

一、字彙題

說明：第 1~10 題，每題均有一個空格字詞，請選擇最適合的答案，以完成該英文句子。
第 11~15 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. She made a hotel _____ under the name of Chen before her trip to Las Vegas.
(A) precaution (B) observation (C) reservation (D) condition
2. That bad guy _____ to be a police officer and stood there questioning the passengers.
(A) infected (B) deserted (C) consumed (D) pretended
3. The manager discussed the construction _____ with his business partner during the break.
(A) project (B) persistence (C) perfume (D) majority
4. Derek tried to _____ her out of buying this product, but she insisted on her decision.
(A) persuade (B) maintain (C) operate (D) request
5. Tony doesn't want to get himself _____ in politics because he thinks political matters are too complicated for him to handle.
(A) regretted (B) spoiled (C) involved (D) solved
6. After her unclear explanations, we were all _____ about what to do next and asked her to explain again.
(A) modest (B) puzzled (C) defensive (D) masked
7. Judging from the evidence, the detective inferred that someone murdered Mr. Brown _____.
(A) superstitiously (B) occasionally (C) humbly (D) intentionally
8. Rumors about the superstar's death have been spread and _____ around the whole country.
(A) represented (B) circulated (C) endured (D) hesitated
9. The invention of the wheel, which enables humans to transport goods easily, is a great _____ in the history of mankind.
(A) innovation (B) definition (C) passion (D) suspicion
10. Their _____ plan was to play basketball on the court, but they changed their mind and determined to play table tennis instead.
(A) disappointing (B) efficient (C) extensive (D) original
11. The prince lived in a towering and magnificent castle over that faraway mountain.
(A) formal (B) mighty (C) distant (D) lasting
12. An advertising campaign has been launched for the company's brand-new product.
(A) activity (B) challenge (C) romance (D) occurrence
13. Despite the bad weather, the express company managed to deliver this parcel in time.
(A) valued (B) insulted (C) attempted (D) predicted

14. The party was overcrowded because the host failed to take into account the large number of guests.
 (A) sacrifice (B) consideration (C) trend (D) performance
15. The book depicts the lifetime of Confucius and his disciples, especially their impact on the educational system.
 (A) containers (B) followers (C) philosophers (D) feathers

二、對話題

說明：第 16~25 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。

16. (on the phone)
 Secretary: Hippo Language Center. May I help you?
 Zack: Yes, I'd like to get some information about your summer intensive program.
 Secretary: _____ I'll put you through to our program manager.
 (A) Could you please leave a message?
 (B) Hold on a second.
 (C) Could you take a message from our manager?
 (D) This is she speaking.
17. (The doorbell is ringing.)
 Joan: Aaron, I am occupied with the chores right now. Would you mind answering the door for me?
 Aaron: _____
 Joan: I really appreciate it.
 (A) Of course.
 (B) The door is out of order, so I'll ask for help.
 (C) Not at all.
 (D) A promise is a promise.
18. Sally: Thanks for the blouse you gave me on my birthday.
 Da-ming: It's nothing. I just think the color and the curly design really suit you.
 Sally: I think so, too. _____
 Da-ming: Thanks for your compliment.
 (A) You can never tell.
 (B) You always like to beat around the bush.
 (C) You forgot to take the receipt.
 (D) You definitely have good taste in fashion.
19. Janet: What's up, Robert?
 Robert: Nothing particular.
 Janet: But you look so pale. Are you alright?
 Robert: Oh, I am just sick with influenza and feel so terrible.
 Janet: Take more rest, and _____
 (A) you will get over it soon.
 (B) you will pass away sooner or later.
 (C) don't bother me.
 (D) it serves you right!

