

請勿抄題，並將所有的答案依序寫在答案紙上。

- I. Read the following article and answer the "True or False" questions below.  
12 points (2 points each question)

### Discovering the South Pole

Antarctica is an icy desert. The fierce winds create blizzards that are hard to endure.

In June 1910, Robert Falcon Scott set out from Britain to conquer the South Pole. But he had a rival. The Norwegian, Roald Amundsen, had also set his sight on the Pole.

On 11 October 1911, Amundsen set out over the Ross Ice Shelf with four companions, some light-weight sledges, and 52 dogs. He reached the Pole on December 14. His journey of 3,000 km had taken 99 days.

On the other hand, Scott and four team mates set out on November 1 by a different route. They ran into bad weather; then their horses sank in the deep snow and had to be shot. The explorers then had to pull the sledges themselves. They finally reached the Pole on 17 January 1912, but they were disappointed to find that Amundsen had arrived before them. On the return journey, one of Scott's companions, Edgar Evans, was injured and died. Captain Oates, another team member, walked out into a blizzard from the camp and never returned. The three survivors were trapped in their tent by a fierce blizzard. They died there, only 10 km from their food depot.

Since 1912, explorers and scientists had continued to work in Antarctica, the last continent to be discovered.

Write "T" for true and "F" for the false statement.

- (1) Captain Scott and his team mates died before they reached the South Pole.
- (2) Amundsen took 99 days to complete his journey to the South Pole.
- (3) Scott and his two other team mates could have been able to survive, if they had made 10 km farther than they did.
- (4) Since 1912, no scientists nor explorers dared to work in Antarctica.
- (5) Amundsen and his team mates first lost their dogs in the bad weather and then their sledges sank in the snow.
- (6) Scott and his team mates were disappointed when they reached the South Pole, because they were not the first in the world.

II. Translate the following passage into Chinese: 10 points

Many people use sport as a way of getting rid of excess energy or aggression in an acceptable manner. Some use sport to maintain fitness or to improve it; but many more just use the sporting occasions to meet and make friends with people of similar interests.

III. Translate the following passage into English: 8 points

有些人覺得流行音樂 (pop music) 聽起來都一樣。事實上，流行音樂在過去五十年來一直在成長及變化。

IV. Essay Writing: 20 points

Which foreign country do you want to visit the most? If you had two weeks to visit this foreign country, what would you like to do there and why? Write a short essay to describe your plan.