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- 1. 答案一律寫在答案紙上,不必抄題。
- 2. 請依照本試題卷第7頁所規定的格式在答案紙上作答,否則不予計分。
- 3. 請將試題卷與答案紙一併繳回。

Section A: 慣用語 (每題 3 分, 共 30 分)

從以下表格中挑選最適合陳述語境的片語填入空格當中;該片語不僅是意義上而且在文 法上完全符合該陳述。每個片語都會被挑中,且僅使用一次。在答案卷上作答時不要抄 寫整個片語,僅須在空格中填入括弧內代表該片語的字母即可。

(A) real estate	(B) on air	(C) runs deep	(D) mix-up	(E) hang out
(F) fair bet	(G) two-sided	(H) helps	(I) stands for	(J) side with
	coin	himself to		

- 1. It is often said that love and hate are actually a _____, as they usually come together. Indeed, the more one loves and labors for another person, the more he or she will also demand from that person. If the demand is not satisfied, hatred then follows.
- 2. In this company the prejudice against female employees ____. It is no use complaining to your manger over the issue of unequal pay for woman workers. He will fit you into the stereotype of women as troublemakers, making your position even more difficult.
- 3. People say that diamond _____ long-lasting love, so many women want their lovers to buy them diamond rings to prove that their love can last forever. But can't love be represented by something less expensive?
- 4. Economic depression is actually the best timing for purchasing _____ because houses and land pieces are not so expensive as they used to be. Besides, one pays less interest money for mortgage, as the interest rate goes down.
- 5. To avoid the spying eyes of the curious but hostile public, gays and lesbians of the city
 in specific pubs and cafés; such places provide a safe space for them to look for
 dates or simply to relax. Strange faces are generally not welcomed.
- 6. When three top players of the NBA team are forced to withdraw from the season for either leg injuries or legal trouble, it seems a _____ that the team will not make it to the playoffs, let alone the finals.
- 7. Before TV stations put political talk shows _____, they should monitor the programs in case the guest commentators spread messages of ethnic hatred or simply libels—though these stuffs may boost ratings.
- 8. What a ___! The package on my desk was supposed to be delivered to our client last Monday. What's worse, the one wrongly delivered by your secretary contains the model of our latest product—one of our biggest business secrets. Someone must pay for this.
- 9. Ben is a nuisance in the dormitory; he often ____ snacks or instant noodles left on his roommates' desks. Since they don't know what to say to him about his near-stealing acts, (背面仍有題目請繼續作签)

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they lock their food away in closets when he is around.

10. A small country trapped in the contest between two superpowers is in a difficult situation. It is not easy for its government to decide which superpower to ____ or whether simply to remain neutral, not forming alliance with either one at all.

Section B: 字彙用法 (每題 3 分, 共 30 分)

詳讀每個題目的說明,將正確答案填寫在答案紙的空格中。皆爲單選題

- 1. Which use of the word "pool" is different in meaning from the other two?
- A. This pool belongs to the whole village, and so do the fish in it. Everyone living here has the right to catch them for use or sale.
- B. The government should not cut down on the budget for higher education, or the pool of intellectual labor will shrink away faster than the demand for it.
- C. Nothing is more enjoyable than swimming in the **pool** under the hill during summertime. Everyone could enjoy the fun and no one needed to pay for it.
- 2. Which use of the word "argue" below has a different meaning from the other two?
- A. Couples often argue over the proper way of educating their children, as fathers may like the children to enjoy more freedom but mothers may want tighter control over them.
- B. Animal-right activists argue that more than one million stray dogs are injured or killed every year and people should pay more attention to their welfare.
- C. It is argued that the common ancestors of human beings came from Africa about two million years ago.
- 3. In the following passage, which word in **bold** character is NOT used correctly? On December 8, 1941, when the sun was (A) rising to the sky and sentries were (B) rising national flags to the sounds of trumpet, no soldiers at the Pearl Harbor knew that threats were (C) arising from beyond the horizon with Japanese bombers approaching.
- 4. Which use of the word "vision" has a different meaning from the other two?
- A. It requires a leader of great vision and courage to launch the project of building a self-sufficient space station around the orbit of the moon.
- B. Last night when Mary was sitting in her room half drunk, she had a terrible vision: she saw her dead husband standing at the door, with half of his head blown off and blood spilled over the floor. But when she jumped out of the bed, it disappeared.
- C. Mr. Bush, as the president of the United States, what is your vision for this nation? What will you turn this country into—simply a wealthy country or the world police?
- 5. Which use of the word "succeed" has a different meaning from the other two?

