

## 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. The little boy got a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ when he finished working on the puzzle all by himself.  
(A) achievement (B) ignorance (C) separation (D) honesty
2. After years of hard work, Sally finally reached her goal and became the world swimming \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) composer (B) consumer (C) colleague (D) champion
3. The high school students put on masks and costumes to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves at the Halloween party.  
(A) insult (B) endure (C) pursue (D) disguise
4. The child's laughter brought happiness to everyone, which created a joyful \_\_\_\_\_ in the room.  
(A) technique (B) atmosphere (C) efficiency (D) conscience
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ traveled to different countries to meet with world leaders and build strong relationships to gain international cooperation.  
(A) criminal (B) ambassador (C) shepherd (D) mechanic
6. The library is full of \_\_\_\_\_ books, and it provides readers with a wide range of topics to explore.  
(A) numerous (B) ambiguous (C) jealous (D) gracious
7. Meilin's outstanding performance \_\_\_\_\_ any doubts about her abilities and confirmed her position as the team's star player.  
(A) removed (B) sketched (C) browsed (D) illustrated
8. My classmate, Lucy, lives in an apartment just a few blocks away, so we often get together at a \_\_\_\_\_ café.  
(A) rough (B) nearby (C) keen (D) vain
9. The traveler was worried about missing her flight, so she rushed to the airport to avoid any possible delays.  
(A) cheerful (B) industrial (C) anxious (D) reasonable
10. The auditorium was so noisy with loud music that I could hardly hear a single word when you talked.  
(A) deeply (B) barely (C) shortly (D) closely

## 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. Sean: Hey, Ben! I've been watching a lot of basketball lately, but there's something I don't understand. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ben: Sure, Sean. What do you need help with?  
Sean: Well, I'm a bit confused about the three-second violation. When does it apply?  
Ben: It applies when an offensive player stays in the key area for more than three seconds without actively participating in the play.  
(A) Could you help me out? (B) Is it a common violation?  
(C) Is there any time limit? (D) Any penalties for this violation?

12. Waiter: Good evening, sir. Have you made a reservation?  
 Mr. Smith: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Waiter: Alright, let me check. Yes, Mr. Smith. We have a private table by the window with a view of the ocean.  
 Mr. Smith: That sounds perfect, thank you.  
 (A) No, I didn't make a reservation. (B) Yes, under the name Smith.  
 (C) No, let me check with my friend. (D) Yes, I would like to book a table.
13. Tom: Have you heard about how bad guys use the Internet to trick people into giving away their money?  
 Sarah: \_\_\_\_\_ They pretend to be someone else and cheat people.  
 Tom: It's scary how easily people can be fooled. They often use fake emails and websites that look real.  
 Sarah: Yeah, we need to be careful and check if online requests are genuine.  
 (A) No, it's a minor issue. (B) No, it's a popular trend.  
 (C) Yeah, it's a big problem. (D) Yeah, it's not that serious.
14. Father: Have you thought about what you want to do for a career?  
 Daughter: Yeah, I've been thinking about it, but I'm not sure yet.  
 Father: That's okay. It takes time to figure it out. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daughter: I have a few interests, like technology and psychology, but I need more information before making a decision.  
 (A) Have you reached out to professionals working in those fields?  
 (B) Have you sought guidance from advisors or professionals?  
 (C) Have you done any research on the job market?  
 (D) Have you considered any fields or professions?
15. Alice: Mei, do you know that there are a significant number of foreigners living in Taiwan?  
 Mei: Really? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alice: According to the government, the majority are from Indonesia, Vietnam, and the Philippines.  
 Mei: Wow, it's great to see such diversity in our country. We should always respect and welcome them.  
 (A) Have you interacted with any foreigners here?  
 (B) Did they encounter any difficulties in adapting to Taiwan?  
 (C) Do you know where most of them come from?  
 (D) How do their diverse backgrounds benefit our society?
16. Mr. Johnson: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ms. Lee: Absolutely! Being able to read well helps them in many ways.  
 Mr. Johnson: It allows them to learn new things, actively engage with others, and enjoy reading for pleasure.  
 Ms. Lee: Yes, it's great to see their reading ability positively impact their growth.  
 (A) Does a smart student often possess problem-solving capabilities?  
 (B) Does reading e-books harm kids' eyesight and affect their concentration?  
 (C) Have you ever encouraged your students to participate in writing competitions?  
 (D) Have you noticed how important it is for our students to be good readers?
17. John: Kate, I just wanted to apologize for my rude behavior yesterday.  
 Kate: Oh, that's okay, John. \_\_\_\_\_ It did hurt my feelings, but I understand that we all have our bad days.  
 John: Thank you for being understanding. I promise I'll try to control my temper in the future.  
 Kate: I'm glad to hear that, John.  
 (A) I appreciate your apology. (B) I'm sorry for being rude to you.  
 (C) I owe you an apology. (D) Please accept my apology.

