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- I. **Vocabulary & Word Usage:** Read the instruction of each question carefully before you pick the answer. (30 points) (30 分；每題 3 分)
- Which use of the word “**private**” or “**personal**” is INCORRECT?
 - The train is approaching the Taichung station and will make a brief stop. Please don't forget your **private** belongings if you are getting off here.
 - Please remove all your **personal** stuffs out of the office; they should be stored in your own home, not in this public space.
 - You should not check my email box without my permission first; there may be **private** messages you are not supposed to read.
 - When I pointed out the defects in your proposal in the meeting, there was nothing **personal** in my criticism. I simply don't think the proposal will work.
 - Which statement below will **NOT** be made by a hardcore vegetarian?
 - I **doubt** that meat contains any nutrition not replaceable by fruits and cereals.
 - I **suspect** that meat contains ingredients harmful to human body.
 - I **doubt** that it is a wrong thing to do to kill animals for meat.
 - I **suspect** that the so-called “benefits” of meat eating are propagated by food companies only to increase the sales of their products.
 - I don't think I can graduate from the university in four years because I also take commercial design as my **minor**. Which use of the word “**major**” is the exact contrast in meaning to word “**minor**” above?
 - One **major** reason why students don't study hard is that they lose confidence in school learning; they don't think their study here can help them find good jobs when they graduate.
 - One annoyance an English **major** suffers is that (s)he is often treated as a walking dictionary, as if (s)he should know every word in the language.
 - Although John Smith never studied in the military academy, he fought bravely during a series of battles and thus got promoted to be a **major**.
 - When the Jewish King Josiah conquered the Edomite people, he **ordered** his soldiers to destroy the culture of the “pagan” religions. *Regardless of part of speech, which use of the word “order” below has the same meaning?*
 - Sir, I am afraid that I cannot let you leave the office now. I just received a direct **order** from the general manager that you stay at your desk until further instruction.
 - Monks in the Franciscan **order** of the Catholic Church think it is their holy duty to do charity works at whatever costs.
 - There is a restriction on the use of these coupons. I can only **order** goods from certain online shops.
 - Diana, make sure that these papers are put away in good **order**. I don't want you to waste time looking for them when I need them again.

5. Which use of the words “note” and “notice” is INCORRECT?
- A. Someone named John Middleton called you this morning and wanted you to call him back. I already put his number on a **note** and left it on your desk.
 - B. Have you read the **notice** just put on the dorm’s bulletin board? No cooking is allowed now, and they will check regularly and punish offenders severely.
 - C. When Jane **noted** on her Facebook that she would quit her job and leave Taipei forever, her surprised friends posted a lot of questions asking her why.
 - D. The teacher **noticed** in his syllabus that he would accept no term papers turned in late, even for just one hour; however, the students protested against it for being too strict.
6. Which use of the word “smart” is related to the idea of mental capacity?
- A. He didn’t look **smart** to me when he first entered the department office. He was sloppily dressed. He looked around absently and did not respond to me until I addressed him twice.
 - B. Everyone stopped and turned around when this **smartly** dressed woman entered the room. Even though none had met her before, she was apparently the new president of the union.
 - C. Are you stupid or what? Don’t you know you shouldn’t wear only slippers for a hiking trip? No wonder your feet bleed and legs **smart** now.
7. Mrs. Login is a typical case of **compulsive** shopping because.... Which clause below completes the statement most logically?
- A. ... she cannot resist the urge to buy stuffs even if she does not need them or really like them.
 - B. ... her husband and children force her to do shopping for the family though she hates the chore.
 - C. ... she cannot remember what stuffs she has bought or how much money she has spent after she leaves the cashier counter.
 - D. ... she buys stuffs only when she really like them and she won’t force herself to buy things she doesn’t like even though she really needs them.
8. Which use of the word “**complicate**” and its derivatives is totally medical in its sense?
- A. As a doctor, what you need to focus on is a patient’s body condition. Don’t let considerations of his/her background or status **complicate** the matter of medical treatment.
 - B. The patient’s medical history is a little bit **complicated**. He was first misdiagnosed as a victim of appendicitis. When the surgeon was about to perform the removal of appendix, he discovered that this was actually a case of pervasive intestinal cancer.
 - C. Idiot! Don’t you know the due procedure of treating a cut after an operation?! Now the patient suffers the **complication** of intestinal infection. Can’t you keep your job as surgeon simple?
 - D. We cannot even allow this patient to stay in the emergency room overnight. Do you know what trouble she has got into? I don’t want **complications** for the hospital and its staff.
9. Which blank below can only be filled with the word “capacity,” not its synonyms like “ability” or “capability”?