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- A. After the ruling party's fiasco in the congressional election, many political observers wonder whether its ticket candidate can still win the approaching presidential election and succeed the incumbent president.
- B. A dead calm was suddenly succeeded by a thunderstorm, which frightened the unsuspecting mountain climbers.
- C. After decades of efforts at promotion and innovation, Nokia has succeeded in expanding its business globally.
- 6. Which use of the word "press" itself has nothing to do with publishing business?
- A. Though the corporation spokesman in the press conference denied any charges of exploiting the employees, the labor union tells *China Times* that the management is lying.
- B. The scandal-ridden actress explains that she yelled at those paparazzi waiting outside her home as they had been pressing her too hard, leaving her little space to relax.
- C. It causes a controversy when the university press decided to publish a collection of erotic pictures. Some faculty members think it violates the mores of the institution.
- D. According to the estimate issued by the police, the three **press**es can turn out six thousand copies of a pornographic photo album each week.
- 7. Which use of the word "strike" does NOT necessarily carry the meaning of violence or protest?
- A. The economy of the country has been severely paralyzed by a series of national strikes, but the government still refuses to yield to the requests of the labor unions.
- B. Japan's surprise air strike of Pearl Harbor in Dec. 1941 aroused not only America's strongest diplomatic protest but the U.S. president's declaration of war on the monarchy.
- C. I don't know how to put my first response in words, but his comment on prostitution strikes me as inhumane and obscene. If prostitution is immoral, how can its clients walk free from blames?
- 8. Though the law stipulates that free education covers only children from 6 to 15, the educational authorities promise to help poor adults enroll in primary schools. Which use of the verb "cover" below has the closest meaning to the one above?
- A. Though child pornography has always been considered a problem, the public does not pay attention to it until news media begin to **cover** it intensively.
- B. In order to cover a team of police officers forcing into the building, those who stayed outside began to shoot continuously at the gunmen inside.
- C. Those who want to join the trip have to pay 1,000 dollars. Don't forget that the money doesn't cover the expenses for meals.

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- 9. Which use of the word "admit" has a totally different meaning from the other two?
- A. Nothing has honored me more than being admitted to the graduate program of your prestigious department.
- B. Because of her privileged status, the First Lady was admitted to a specifically reserved ward; no hospital staff should approach it unless permitted.
- C. No matter how hard Johnny tries, he can never make it to the Ivy League, but his parents simply refuse to admit the fact.
- 10. Which use of the word "change" itself concerns the idea of clothing?
- A. Many fashion designers predict that T-shirts and mini-skirts are going out of fashion as they sense a change for elegance in classical Chinese style.
- B. Hey, lady, do you have change for buying this baseball cap? It costs only 40. What can I do with the one-thousand-dollar bill you gave me?
- C. The last three months of work are really exhausting. Now that the case is closed, we do need a break. Go get your swimming gears and let's go to Florida for a change.
- D. What?! Are you still in your T-shirt and jeans? The party we are attending tonight is very formal. Go upstairs now and get changed. Hurry up, or we'll be late.

Section C: 閱讀測驗 (每題3分,共15分)

Living on Tokyo Time

It's fair to say that Japanese people are unbelievably busy. Working 10 hours a day, and often coming in on days off, they rarely take a vacation of more than three or four days. A straight week is a hedonistic luxury.

Watching people live like this, with almost no time for themselves, makes an American like me wonder why more of them don't throw themselves under subway trains. But I seem to have far more anxiety about free time than my Japanese friends do-even though, compared to them, I have much more of it. Why doesn't this cradle-to-grave, manic scheduling bother them?

A lot of Westerners make the glib assumption that Japanese people are simply submissive, unoriginal, or masochistic enough to put up with such a punishing system. I don't think that's it. In Japan, time is measured in the same hours and minutes and days as anywhere else, but it is experienced as a fundamentally different phenomenon. In the West, we save time, spend time, invest time, even kill time—all of which implies that it belongs to us in the first place. We might find ourselves obliged to trade huge chunks of time for a steady salary, but most of us resent this as something stolen from us, and we take it for granted that our spare hours are none of our teachers' or bosses' business.

