)seem

編號第36題至第40題，請依據下文文意，從四個選項中選出最合適者。

Every culture prescribes certain occasions and ceremonies for giving gifts, whether for personal or professional reasons. Japanese gift-giving rituals show how tremendously important these acts are in that culture, where the wrapping of a gift is as important (if not more so) than the gift itself. The economic value of a gift is 36 to its symbolic meaning. To the Japanese, gifts are viewed as an important aspect of one's duty to others in one's social group. Giving is a moral 37 (known as *giri*). Highly ritualized gift-giving occurs during the giving of both household/personal gifts and company/professional gifts. Each Japanese has a well-defined set of relatives and friends with which he or she shares 38 gift-giving obligations (*kosai*). Personal gifts are given on social occasions, such as at funerals, to people who are hospitalized, to mark 39 from one life stage to another (e.g., weddings, birthdays), and as greetings (e.g., when one meets a visitor). Company gifts are given to commemorate the anniversary of a corporation's founding, the opening of a new building, or when new products are announced. In keeping with the Japanese emphasis on 40, presents are not opened in front of the giver so that it will not be necessary to hide one's possible disappointment with the present.

- (C) 36. (A)legendary (B)primary (C)secondary (D)satisfactory  
(C) 37. (A)victory (B)dilemma (C)imperative (D)encouragement  
(D) 38. (A)intentional (B)financial (C)overwhelming (D)reciprocal  
(A) 39. (A)movements (B)assignments (C)compliments (D)establishments  
(C) 40. (A)earning money (B)keeping time (C)saving face (D)showing pride