

一、字彙與片語題

說明：第 1~8 題，每題均有一個劃底線的字或片語，請在四個選項中，選擇一個與劃底線的字或片語意義最接近的答案。第 9~15 題，請選擇一個最適當的答案，以完成該句。

1. In traditional Chinese society, parents hope their children to stand out and perform better than themselves.
(A) respect (B) except (C) inspect (D) expect
2. Since the eyewitness portrayed the kidnapper in detail, the police could solve the case in no time.
(A) transcribed (B) described
(C) subscribed (D) prescribed
3. Owing to the poor sense of balance, I often stumble over something and get hurt easily.
(A) stab (B) sting (C) trip (D) tremble
4. The inhabitants in Penghu voted to reject the plan of boosting local economy by opening casinos in their county.
(A) authorities (B) pedestrians
(C) residents (D) merchants
5. According to the old tale, there is a vampire in the castle, living on human blood.
(A) legend (B) riddle (C) maze (D) era
6. In the World Games in 2009, Taiwan ended up finishing in seventh place, giving Taiwan one of its best shows ever in an international athletic contest.
(A) communism (B) competition
(C) composition (D) comparison
7. With the outbreak of H1N1 virus, it is recommended that patients with a high fever wear facial masks and stay at home.
(A) suggested (B) forbidden
(C) dissuaded (D) threatened
8. When in danger, the father tried his best to guard his daughter from the attack of bees.
(A) encounter (B) protect (C) handle (D) blame
9. Harry Potter _____ park is scheduled to open in Orlando, 2010 with the expectation of attracting millions of tourists and fans per year.
(A) amusement (B) appointment
(C) announcement (D) achievement
10. The traffic in the city during the rush hour was unusually _____ today, so I got home earlier than usual.
(A) heavy (B) light (C) little (D) scarce
11. Little Johnny _____ escaped being hit by a car when rushing out to the road to pick up the ball.
(A) narrowly (B) distantly
(C) properly (D) variously

12. The famous singer canceled all of the public events due to the _____ reported in the magazine.
 (A) courtesy (B) reluctance
 (C) moisture (D) scandal
13. _____ the issue, the spokesman of the institution refused to give any comments.
 (A) In case of (B) Even if
 (C) With regard to (D) In spite of
14. People who _____ sunlight for a long time are likely to have higher chances of getting cancer.
 (A) are opposed to (B) are addicted to
 (C) are exposed to (D) look forward to
15. The twin brothers resemble each other so much that even their parents sometimes can hardly _____.
 (A) fool them around (B) work them out
 (C) figure them out (D) tell them apart

二、對話題

說明：第 16~25 題，請依對話內容選出一個最適當的答案，使其成為有意義的對話。

16. Wayne: How long did it take you to come to speak English so fluently?
 Shirley: Over ten years. You have to practice it every day. _____
 Wayne: I see. I will.
 (A) There's no shortcut.
 (B) So far so good.
 (C) There's nothing new under the sun.
 (D) I'd be glad to do it for you.
17. Cindy: What's your hobby, Bill?
 Bill: I like to go swimming. I am especially good at breaststroke.
 Cindy: How often do you go swimming?
 Bill: _____
 (A) At five o'clock.
 (B) Two weeks ago.
 (C) About half an hour.
 (D) Twice a week.
18. Carter: Hello. May I speak to the manager?
 Secretary: May I have your name, please?
 Carter: Carter Chen, from the First Bank.
 Secretary: Hold on a second, please. _____
 (A) I'll take your message.
 (B) I'll put you through.
 (C) Your call is highly appreciated.
 (D) We're having a bad connection.

19. Joseph: So far, the apartment is the best choice for me. What do you think about it?
Lily: _____ The rent is affordable for me. It is also furnished and spacious. What's better, it has a splendid view.
Joseph: Exactly. But I am considering the problem of distance.
(A) I don't think it suits me.
(B) I have no idea.
(C) It beats me.
(D) It is certainly great!
20. Billy: I am through! My final paper is due tomorrow morning, and I haven't finished it.
George: Why don't you burn the midnight oil and submit it to your professor by e-mail?
Billy: _____ I have difficulty getting online in the dorm.
(A) I don't think sending e-mail is reliable.
(B) I don't know his name and e-mail address.
(C) You're right! But do you have access to the Internet?
(D) I have sent e-mail to him this morning.
21. Bryan: Don't forget Saturday night at my home.
Linda: No, I won't. Do you mind if I bring a friend?
Bryan: _____
(A) Yes, it's a good idea.
(B) No, you had better not.
(C) Of course, go ahead.
(D) Not at all. You're both welcome.
22. Mom: How was your midterm?
Joseph: _____
Mom: How did that happen? I thought you were well prepared.
Joseph: I guess I missed some key points and didn't practice enough.
Mom: Well, learn from the lesson and work harder next time.
(A) I passed the test with flying colors.
(B) I blew it!
(C) I aced the test.
(D) I didn't take the exam.
23. Catherine: What's wrong with you? You look so sleepy and exhausted.
Billy: I stayed up late till 4:00 early this morning watching a live basketball game on TV.
Catherine: _____
(A) I can see blood in your eyes.
(B) That explains your red eyes and black circles.
(C) Now I understand why you have everything in black and white.
(D) No wonder you got black and blue all over your face.

