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I. Fill in the each blank with the most appropriate choice (a-o) from below (20%). You don't need to copy each word in the answer sheet. Just write down a, b, c, etc.

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| a. conceit | b. aggressive | c. tempered |
| d. allure | e. society | f. commodities |
| g. counselors | h. gripping | i. consuls |
| j. proliferation | k. perceived | l. destructive |
| m. unfettered | n. grisly | o. elude |

Despite the 1 of look-at-me sites like Facebook and Twitter, which are places that encourage the phenomena known as "oversharing," technology's most powerful 2 may be how it empowers anonymous users to delve into taboo topics, subvert government efforts to control information and engage in behavior frowned on by polite 3.

Some teenagers, for example, likely too embarrassed to address their most intimate questions to their parents or peers, can now turn to their cellphones for help. In North Carolina, a service that started February 1 is staffed with 4 who will answer anonymous questions by text message.

Technology reduces the shame and embarrassment, according to Deb Levine, executive director of a non-profit organization that began many technology-based reproductive health programs. She said that it's the 5 privacy that people have when they're typing into a computer or a cellphone. And "it's culturally appropriate for young people: they don't learn about this from adults lecturing them."

Beyond sex education, information is among the hottest online 6. But more than 20 countries now use blocking and filtering systems for Internet content, according to Reporters Without Borders, a Paris-based group that encourages freedom of the press. The most 7 filtering systems are used by authoritarian governments like those in Iran, China, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Syria. These governments often succeed at controlling information, but some ordinary citizens have found a way to 8 the online censors and shield their identities.

Beyond lusty teenagers and citizens seeking 9 information, though, is a darker online world where sexual favors are traded like used books on Ebay. Two recent encounters arranged in the United States on the free online site Craigslist resulted in 10 killings. Craigslist said it would close its erotic services category; its new adult services category, it said, would be monitored. But it seems unlikely that the online marketplace for sex will change, mostly because of demand.

(背面仍有題目,請繼續作答)

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II. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word from below (20%). You need to write down the answer with the CORRECT FORM of each word in your answer sheet.

exalt	evolve	batter	contemplate	spontaneous
stimulus	instinct	celebrate	hierarchy	separate

He's named after a rock star. He lives in a mansion. His every move is chronicled by a rabid mob of paparazzi. But just what is going on in the mind of the Obama family's new puppy, Bo? Is he aware of his status as the much-celebrated and highly 11 First Dog?

The question goes to the heart of a centuries-old argument over how much animals actually think and feel. Are they, as Descartes posited in the 1600s, mindless automatons responding to 12? Or are they, as many pet owners fervently insist, complex emotional beings with their own level of sentient consciousness?

Bo the dog is probably no more aware of his 13 status than he is of Bo Diddley, his namesake. But he may be intensely aware of his status within the Obama family.

"Dogs don't know fame," according to Stanley Coren, a professor of psychology, "but they know their position in the pack. The Obamas's treating him like a true alpha dog may be equivalent to fame." Professor Coren stressed that this sense of 14 was essential to understanding canine cognition. "It's the first level of consciousness," he said, "knowing that you are there and a 15 entity from everyone else."

Such opinions have given Descartes a 16 in recent decades. Some researchers have observed creatures that even appear to grieve. Natalie Angier wrote about monkey and ape mothers who desperately clutch their dead infants for weeks.

The idea that humans are unique in 17 the future, however, is also under fire. A chimp named Santino in Sweden has a passion for throwing rocks at human visitors to his zoo. It is not just a 18 act of aggression, because for 11 years, Santino has been stockpiling and hiding the stones, each time planning another attack. Unlike a squirrel saving nuts for the winter, the behavior is conscious, not 19, revealing a cognitive awareness of the future.

The chimps are no doubt smarter. But it could be argued that the behavior of the squirrels is more 20.

III. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word from below (20%). You need to write down the answer with the CORRECT FORM of each word in your answer

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sheet.

primitive	linger	recent	while	enact
premature	rail	concentrate	project	overlook

In a little village in central India, with no cars and little electricity, emissions of carbon dioxide, the main heat-trapping gas linked to global warming, are near zero. But soot—also known as black carbon—from tens of thousands of villages like this one in developing countries is emerging as a major and previously 21 source of global climate change.

22 carbon dioxide may be the No.1 contributor to rising global temperatures, scientists say, black carbon has emerged as an important No.2, with recent studies estimating that it is responsible for 18 percent of the planet's warming, compared with 40 percent for carbon dioxide. Decreasing black carbon emissions would be a relatively cheap way to significantly rein in global warming—especially in the short term, climate experts say. Replacing 23 cooking stoves with modern versions that emit far less soot could provide a much-needed stopgap, while nations struggle with the more difficult task of 24 programs and developing technologies to curb carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels.

In fact, reducing black carbon is one of a number of relatively quick and simple climate fixes using existing technologies that scientists say should be done immediately to avert the worst 25 consequences of global warming. Better still, decreasing soot could have a rapid effect. Unlike carbon dioxide, which 26 in the atmosphere for years, soot stays here for a few weeks. Converting to low-soot cook stoves would remove the warming effects of black carbon quickly, while shutting a coal plant takes years to substantially reduce global CO₂ 27.

But the awareness of black carbon's role in climate change has come so 28 that it was not even mentioned as a warming agent in the 2007 summary report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that pronounced the evidence for global warming to be “unequivocal.” The fact that black carbon was not included in international climate efforts was bizarre, but partly reflects how new the idea is. The United Nations is trying to figure out how to include black carbon in climate change programs.

Doctors have long 29 against black carbon for its devastating health effects in poor countries. The combination of health and environmental benefits means that reducing soot provides a “very big bang for your buck,” said a lawyer at Earth Justice. “Now it's in everybody's self-interest to deal with things like cook stoves—not just because hundreds of thousands of women and children far away are dying 30.”

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IV. Translation: Translate the following Chinese into English and vice versa. (15%)

1. 混血兒暴增，是本地人與外籍人士通婚案例近乎爆炸性成長的結果。(7%)
2. It might be tempting to think that the era of big financial risks went out with the old year, which capped off a decade that gorged itself nearly to death on easy credit and wishful thinking. (8%)

V. Essay Writing: Write an essay of no less than 300 words. (25%)

Are old people entitled to special respect or special privileges because of their age? Should they be supported by their children, or should they plan for their own retirements? If old people become ill, where should they go? Do older people have a responsibility to the younger generation? Write an essay about the privileges and duties of old age.