18. James: I'd like to make the payment with my smartphone. It's more convenient.  
 Emily: Oh, I haven't tried that before. \_\_\_\_\_  
 James: You just need to use a payment app, connect it to your bank account, and scan the QR code on the bill. It's really simple!  
 Emily: That sounds easy. I'll give it a try. Thanks, James!  
 (A) Can I use my credit card instead? (B) Are there any transaction fees?  
 (C) Is there a limit on the amount? (D) How does it work?
19. Tracy: The local animal shelter requires volunteers for the next ten weeks, and I suggest we help out there.  
 Alex: Sounds good. Volunteering at the animal shelter can make a positive impact on the community.  
 Tracy: That's wonderful! It's a chance to help those adorable animals and give them love and care.  
 Alex: \_\_\_\_\_ I think we should find a schedule that works for both of us.  
 (A) However, it won't be possible to volunteer every weekend.  
 (B) Yet, I don't think it's worth our time investment.  
 (C) Therefore, let's find more meaningful things to do.  
 (D) As you know, taking care of animals is not my thing.
20. Emma: Jack, I want to talk to you for a while. I'm feeling really disappointed about not getting the job I interviewed for.  
 Jack: \_\_\_\_\_ I can understand how you must be feeling sad right now.  
 Emma: Yeah, it's just hard not to feel down about it. I was really counting on getting that job.  
 Jack: I totally get it. Don't worry, though. Something better will come along.  
 (A) You should have prepared better, Emma. (B) Congratulations on getting the job, Emma.  
 (C) Oh, I'm sorry to hear that, Emma. (D) Maybe you lacked the required skills.

### III. 綜合測驗

說明：以下兩篇短文，共有 10 個空格，為第 21 至 30 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 5 個空格，為第 21-25 題，請依短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案。

Hari Budha Magar, a brave ex-soldier from Nepal, experienced a terrible incident while serving in Afghanistan. He lost both of his legs in a bomb attack. 21 this hardship, however, he didn't give up on his dreams. In 2023, he did something remarkable—reaching the summit of Mount Everest. The climb began on April 17, 2023, exactly 13 years after he lost his legs. The weather on the mountain was extremely bad. 22, Hari and his team had to wait for clear skies at the base camp for a total of 18 days. They encountered a lot of challenges throughout their journey. Yet, Hari's strong determination and his team's help, 23 kept them going, led them to successfully reach the summit of the mountain. This accomplishment made Hari the first person with both legs 24 above the knees to conquer Mount Everest. Hari's journey serves 25 an inspiration to everyone. It proves that with great effort and a united team, one can overcome difficult circumstances and accomplish amazing goals.

21. (A) Having been faced (B) Been facing (C) Facing (D) Faced  
 22. (A) As a result (B) On the other hand (C) For instance (D) In the same way  
 23. (A) how (B) what (C) who (D) which  
 24. (A) missed (B) missing (C) to miss (D) having missed  
 25. (A) as (B) with (C) to (D) among

▲下篇短文共有 5 個空格，為第 26-30 題，請依短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案。

A recent report from the World Economic Forum shows significant changes ahead in the world of work over the next five years. About a quarter of jobs will 26 changes, as some positions vanish while new ones appear. By 2027, there will be 69 million new jobs created and 83 million jobs lost. This will result in a decrease of 2% in the job market. The influence of artificial intelligence and technology on job losses is 27 notable in offices, factories, and business fields. However, the companies that were surveyed have a positive view on technological shifts. They believe that advanced data analysis and network security are expected 28 the main drivers of job growth. In addition to technology, other factors such as economic growth, environmental protection, and shifts in the supply chain 29 job changes. The company that adopts greener practices and higher environmental standards would definitely bring itself to the next level and create more job opportunities. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, supply gaps, and the global cost of living crisis, 30, may cause job cuts. The report emphasizes the need for early preparation and points out potential job opportunities in fields such as AI and machine learning.

