

國立彰化高級中學 111 學年度資優班甄選—複選實作評量【英文科】試題卷

Part 1: Vocabulary (40%): Each question is 2%

1. Although elephants are big and powerful, they are actually in danger. ____ people's awareness of the danger, an art exhibition—Elephant Parade—is held in several major cities around the world.
(A)For raising (B)By raising (C)Raising (D)To raise
2. A life hack is any simple trick that makes your life easier. A good example is to roll your clothes into cylinder shapes. This is useful when you take a trip, as it ____ space in your luggage.
(A)saves (B)saved (C)saving (D)to save
3. Plastic microbeads, or tiny pieces of plastic less than two millimeters in size, ____ in many personal care products such as bodywash and facial scrub.
(A)found (B)they are found (C)are found (D) to be found
4. It's no secret that Americans love their barbecues. The United States is proud of its barbecue ____, especially in the southern regions.
(A)repetitions (B)traditions (C)communications (D)situations
5. People in northern Europe believed that gods lived in wells and they went there to pray for help. To ____ their chances, coins were dropped as gifts.
(A)accept (B)improve (C)damage (D)remind
6. It's hard to imagine a world where watermelon is white and pink, but it's real, at least in the seventeenth century. The earlier variety is totally different from the red-fleshed and lightly seeded fruit that we are ____ with today.
(A)familiar (B)necessary (C)subjective (D)emotional
7. In the past, carrots were not orange in color. They could ____ be purple, yellow, white, or other colors.
(A)accidentally (B)fortunately (C)naturally (D)locally
8. Although Frank has learned English for nine years, he is not capable ____ the language fluently.
(A)for speaking (B)to speak (C)in speaking (D)of speaking
9. The audience lost interest in Dr. Thompson's speech, and he realized that his speech was not ____ at all.
(A)succeeded (B)success (C)successful (D)succeed
10. In recent years, 3D printing has gained ____ and been used widely in different fields. It can even be used to print medicine!
(A)preference (B)patience (C)protest (D)popularity
11. The ____ of Santa Claus has changed over time. The modern version was created by Thomas Nast in 1881. In his painting, Santa wore a white beard, an armful of presents, and a big smile.
(A)appearance (B)pleasure (C)religion (D)status
12. According to one of his best friends, the world-famous scientist Albert Einstein was a gentle person who was never angry or ____ toward anyone.
(A)curious (B)bitter (C)similar (D)dramatic
13. When the computer mouse was first invented at Xerox, nobody ____ any attention to it.
(A)gave (B)made (C)had (D)paid
14. At the school fair last weekend, each member of our class did his/her _____. Therefore, we sold lots of foods and drinks and made plenty of money.
(A)possibility (B)responsibility (C)opportunity (D)creativity
15. In the classic ____ of *Tarzan of the Apes*, Tarzan is raised among the apes and becomes an excellent hunter and swimmer.
(A)firm (B)plant (C)tale (D)doubt
16. Machu Picchu is a famous tourist attraction around the world, because it has beautiful scenery and is well-_____. No human activity has destroyed its beauty.
(A)preserved (B)demonstrated (C)considered (D)released
17. A long time ago, when people lived outdoors without a roof over their heads, they learned that animals, insects, and birds could sense a storm sooner than humans. Therefore, once they saw unusual animal behavior, they would start to look for ____ before a storm swept.
(A)society (B)shelter (C)scholar (D)silence
18. The flowers are often thrown away after an event ends. It is a waste of the ____ that go into growing the flowers since they are used only once.
(A)tragedies (B)methods (C)agreements (D)resources
19. When spacecraft are about to retire, they are aimed at *Point Nemo*, the farthest place from anywhere else. It is chosen for this mission because it is the spot ____ nobody is likely to get

hurt.

(A)which (B)that (C)where (D)what

20. ___ chili peppers can bring several health benefits, they can cause some minor problems, too.

(A)While (B)Because (C)If (D)Unless

Part 2: Cloze (12%): Each question is 2%

Samson was one of the judges who ruled Israel. Since he was born, he had been raised as a Nazirite and had incredible physical strength. The Philistines, __21__ the enemies of Israel, were scared of his strength.

When Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, the Philistines __22__ her to find out the secret of Samson's strength. However, Samson guarded his secret again and again, no matter what Delilah __23__ him. He continued to lie to her until he could not take it anymore. Eventually, he __24__ his secret—the source of his strength was his hair. If his hair was cut, he would become weak.

At night, the Philistines came and shaved off his hair when he was asleep. __25__ fight back, Samson was tied up and his eyes were gouged out. He was sent to prison and forced to grind grain. Over time, what the Philistines didn't know was that his hair began to grow back.

One night, the Philistines held a great celebration in their temple. Samson was scheduled to be part of a show. He asked a servant to take him to the pillars __26__ the temple. After saying some prayers to God, his strength returned. Samson then pushed the two central pillars, and the temple crashed down, killing everyone inside.

21. (A)what were (B)had been (C)by being (D)X

22. (A)persuaded (B)registered (C)absorbed (D)displayed

23. (A)spoke (B)said to (C)told about (D)talked about

24. (A)frightened (B)invested (C)revealed (D)decreased

25. (A)Couldn't (B)He couldn't (C)Unable to (D)Been unable to

26. (A)to support (B)support (C)supported (D)that supported

Part 3: Reading Comprehension Questions (8%): Each question is 2%

It's a cold, dark night. You are in the dorm room, clicking away at your computer. Staying up late, you work tirelessly to finish the report that is due tomorrow. All of a sudden, you have a craving for a midnight snack. The first thing that comes to mind may come as no surprise—instant noodles!

However, do you know that instant noodles were invented by a Taiwanese? It's true. Wu Bai-Fu was born in Chiayi, Taiwan, to Taiwanese parents. He was born during the Japanese occupation of Taiwan, and became a Japanese citizen after World War II.

The invention of instant noodles did not come easily to Momofuku Ando, the Japanese name adopted by Wu Bai-Fu. Before the invention of instant noodles, he served as the chairman of a credit association. The credit association went bankrupt, leaving Momofuku Ando **virtually** penniless.

Japan was recently defeated during World War II and suffered from a lack of food supply. Rice was scarce, but there was plenty of wheat, which was provided by the US. The government officials ordered that wheat be made into bread. Knowing that the Japanese preferred noodles, Momofuku Ando suggested that the government make the wheat into noodles. In response to his suggestion, a government official was reported to say that Momofuku Ando was free to give it a try.

Driven by those words, Momofuku Ando locked himself in a shack in the backyard of his house and began to experiment with ways to prepare flavored noodles by adding hot water. He insisted that the noodles have to be tasty, inexpensive, and easy to prepare. Once he made up his mind, he would never give up. He had 4 hours of sleep every night, and never took a day off for an entire year. Eventually, the spark for invention came to him. Seeing his wife deep-frying tempura, he tried this technique on his noodles. And bingo! The "magic noodles" were invented when he was 48 years old.

27. Where can this passage be found?

(A) In a fashion magazine.

(B) In a science textbook.

(C) In the sports section of a newspaper.

(D) In a book of fun facts about history.

28. What is the main idea of this passage?

- (A) The father of instant noodles is the pride of Taiwan.
- (B) The events leading up to the invention of instant noodles
- (C) Students' favorite midnight snacks
- (D) The reasons why Momofuku Ando chose noodles over bread

29. Which of the following phrases is closest in meaning to “virtually” in the third paragraph?

- (A) gradually
- (B) closely
- (C) nearly
- (D) seriously

30. What is NOT mentioned in the passage?

- (A) The sales of his noodles in Japan and around the globe
- (B) His birthplace
- (C) The efforts that went into the invention of the “magic noodles”
- (D) His personality

Part 5: Translation (10%)

1. 因為手機很方便，所以大部分的公共電話都消失了。(3%)
2. 你除了可以在暑假放鬆以外，還可以規劃暑假，加強自己的能力。(3%)
3. 塑膠污染的問題越來越嚴重。因此，台灣在 2030 年全面禁用塑膠吸管。(4%)

Part 6: Writing (30%)

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