

國立臺中教育大學 108 學年度研究所碩士班招生考試
英文試題

適用系所：音樂學系碩士班（音樂演奏與創作組）

I. Vocabulary and Grammar (40%; 2% each)

1. The US federal government remained _____, as Democrats refused to fund Donald Trump's wall on the Mexican border.
(A) bend down (B) pull down (C) pulled down (D) shut down
2. The unemployment rate in the euro area _____ to 7.9%, the lowest it has been since 2008.
(A) dipped (B) raise (C) rose (D) slow
3. Relations between China and Canada have been tense since Canada's _____ of a senior Chinese executive of Huawei, a technology company.
(A) detach (B) detachment (C) detent (D) detention
4. The President promised to _____ the monthly minimum wage.
(A) quadrangle (B) quadruple (C) trident (D) tripod
5. The mayor was murdered by a knife-_____ assailant in front of a horrified crowd at a charity event.
(A) attachment (B) attack (C) welding (D) wielding
6. The latest eruption of a volcano in central Java intensified, sending _____ down its slopes.
(A) larva (B) larvae (C) lava (D) larynx
7. Jack Bogle revolutionized the investment industry in the 1970s by _____ an index-tracking fund with super-low fees aimed at everyday investors.
(A) capitulating (B) launching (C) shooting (D) throwing
8. The death _____ from the recent tsunami in Indonesia stood at 430, with more than 14,000 injured.
(A) tack (B) tag (C) teller (D) toll
9. Japan said it would _____ an international ban and restart commercial whaling in its territorial waters, although it promised to stop whaling near Antarctica.
(A) define (B) defy (C) deify (D) depend

10. In the past two decades, house prices have doubled in real terms, because of both tight planning restrictions, which have limited supply of homes, and low interest rates, which have _____ demand for them.
(A) stocked (B) stoked (C) stroke (D) stroked
11. I am sorry, but Room 301 is not available. It _____ by another group.
(A) was using (B) was being used
(C) is using (D) is being used
12. By this January, we _____ in this apartment for more than twenty years.
(A) will live (B) will have been living
(C) had lived (D) are going to be living
13. _____ not smoking? I'm allergic to cigarette smoke.
(A) Would you (B) Can you
(C) Would you mind (D) Will you
14. This chemical is very dangerous. You _____ handle it without gloves and goggles.
(A) don't have to (B) have to (C) could not (D) must not
15. John has invited all of the students and all of the _____ parents to his birthday party.
(A) students' (B) student's (C) students (D) students their
16. The _____ news about robberies in the neighborhood caused everyone to be sure to lock their doors.
(A) disturbed (B) disturbing (C) disturbs (D) disturb
17. The Northern Hemisphere has mostly westerly winds _____ the rotation of the earth toward the east.
(A) due to (B) because (C) therefore (D) so
18. Not wanting to be late to my first day of class, _____ to school after I missed my bus.
(A) so I ran (B) because I ran (C) I ran (D) therefore, I ran
19. The voters were overwhelmingly against the candidate _____ proposals called for higher taxes.
(A) who his (B) whose (C) that is (D) whom he had
20. Sonia broke her leg in two places. _____, she had to wear a cast and use crutches for three months.
(A) Nevertheless (B) Consequently (C) For that (D) Because

II. Cloze Test (30%; 2% each)

Louisa May Alcott was born in Germantown, Pennsylvania on November 29, 1832. She grew up in Concord, Massachusetts. Louisa May Alcott's father was Amos Bronson Alcott. He was an educator and philosopher. Her mother was Abigail May. Her mother was from an important family in Boston, Massachusetts. Louisa May Alcott had three sisters named Anna, Elizabeth, and May. Louisa May Alcott was the second daughter in the family.

Louisa May Alcott's father taught her at home. Her father used an unconventional method to 21 her to great writers and philosophers. She was very happy to be educated by her father. Louisa May Alcott was very close to her mother. Her mother encouraged her to be independent. Louisa May Alcott was also deeply involved with her sisters' lives. She cared for her sister Elizabeth who had a long illness and eventually died. She became the legal 22 of Louisa, who was May's daughter. She also helped her sister Anna by adopting her son, John Sewell Pratt. Louisa May Alcott devoted much of her time to 23. She remained single her whole life.

