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I. Reading and Vocabulary: Read the passage and choose the most suitable answer to each question within its context. 36%

“The Cockneys,” in the words of one eye-witness, “are, of course, beyond all dispute the worst, and a leaven (1) of a dozen of these is enough to infect a thousand of the country yokels (2), with whom peace is generally the order of the day.” The writer described the Cockneys’ “overwhelming oratorical (3) abilities” and the power this gave them over their duller country cousins. The experience of the Cockneys on the transports was expressed in their own street literature, the ballad. The same commentator described the embarkation (4) of some Australia-bound criminals: “It is curious to observe with what nonchalance (5) some of these fellows will turn the jingling of their chains into music whereto they dance and sing.”

1. Which of the following words is a synonym of leaven?

A bread B barley C germ D yeast

2. A yokel refers to:

A a kind person B a gullible individual C a mammal D a type of music

3. Oratorical abilities refer to:

A thinking abilities B analytical abilities C speaking abilities D inventing capabilities

4. Which of the following words is a synonym of embarkation?

A strangeness B sadness C boarding D echoing

5. Nonchalance means:

A true happiness B coolness C right D deep secrecy

To many English officials, this behavior was merely degenerate (6). One naval surgeon on the transports reported that it was his maxim “never to permit the slightest slang expression to be used, nor flash songs to be sung, nor swearing,” but it seems unlikely that he was very successful. He added wistfully (7) that “it was nearly impossible to restrain their almost unconquerable propensity (8) [for song and swearing] while below.” Of all the songs brought to Australia by the convicts, one of the most typical was “Adieu to Old England” or “The Transport’s Farewell”:

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*Come all you wild young native lads
Wherever you may be,
One moment pay attention
And listen unto me.
I am a poor unhappy soul,
Within those walls I lay
My awful sentence is pronounced,
I am bound for Botany Bay.*

6. Identify the antonym of degenerate.

A absurd B vicious C develop D sad

7. Identify the synonym of wistfully.

A happily B immediately C reflectively D secretly

8. Identify the synonym of propensity.

A reluctance B preference C provision D poverty

The luckless convict, having been “brought up in tenderness” by devoted parents, becomes apprenticed to a linen draper, but falls into “a harlot’s company.” To keep his mistress, the apprentice turns to crime, but is “taken” by the authorities, brought before a judge, a “cruel jade,” and sentenced with transportation “to Botany Bay.”

The experience of the Cockneys on the transports in many ways reproduced the crowded, oppressed society from which they had been expelled. All the old Cockney codes and customs survived (and were passed on to their non-Cockney fellows). None was more typical of this than the notion of mates, of egalitarian (9) class solidarity (10). A contemporary novel, *For the Term of His Natural Life* by Marcus Clarke, expresses the idea of “mateship.”

“How many mates had he?” asked Maurice, watching the champing jaws as one looks at a strange animal, and asking the question as though a “mate” was something one was born with—like a mole, for instance.

9. Egalitarian is analogous to:

A sympathy B uniqueness C specialty D equality

10. Solidarity means:

A unity B loneliness C desire D melancholy

Another Cockney tradition transported to the settlements of New South Wales was swearing. One writer, comparing Australian youth to their paler London cousins, noted: “Your thoroughbred gumsucker never speaks without apostrophizing his ‘oath’

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and interlarding (11) his diction with the crimsonest of adjectives....One is struck aghast (12) with the occasional blasphemy of his language." A few years earlier, another had commented:

The two most glaring (13) vices, intoxication and profane (14) swearing, prevail (15) throughout the interior of New South Wales to an extent hardly conceivable but by those who have actually witnessed it contagious (16) in this particular, the native-born youths often inherit this way of talking and grow gradually callous (17) to its enormity, thus handing down to succeeding generations one of the most pernicious (18) legacies of the old Botany Bay convicts.

11. Identify the synonym of interlarding.

A spending B mixing C flushing D foaming

12. Identify the synonym of aghast.

A tenderness B truth C splendor D horror

13. Identify the antonym of glaring.

A similar B common C obscure D shining

14. Identify the antonym of profane.

A deep B sacred C hollow D vicious

15. Prevail means:

A to be preferred B define C predominate D combine

16. Identify the synonym of contagious.

A infectious B immune C isolated D specific

17. Callous is analogous to:

A emotional B insensitive C prone D handy

18. Identify the synonym of pernicious.

A interesting B destructive C common D fashionable

II. Comprehension and Grammar: Read the passage and choose the most suitable answer to each question within its context. 24%

An understanding of the difference between sex and gender is critical to the use of bias-free language.

Sex is biological: people with male genitals are male, and people with female genitals are female.

Gender is cultural: our notions of "masculine" tell us how we expect men to behave and our notions of "feminine" tell us how we expect women to behave. Words like womanly/manly, tomboy/sissy, unfeminine/unmasculine have nothing to do with the person's sex; they are culturally acquired, subjective concepts about character traits and expected behaviors that vary from one place to another, from one individual

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to another.

It is biologically impossible for a woman to be a sperm donor. It may be culturally unusual for a man to be a secretary, but it is not biologically impossible. To say “the secretary...she” assumes all secretaries are women and ____ (1) because the issue is gender, not sex. Gender describes an individual’s personal, legal, and social status without ____ (2) to genetic sex; gender is a subjective ____ (3) attitude. Sex is an objective biological fact. Gender ____ (4) according to the culture. Sex is a constant.

The difference between sex and gender is important because much sexist language ____ (5) cultural determinations of what a woman or man ____ (6). ____ (7) a society decides, for example, that to be a man means to hide one’s emotions, bring home a paycheck, and be able to discuss football standings ____ (8) to be a woman means to be soft-spoken, love shopping, babies, and recipes, and “never have anything to wear,” ____ (9) the population becomes a contradiction in terms—unmanly men and unwomanly women. Crying, nagging, gossiping, and shrieking ____ (10) women’s lot; rough-housing, drinking beer, telling dirty jokes, and being unable to find one’s socks and keys ____ (11) at men’s collective door. Lists of stereotypes appear silly because ____ (12) people fit them. The best way to ensure unbiased writing and speaking is to describe people as individuals, not as members of a set.

1. A is sexy B are sexy C are sexists D is sexist
2. A refer B reference C referred D refereed
3. A cultural B culture C cultures D cultureless
4. A verify B verification C varies D varying
5. A arises B arising C arises from D rising from
6. A ought to B ought C ought be D ought to be
7. A Only if B Once C Except for D Why
8. A while B similarly C for D and
9. A much B many C much of D many of
10. A assume B assumed to C are assumed to be D having assumed
11. A laying B are laid C lying D lain
12. A very little B much C many D very few

III. Writing: Compose an essay of no more than 500 words. 40%

Fraud is currently a serious problem in Taiwan. Millions of people have suffered great financial loss due to these cheats. Identify the possible cause of this and suggest potential solutions to the problem.