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- 注意事項：1. 答案一律寫在答案紙上，不必抄題
2. 請依序作答，必須標明題號
3. 請將試題與答案紙一併繳回

- I. 慣用語：根據以下陳述的語境，從表格中挑選最適合填入的詞語，該詞語已依照其應當填入的陳述語境做時式、時態、人稱、單複數等變化；每個詞語都會被挑中，且只使用一次。答題時只須將選項括弧中的英文大寫字母填入答案卷即可，無須抄寫整個詞語。一題 3 分，共 33 分

(A) fend for themselves	(B) keep her in the dark	(C) pushed back the frontiers	(D) jump to a conclusion
(E) gold rush	(F) guinea pig	(G) runs deep	(H) turned me off
(I) has far to go	(J) scot-free	(K) suit yourself	

- 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 look upon you with the stereotype of women as troublemakers, making your position more difficult.
- There was once a sudden boom in Taiwan's stock market and many people who knew little about the market used all their savings to buy any kinds of stocks they could, as if they had been joining a _____.
- Efforts at decoding the DNA sequences of the chromosome have _____ of genetic research. But have we stepped onto the formerly unknown area of knowledge at our own great risks, as we may know how to produce new forms of life that should not exist at all?
- Many Americans believe that O. J. Simpson, the primary suspect of the double murder of his ex-wife and her boyfriend, has got away _____ with the help of his "dream team" of lawyers. Some people think that, even with hard evidence, a celebrity can still evade the punishment he deserves.
- Conservative commentators tend to criticize the common practice in the Third World of very young girls entering prostitution. But, with almost no support from their parents and other means of living making, the girl can only _____ in this seemingly immoral way.
- To buy a pair of boots at ten thousand dollars? Since that's your own money, _____; people can have weird ideas about things they want to buy. But I have to say it doesn't sound a smart deal to me.
- When someone is found holding a blood-stained knife beside a bleeding corpse, does that unquestionably mean the knife holder is the killer? Experienced detectives won't _____ like that. After all, there are many other possible explanations for the situation.
- My date with the handsome and lively guy seemed to go well until he started touching my buttocks with his left hand when I was walking beside him. The rude behavior just _____ to him, so I refused his offer to drive me home.
- In view of the vicious political struggles among the major parties and the rampancy of

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bribery in the operation of the government, Taiwan's democracy ____ before it can be considered mature and efficient.

10. When food products containing genetically modified (GM) ingredients are sold without long-term tests, we consumers are put into the position of ____, only finding out how these GM products will affect our health at our own risks.
11. Since John's wife was diagnosed with breast cancer, he has decided to _____. After all, her knowledge of the condition would lead her to acute depression, which does not really help treatment of the disease.

II. 選擇題：詳閱各題題目說明後作答，皆為單選題，一題 3 分，共 30 分

1. Over the issue of construction of the fourth nuclear plant, our country has sustained political instability and economic recession. *Which use of the word "sustain" in the following is the same as the one above?*
- A. According to weather forecast, this cold front will *sustain* the severe snowstorm for three days, until January 10th.
- B. Everyone involved in the sex scandal has *sustained* great damages to his/her reputations, whether they show up in the video or not.
- C. Though May has encountered the greatest crisis in her life, her friends' encouragement *sustains* her and enables her to go on in the future.
2. In order to solve the problem of over expenditure, the board decided to cut down 20 percent of the salary for the management. *Which aspect of the business's expenses will decrease? Money (A. used for equipment B. used for advertising C. used in business operation D. paid to the managers).*
3. Which use of the word "want" is different in meaning from the others?
- A. No one **wants** to see this island fall into conflicts among ethnic groups, but many signs around us seem to suggest this tendency.
- B. This military unit **wants** discipline; no wonder even officers here get into troubles.
- C. We **want** your full understanding and support at this critical moment, or we cannot get this difficult task done.
- D. Your coat smells awful and **wants** washing. I'm on my way to a Laundromat. Take it off and I'll make it clean for you.
4. Which use of the word "wear" is different in meaning from all the others?
- A. I bought this dinner table ten years ago, and now it has shown signs of **wear**.
- B. I knew immediately my wife had just left a few minutes before I arrived home; I could still smell in the air the perfume she liked to **wear**.
- C. You look a little bit silly when you **wear** spectacles. I suggest you try contact lens.
- D. For what special occasion do you put on suit and tie? You usually **wear** T-shirts and blue jeans.

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5. You may try reaching Joseph before seven in the evening. *Which statement below does follow the one above most logically?*
- A. If he is not informed of this sudden reversal of event, he'll get into a lot of troubles when he meets his boss tonight.
- B. He usually leaves for his night shift as a security guard at seven. You will have a better chance finding him at home before the time.
- C. We need his approval of the plan before the time, so we can start having it done tomorrow morning.
- D. Tell him I can only meet him this evening, for I'm leaving for Japan tomorrow.
6. Would you *excuse* me for a moment? I've got to talk to Mr. Donald over there. *Which use of the word "excuse" below is similar in meaning?*
- A. Sir, please **excuse** the inconvenience caused you by the security procedures of our unit. We just want to make sure no information leakage will happen here.
- B. I told you to get the job down today, and you do as I told you. I want no **excuses**.
- C. Mr. Johnson **excused** his secretary from this meeting because he wanted her to attend an important business in the New York branch.
7. In order to shake off the negative association of poverty and savagery, many Native Americans move out of **reservations** to start new lives in big cities. *Which use of the word "reservation" in the following has similar meaning?*
- A. Though he has some points in his argument for sexual liberation, I still cannot take the idea without **reservation**. Gender issues, after all, involve more than sex.
- B. Though the Chinese government has set up several **reservations** for wild pandas, the number of the species is still decreasing because of the fast changing environments.
- C. In this season of World Cup Soccer Game, you can hardly find hotel rooms and airline tickets available unless you've made **reservations** first.
8. When the French soccer fans watched on TV the unbelievably ____ performance of their national team in the World Cup Games, they either burst out into painful tears or yelled desperately at the TV screens. *Which word below is most appropriate for the blank?*
(A. frightening B. terrifying C. terrible D. scary E. scaring F. awesome)
9. I really wonder if he actually works in the Central **Intelligence** Agency, as he claims. If he did work there, he shouldn't tell anyone unconcerned about this. *Which use of the word "intelligence" below has the same meaning?*
- A. According to a report, Bill Clinton is the smartest U.S. president in history; his **intelligence** quotient reaches 160.
- B. One common trick of military counter-**intelligence** is to provide false information of deployment to an identified spy and thus lure the enemy troops to an ambush.
- C. The whole nation was grieved for the loss of a literary giant when the **intelligence** of Hemingway's suicide in Cuba reached home.