20. Jason: Laura, I just bought a kitten. Could you give me some advice about how to look after it?
Laura: _____
Jason: Really? I thought all I need to do is play with it and feed it.
Laura: Wrong! You have to exercise it so that it can stay healthy. And you also have to clean its droppings.
Jason: Gee...it sounds quite disgusting. Can you do this for me?
(A) That's another suggestion you should think about carefully.
(B) You can't train your kitten like a soldier.
(C) I am not sure whether I am ready to keep a pet.
(D) Actually, caring for a kitten is very hard work.
21. Anita: Hi, Emily. It's been a long time. How is everything in the press agency?
Emily: In fact, I quit the job last month. I didn't get along quite well with the people there. So, I choose to work with animals now.
Anita: What?
Emily: I mean I am working in the zoo.
Anita: I see. How do you like your new job?
Emily: Well, you know, _____
(A) a little bird told me.
(B) animals are easier to get along with than humans.
(C) I found the job in the local newspaper.
(D) I like that zoo keeper's resume very much.
22. Salesperson: Would you like to look at our latest tablet? It is on sale.
Albert: What's so special about it?
Salesperson: It has a 10-inch foldable touchscreen. You can just put it in your pocket whenever you go around.
Albert: But I have already had a laptop. _____
Salesperson: You can use the built-in voice control to generate the words instead of using the keyboard.
Albert: Well... I will think about it.
(A) What's the point of getting this?
(B) Whatever you say.
(C) Isn't this a good bargain?
(D) Tablets are really out-of-date.
23. Jenny: This restaurant is so fancy. Nice decoration and romantic candlelight. I love it!
Ken: Let's take a look at the menu and see what they can offer us.
(A waiter is coming after a while.)
Waiter: _____
Jenny: Yes, I'll just have a salad with Thousand Island Dressing.
Ken: Well, could you please recommend me some special meals?
(A) Anything to recommend?
(B) Will that be for here or to go?
(C) May I take your order now?
(D) What dressing would you like to go with your salad?

24. Ted: Come on. Let's cross the street here.
 Jeremy: What!?! You wanna get yourself killed? There is no zebra crossing around. _____
 Ted: You see. There! Lots of people are crossing the street like this. Besides, no policemen are standing around.
 Jeremy: Suit yourself. I'll take the underpass. It's safer.
 (A) Somebody may be fined.
 (B) What makes you think you could do that?
 (C) Cross your fingers before I do that.
 (D) How can policemen do that without being hit by cars?
25. Policeman: So, tell me where you are heading now.
 Erica: I am looking for Hyde Park in this neighborhood.
 Policeman: Walk down this street further for about three blocks and you'll find it on your right hand side.
 Erica: Thanks for your help.
 Policeman: _____
 (A) Catch you later.
 (B) Tell me about it!
 (C) You don't say?
 (D) No problem.

三、綜合測驗

說明：以下三篇短文，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。

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

Have you ever given your foreign friends gifts in person? Do you know that ways to 26 gifts are quite different from one culture to another? For example, in order to show their respect to the givers and 27, westerners love opening their gifts in front of the givers. However, this may not be the case to Chinese people, who like to open their gifts when they are alone. A Chinese, thus, might be astonished to find that his American friend opens the gift 28 during the birthday party and feel confused. In addition, gifts for Chinese are always wrapped 29 red, which refers to good luck in Chinese culture. For westerners, nevertheless, they focus more on the wrapping of the gifts than on the color of wrapping. 30, lack of cultural understanding might cause mutual embarrassment or even offense. As an old saying goes, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do." Next time you buy presents for your foreign friend, remember to take his or her culture into consideration.

26. (A) deal with (B) look into (C) relate to (D) figure out
27. (A) how much they enjoy the gifts (B) how much do they enjoy the gifts
 (C) what gifts they enjoy (D) what gifts do they enjoy
28. (A) emotionally (B) creatively (C) instantly (D) wildly
29. (A) to (B) by (C) in (D) with
30. (A) Yet (B) Hence (C) Instead (D) Then

▲下篇短文共有 5 個空格，為第 31 至 35 題，請依短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案。

The origin of Thanksgiving can be traced back to the early 17th century, when the Mayflower transported 102 English Pilgrims to New England. Sadly, the voyage of the Mayflower was very disastrous. Nearly half of the passengers who 31 the ship died of starvation and illness. As soon as the survivors started to settle down in New England in the spring of 1621, the Indians, whom they had feared, came to their assistance. In fact, an Indian warrior called Squanto taught them how to plant corn and where to capture eels. The harvest in 1621 32 to be very successful. To celebrate the bountiful harvest, the Pilgrims invited the Indians to their feast. Later on, the Pilgrim governor, William Bradford, announced a day of thanksgiving to thank God for His 33 in 1621.

