

一、選擇題(第 1 至 42 題，每題 2 分，共 84 分)

I. 字彙題

說明：第 1 至 8 題，每題均有一空格字詞，請選擇最適合的答案，以完成該英文句子。

第 9 至 10 題，每題均有一個劃底線的字詞，請在四個選項中，選擇一個與劃底線的字詞意義最接近的答案。

1. My aunt found it difficult to _____ between the identical twins, as they looked exactly the same.
(A) ignore (B) distinguish (C) realize (D) survey
2. The painting's colors were so _____ that they captured everyone's attention.
(A) fragile (B) vivid (C) ordinary (D) detective
3. By _____ operations overseas next year, the company aims to reach a larger and more diverse customer base.
(A) expanding (B) suspecting (C) gossiping (D) attending
4. A surgery was performed _____ as soon as the dying patient was rushed to the operating room. Every second mattered for his life.
(A) immediately (B) casually (C) reluctantly (D) eagerly
5. Linda is a very _____ person. She often devotes her time to helping others without expecting anything in return.
(A) tolerable (B) pregnant (C) stingy (D) generous
6. After hours of fierce winds and heavy rain, the powerful storm caused a lot of _____ to the coastal towns and destroyed many houses.
(A) motivation (B) damage
(C) blessing (D) convenience
7. The team was able to _____ the challenges they faced by working together and thinking creatively.
(A) persuade (B) deserve (C) overcome (D) obtain
8. Despite the intense heat, the runner was _____ enough to complete the marathon without stopping.
(A) vacant (B) gracious (C) intimate (D) determined
9. Researchers are trying to figure out a more effective method that can treat the disease.
(A) proposal (B) intention
(C) approach (D) explanation
10. My grandma reminded me again and again to make sure the door was locked before I left the house.
(A) occasionally (B) accidentally
(C) repeatedly (D) suddenly

II. 對話題

說明：第 11 至 20 題，請依對話內容選出一個最適合的答案，使其成為有意義的對話。

11. James: What do you think of the new café downtown?
 Lucy: I haven't been there yet. Do you recommend it?
 James: Yes, I went there last weekend. The atmosphere was nice, and the coffee was excellent. It also had a wide selection of desserts.
 Lucy: _____
 James: That sounds like a great idea! Their desserts are indeed worth trying, especially the cheesecake.
 (A) Are the prices reasonable, or are they too high?
 (B) I heard it's always crowded, so did you have to wait long?
 (C) I prefer tea over coffee, so I might not visit.
 (D) I'm planning to visit soon and will definitely try the desserts.
12. Mia: Christmas is just a few weeks away. Have you figured out what you'll be doing?
 Jake: I haven't decided yet. I have been busy at work lately. _____
 Mia: I totally understand. I'm planning to stay home, enjoy some quiet time, and maybe watch a few movies.
 Jake: That sounds nice. I might do something similar.
 (A) I haven't had much time to think about it. (B) I've already decorated my house for Christmas.
 (C) I'm sure everything will work out fine. (D) My friends invited me to a New Year's party.
13. Employee: I sincerely apologize for the mistake in your order. I understand how upset you must be.
 Customer: _____
 Employee: I appreciate your understanding. We'll make sure this doesn't happen again.
 Customer: Thank you. I hope to have a better experience next time.
 (A) This mistake is unacceptable. (B) I didn't even notice the error.
 (C) It's all right. Mistakes happen. (D) I'll never order from here again.
14. Peter: How have you been adjusting to the new drink shop policy?
 Linda: You mean the one about not allowing single-use plastic cups? It's been a few months, and it's starting to feel normal.
 Peter: _____
 Linda: Exactly. Most people seem to have adapted and brought their own cups.
 Peter: That's good to hear. It's a positive change for the environment.
 (A) Besides, many shops now offer discounts if you bring your own cup.
 (B) Most people are still complaining about the inconvenience.
 (C) It seems that many people haven't fully adjusted to it yet.
 (D) I don't think most people have noticed the change.
15. Paul: With all the discussions about climate change, I've been thinking about how we can save more energy at home.
 Rachel: That's a great thought. One effective way is to replace traditional light bulbs with energy-efficient LED bulbs. They last longer and use much less electricity.
 Paul: That's a good idea. What other measures can we take to use less electricity?
 Rachel: _____
 Paul: I see, making small changes in our daily habits can make a big difference in the long run.
 (A) Turn off devices when they are not used.
 (B) Saving energy isn't really necessary.
 (C) Using less power is actually better.
 (D) It's hard to save energy without big changes.