Louisa May Alcott's parents impacted her ability to write. Her parents required her to keep journals. Her parents read her journals regularly. One comment from her mother urged Louisa May Alcott to write about her thoughts and her conversations with her mother. This helped Louisa May Alcott describe her thoughts and better understand herself. In addition to 24 writing, Louisa May Alcott's education taught by her father laid the groundwork for her to become a writer. In 1850, Louisa May Alcott started working hard to excel her writing skill. She discovered that she could earn money by creating sentimental and thriller stories for adult magazines. This money was helpful to support her family. However, Louisa May Alcott wanted to compose something more 25. So, she began writing two adult novels. After a while, she became an editor for a children's monthly magazine. It was during this time that she was challenged to write a children's novel. Louisa May Alcott 26 on her and her family's lives to create real-life characters in order to write a children's novel called *Little Women*.

Louisa May Alcott developed her characters to be like realistic people. These characters had a range of emotions and showed faults and warm affection for each other. Her characters did not represent qualities of good and evil. Also, her characters did not have 27 authoritarian family lives. Louisa May Alcott used a realistic way of writing, which 28 away from the traditional style of writing. As a result, she was considered the 29 of realistic fiction for children.

Louisa May Alcott died at the age of 55 on March 6, 1888. She passed away only

2 days after her father died. Even after her passing, Louisa May Alcott continued to be remembered for her book *Little Women*, which was her greatest _____ 30 _____ as a writer.

21. (A) expose (B) exempt (C) explode (D) exonerate
22. (A) guards (B) guarded (C) guarding (D) guardian
23. (A) wrote (B) written (C) writing (D) being written
24. (A) practiced (B) practicing (C) being practiced (D) been practiced
25. (A) slurp (B) serious (C) seriously (D) severely
26. (A) drew (B) dropped (C) dripped (D) drowned
27. (A) rigid (B) cliff (C) canter (D) gallop
28. (A) broke (B) exiled (C) boosted (D) exhumed
29. (A) inhalator (B) innovator (C) inheritor (D) innkeeper
30. (A) exhaustion (B) executioner (C) experimenter (D) accomplishment

Realistic fiction has three functions. First, realistic fiction can serve as a reference which can _____ 31 _____ a child's worldview. So, a child may understand people's actions and develop _____ 32 _____. Second, realistic fiction can be a _____ 33 _____ of comfort. When a child has a problem, he or she can read a book that deals with the same type of problem. This may give a child comfort and hope. Third, realistic fiction can provide new experiences to prepare a child with the ability to _____ 34 _____ his or her life for the future. These three functions are beneficial to a child because they can help a child comprehend his or her strengths and weaknesses and become _____ 35 _____.

31. (A) excise (B) expand (C) excerpt (D) expunge
32. (A) symptom (B) sympathy (C) companion (D) compendium
33. (A) sauce (B) cereal (C) source (D) saucer
34. (A) slump (B) handle (C) topple (D) extinct
35. (A) folly (B) mature (C) infernal (D) scatterbrained

III. Reading Comprehension (30%; 2% each)

Direction: In this reading test, you will read a variety of texts and answer several reading comprehension questions. Select the best answer for each question.

For questions 36-40, please refer to the following text.

Joy-Market Returns Policy

With a few exceptions, anything purchased from a Joy-Market store may be exchanged or returned for a full refund of the purchase price within 30 days

provided

- 1) the goods are unused,
- 2) the goods are placed in their original package,
- 3) proof of purchase is provided.

IMPORTANT: Please note food purchased from our fresh food counters must be returned no later than 24 hours after the time of purchase.

Some items must be returned unopened. These items are toys; music CDs and DVDs; computer software and hardware; videos; glassware; kitchenware; undergarments; and packaged hardware items.

Customers, or those returning Joy Market items received as gifts, should provide photo identification at the time of application. Customers returning goods valued at less than \$100 will be issued an exchange certificate or money order on the spot. For returns of goods valued at \$100 or more, a check will be mailed to the purchaser within 3 working days of the return. The amount of refunds or exchange certificates will be the same as the price paid for the item returned.