Nowadays, people throughout the United States celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November. Family members and friends always eat together in a turkey feast, catching up on the latest news. Besides, for those NFL(National Football League) fans, they can watch televised football games on Thanksgiving afternoon. Plenty of fans even rush to the field 34 to cheer for their teams on the field as part of their holiday activities. For those shopaholics, Black Friday is the time they are thrilled about as the day 35 Thanksgiving is typically known as the first day of the Christmas shopping season.

31. (A) were boarded (B) had boarded
(C) had been boarded (D) were boarding
32. (A) turned up (B) turned down (C) turned in (D) turned out
33. (A) blessings (B) dialogues (C) appreciation (D) independence
34. (A) loosely (B) generously (C) eagerly (D) ignorantly
35. (A) followed (B) following (C) follows (D) follow

▲下篇短文共有 5 個空格，為第 36 至 40 題，請依短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案。

Big news for those chain smokers! Particularly for those adolescent smokers! According to the latest study, smoking makes people look physically older than they would.

The researcher in the study examined the skin of about one thousand twins. One of each pair smoked, 36 the other didn't. The result revealed the negative effects of smoking on human skin. Actually, the tester discovered the smoking subjects had more wrinkles on their faces 37 their skin was 45 percent thinner than those non-smokers'. 38, the younger the subjects started to smoke, the more wrinkles they would have on their faces. The outcome of the study definitely startled those adolescent smoking addicts.

We know that lots of male adolescents begin to smoke cigarettes because they think smoking will make them look cool. Some of them even believe smoking will make them look 39, which can attract the eyes of the opposite sex. Nonetheless, the study mentioned above confirms some consequences smoking 40 people's physical appearance. Since most of the adolescents do care about their looks, the news that smoking makes people older perhaps can stop them from lighting up.

36. (A) so (B) although (C) while (D) as
37. (A) and that (B) to show that (C) for fear that (D) the fact that
38. (A) To sum up (B) On the other hand
(C) What's worse (D) Even so
39. (A) aware (B) mature (C) sincere (D) prior
40. (A) results in (B) results from (C) brings down (D) brings to

四、閱讀測驗

說明：以下有三篇短文，共有 10 個題目，為第 41～50 題，請閱讀短文後，選出最適當的答案。

▲閱讀下文，回答第 41-43 題。

Product Features

The product, made from the environmentally-friendly medical material, has passed the biology-compatibility test. The U shape of ergonomic design helps ease the stiff neck and muscle ache. The product is cozy and soft. Besides, it is easy to store and carry around.

How to Use the Product

Please inflate it before use, and then lay it around the shoulders. This way, it will support and protect your neck and effectively decrease the stress on the neck and ease the soreness. Besides, it can also be used as a waist or back cushion when placed on the chair. It is suitable to use it at home, in the office, during sleeping, or driving.

41. Which of the following products is most likely to be the one described in the passage?
 (A) The waist apron. (B) The neck pillow. (C) The waist bag. (D) The neck scarf.
42. The product can decrease the stress in our body parts EXCEPT _____.
 (A) the waist (B) the neck (C) the back (D) the head
43. According to the passage, which of the following statements is true?
 (A) The product cannot be used without being inflated.
 (B) It is dangerous to use this product while we are driving cars.
 (C) The product is mainly made to protect the environment.
 (D) The product is too soft to store and carry around.

