

國立成功大學

九十二學年度外文系轉學生招生考試

- I. Choose the most appropriate answer according to the context of each question. (40%)
1. What \_\_\_\_\_ experts love about Spain is that it has seventeen different cooking regions.  
a) carpentry      b) culinary      c) upholstery      d) technology
  2. A weak economy that discourages older workers from retiring can \_\_\_\_\_ the job prospects of college graduates.  
a) boost      b) pacify      c) accelerate      d) cloud
  3. Roughly 45000 thunderstorms ravage the Earth every day, \_\_\_\_\_ the countryside with torrential rain and buffeting buildings and trees with howling winds.  
a) drenching      b) foraging      c) mandating      d) sliding
  4. To become finalists in the competition for scholarships, the semifinalists must maintain high academic standing and earn the \_\_\_\_\_ of their high school principal.  
a) preservation      b) reservations      c) endorsement      d) accommodation
  5. Getting their children into college used to be the goal of many Taiwanese, with the \_\_\_\_\_ costs of higher education, it has become the bigger challenge to pay for college.  
a) spiraling      b) upbeat      c) dwindling      d) plunging
  6. Food manufacturers have to meet government standards for processing and storage, but consumers take responsibility for reading \_\_\_\_\_ dates to avoid consuming stale food.  
a) inspiration      b) expiration      c) anniversary      d) ceremony
  7. Applying heavy makeup and undergoing plastic surgery are methods of trying to improve one's looks by \_\_\_\_\_ one's age.  
a) prolonging      b) receding      c) camouflaging      d) appealing
  8. A health-minded individual may find the \_\_\_\_\_ of a company, the health club and good medical coverage, more important than the salary.  
a) fringe benefits  
b) intellectual stimulation  
c) potential for promotion  
d) retirement pensions
  9. The talk show showed heartwarming stories unfolding in every corner of the nation—stories of neighbor helping neighbor, of cops \_\_\_\_\_ gang members, of teens “adopting” grandparents.

(背面仍有題目,請繼續作答)

- a) arresting      b) besieging      c) enlisting      d) befriending
10. The deception and lies of health-food faddists and medical quacks have helped double the sales of vitamin E in the past eight years. What is the tone of the previous sentence? It's \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) optimistic      b) angry      c) pessimistic      d) personal
11. The desperate accountant \_\_\_\_\_ thousands from his company to pay his gambling debts.
- a) embezzled      b) deposited      c) imported      d) counterfeited
12. Politicians are to political scientists as clergy are to \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) practitioners      b) worshippers      c) prayers      d) theologians
13. Women have served in the American military throughout most of this century, but mostly in \_\_\_\_\_ roles such as nurses, supply workers, and transportation personnel.
- a) commanding      b) lieutenant      c) support      d) major
14. Music allows people to share emotions and feelings that are common to all of us. It is also a \_\_\_\_\_ from a world that is sometimes cruel and hard to understand.
- a) peripheral      b) refuge      c) consulate      d) consolation
15. Censors strongly believe that by shielding children, they will discourage children from adopting \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes, speech, and behavior.
- a) enlightening      b) admirable      c) amiable      d) undesirable
16. Having been given a chance to reform, the young man robbed a bank anyway.
- a) Given that the young man had a chance to reform, he robbed a bank.  
b) The young man was given a chance to reform; nevertheless, he robbed a bank.  
c) Despite the young man's robbing a bank, he was given a chance to reform.  
d) Due to a chance to reform, the young man robbed a bank.
17. In dealing with each other, the Native American tribes of the Great Plains used an intricate sign language that consisted of a series of mutually understood gestures.
- a) The Native American tribes of the Great Plains had difficulty understanding each other's intentions through the sign language.  
b) The oral languages of the Native American tribes of the Great Plains were unintelligible to each other.  
c) The communication medium of the Native American tribes of the Great Plains was a tribe's language.  
d) Most Native American tribes of the Great Plains didn't have their own spoken languages.
18. Although some species of whales are nearing extinction, many countries refuse

to accept even a partial ban on whale hunting.

- a) Many countries are concerned about the decreasing number of whales.
  - b) Many countries have considered lifting the ban on whale hunting despite the decreasing number of whales.
  - c) Some species of whales are endangered due to the partial ban on whale hunting.
  - d) Many countries don't have a restriction on whale hunting even though some species of whale are on the brink of extinction.
19. The man scrutinized the dead man's mud-caked boots and deduced where he had lived, how he had been murdered, and when the murder had occurred. Judging from the previous context, which of the following might **NOT** be the man's job?
- a) persecutor                      b) prosecutor                      c) detective                      d) attorney
20. To blame all social problems on moral decay is a gross oversimplification. Which of the following statements is **TRUE**?
- a) Moral decay is the core of all social problems.
  - b) Social problems are not derived from moral degeneration.
  - c) Social problems can be only partially attributed to moral decay.
  - d) Social problems are fundamentally moral problems.

- II. Reading Comprehension: Read the excerpt and decide the truth value--**T** (true) or **F** (false)--of the following statements according to the reading. For the statement that you mark **F** (false), write the correct answer. (10%)

### The "Smart" kitchen of the Future

At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an experimental kitchen of the future is being built. The goal of the research project, called Counter Intelligence, is to design a "smart" kitchen with an unobtrusive computer system that forms a network between your kitchen appliances and a constantly updated database of all your food items and supplies. The technology for the project relies on Radio Frequency Identification, or RFID. Like the familiar bar codes seen on many products today, RFID tags are attached to groceries and other kitchen items. The RFID tags send signals via radio waves to a computer. However, unlike the bar codes, which use magnetic strips that must be read individually, RFID sensors can read many RFID tags at once, and from several feet away.

While the "smart" kitchen won't exactly cook dinner for you, it could make the task much easier. First, you will select the recipe you want to make on a

computer screen. Then, using RFID tags attached to food items throughout the room, the computer will tell you the location of each item needed for the recipe. If you have run out of one ingredient, the computer will suggest another ingredient you can use in its place, or suggest other recipes you can prepare with the ingredients you have in your kitchen. Then, using a built-in scale, the computer will measure each ingredient by weight and instruct you step-by-step on how to make the dish. As you are mixing the ingredients, the “smart” kitchen will automatically turn on your oven to the necessary temperature. Finally, the computer will keep track of each item you’ve used, and add it to your next shopping list. In addition, you will be able to get a nutritional report on the meal you’ve most prepared.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. “Smart” kitchen technology has not been applied to our everyday life yet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The “smart” kitchen computer system still exists in a computer sitting on the kitchen counter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. RFID technology uses magnetic strips to identify items in the “smart” kitchen.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. RFID tags can help the computer locate ingredients in the kitchen and help you select a recipe.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. In the “smart” kitchen, you will still have to write your own shopping list.

III. Translation: Translate the following sentences into Chinese or English. (20%)

- 1. 終其一生，我母親一直想要她的小孩忙碌不得閒。最令她火冒三丈的莫過於看到自己的子女在家中四處橫躺，瞪著空中發呆。(8 points)
- 2. Because they are produced when conscious controls are lowered, doodles reveal personality in much the same way dreams do. (6 points)
- 3. Capital punishment complicates the administration of justice. It leads to lengthy trials and unjustified verdicts, and it places a burden on courts of appeal. (6 points)

IV. Composition: At a university of college, liberal arts courses are on subjects such as history or literature rather than science, law, medicine, or business. Many college students whose majors are not related to liberal arts are required to take liberal arts courses. Write a short essay no longer than 300 words arguing whether or not they should receive liberal arts education and state reasons to support your argument. (30/0)