

國立彰化師範大學 98 學年度碩士班招生考試試題

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I. Grammar(20%)

Please select the best answer (A, B, C, or D) to complete the following sentences:

1. This is quite annoying! Having a real conversation with you is impossible! You _____ to me.
A. have not listened B. shall not listen C. are not listening D. will always not be listening
2. Have you heard the news? They are dreadful! The company manager _____ sixty employees.
A. just fired B. has been firing C. will have fired D. has just fired
3. I don't understand why everyone is so shocked about the financial disaster. The storm _____ for a very long time.
A. has been gathering B. has gathered C. was gathered D. was gathered
4. I am afraid that there are no tables available at this time but we _____ to accommodate a party of three in an hour, if you are willing to wait.
A. could B. should C. can D. will be able
5. He _____ be richer than he is willing to admit! He drives a Ferrari, owns an apartment in a very exclusive area and both his sons study abroad.
A. should B. must C. needs D. ought
6. I admit. I did not love him when I accepted his marriage proposal. But I was broke, alone and had no real hopes for a successful career. What _____ if you had been in my shoes?
A. could you do B. would you have done C. should you have done D. would you do
7. Yes, I know that Jessica got a new and high-paying job. I met her husband in the street the other day and he told me that she _____ for the most successful lawyer firm in the city now.
A. worked B. had been working C. will work D. is working
8. I was quite worried about being the one to deliver the bad news to her. I _____ worried at all! Someone had already told her everything that had occurred and she had taken the necessary steps to improve the situation.
A. shouldn't B. mustn't have C. needn't have D. didn't have
9. I don't think an expensive vacation is what I should be having right now. My finances are not as healthy as they were when I booked the trip. I _____ cancel it.
A. had better B. should have C. will have D. will better
10. Thanks for the invitation but I won't be able to come. I _____ my uncle in New York next Saturday. We have made all the arrangements months ago.
A. visit B. will have been visiting C. am visiting D. will be visited

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II. Vocabulary (20 %)

1. Some people believe that the mere thought that there is life on other planets is _____.
A. partisan B. implanted C. ludicrous D. controversy
2. There's a _____ shortage of teachers with science qualifications.
A. perennial B. divergent C. fraudulent D. invariable
3. He had never seen such a _____ approach to filmmaking as Roberto's.
A. impassable B. conductive C. foremost D. haphazard
4. The meeting had all the _____ of high political drama.
A. ignition B. impetuous C. imperative D. ingredients
5. We have a _____ task ahead of us.
A. parlance B. formidable C. premier D. reputable
6. I wish we could have met under happier _____.
A. circumstances B. engagements C. assortments D. renewals
7. The man in the house was in a very excited and _____ state.
A. muted B. moralistic C. agitated D. dispensed
8. Many people seem to be _____ of snakes.
A. fixated B. petrified C. pragmatic D. consenting
9. Sounds of voices and _____ could be heard downstairs.
A. commotion B. affluence C. surety D. radiant
10. In spite of his illness, he clung _____ to his job.
A. promiscuously B. fortuitous C. tenaciously D. prohibitively

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III. Reading Comprehension (20%)

There are three reading passages for this test. Read each passage and answer the questions following the passage. Try to choose the best answer from four alternatives for each question.

Passage (I)

The Taj Mahal is one of the Seven Wonders of the World and a UNESCO world heritage site. Millions of visitors are attracted to the Taj Mahal every year, just hoping to get a glimpse of this magnificent structure and all its wonder. Taj Mahal, means "Crown Palace." The Mughal emperor Shah Jahan commissioned the construction for the memorial of the death of his beloved wife.

Work began on the mausoleum in 1631 and was completed in 1648. The Muslim architect Ustad Ahmed Lahori designed the building, and over twenty thousand workmen from all over India were employed to construct it. A fleet of more than 1,000 elephants was used to transport building materials to the site from all over India and Central Asia.

The dome of the building is made of white marble, which reflects the changing colors at different seasons and different times of the day. The exterior is also made of white marble and is inlaid with semi-precious stones. Inside the inner chamber are the jeweled cenotaphs of the emperor and the empress. However, their actual graves are on the level beneath the inner chamber. The building, the elaborate garden, and pools are all a tribute to a beautiful woman who was deeply loved.

1. What kind of building is the Taj Mahal?
 - A. A palace
 - B. A tomb
 - C. A dome
 - D. A hotel
2. In which country is the Taj Mahal?
 - A. Mughal
 - B. India
 - C. Agra
 - D. Nepal
3. Ustad Ahmed Lahori was probably _____.
 - A. an artist in the palace
 - B. the emperor's slave
 - C. also a religious leader
 - D. a famous architect in 1963

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Passage (II)

An art historian can tell whether a painting is a forgery by looking at the brushstrokes. However, some researchers use computers to analyze paintings. Now a picture can be represented as bits of data, just like a bank account or music on a compact disc.