▲閱讀下文，回答第 44-46 題。

When it comes to extinction, the Dodo exhibited at the American Museum of Natural History is definitely a lesson we should bear in mind. First discovered by Dutch sailors around 1600 on Mauritius, the Dodo was driven to extinction less than eighty years later. Scientists believe that unlike the model with short, thick wings and ungainly body in the museum, which implies the Dodo's flightless ability, the Dodo's ancestors actually were capable of flying. It is inferred that when the Dodo's ancestors landed on Mauritius, they found a habitat with an abundance of food and no enemies. They started to settle down on the ground, for it would take a great deal of energy for them to fly in the air. Moreover, from the skeletons discovered in land, scientists found that the Dodo's breastbone was too small to support the huge pectoral muscles, which a bird of the same size would need to fly in the sky. Accordingly, the flightless Dodo gradually evolved. However, the flightless ability was not the main cause of the Dodo's extinction. The Dutch sailors' involvement such as the deforestation, which cut off the Dodo's food supply and the destruction of Dodo's nests caused by the sailors' animals was to blame for its extinction.

The Dodo's extinction within less than a century from its first discovery draws worldwide attention to the impact of human activities on the environment. Scientists hope that the disappearance of this species can help us prevent similar extinction and preserve other endangered creatures on earth.

44. According to this passage, the Dodo became extinct probably _____.
 (A) in the 1520s (B) no later than 1600
 (C) in the mid-18th century (D) by 1700

45. Which of the following is **NOT** the primary cause of the Dodo's extinction?
 (A) The shortage of food. (B) The destruction of their nests.
 (C) The Dodo's flightless ability. (D) The aftereffect of the Dutch sailors' animals.
46. What can be inferred from this passage?
 (A) The lesson of the Dodo sheds light on the influence of human activities on species.
 (B) The Dodo was flightless long before it landed on Mauritius.
 (C) The underlined word "**ungainly**" probably means "being slim and skillful."
 (D) The breastbone of the Dodo was as small as that of any other bird to support the huge pectoral muscles.

▲ 閱讀下文，回答第 47-50 題。

You probably saw a small square filled with blurry dots on the DM before. The stuff you saw is called QR code, which is short for quick response code. Unlike traditional UPC barcode, QR code catches on quickly in consumer advertising because it has much greater storage capacity and can read information faster.

First designed to track automobile components in Japan's vehicle manufacturing, QR codes are currently used over a wide range of applications such as product marketing, transport ticketing, personal information storage, etc. With the increasing popularity of smartphones, advertisers realize that they can make use of the consumers' scanning behavior to motivate them to purchase more products. The QR code, thus, has become a marketing strategy in shopping industry as **it** offers customers quick and effortless access to the website of the goods. Furthermore, the QR code also serves as a tool to store classified personal information. A notable example is that Philippine government regulates QR codes should be added to National Bureau of Investigation Clearances.

Nowadays, both Android and Apple users can turn their smartphones into QR code scanners, scanning the information and changing it to a standard URL for a website. Users may receive a text message or compose an e-mail after scanning QR codes. On top of that, by downloading some of the free QR code-generating apps, smartphone users can even produce and print their own QR codes for others to scan and use. Isn't it interesting? If you can't wait to experience the magic of QR code, just download apps for QR code in Google Play and you definitely will get addicted to it.

47. What is the best title of this passage?
 (A) The Origin of QR codes (B) The Use of QR Codes
 (C) The Design of QR Codes (D) The Definition of QR Codes
48. What does the underlined pronoun "**it**" in the second paragraph refer to?
 (A) The website of the goods. (B) The scanning behavior.
 (C) The QR code. (D) The shopping industry.
49. QR codes were initially used in _____.
 (A) smartphone industry (B) consumer advertising
 (C) personal information storage (D) car industry
50. According to the passage, which of the following statements is true?
 (A) People with smartphones can scan and produce QR codes by using some apps.
 (B) Compared with QR codes, UPC barcodes, in reality, can store much more data.
 (C) QR codes are banned from storing personal information due to some security problems.
 (D) QR codes can be applied in a wide range of fields, excluding vehicle manufacturing.