36. What type of text is this?

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| (A) Policy announcement | (B) Advertisement |
| (C) News report | (D) Lecture |

37. What is **NOT** stated in the policy?

- (A) Goods must be brought back in their original form.
- (B) The original receipt must accompany the returned item.
- (C) A time limit is placed on items being returned.
- (D) A full refund will be provided for all items if returned within 24 hours.

38. In which of the following situations would a person have to show photo identification?

- (A) When returning items that are valued over \$100 before taxes.
- (B) If the merchandise was originally bought by someone as a gift other than the person returning it.
- (C) In situations where the boxes have been opened and used.
- (D) If a credit card was used when making the purchase.

39. According to the policy, how long will it take to get a refund for a purchase made under \$100?
- (A) It depends on the product purchased.
 - (B) A refund will be provided right away.
 - (C) At least 3 business days.
 - (D) 24 hours if a receipt is provided.
40. Which of the following items must be returned unopened?
- (A) Beef
 - (B) Potato chips
 - (C) Underwear
 - (D) Dried fruits

For questions 41-45, please refer to the following text.

Be Clean, Be Green

Dear Guests,

Each year, many of the major waterways in the world get polluted by vast amounts of detergents used to wash bed linen and towels in hotels. In an effort to help preserve the environment, we'd like to ask all of our guests to please leave the towels that you intend to re-use on the towel rack and place those towels you want exchanged in the bathtub. May we also ask that you leave this card on the bed if you do not require your bed linens changed? We'd like to thank you for your cooperation in helping to improve our environment.

The Management
Splendid Hotel, Taichung, Taiwan

41. What type of text is this?
- (A) A text from discussion board
 - (B) An advertisement
 - (C) A news report
 - (D) A note
42. What is being asked of those who do not want their bed sheets changed?
- (A) Call the management staff.
 - (B) Talk to the hotel maid.
 - (C) Place the card on the bed.
 - (D) Leave a do-not-disturb sign on the door.

43. What message does the hotel want the text to convey?
- (A) It is trying to do its part to help a good cause.
 - (B) It is trying to cut down on cleaning costs.
 - (C) It is short of cleaning staff.
 - (D) It only uses environment-friendly products.
44. According to the text, what is the main cause of pollution for many of the major waterways in the world?
- (A) Pesticide
 - (B) Washing and cleaning chemicals or liquids
 - (C) Electrosmog
 - (D) Heavy metals
45. For the towels that a guest wants to reuse, what should he or she do?
- (A) Leave them on the towel rack.
 - (B) Place them in the bathtub.
 - (C) Tell the housekeeper.
 - (D) Write a note to notify the maid.

For questions 46-50, please refer to the following text.

Experienced Office/Administration Assistant Wanted

Energetic, new public relations agency is looking for a highly talented Office/Administrative Assistant to join and help organize a small but rapidly growing team. You will have at least 2-3 years office experience, be a self-starter with a “can-do” attitude, and have the ability to bring order to chaos!

Duties will include: word processing such as letters, reports, and proposals; developing PowerPoint presentations; creating and maintaining filing systems; creating Excel spreadsheets; organizing meetings; and managing the diaries of consultants and other general office management duties.

While experience as an administrative assistant in the PR or media industry is of value, it is not essential. To be successful in this role, you will have excellent communication skills, be proficient in all Microsoft applications, particularly PowerPoint, and have an outstanding eye for details.

The position is open to both part-time and full-time applicants, and flexible working conditions are offered. If you believe you fit the criteria, are bright, energetic, and proactive, please submit a CV outlining your specific experience by

Friday, April 7 to recruitment@NTCUPR.com. Please note only candidates that meet the criteria will be short-listed and contacted.

46. What type of text is this?
- (A) A memo (B) A news report
(C) An advertisement (D) A note
47. What type of company is recruiting this position?
- (A) Construction company (B) Mass media company
(C) Public relations agency (D) Public sector
48. What quality of the applicant will add credits to the application but not necessarily required?
- (A) Experience (B) Bachelor degree
(C) Study abroad experience (D) Hardworking
49. Which of the following statement is true?
- (A) All the applicants will be notified for an interview.
(B) The position recruits full-time timers.
(C) Applicants can apply via phones.
(D) The application has a deadline.
50. Which of the following duties is not included for this position?
- (A) Chair meetings (B) Create presentation materials
(C) Word processing (D) Office management duties