

## 大同大學 100 學年度(寒)轉學入學考試試題

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## Part I Vocabulary and Structure (10%)

- Hepatitis A is a common problem for people living in areas with poor \_\_\_\_.  
(A) sanitation (B) vision (C) judgment (D) memory
- Mr. and Mrs. White are always \_\_\_\_\_ with each other over how to spend their money. Mr. White wants to buy a new car, but Mrs. White wants to go on vacation.  
(A) at fault (B) at a loss (C) at odds (D) at ease
- During the Double-Ten Day parade, \_\_\_\_\_ citizens waved the national flags and sang the national anthem.  
(A) organic (B) patriotic (C) self-centered (D) shocked
- With the rising prices, more and more people complain that salaries in Taiwan are \_\_\_\_ enough to live on.  
(A) barely (B) boldly (C) hard (D) normally
- Jim is very \_\_ what people say because he has been lied to many times.  
(A) regardless of (B) skeptical of (C) envious of (D) informed of
- A computer can do thousands of tasks with amazing speed and flawless \_\_\_\_.  
(A) quickness (B) haste (C) inaccuracy (D) accuracy
- Last month, Russell \_\_\_\_\_ a plan to sell used cars to college students.  
(A) get rid of (B) came up with (C) get along with (D) came up to
- The longer the length of the gaze, the more likely \_\_\_\_ that the listener is interested in the person who is speaking.  
(A) is (B) that is (C) that it is (D) it is
- Whether it's the clouds in our name or the dark green forest and bright silver streams in the valley, there is always something to \_\_\_\_, no matter the weather or season.  
(A) afford (B) accept (C) admire (D) acquire
- I warned you that it would be impossible to get away with what you did, so now you have to face the \_\_\_\_ of your actions.  
(A) productions (B) challenges (C) discoveries (D) consequences

## Part II Reading Comprehension (30%)

## Questions 11-14

The death of our dog, Sugar, last summer was very hard for our family, especially when my wife and I began that fall as empty nesters. Initially, we thought that it would be easier not having a dog, so we could be free to come and go with fewer responsibilities. But, soon I realized how lonely it was every time I came home without a dog to greet me excitedly or when I entered a room without a dog to pet, to cuddle, and to talk to. After the children left home, it just seemed saner to talk to my dog than to myself. I also missed the feeling of security when I left the door unlocked and heard an odd noise. I didn't have Sugar watching out for me. My friends said I needed another dog, but I didn't want to go through raising a puppy again.

One day, a friend of mine who volunteered for an animal shelter called and encouraged us to go to the shelter and see a cute, thin stray found wandering the streets in Kaohsiung. He looked very shy and scared. His big brown eyes seemed to look right into my heart, so we brought him home and named him Tigger.

Tigger has been with us since last December. As we grew to love him, his shyness disappeared, and now he eagerly, yet tenderly, greets other dogs, children, and adults. He is healthy, well-mannered, and exceptionally lovable. He takes me for long walks every morning to keep me healthy and stays with me every day to keep me company. I am glad I have Tigger; he has taken the place of my Sugar.

- Where was Tigger right before he was taken home by the narrator?  
(A) In the house of the narrator.  
(B) In the room in the narrator's house.  
(C) On the streets of Kaohsiung.  
(D) In a shelter for stray dogs.
- When the narrator said, "My wife and I began that fall as empty nesters," what did he mean?  
(A) All their children had grown up and left home.  
(B) Sugar was no longer with them, so the nest was left empty.  
(C) They found that the birds had flown away from their nest.  
(D) He and his wife found an empty nest which had fallen from the tree.
- Did the narrator and his wife want another dog immediately after the death of Sugar?  
(A) No, they wanted a puppy instead.  
(B) No, but they did want a pet.  
(C) No, they no longer wanted a dog.  
(D) They thought either a puppy or a grown-up dog would be fine as long as they had one to keep them company.

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14. Which of the following is untrue?

- (A) Tigger used to be a stray.
- (B) The narrator felt lonely after his dog died.
- (C) Tigger and Sugar are friendly to each other.
- (D) The narrator walks the dog every morning.

Questions 15-17

*Feng Shui* is an ancient knowledge of the most beneficial way to place and arrange furniture, rooms, and buildings to achieve maximum harmony with nature. The Chinese have developed a system that assigns correct and incorrect ways to layout buildings and to place furniture and belongings within.

To understand the concepts behind *Feng Shui*, one must first understand that to the Chinese, there is a somewhat mystical bond between beings and their natural surroundings. Since today's societies surround themselves with things unnatural and manmade, there is then a need to attune these surroundings to harmonize with nature, lest the connection be disrupted and bad fortune fall upon the offender.