16. Emily: I'm planning a trip to Tokyo next month. Have you ever been there?
Sarah: Yes, I've visited there several times. Tokyo is one of my favorite cities to explore because there's always something new to discover.
Emily: That sounds amazing! Are there any must-see places or must-do activities?
Sarah: _____
Emily: I can't wait to check those out. Thanks for the advice!
(A) I think Tokyo might not be as fun as people say it is for travelers.
(B) I haven't really explored Tokyo much, so I'm not sure where to go.
(C) There's honestly nothing that interesting to see in Tokyo for visitors.
(D) You should visit Meiji Shrine for its history and explore Shibuya for its energy.
17. Mark: With AI developing quickly, many jobs could be taken over by machines soon. It's both exciting and scary.
Anna: I agree. AI can handle repetitive tasks, but it raises questions about future jobs.
Mark: Exactly. We should focus on improving employees' skills and adding new courses in schools.
Anna: _____ We need to develop creativity and critical thinking. These are something that humans still do better than machines.
(A) AI should replace all jobs eventually.
(B) School should only focus on technology.
(C) Human skills are still very important.
(D) We can't do anything to prepare for it.
18. John: We're organizing a beach cleanup to remove plastic and waste. Do you want to join us?
Kelly: Yes, I do. I've always wanted to help keep the ocean safe for the sea animals. _____
John: That's great. We need as many volunteers as possible.
Kelly: Of course! The ocean is important to our planet, and it's heartbreaking to see it so polluted. I'm ready to help.
(A) I'll be bringing some friends along to help out. (B) I'm not interested in helping out this time.
(C) I'll be there late because I have other plans. (D) I don't think I can make it to the event.
19. Airport Staff: Good afternoon, sir. May I see your boarding pass, please? I need to check your seat and flight details before you proceed to the gate.
Passenger: Of course. Here it is.
Airport Staff: _____ You're ready to proceed to the gate. Your gate is just around the corner, and boarding will begin shortly.
Passenger: Thank you very much. I appreciate your assistance.
(A) Sorry, it's the wrong gate. (B) Everything looks good here.
(C) You need to check in again. (D) I'll reprint your boarding pass.
20. Alex: My car broke down again this morning on my way to an important meeting. This is the third time this month!
Susan: _____ I can't imagine how stressful it is, especially when you rely on it so much for work.
Alex: It's been really tough, but I need it to get to my job every day.
Susan: Maybe it's time to think about getting a new one. It could save you a lot of trouble.
(A) You must have been really annoyed. (B) You should learn to drive electric cars.
(C) You need to stop worrying about it. (D) You should avoid important meetings.

III. 綜合測驗

說明：以下兩篇短文，共有 8 空格，為第 21 至 28 題，每題有四個選項，請依各篇短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案。

▲下篇短文共有 4 個空格，為第 21-24 題，請依短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案。

Matthew Perry, the well-known American actor from the TV show *Friends*, passed away suddenly at the age of 54 due to an overdose of ketamine. After investigating his death, five individuals, 21 two doctors and Perry's assistant, were charged. Ketamine, a powerful drug often used to put people to sleep during surgeries, is sometimes wrongly taken for its strong, pleasurable effects 22 mood and feeling. Although ketamine is only FDA-approved for use in surgeries, doctors often give it to patients to treat conditions such as depression and anxiety. Perry had been receiving ketamine treatment to help with his depression. However, when his regular doctors refused to provide more, he looked for 23 sources. Authorities revealed that his assistant gave him ketamine several times on the day he died. In addition, ketamine is sometimes used by emergency medical workers to calm down those 24 are aggressive or pose a threat. However, this practice is being reconsidered owing to the serious health risks linked to the drug.