The researchers are quick to say that they don't want to replace art historians. Yet they predict the computer will become an important tool alongside other scientific techniques that have long been used in art scholarship, such as chemical analysis of paint fragments or the use of X-rays to count threads in a canvas.

One finding was that when an artist had tried to copy van Gogh's style, the painting displayed **telltale characteristics** at a very small scale. It wasn't something you could see with the naked eye, says a student in electrical engineering.

The research lends itself to more than just telling apart real van Goghs from others. The teams are now pursuing additional challenges, such as telling when certain works were painted.

4. According to the article, how have computers been used in art?
 - A. They can now create original paintings.
 - B. They can be used by the artist to conduct scientific research.
 - C. They can determine the price of a painting.
 - D. They can be used to analyze a painting's origin and authenticity.

5. Why might art historians be afraid that computers will replace them?
 - A. Computers can analyze information that historians may not see.
 - B. Computers are more subjective than art historians.
 - C. Art historians are not familiar with ancient artists.
 - D. Art historians think computers are easier to use.

6. What is meant by a painting's "**telltale characteristics**"?
 - A. The story that is depicted in the painting.
 - B. The effect that a painting has on the viewer.
 - C. Specific features that appear in a certain painting.
 - D. The cost of the actual painting.

7. Which of the following statements is NOT true about finding art forgeries?
 - A. A painting can be broken down into digital data.
 - B. Computers have never been used to find forgeries until now.
 - C. Computers may be able to date old paintings.
 - D. Computers can be used to identify patterns used by the original artist.

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Passage (III)

In 2006, Flake started Live Labs, a rapid-development web team that exists outside of any specific product group. In less than three years, Live Labs has launched dozens of new technologies and Flake has filed for more than 100 patents. Some launches take mere weeks—lightning fast for a company with multi-year development cycles—those tend to be new features for existing software. Several stand-alone products have also rolled out, or are about to.

Volta is a web-based service that facilitates complex software programming. Political Streams charts political blog activity with an interface similar to a stock chart; it's part of an eventual blog-analysis product that will identify and track the most-popular Internet events. And in August, to Google-like buzz, Live Labs released Photosynth, a web application that offers an entirely new way to view photos online by turning everyday snapshots into 360-degree virtual worlds. Flake believes that the Internet is becoming a mirror of the physical world. He calls Photosynth a semi-synthetic world between Second Life and real life.

But Flake thinks his group's most substantial impact will be as a "perpetual startup" that spawns other startups. Since Live Labs isn't tied to a specific product group, it's positioned to reverberate throughout Microsoft, releasing its new technologies and, in the process, prodding Microsoft's culture.

8. Which of the following description about Live Labs' products is NOT true?
- A. Political Streams allows viewers to analyze blog activity graphically.
 - B. Volta provides the base environment for programmers.
 - C. Live Labs has been known for its inability to create new products.
 - D. Photosynth introduces a new perspective of the physical world.
9. What does the writer infer about Microsoft in the first paragraph?
- A. Microsoft is slow in promoting products.
 - B. Live Labs is too quick to release a product onto the market.
 - C. Filing for patents is now the new campaigns for Microsoft.
 - D. Speed and efficiency are the ultimate goals; profit comes second.
10. What does Flake hope Live Labs will do in the future?
- A. Take the place of the highly popular Windows operating system.
 - B. Create a virtual world that will replace the real one for good.
 - C. Design a single software group that dominates the IT industry.
 - D. Stimulate the corporate culture to generate more creative ideas.

IV. 英文作文 (20%)

Despite the old saying that beauty is only skin deep, we are often attracted to beautiful women and handsome men and some still judge people by their appearances. Will you spend money on plastic surgery in order to change your appearance? Why or why not? Give reasons for your choice.

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V. 中翻英 (10%)

我們的經濟正逢嚴重衰退時期，這不只是部分人們貪婪和不負責任的結果，乃是因為面對艱難決策時，我們卻全體束手無策，並且也不能為國家做好準備面臨新的變局。依據資料和統計數字，這些都在在顯示出危機。

VI. 英翻中 (10%)

1. Taiwan, South Korea and China have been vigorously investing in the optoelectronics industry, which has a pressing need for industrial robots.
2. Within Hollywood, of course, the Academy Awards still matter a great deal. Prestige and acclaim are hard currency in the film business, in many ways more valuable than money.