In its earliest forms, *Feng Shui* tended to relate primarily to the forces of nature, such as floods and winds, and sought to find the most beneficial ways of living with these natural phenomena. This form of *Feng Shui* is the simple wisdom that tells a farmer where to plant crops for the best harvest or where to place a house for best protection and comfort, and the like. The actual art of positioning objects is often in reference to the natural way the components of the world and the universe are positioned. The most common practice of *Feng Shui* in Asia today is selecting the optimum burial site for a deceased family member, as the Chinese believe the position of a site will dictate the fortune of the family.

15. What is the closest meaning of "being" in the first sentence of the second paragraph?

- (A) People. (B) A person. (C) All living things. (D) The present participle of the verb to be.

16. What is the main idea of this article?

- (A) *Feng Shui* is a popular belief of the Chinese.
- (B) *Feng Shui* is a system of positioning things at their most beneficial location.
- (C) The effect of *Feng Shui* cannot be ignored.
- (D) *Feng Shui* is a form of superstition.

17. What is the most common application of *Feng Shui* in Asia these days?

- (A) Helping people select the luckiest lottery numbers.
- (B) Helping farmers find the best place to plant crops.
- (C) Helping people identify a good place to build their houses.
- (D) Helping people locate the best site and direction of graves.

Questions 18-21

It was a warm summer day on the Pacific Ocean about two kilometers east of Taitung. Since it was a fine day for fishing, the area was dotted with several dozen fishing boats, each preoccupied with its own catch of the day, except one. The fishermen on that boat were struggling with their nets, which seemed to have caught on something. They shouted instructions, and they pulled hard, but the nets would not come free.

After nearly an hour of failed attempts, one of the fishermen dived into the ocean, trying to see what was causing them the trouble. To his amazement, he saw a large old vessel beneath him, and their nets were tangled with the rails on the starboard side. As he couldn't dive any further without proper gear, he went up and told his companions about what he saw. Two other fishermen dived into the ocean with him again, wearing scuba gear this time. They swam around the vessel and saw the name of the vessel, *Jaoching*, still vaguely visible. The fishermen's discovery revealed the fifty-year mystery of *Jaoching's* disappearance on the chilly wintry night of 1949 with seventy-seven people and twelve tons of gold on board.

18. What does the writer imply?

- (A) The *Jaoching* disappeared in 1949, but no one knew what happened to it.
- (B) The *Jaoching* damaged the nets of many fishing boats.
- (C) The *Jaoching* was attacked by the communists in 1949.
- (D) The *Jaoching* sank after hitting an iceberg.

19. What idea can a reader infer from the story?

- (A) The fishermen have been looking for the *Jaoching* for a long time.
- (B) The fishermen will steal the gold.
- (C) This story was written in 1999.
- (D) This story was published in the newspaper.

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20. How come the first fisherman could not see the name of the sunken ship?

- (A) He didn't wear scuba gear.
- (B) He was afraid to dive further by himself.
- (C) The name of the ship was covered with mud.
- (D) He was afraid of possible shark attacks.

21. What does the story suggest?

- (A) The fishermen gave up their nets.
- (B) The Pacific Ocean is often very warm.
- (C) Fishing is a popular sport.
- (D) The area east of Taitung is a popular fishing spot.

Questions 22-25

## Senior Electrical Engineer

A national consulting firm is looking to fill an immediate opening for a senior electrical engineer to head the electrical department of its conveniently located downtown Taipei office. Candidates with five to seven years electrical design experience and a professional engineer license in Taiwan are preferred.

Experience must include design of electrical systems for commercial, institutional, residential, and industrial buildings. The ideal candidate should have adequate experience in marketing, project management, combined with excellent written and verbal communication, and client interaction skills.

Excellent benefits including our company incentive compensation, retirement annuity, health, dental, prescription, life, short-term and long-term disability insurance, and stock ownership plans are available for this managerial position.

Interested candidates should email resume to [searchlight@talent.com](mailto:searchlight@talent.com). Recruiters need not respond.

22. How does one apply for the above job?

- (A) Send a resume via email. (B) Look for the company's street address.
- (C) Fax a resume to the company. (D) Send a resume via postal services.

23. Which of the following is untrue?

- (A) The opening requires five to seven years of experience in electrical design.
- (B) Someone with professional engineer license in Taiwan will have a better chance of getting the job.
- (C) The candidate must have good experience in marketing.
- (D) The candidate must have good speaking and writing skills.

24. What company is the above job opening for?

- (A) The Design Company. (B) The Senior Electrical Engineer Company.
- (C) The Searchlight Company. (D) The company's name is not specified.

25. If a candidate is found, when can he or she begin work?

- (A) In five or seven years. (B) Within a week. (C) Usually within a month. (D) Right away.

## Part III Essay (60%)

For more and more developed countries the main challenge is not overpopulation, but a declining one. Though the reasons for falling birth rates vary from country to country, all countries with declining populations face similar social and economic consequences.

Write an essay of two paragraphs. In the first paragraph, briefly state the possible reasons causing a falling birth rate in Taiwan, and then, in the second paragraph, depict the consequences we may face in the near future.