21. (A) includes (B) inclusive (C) including (D) included
 22. (A) at (B) on (C) for (D) to
 23. (A) other (B) another (C) either (D) neither
 24. (A) whom (B) who (C) whose (D) whomever

▲下篇短文共有 4 個空格，為第 25-28 題，請依短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案。

Extreme heat not only affects health but also places a significant financial burden on many Americans. With temperatures 25 because of climate change, the cost of keeping homes cool has increased. For low-income families that have spent a large part of their income on energy bills, this situation remains especially challenging. Last summer, the average cost of cooling homes in the U.S. rose 26 nearly 9%, forcing many households to make difficult choices between paying for energy and covering essential needs like food or medicine. Instead of relying on short-term solutions like cooling centers, experts have 27 long-term strategies to address this issue. Improving energy efficiency in homes by installing heat pumps or solar panels could help lower energy use and save money over time. 28, budget cuts have reduced funding for programs that assist low-income families with energy costs. Consequently, many more people are now exposed to rising bills. Without better solutions, people across the country will face even greater challenges in staying cool during increasingly hotter summers.

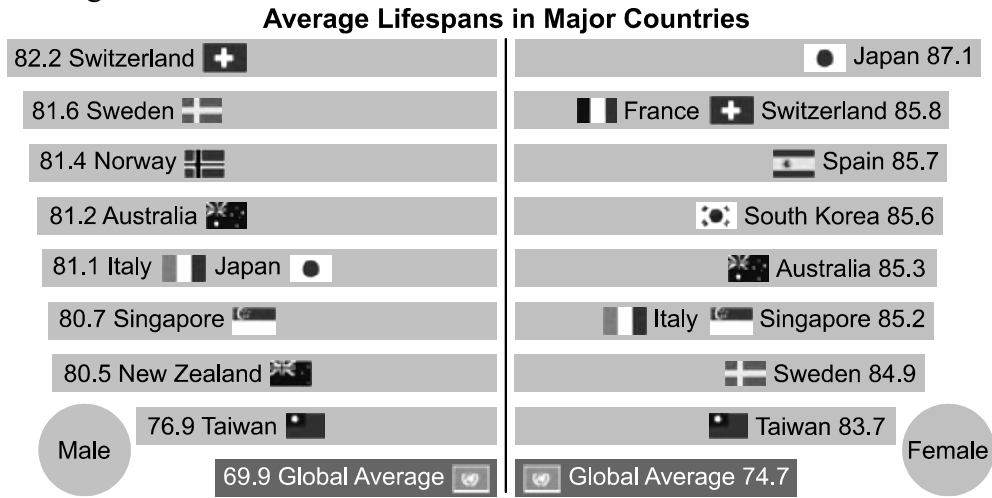
25. (A) climb (B) climbs (C) climbed (D) climbing
 26. (A) in (B) for (C) at (D) by
 27. (A) called for (B) turned down (C) looked after (D) put away
 28. (A) For example (B) To conclude (C) Luckily (D) However

IV. 閱讀測驗

說明：以下有四篇短文，共有 14 個題目，為第 29 至 42 題，請於閱讀短文後，選出最適當的答案。

▲閱讀下文，回答第 29-31 題

This chart shows the average lifespan for males and females in various countries. Please answer the questions based on the given information.



Source: *Liberty Times* and the latest statistics from various countries (Updated on August 1, 2024)
Notes: All the data shown is from the most recent years available, ranging from 2020 to 2023.

29. Which of the following countries has the largest gap of the average lifespan between males and females?
(A) Sweden (B) Australia (C) Japan (D) Singapore
30. Which of the following statements is true according to the chart?
(A) Norway has a higher average lifespan for males than Sweden.
(B) New Zealand has the lowest average lifespan for males among the listed countries.
(C) The average lifespan for both males and females of Taiwan is higher than that of the global average.
(D) The average lifespan for females of Italy is lower than that of Taiwan.
31. Kelly is writing a report about countries where female lifespans exceed 85 years. Which of the following countries should she include in her report?
(A) France, Sweden, Switzerland (B) Italy, Australia, Japan
(C) South Korea, Norway, Sweden (D) Taiwan, Spain, South Korea

▲閱讀下文，回答第 32-34 題

Read the following crowdfunding(群眾募資) project and answer the questions that follow.