24. Woman: Welcome to First Hotel. May I help you?
 Man: Is there any room available? I'd like a twin room.
 Woman: _____
 Man: No.
 Woman: That's OK. Let me see. The only one available is a double room.
 (A) Do you have a reservation?
 (B) Do you want king-size beds?
 (C) Cash or charge?
 (D) When will you check in?
25. Woman: Excuse me. Where can I find the tissue paper?
 Man: Tissue paper? I think it's in Aisle 10. You're now in the dairy products section. You should go that way. Do you see the stacks of canned tuna? It's right next to those.
 Woman: _____
 Man: I have no idea. Maybe you can ask the cashier when you check out the items.
 (A) How can I get to Aisle 10? (B) Can you get it for me?
 (C) Is it on sale? (D) Can you do me a favor?

三、綜合測驗

說明：下面兩篇短文，共有十五格空格，為第 26~40 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。

On August 8, 2009, Taiwan suffered from the most devastating flooding in 50 years 26 typhoon Morakot dropped 102 inches of rain in a single day, equal to the total amount of the rainfall a year in Taiwan. Hundreds of people died, and houses, roads, and farms were washed away, 27 US\$3 billion in damage. Up to September 2009, a mudslide caused by torrential rains 28 up to hundreds of villagers in southern Taiwan. Rescuers 29 military helicopters tried to pluck more than 100 people to safety in the village of Hsiao Lin, as rains washed out roads and bridges in Kaohsiung County, severing all land vehicle traffic. What was worse, the number of people killed 30 beyond calculation since the typhoon 31 Taiwan seriously. Many victims had no choice but 32 in temples or military bases. Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou apologized later 33 the slow response to the typhoon. Though Taiwanese people suffered from extreme losses, it was believed that they were sure to unite together and build their homes again soon.

26. (A) even if (B) although (C) since (D) despite
 27. (A) resulting from (B) resulting in (C) resulted from (D) resulted in
 28. (A) was burying (B) has buried (C) had buried (D) will bury
 29. (A) use (B) using (C) used (D) to use
 30. (A) is (B) are (C) was (D) were
 31. (A) strikes (B) hits (C) beat (D) struck
 32. (A) stay (B) stayed (C) staying (D) to stay
 33. (A) for (B) to (C) of (D) that

Recently, “Farmville” (or “Farmtown,” “Happy Farm,” whichever you are into) has become a popular phenomenon on the Facebook. The flash game basically has you 34 an icon to represent yourself, and then start 35 the fields and helping your farm grow. 36, friends can send you gifts such as a goat, a horse, or even an apricot tree. The most interesting and interactive part is that you can invite your friends to be your “neighbors” and 37 you can visit their farms, offer a little help and get some coins, or just compete with them to see if your farm can rank the highest. In the Happy Farm, you can even steal others’ crops. What’s more, many “farmers” are not limited to this game but spend time 38 other similar games such as the “caféworld,” “restaurant city,” or “mafia wars.” 39, more and more problems arise with the popularity of the virtual games. In Taiwan, some people used their credit cards to buy “farmers’ cash,” but didn’t get what they had paid for. Moreover, some people were 40 addicted that they used the time at work to manage their farms and were fired by their bosses. It’s really hard to predict how long the trend will last.

- 34. (A) create (B) created
(C) creation (D) to create
- 35. (A) pressing (B) plowing
(C) planting (D) harvesting
- 36. (A) Worst of all (B) To their sorrow
(C) That is (D) What’s better
- 37. (A) x (B) that
(C) because (D) also
- 38. (A) playing (B) played
(C) play (D) to play
- 39. (A) Moreover (B) However
(C) Accordingly (D) Despite
- 40. (A) too (B) enough
(C) so (D) such

四、閱讀測驗

說明：下面兩篇短文，每篇各有 5 題，為第 41~50 題，請閱讀短文後，選出最適當的答案。

“If you only see one movie a year, then the movie, *The Age of Stupid* is the one you can't miss in 2009,” said an anchorwoman. Different from the typical Hollywood movies, the film features six separate documentary stories. Combined with animation and special effects, the movie looks more like a futuristic climate thriller. Shot in seven countries over a period of three years, it is regarded as a wakeup call on climate. The movie asks a question, “Would we, the human race, really miss the only chance to rescue the earth from the effect of global warming?”