- A. In our society, when a child does well in school studies and is thus over-praised, s/he may wrongly believe that s/he has the ____ to do almost everything as well.
- B. The technical ____ of this motorcycle exceed those of an equivalent model of another brand; for example, it can speed up from static status to 100 miles per hour in ten seconds.
- C. To enlarge the ____ of carrying passengers, some airplanes are designed so huge that one wonders how they can lift off the ground into the sky.
10. Which use of the word "shift" involves the idea of time?
- A. Can you believe that?! It took Maria nearly half an hour to drive here from the school (usually a five-minute ride) because she did not know how to shift to high-speed gear.
- B. Some nurses say that they don't like to take midnight shifts; the hospital at night usually gives them a creepy feeling, especially when their office room is near the morgue.
- C. Some former supporters of the "green camp" do not shift their loyalty to the "blue camp" overnight; they believe that they have endured too much disappointment over the green ruling party for too long.
- D. Business is not to be done on a rush: egg tart was once so popular that bakeries specializing in it mushroomed across the city. But soon there was an oversupply and the stores had to sell at a loss to shift stock.

II. Idioms and Phrases: (15 points) (15 分；每題 3 分)

11. Which action or reaction below can qualify as an "informed move"?
- A. As soon as Gerald was informed by an unsigned letter that his wife had an affair with Harry, he took a gun to his friend's office and blew his head off on the spot.
- B. After analyzing a few satellite photos that seem to suggest the existence of water on Mars, NASA sends a military-civilian team of 1000 people there to build a colony.
- C. A famous astrologist predicts that a meteor of one million tons is going to hit Earth in 2030, so many people begin to build underground shelters to survive the disaster.
- D. After visiting over ten nursing homes and talking to their respective heads, the Johnson family decides to leave their parents to the care of the home that they believe is the best.
12. Which attitude below would be the best example of being "self-righteous"?
- A. A police officer who takes bribery from brothels in the district under his jurisdiction looks away when they deal in child prostitution.
- B. Comfortable capitalists blame the "laziness" of most unemployed laborers because they are unwilling to take jobs that can barely pay for their survival.
- C. The boss of a company often stays in the office for overtime work but rarely asks his employees to follow his example.
- D. Though the general doesn't need to stay in the front during a battle, he often makes this daring move and wants his soldiers to face dangers as he does.

13. Which dealing below would be considered "more than fair"?
- A. Your classmate treats you a bowl of plain noodles to repay your effort of doing his homework for a whole semester.
 - B. You purchase 3.5 acres of land at the price of seven million dollars while the market value of an acre is two million.
 - C. Your cousin sold you an accident-free, 6-month-old car that she had hardly used at two hundred thousand dollars, while the same model of similar conditions cost four hundred thousand.
14. When the 50-year-old actress is asked by reporters about how she keeps her figure fit and her skin smooth and tight, she answers, "I take care of them with no other means than sleeping and eating well." But most women of her age hearing this would sigh, "If only I could say the same." What do these women of her age mean with the comment?
- A. "I wouldn't be so stupid as to say such nonsense in front of the media."
 - B. "I'm never so smart as she is to give such clever answer in front of the media."
 - C. "I wish I could keep my figure and skin youthful in as simple ways as she does."
 - D. "Only I could say such thing about myself; she is not even qualified."
15. Though students and their parents may have misgivings about present educational policies, there is still **much to be said for** the efforts that the authorities concerned put into the goal of educational reform. Which statement below is true accordingly?
- A. Students and their parents are worried about the present educational policy; the efforts of the authority concerned at educational reform should be questioned and criticized.
 - B. The present educational policies are not welcome by students and their parents; the direction in which the educational reform is pursued now needs further discussion.
 - C. The present educational policies have been widely denounced by students and their parents; there is no need to say more about the misdirected efforts of the authority.
 - D. Even though students and their parents are not happy with the newly reformed educational policies, the authority's efforts at reform still deserve positive comments.

III. Cloze Test: (15 points) (15 分，每題 1 分)

Dear Colleagues,

Since I was 16 as the new head of our unit, I want to make it clear to you, in the beginning of my 17, the ways I expect of your interactions with me. 18 the guidelines I set below can help reduce unwanted conflicts between you and me; thus the undesirable position I am put in can be rendered less unbearable.

First, and most important of all, please don't approach me with requests of your personal 19 if they involve using and sharing of the department's resources—no matter of financial, human, spatial, or any other kinds. We are (or at least should be) law-20 citizens, and in our department there are already complete sets of regulations and procedures 21 whereby these requests can be duly processed. If all

committees function _22_, they should regularly call for applications and issues concerning the requests as well as convene to discuss them. As far as I know, almost all requests can be handled in this proper manner. Even if you are not happy with the current regulations and procedures, the committees are still the best venue where discussions can be conducted to turn out substantial results. Please don't just _23_ into the head's office and roar out long complaints to me as if I _24_ the one who would ruin your life and happiness. (_25_ I feel myself more like such a victim.)