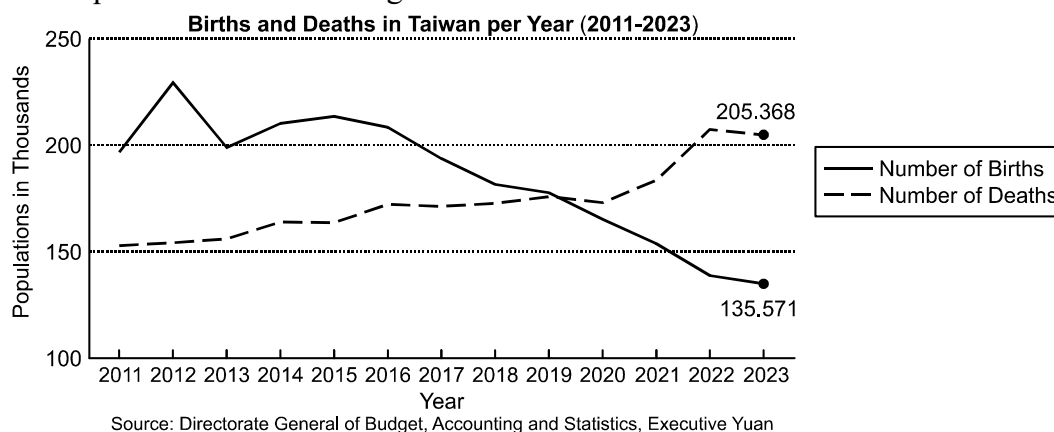
26. (A) come by                      (B) turn down                      (C) go through                      (D) get over
27. (A) actively                      (B) particularly                      (C) negatively                      (D) honestly
28. (A) being                      (B) to be                      (C) been                      (D) will be
29. (A) participate in                      (B) invest in                      (C) refer to                      (D) contribute to
30. (A) at worst                      (B) in brief                      (C) by contrast                      (D) on purpose

#### IV. 閱讀測驗

說明：以下有四篇短文，共有 12 個題目，為第 31 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 31-32 題

This line graph illustrates the trends of the births and deaths in Taiwan starting from the year 2011. Please answer the questions based on the given information.



31. According to the line graph, which of the following years has the largest gap between the number of births and deaths?
- (A) 2011.                      (B) 2017.                      (C) 2020.                      (D) 2023.
32. According to the line graph, which of the following statements is true?
- (A) The number of deaths began to go down after the year 2021.
- (B) The number of births did not reach its peak until the year 2015.
- (C) Compared to the year 2013, the number of births in 2023 has decreased by over 50,000 people.
- (D) The number of first-grade students in elementary school in 2027 will be around 200,000.

## ▲ 閱讀下文，回答第 33-35 題

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33. If Alex subscribes to the digital premium version of *Today's Taiwan Insight*, which of the following features might he be **unable** to use?
- (A) Leaving comments on articles. (B) Sharing his account with his family.  
 (C) Reading as many articles as possible. (D) Reading the articles at any time.
34. Joseph and his sister live in different cities. If both of them want to subscribe to *Today's Taiwan Insight* for two years, what is the most economical plan for them?
- (A) Joseph and his sister each subscribe to the digital basic version of *Today's Taiwan Insight*.  
 (B) Joseph and his sister each subscribe to the digital premium version of *Today's Taiwan Insight*.  
 (C) Joseph subscribes to the digital basic version of *Today's Taiwan Insight* while his sister subscribes to the digital & print version.  
 (D) Joseph subscribes to the digital & print version of *Today's Taiwan Insight* and shares his account with his sister.
35. According to the subscription plan, which of the following is true?
- (A) If you subscribe to the digital basic version, you are able to download and read it at your convenience.  
 (B) Once your subscription to the digital premium version ends, you will need to renew it.  
 (C) John has to pay NT\$3,000 if he subscribes to the digital & print version for one year.  
 (D) Advertisements may occasionally appear if one subscribes to the digital basic version.

## ▲ 閱讀下文，回答第 36-37 題

The news report below is written by a school news writer. Answer the questions based on the given information.