The movie starts with 2055 when all human beings are extinct and only an aging archivist looks back on 2009 with the whole earth completely destroyed by climate change. The director, Franny Armstrong, uses various scenes such as flaming Sydney Opera House, desert-covered Alaska, the ghost-like tourist attraction, Taj Mahal to predict the harsh consequence we human beings will soon face. At the same time, she raises a serious issue, “We could have saved ourselves, but we didn't. It's amazing. What state of mind were we in, to face extinction and simply shrug it off?” The movie warns that if we don't keep global temperatures, which have already increased 0.6 degrees now, from rising more than two degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial times before 2015, most of the cities we live in now, including New York, Tokyo, and Taipei, will be in the ocean very soon. In that case, we humankind may go extinct, but what is even more **pathetic** is that we knowingly allow it to happen.

41. According to the passage, which of the following tourist attractions was **NOT** used as an example suffering from the drastic climate change?
- (A) Alaska
(B) The Dubai Tower
(C) Sydney Opera House
(D) Taj Mahal
42. To avoid extinction, starting from 2009, how many degrees can the world temperature be increased at most by 2015?
- (A) less than 0.2
(B) less than 0.6
(C) less than 1.4
(D) less than 2
43. Which of the following is **NOT** related to the “Age of Stupid”?
- (A) It describes the earth would be destroyed by humans and climate change in the future.
(B) The movie is similar to the Hollywood movies, focusing on documentary stories.
(C) Humans in the movie go extinct because they pay no attention to the effect of global warming.
(D) The movie, a wake-up call on climate, was shot in seven countries for over three years.
44. In line 15, the word “**pathetic**” means _____.
- (A) blessing (B) relieving (C) delightful (D) sad
45. What can we infer from the passage?
- (A) If people ignore the climate change, what is shown in the movie is not impossible.
(B) Franny is a prophet, who knows for sure that people on earth are doomed to go extinct.
(C) According to the anchorwoman, the movie is the last one that you should watch.
(D) In the movie, there are still some people surviving on earth and looking back to the past.

Do you use “cloud computing” every day? You may not know what the question means, but actually the answer is yes. Whenever you open the gmail account, share photos on the Flickr, download games by using the iPhone, or search on google, you have unconsciously applied “cloud computing.” In a word, cloud computing, one kind of distributed computing, is not a brand-new technology, but a concept : putting all the data on the virtual servers on the Net. The “clouds” mean the information center created by countless supercomputers with high-speed processing capability. When you are “**in the cloud**”, you are connected to the virtual servers on the Net and request them to help you deal with the data.

Besides personal users, cloud computing is of much benefit to the companies and IT (information technology) since it is a way to increase capability without investing in new facilities, training new personnel, or designing new software. According to McKinsey’s survey, a 200-employee company will save thirty percent of the money when using cloud computing. And those companies providing faster and more user-friendly cloud-computing services are expected to take the lead and make huge profits in the future. Therefore, many big companies such as Google, IBM, Microsoft, Apple, are investing more money to improve their cloud-computing skills.

46. If a 200-worker company spends one million dollars per year, how much money will it save after using cloud-computing skill?
- (A) 1 million dollars.
 - (B) Thirty thousand dollars.
 - (C) Three hundred thousand dollars.
 - (D) Seven hundred thousand dollars.
47. What is this passage mainly about?
- (A) Making clouds disappear by using computers.
 - (B) Using the resources on the Internet.
 - (C) Drawing clouds and counting the numbers.
 - (D) Using clouds in the sky to make money.
48. Which of the following persons is **NOT** using the cloud-computing skill?
- (A) A father who is using the GPS system on his iPhone to help find the way.
 - (B) A mother who is searching the greatest discount on the Yahoo auction website.
 - (C) My brother who is typing his homework by using Microsoft “Word”.
 - (D) My sister who is sharing her photo albums on the Wretch website.
49. In line 7, the phrase “**in the cloud**” means one is _____.
- (A) totally confused about everything
 - (B) asking another one to help copy the data
 - (C) taking the airplane and working at the same time
 - (D) surfing the Net to get what he/she needs
50. Which of the following statements is **NOT** true?
- (A) Many IT companies think cloud computing useless and spend less money on it.
 - (B) Many people are using cloud computing without knowing what it is.
 - (C) Some companies will make more money if they improve their cloud-computing skills.
 - (D) Cloud doesn’t mean the real cloud in the sky but the inter-connected supercomputers.