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10. Though being of humble origin, I could pass off as a lady of society if I were equipped so.

Which use of the word "society" below has the same meaning?

- A. Fashion shows are big **society** occasions; female participants enjoy the chances to show off their wealth by buying a piece of clothing that costs some hundred thousand dollars.
- B. In a democratic **society** everyone has the right to voice his/her opinions, but not everyone has learned how to respect others' opinions yet.
- C. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Morale Reform **Society**, but that doesn't mean he wouldn't take some questionable enjoyments on the sly now and then.

III. 閱讀測驗：除第 1 題為 2 分，其它每題 3 分，共 17 分。

"I Love My Electronic Ball and Chain"

Two weeks ago, Mina's home was a prison. Today she is sitting in her living room. The slim, grey band encircling her left ankle holds the key to her freedom. Mina is one of 1,500 prisoners who are currently being monitored under the Government's Home Detention Curfew (HDC).

Under the system, offenders are placed under a home curfew and are fitted with an electronic tag which sends signals to monitoring equipment installed in their homes. If the conditions are broken, the signal will alert the authorities.

HDC aims to provide "a managed transition between prison and living in the community." The curfew times and boundaries are prearranged with the prison governor and can be tailored to individual needs. Mina must be indoors from 7pm to 7am but has a special extension to go to night school once a week.

Around 60,000 prisoners will be eligible for HDC, and it is estimated that half that number will pass the risk assessment necessary to take part in the scheme. This will result in around 4,000 of the 65,000 prison population being tagged at any one time.

Mina claims she had to fight tooth and nail for her freedom, and now she is free Mina is a fan of the system. "It is wonderful to be back in my home again—I don't miss going out in the evenings. I have the freedom to look for work, run my house and look after my dog."

The Home Office insists that the scheme is tamper-proof, but there have been cases of offenders slipping their tags. "Girls in prison used to boast that they would cut the tags off when they got outside, that's really stupid. It would be a shame if it was ruined for everybody else.

Although Mina has no intention of breaking her curfew, accidents can happen. "One evening I'd allowed myself two hours to drive back Central London but the traffic was bumper to bumper. I had to break the speed limit to get back. I flung myself through the door—tagged ankle first—and made it with 30 seconds to spare."

The Home Office says the system is designed to cope with emergencies and the occasional mishap, but repeated violations of the curfew would result in the offenders

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returning to jail.

Mina says that she does not feel particularly stigmatized by the tag. "It's nobody's business but mine, although I don't advertise the fact that I'm wearing it."

1. What does the "electronic ball and chain" in the title specifically refer to? (A. the wrist band B. the tag C. HDC system D. Mina's home).
2. The reason why Mina prefers the HDC system to traditional ball and chain is that the former (A. provides more freedom B. is more advanced in technology C. is more expensive D. is easy for her to break free).
3. According to the article, for what reason do the authorities install HDC scheme?
 - A. The scheme can save money spent on management of prisons.
 - B. The scheme controls a prisoner's activities more efficiently than an ordinary jail.
 - C. The scheme helps a prisoner rehabilitate and adapt to normal life again.
 - D. The scheme stigmatizes a prisoner and makes him/her suffer more acutely.
4. What factors do you think are NOT considered in risk assessment when a prisoner is to be allowed to join HDC scheme?
 - A. Whether s/he will try to violate the conditions of the scheme and run away
 - B. Whether s/he has money to maintain the related equipment in a good condition
 - C. Whether s/he will do something useful or meaningful once s/he gets some freedom
 - D. Whether s/he has behaved well during the time s/he serves in prison
5. Why was Mina once on the verge of violating HDC conditions?
 - A. She wanted to escape, hiding herself in Central London, but eventually returned.
 - B. She was trapped in a heavy traffic jam and could hardly return on time.
 - C. She broke speed limit and thus violated one condition of HDC.
 - D. She reached her home thirty seconds after the curfew started.
6. Why does Mina call some "girls" who intended to violate HDC conditions if they were allowed to join "stupid"?
 - A. The tag could not be cut off and they would simply waste their time and efforts.
 - B. Even if the tag is cut off, the offender cannot evade the authorities long.
 - C. Offenders of HDC scheme will be sent back to prison again.
 - D. If too many cases of violation happen, the authorities may abolish the scheme and no future prisoners will benefit from it.

IV. 作文(20分): Since you are taking an exam to gain admission into Department of Foreign Languages and Literature in this school, you may already know that you are going to take a lot of required courses on literature. Write an article of about 150 words to discuss how literary studies may help with your life and career in the future.