**Indoor Plants: Green Superheroes for a Happier You!**

Hello, classmates! Let's talk about something cool—indoor plants! 🌿 Not only do they make our homes beautiful, but they also bring fantastic health benefits. Check out what these green buddies can do for us:

### Keep the Air Clean 🌿

Indoor plants act as natural air cleaners, getting rid of unpleasant stuff in the air. They even remove harmful substances found in our homes. So, with plants around, we get to breathe fresher air! 🌿

### Bye-Bye Stress 😊

Schools can be stressful, but don't worry, indoor plants can help! Studies show that being around plants can make us feel calmer, so indoor plants can help reduce stress. Thus, next time you feel tense, spend time with your green friends and feel the stress melt away. 😊

### Increase Positive Feelings 🌈

Feeling down? Indoor plants can brighten your day! Being close to nature gives us happy feelings, and plants bring that magic indoors. It's like having a mini garden inside your room! Plus, taking care of plants can be fun and rewarding, making us feel happy and satisfied. 🌈

### Improve Focus 🧠

Having trouble concentrating? Indoor plants can help with that too! They release oxygen and increase humidity, making our brains work better. They're like brain helpers! So, having a plant near your study might make you a top student. 🧠

In conclusion, indoor plants are like green superheroes. They clean our air, calm us down, make us happier, and help us focus better. It's like having a secret weapon against stress and depression! Let's bring them into our lives and enjoy the amazing benefits of indoor plants together! Happy planting! 🌸

36. What is one of the benefits of having indoor plants?
- (A) They act as a secret weapon against infectious diseases.  
 (B) They help in reducing stress and improving focus.  
 (C) They provide a home for insects and small creatures.  
 (D) They release oxygen and reduce humidity in the room.
37. What are indoor plants **NOT** compared to in the text?
- (A) a mini garden      (B) brain helpers      (C) green superheroes      (D) super students

### ▲ 閱讀下文，回答第 38-42 題

Pay toilets have a long history dating back to ancient Roman times, during which individuals would pay to use public restrooms. Even today, pay toilets can be found in various places worldwide. These facilities require a small entry fee, and it helps to ensure their maintenance. Let's see how different countries or cities deal with the issue of pay toilets.

In Taiwan, public restrooms for women at railway and bus stations, as well as in traditional markets, used to charge a fee because they provided toilet paper, while men's restrooms were free to use. This practice clearly went against sexual equality and was later stopped. Today, most public toilets in Taiwan are free of charge, and an increasing number of them are beginning to offer free toilet paper.

In the Czech Republic, restrooms generally charge a fee, and this is also common in subway stations. Besides, some stores print bathroom codes on the receipt. So, if customers shop there, they can use the restroom many times. However, many department stores and large hotels do not charge, and their restrooms can be used when necessary. Pay toilets are often cleaner because they have people who quickly replace toilet paper and clean the restrooms right after they are used.

In North America, the concept of pay toilets was accepted to different extents. Cities like New York City and San Francisco experimented with pay toilets in the past, but this concept received varied feedback, leading to public pay toilets being banned in many states. Toronto also adopted pay public toilets to **put a damper on** individuals using business restrooms without permission. This decision followed complaints from businesses about non-customers using their facilities without buying anything.

In conclusion, pay toilets have experienced significant changes over time and are still found in various locations worldwide. Currently, different countries are striving to maintain public restrooms and discourage misuse.

38. What is the main idea of the passage?
- (A) The history of pay toilets in ancient Roman times.  
 (B) The ongoing debate about pay toilets in Europe.  
 (C) The history and current status of pay toilets worldwide.  
 (D) The ban on public pay toilets in North America.

39. According to the passage, which of the following statements is true?  
(A) Women's public restrooms in Taiwan used to charge a fee.  
(B) In the Czech Republic, it is rare to come across pay toilets.  
(C) All restrooms in Taiwan are required to provide toilet paper.  
(D) In the Czech Republic, buying a code is necessary for restroom access.
40. What is the main goal of countries with pay toilets?  
(A) To maintain public restrooms.  
(B) To charge a fee for restroom entry.  
(C) To provide free access to restrooms and essential supplies.  
(D) To attract more tourists to pay a visit.
41. Based on the information provided, which is true about how the public felt about pay toilets in North America?  
(A) The public in North America generally supported the use of pay toilets in cities like New York City and San Francisco.  
(B) The use of pay toilets was widely accepted and praised in most states across North America.  
(C) The mixed responses to pay toilets in some cities of North America led some states to forbid their use.  
(D) Toronto's adoption of pay public toilets resulted in a decrease in restroom misuse in the city.
42. Which of the following is closest in meaning to "**put a damper on**" in paragraph 4?  
(A) discourage                      (B) dominate                      (C) convince                      (D) tolerate

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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