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Project Name: EcoTraveler – The Best Eco-Friendly Travel Backpack

Project Description: EcoTraveler is a travel backpack made from 100% recycled materials. It has several pockets, a built-in solar panel, and a waterproof material.

Funding Goal: NT\$1,500,000

Early Bird Prices:

NT\$2,250: One EcoTraveler backpack
(Original price: NT\$3,000)

NT\$4,500: Two EcoTraveler backpacks plus a customized travel plan (Original price: NT\$7,000)

Early Bird Deadline: March 31, 2025

Funding Deadline: April 20, 2025



Current Progress:

Raised: NT\$450,000

Goal: NT\$1,500,000



 18 days left for the early bird offer

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Project Timeline:

April 2025: Finalize product design

May 2025: Start mass production

June 2025: Begin shipping to supporters

Team Introduction: Led by Jane Smith, an expert in creating eco-friendly products

Risks and Challenges: Possible delays in getting recycled materials

Community Interaction: Monthly progress reports and Q&A discussions

Additional Rewards: If the funding goes over NT\$1,250,000, we will add a new color option for the bag, along with the existing green, and make a contribution to charities.

FAQs: Is the backpack machine washable? Yes, the backpack can be washed in a machine.

32. When does the project close the funding from the crowd?
 (A) March 31, 2025 (B) April 20, 2025 (C) May 30, 2025 (D) June 20, 2025
33. What happens if the funding exceeds NT\$1,250,000?
 (A) A new color will be offered, and funds will be used for a good cause.
 (B) A free extra backpack will be included for everyone who supports the campaign.
 (C) The project will extend the early bird deadline, offering additional rewards to supporters.
 (D) Supporters will receive a 50% discount on all the future products of the brand they purchase.
34. Which of the following is **NOT** true about the crowdfunding project?
 (A) The product design of the project will be completed in April 2025 before mass production.
 (B) Supporters will get the progress reports and Q&A discussions each month.
 (C) So far, 30% of the funding goal has been achieved.
 (D) The early bird price for two backpacks is NT\$3,000.

▲ 閱讀下文，回答第 35-37 題

Below is an article from a health magazine. Answer the questions based on the given information.

I used to think walking forward was the only way to go. That changed when I found walking backward, or “retro-walking,” thanks to YouTube. Though it is popular on social media now, experts have advocated it for years because it has many health benefits. The benefits are as follows.

1. Improve Balance and Control

Walking backward can help us move more steadily and lower the chance of falling. By doing it a few times each week, we may gain better balance over time. Research shows that this training can help us stay steady and feel more confident in our daily activities.

2. Strengthen Different Muscle Groups

Experts note that backward walking strengthens different muscle groups—like the fronts of the thighs, calves, and shins—more than forward walking. This shift in focus can help build strength where it's often overlooked.

3. Reduce Stress on Knees and Relieve Knee Pain

Walking backward can reduce stress on knees and thus offer relief for those who are suffering from knee pain. Experts have found it helpful for people recovering from injuries or dealing with conditions like joint pain. It's even used in recovery programs to reduce pain and help people get back to normal.

4. Correct Walking Posture

Walking backward also encourages us to stand upright. It helps fix posture problems caused by long hours of sitting or leaning forward. Professionals often use it to help people regain a natural way of walking. Just 20 to 30 feet of retro-walking can make a difference.

5. Boost Calorie Burn

Walking backward can use more energy than walking forward. Experts say this happens because our muscles and brain must handle a very different movement pattern, leading to extra effort. Studies show that at the same speed, walking backward could increase calorie use by up to 40% compared to forward walking.

Making a simple change in your routine can bring surprising benefits to your health.