16. (A. swearing on B. sworn in C. swearing of D. sworn by)
17. (A. term B. period C. time D. duration)
18. (A. Expectedly B. Definitely C. Fearfully D. Hopefully)
19. (A. interest B. interesting C. interested D. interests)
20. (A. binding B. defying C. abiding D. accusing)
21. (A. in place B. in position C. on mark D. by location)
22. (A. on the role B. to the heart C. by the book D. from the bottom)
23. (A. cruise B. drift C. saunter D. storm)
24. (A. is B. were C. has been D. will be)
25. (A. Hence B. In addition C. Instead D. On the other hand)

Last year, I visited Israel for attending the Global Mayors' Conference and had the _26_ of meeting the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu. I asked him, as "both Israel and Taiwan have serious trouble with their _27_ neighbors," how does Israel deal with them and what could he offer for Taiwan from their experiences? He answered that "independence and autonomy" are the keys. Israel is a small country facing difficult circumstances, as it _28_ without natural resources and is surrounded by enemies. If not for the unity of the whole nation that has helped Israel achieve independence and autonomy, the country _29_ long gone. He also pointed out that Israel is currently engaged in multiple collaborative projects with the neighboring countries; for example, it is helping Jordan and Egypt develop their agricultures and internet securities. He is deeply convinced that peace only comes naturally through long-term exchanges that ensure mutual trust, not forcibly _30_ simply through any kind of agreements.

26. (A. fun B. pleasure C. gladness D. enjoyment)
27. (A. respect B. respectable C. respecting D. respective)
28. (A. goes B. does C. makes D. has)
29. (A. will be B. will have been C. were D. would have been)
30. (A. imposed B. donated C. awarded D. contributed)

IV. Reading Comprehension: 20 points (20 分，每題 2 分)

The Evolution of Vampires in Popular Fiction

Vampires drink blood and/or kill people to survive. So why have they endured in the imagination of popular culture for almost two hundred years? Because it turns out that while vampires are monsters

of death along with the rest of the villains of the horror genre, they are also a lot about sex. And if there's one thing that modern culture likes to be entertained by, it's sex.

The historical influences of vampires were terrifying. Vlad the Impaler's reputation of excessive cruelty, including impaling his enemies on giant stakes, spread throughout Europe. His female counterpart, Countess Elizabeth Báthory, was a serial killer accused of murdering young female virgins and bathing in their blood to retain her youth. Neither of these things is terribly sexy.

Yet two centuries later, we find ourselves with Edward Cullen from Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight* series, written for the young adult paranormal romance subgenre, in which a handsome vampire seduces a modern teenage girl. How did we get from bathing in blood to sparkling in the sunlight?

In the Victorian and Puritan ideals of Europe and North America, vampirism in literature became a surrogate for sexual intercourse. Later in the 19th century, sex returns with a vengeance in Joseph Sheridan LeFanu's *Carmilla* (1871) and Bram Stoker's *Dracula* (1897), the latter of which brought vampires into the cultural mainstream. Though Stoker was inspired by the historical Vlad the Impaler, his *Dracula* was a veritable rake who manipulated women to his own ends. Due to cultural sensibilities that precluded sexual encounters between characters, Stoker used vampirism as a cover for the sexuality inherent in his horror novel. As originally created by Stoker, the persona of *Dracula* contains an amalgam of cultural sexual dreads such as foreignness, animalism, and dreamlike qualities. The vampire became an extended metaphor; just as death has been used as a euphemism for orgasm, the vampire represents both sexuality and death.

And thus was born the sexy vampire trope. Vampires represent the titillating anxieties we carry that a sexual act will carry grave punishment such as death. Though the vampire remained firmly in the traditional horror genre for many years, providing readers with such classics as Stephen King's *Salem's Lot* (1975), it never quite forgot its subversive sexual roots. When Anne Rice published *Interview with the Vampire*, the first novel in her *Vampire Chronicles* series, in 1976, she brought the world the lives of Louis and Lestat and solidified the link between vampires and sex in mainstream horror and fantasy.

(Adapted from J. L. Gribble's post on the website *Speculative Chic*)

31. Which statement about the vampire as a figure that metaphorically connects death and sex is NOT true?
- A. When the cultural sensibilities of a society do not allow representations of sexual encounters between characters in a horror fiction, vampirism can serve as a substitute.
 - B. Vampire sexuality in horror fictions represents dreads and anxieties about sexual act, which the society that reads the fictions may take as punishable by death.
 - C. Vampires always force themselves sexually onto women, without other kinds of approach, because the sexuality features "foreignness, animalism, and dreamlike qualities."
 - D. Some vampires in modern horror fictions do not connect their death threats with sexuality.
32. Which vampire as a literary creation is inspired by a historical figure?

