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※ 考生請注意：本試題 可 不可 使用計算機**Reading comprehension (60%)**

The following passages are accompanied by questions based on the content of each and the relationship between them. Answer the questions on the basis of what is stated or implied in the reading extracts.

I.

Unlike typical pop sensations, David Tao refers to his career as a "little detour onto the road of music." He didn't really dream of ever becoming a musician. He planned to go into the film industry, though he ended up being a shoe salesman, photofinisher, and even a policeman. With numerous music awards such as Best Newcomer and Best Album at the Golden Melody Award, there is little doubt that his "detour" led to real success. He attributed what he achieved to his family, friends and God. The effect that religion, oriental and western cultures have had on his music is evident.

Instead of producing commercially viable but musically boring stuff, he always opts for making his music more innovative and original. He thinks it's easy for song writers to just make songs that pander to the general public, but they'll be risking losing their originality and being criticized for being out of date. His music conveys his feelings toward the world and reflects the society as he perceives it.

1. What is the best title for this article?
  - A. David Tao: Potential Shoe Salesman and Photofinisher
  - B. David Tao: Another Typical Pop Sensation
  - C. David Tao: Making Songs That Pander
  - D. David Tao: Conveying Feelings While Making Music
2. Why was David Tao's career a "detour"?
  - A. He had set his mind on becoming a musician, but it took too long for him to be one.
  - B. He never dreamed of becoming a musician.
  - C. His religion forbade him to do make music.
  - D. He didn't like the society he lived in.
3. What is true about David's songs?
  - A. They pander to the public, but risk being criticized.
  - B. They are innovative and original.
  - C. He tries to make them commercially profitable first.
  - D. They never won him any awards.

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4. What is the best replacement for "pander to"?
- A. please
  - B. comfort
  - C. harbor
  - D. educate
5. If David had never become a pop singer, what would he most likely have become?
- A. A director.
  - B. A missionary.
  - C. A producer of music.
  - D. An architect.

## II.

My lack of enthusiasm made it difficult for me to get excited about our 10-day Maui trip. I was not ready for the vacation because my poor health and my job problem kept occupying my mind. But upon my arrival, Maui's beautiful scenery, friendly locals and slow pace of life immediately relaxed and refreshed a reluctant traveler like me.

And during our stay at the beachside, my cares further subsided with the wind. From the deck of a sailboat, I enjoyed the company of sea turtles and a pair of playful dolphins.

After relaxing, my husband wanted to try something more daring. So we joined a bicycle tour from the summit of the sleeping volcano down to the ocean. Wearing my heavily padded helmet, I heard only the whir of the bicycle chain and the faint hum of the wind. We relaxed in its laid-back atmosphere after a hard day at play.

Eating in Maui was fun, too. From superb Japanese cuisine to roadside stands' appetizing treats, the selections were just too many. My favorite dish was Maui's famous fish taco, served with spicy pineapple sauce. Delicious! The palatable food plus a healthy dose of Maui-style relaxation testifies to the old saying "Maui no ka oi" "(Maui is the best.)" (Maui)

6. What did the writer say before they hit the road?
- A. She didn't know if she could sort out how she wanted to spend her vacation.
  - B. She was really in no mood for a trip like this.
  - C. The first thing that crossed her mind was, "How on earth could she survive on a small budget?"
  - D. She wondered whether her family could go through the strenuous trip or not.

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7. Maui boasts all the following except \_\_\_\_.
- A. active volcanoes
  - B. slow pace of life
  - C. natural beauty
  - D. friendly people
8. The writer "heard only the whir of the bicycle chain" probably because \_\_\_\_.
- A. the road was bumpy
  - B. they were far off the beaten road
  - C. the bike was moving fast
  - D. the road around the ocean was rather winding
9. The word subsided can be replaced by \_\_\_\_.
- A. saddened
  - B. decreased
  - C. cheered
  - D. increased
10. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE?
- A. The trip lasted ten days.
  - B. The writer thought that Maui's food is as good as its view and worth every dollar they spent.
  - C. The writer believed Maui was a very isolated retreat for most visitors.
  - D. The food as well as the soothing feeling make the writer believe an old saying.

## III.

When Ginger returned from surgery, a hospital volunteer brought her a small Christmas wreath with a red bow. That evening I had more visitors, and Ginger greeted each one and proudly showed them her wreath.