35. What is the best title for this article?
- (A) Dos and Don'ts of Walking and Running
 - (B) To Walk or Not to Walk, That Is the Question
 - (C) Discover the Benefits of Walking Backward
 - (D) Advantages and Disadvantages of Walking Backward
36. According to the article, why is walking backward beneficial to those recovering from knee problems?
- (A) It helps them change the way of sitting.
 - (B) It strengthens different muscle groups.
 - (C) It reduces pain and aids in recovery.
 - (D) It helps them walk longer distances.
37. According to the passage, which of the following statements about backward walking is **NOT** true?
- (A) It improves balance and lowers the risk of falling.
 - (B) It provides little benefit to the thighs and calves.
 - (C) It helps reduce stress on the knees and relieve knee pain.
 - (D) It helps correct posture and burn more calories.

▲閱讀下文，回答第 38-42 題

People today are experiencing extreme tiredness, often called “The Great Exhaustion.” This tiredness is caused by three main factors: unhealthy lifestyles, uncontrollable stress, and financial problems. Unlike people in “blue zones” who focus on healthy living, many prioritize work over basic needs, leading to **burnout**. They eat processed foods, skip exercise, and are constantly exposed to stress from global events and financial worries. Over time, these combined factors result in deep physical, mental, and emotional tiredness.

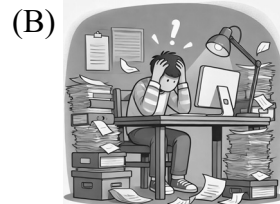
Unhealthy lifestyles are a significant factor in this exhaustion. In “blue zones,” people focus on essential human needs like healthy eating, strong social connections, and meaningful work. However, most people live in ways that drain their energy. They often eat unhealthy foods, avoid regular exercise, and put work ahead of their health. This way of living fails to meet basic human needs—such as proper nutrition, physical activity, rest, and emotional well-being—leading to increased tiredness.

Stress from global events also plays a big role. Continuous exposure to negative news and situations beyond one's control causes stress that wears people down. This type of stress makes it harder to stay hopeful and motivated, adding to overall exhaustion.

Lastly, financial problems make this tiredness worse. In the past, one income could support a comfortable life, but today, even two incomes may not be enough. The frustration of working hard without gaining financial security leads to deep tiredness.

To fight this, small but consistent changes can help. Focusing on sleep, exercise, careful media use, and balancing work and life can reduce tiredness and improve quality of life. Over time, these simple changes can lead to healthier, more satisfying lives, helping people manage their energy better and cope with the demands of modern life.

38. What is the main idea of the passage?
- (A) The benefits of living in blue zones.
- (B) The impact of financial problems on daily life.
- (C) The importance of getting rid of unhealthy habits.
- (D) The causes of “The Great Exhaustion.”
39. Which image best represents the lifestyle of people living in a “blue zone”?



40. Which of the following best describes the term “**burnout**” used in the first paragraph?
- (A) A brief and temporary feeling of tiredness after a busy day.
- (B) A deep and lasting state of physical and mental tiredness.
- (C) A common issue that people can easily overcome.
- (D) The importance of breaking unhealthy habits.
41. According to the passage, which of the following is true?
- (A) People in blue zones often skip exercise and consume processed foods.
- (B) Financial problems have little impact on a person’s overall tiredness.
- (C) Unhealthy lifestyles are a significant cause of “The Great Exhaustion.”
- (D) Worldwide issues do not influence people’s mental health or well-being.
42. Jane has recently started eating healthier meals and reducing her time spent reading negative news online. Based on the passage, what is most likely to happen to her well-being?
- (A) She will solve her money problems.
- (B) She will experience less overall tiredness over time.
- (C) She will no longer feel stress from global events.
- (D) She will need to work more hours to feel better.

二、非選擇題(第 I 題，每格 2 分，共 4 分；第 II 題 6 分；第 III 題 6 分；共 16 分)

I. 填充

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1. 這間餐廳以提供美味食物，同時維持嚴格的新鮮和品質標準而聞名。

This restaurant is f ① for serving delicious food while maintaining s ② standards of freshness and quality.

II. 句子重組

說明：

- ▲請將題中 5 段提示字詞重組成一完整句子，並於句尾加上適當標點符號。
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2. extremely proud / when the project / He felt / of his effort / was completed

III. 中譯英

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