(A. Dracula B. Báthory C. Edward Cullen D. Lestat)

33. Which name can you safely identify as referring to a female vampire?

(A. Elizabeth Báthory B. Stephenie Meyer C. Sheridan LeFanu D. Anne Rice)

34. Which statement below is correct about the two vampire novels, Joseph Sheridan LeFanu's *Carmilla* (1871) and Bram Stoker's *Dracula* (1897), as can be inferred from the passage?

A. The vampires in both novels use their sexual power to take revenge on humans.

B. The 19th-century cultural sensibilities disapproved of sexuality and thus suppressed the publication of the two novels with vengeance.

C. These two novels challenged the 19th-century sensibilities against sex by representing it through vampirism in a substitutive fashion.

35. Which statement about *Dracula* the novel and Dracula the vampire is NOT correct?

A. The novel is more important than *Carmilla* in bringing the vampire figure into the cultural mainstream.

B. The vampire makes the women he encounters do things to serve his own purposes.

C. The vampire loves women so much that he allows them to end his own existence.

D. The vampire is a foreigner to major characters of the novel; he also takes on animal features.

Facts About Point Nemo

People often vaguely refer to "the middle of nowhere," but as it turns out, scientists have actually figured out precisely where that point is. Point Nemo, the most remote location on Earth, is so far removed from civilization that the closest humans to that location at any given time are likely to be astronauts.

Point Nemo is officially known as "the oceanic pole of inaccessibility," or, more simply put, the point in the ocean that is farthest away from land. Located at 48°52.6'S 123°23.6'W, the spot is quite literally the middle of nowhere, surrounded by more than 1,000 miles of ocean in every direction.

Clearly, there are no human inhabitants anywhere near Point Nemo (the name "Nemo" itself is both Latin for "no one," as well as a reference to Jules Verne's submarine captain from *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*). In fact, the location is so isolated that the closest people to Nemo are actually not even on Earth. The astronauts aboard the International Space Station are around 258 miles from their home planet at any given time. Since the inhabited area closest to Point Nemo is more than 1,000 miles away, the humans in space are far closer to the pole of inaccessibility than those on land.

Not even the man who discovered Point Nemo has ever visited it. In 1992, survey engineer Hrvoje Lukatela located the point in the ocean that was farthest away from any land using a computer program that calculated the coordinates that were the greatest distance from three equidistant land coordinates. It is very possible no human has ever passed through those coordinates at all.

As for non-human inhabitants, there aren't very many of those around Point Nemo either. The coordinates are actually located within the South Pacific Gyre: an enormous rotating current that actually prevents nutrient-rich water from flowing into the area. Without any food sources, it is

impossible to sustain any life in this part of the ocean (other than the bacteria and small crabs that live near the volcanic vents on the seafloor).

(Adapted from a post by Gina Dimuro at the website *ATI*)

36. Which statement about the human approach to Point Nemo is NOT correct?
- A. The closest point where humans have ever approached Point Nemo is from outside the earth.
 - B. Point Nemo was located very recently in human history, without the discoverer visiting it personally.
 - C. It is 100 percent sure that no human being has ever passed this geographical point.
37. Which statement below about the naming of the point as "Nemo" is correct?
- A. The point is named after the clownfish in the Disney cartoon *Finding Nemo*.
 - B. The word "Nemo" means "no one" in a Latin American dialect.
 - C. The name refers to a man controlling an underwater vehicle in a science-fiction novel.
38. Which statement about the ecological condition of Point Nemo is correct?
- A. Without human molestation, the ocean near the point teems with all sorts of sea creatures.
 - B. Few creatures can be found here because the strong ocean currents prevent them from swimming near here.
 - C. Few creatures can survive here because the ocean currents prevent establishment of sustainable food chains in the area.
 - D. There are simply no living things in the area at all.
39. How was Point Memo located in the first place?
- A. With rulers and pens on a World Map
 - B. By observation from the International Space Station
 - C. From a travel account published by Jules Verne
 - D. Through the calculation of a computer program
40. When humans get closest to Point Nemo from the space, how many times are they closer to it than humans living on the Earth? By the way, a league is roughly equivalent to 3.5 miles.
- (A. 2 to 3 times B. 4 to 5 times C. nearly 10 times D. more than 200 times)

V. Composition: 20 points

The English test you are taking now probably reminds you of the other major English test you took for getting admission to a university for undergraduate study. While comparing between the experiences of taking these two tests, do you think your level of English proficiency has risen, stayed, or dropped during these years? What are the reasons for this change (or no change) to the proficiency level? Write a short paragraph about 120 words long to report your self-evaluation.