After breakfast the next morning, the nurse returned to inform Ginger she was going home. I was happy for her. But I felt my own personal guilt when I remembered the hospital gift shop would not open for two more hours.

Once more I glanced around the room at my flowers. Can I part with any of these? Ginger gathered her few personal belongings, and the nurse helped her into a wheelchair.

They turned toward the door to leave when Ginger said, "Wait!" Then she hobbled to my bedside and gently laid her Christmas wreath in my lap.

"Merry Christmas", she said. "You're a nice lady."

"Thank you", I whispered. I couldn't say anything more as she hobbled back to the chair and headed out the door. I dropped my moist eyes to the small wreath in my

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hands. Ginger's only gift, I thought. And she gave it to me. I looked toward her bed. Once again, her side of the room was bare and empty. But as I heard the elevator doors closing behind Ginger, I knew she possessed much, much more than I.

11. This is a touching story about \_\_\_\_.
- A. a bond that forms between the writer and the volunteer
  - B. the inspiration drawn from a little woman
  - C. demonstration of true Christmas spirits.
  - D. struggles between social classes
12. Ginger \_\_\_\_.
- A. was in a serious car accident
  - B. is a generous person
  - C. detests the horrible atmosphere of the hospital
  - D. does not have any family
13. The writer feels guilty because \_\_\_\_.
- A. she should be home in the company of her family
  - B. she possesses what she doesn't deserve
  - C. she doesn't take good care of her flowers and they're wilting
  - D. she was so unwilling to share
14. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE?
- A. The writer cast a moist eye on Ginger for her generosity.
  - B. The setting of the story is around Christmas.
  - C. The story teaches us the art of give and take.
  - D. The reason why the writer was hospitalized is not stated.
15. Which of the following serves as a contrast of Ginger and the writer?
- A. The writer had many visitors but Ginger didn't.
  - B. The writer's hands were full but Ginger was barehanded.
  - C. The writer lived in a mansion but Ginger lived in a cell.(W1)
  - D. The writer spoke matter-of-factly, but Ginger was very dramatic.

#### IV.

It's hard to imagine there are still many foster children in the United States, the place considered "children's heaven" on earth. Many of these children struggle to survive. They have few possessions and are often shuffled between temporary homes. Thanks to one teenage girl, these children have found hope and encouragement.

Fourteen-year-old Makenzie Snyder gives duffle bags and teddy bears to foster children in America. When she was 7 years old, Makenzie met two foster children who kept all their belongings in trash bags. This experience inspired her to create an

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organization to help those needy children. Money, bags, and teddy bears have been pouring in ever since. Makenzie's story has inspired many people. She's even collected donations from famous personalities like former President Bill Clinton and Oprah Winfrey.

Makenzie's organization makes it easy for anyone to help. Besides direct donations, people can contact their local social services office, which will distribute the donations to foster kids.

16. In a "children's heaven" like the United States, foster children \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. have so many belongings that some of them must be kept in trash bags  
B. have great power of imagination  
C. hard have collected many loving memories in different homes  
D. have received greater support from society due to a girl's efforts
17. People donate through local agencies probably because \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. they don't trust any other organizations  
B. it is a more convenient way  
C. it is the only way to help the children in need  
D. they don't want to expose their identities.
18. Makenzie helps poor foster children \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. through inspiration from teddy bears  
B. by forming a group  
C. by drawing attention from famous people  
D. by setting up complex procedures
19. Some celebrities pitched in \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. because they were touched by Makenzie's efforts  
B. the day after the major press covered Makenzie's story  
C. so it was easier to win financial assistance from the government  
D. because they longed for fame
20. What conclusion can we draw from the passage?  
A. Similar organizations inspired by Makenzie have popped up around the world.  
B. The cause of the organization is to develop friendships and build trust across cultural boundaries.  
C. The organization aims at incorporating educational activities.  
D. The organization relies heavily on the compassion and generosity of its donors.

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**Essay writing (40%)**

Direction: In this section you are required to write an essay about your opinion to the following statement. Read the topic carefully. You may want to read it more than once to be sure you understand what you are asked to write about. Write clearly and precisely. How well you write is much more important than how much you write, but to cover the topic adequately, you may want to **write more than two paragraphs.**

Do you **agree or disagree** with the following statement? Please state your reasons.

*Education is a wonderful thing. If you couldn't sign your name you'd have to pay cash.*

-- Rita Mae Brown