The Japanese grow up with a sense of time as a communal resource, like the company motor pool. If you get permission, you can borrow a little for your own use, but the main

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priority is to serve the institution—in this case, society as a whole. Club activities, overtime, drinks with the boss, and invitations to the boring weddings of people you hardly know are not seen as intruding on your free time—they are the duties that you can do nothing about but that turn the wheel of society. "Free" time is something that only comes into existence when those obligations have all been fulfilled. This is nicely borne out by an expression my boss uses whenever he leaves work a little early: "I'm going to receive a little free time."

Though I can't pretend I like living on a Japanese schedule, I try hard not to make judgments. Things are more complicated than they appear. The Japanese sacrifice their private time to society, but in return they get national health insurance, a wonderful train system, sushi, the two thousand temples of Kyoto, and traditional culture so rich that every backwater village seems to have its own unique festivals, seasonal dishes, legends, and even dialect. All of which are invaluable social goods that I would not trade for a lifetime of free hours.

Adapted from Lynnika Butler's article of the same title

- 1. What does the author mean with the phrase "Tokyo time" in her article title?
- A. It refers to the Japanese time zone, as 11:00 p.m. in Taipei is 12:00 a.m. in Tokyo.
- B. It refers to the Tokyo workers' unique way of scheduling, which cannot be seen elsewhere in Japan.
- C. It refers to the Japanese way of treating time, which is different from the Western way.
- D. It refers to the unreasonably short vacation a Japanese worker can enjoy.
- 2. In the second paragraph, what does the author think about how Japanese live under the time pressure of their society?
- A. Not many Japanese kill themselves under the time pressure, and she wonders why there are not more cases of suicide in this society.
- B. A lot of Japanese already killed themselves under the time pressure, but she expected even more cases of suicide in this society.
- C. A lot of Japanese already died of subway accidents because they fell under the trains when they were running to catch one; she expects more fatal accidents of this kind.
- D. Most Japanese simply enjoy the time pressure they live under, so few Japanese will kill themselves by subway accidents.
- 3. Which statement below about the contrast between Japanese and Western ways of treating time is WRONG?
- A. Japanese workers are less original than Western workers, so the former need to spend more time on work to achieve the same levels of performance as the Western ones.
- B. Japanese basically think that their time belongs to the institution they serve while

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Westerners believe that time is their own resource before they trade it away.

- C. Japanese think that their activities after work hours may still become part of their service to the institution while Westerners believe that their superiors in the institution cannot interfere with their private time.
- D. Japanese are not necessarily more submissive to the institution than Westerners, but the former believe that official obligations are more important than private affairs.
- 4. The last paragraph considers the connection between two things: cultural diversity and individual relationship to community. What is the author's observation about Japan?
- A. Individualism may lead to cultural diversity because everyone is free to choose what he or she wants to do and the activities they are involved in will be multiple and diverse.
- B. Individualism may not lead to cultural diversity because people eventually will be tired of coming up with different activities and end up doing the same things.
- C. Communalism may lead to cultural diversity because people who belong to a particular community will work together to create a unique culture; many such communities will contribute to the cultural diversity of the society as a whole.
- D. Communalism may not lead to cultural diversity because the society provides the same kind of welfare and conveniences to the people.
- 5. What does the author's general attitude to the Japanese system of time management she describes in the article?
- A. She thinks that the system is "punishing" and people living under it are "masochistic" and that few achievements come out of it.
- B. She is a foreigner and thus "tries hard not to make judgments" about a system that she is not familiar with.
- C. She simply adores the system and enjoyed living under it when she worked in Japan. She believes that the system is far superior to the Western one.
- D. Personally she does not like living under the system, but she appreciates the cultural achievements it produces.

Section D: 作文(25分)

以兩、三個段落,大約 100 字的篇幅回應以下一連串相關的問題:

Do you have a blog of your own? If so, what do you do with your blog? If not, why don't you create one for yourself when it is so popular among young people? Have you visited the blogs of your friends or people you don't know? How do you feel about them? Do you think that blogs have changed the current youth culture? If so, how is it thus changed?

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