

I. Cloze 20%

Bilingual 2030

The government has l (1) d the Bilingual 2030 policy precisely to b (2) t the competitiveness of Taiwan's young generation to enable the next generation to enjoy better job and salary opportunities. Building on our advantage as a Mandarin-speaking nation and on top of professional knowledge, this policy is expected to further s (3) n English communication skills of the citizens, especially among young people, and to help bolster their global competitiveness. The Bilingual 2030 policy will be guided by a twofold vision, namely, "helping Taiwan's w (4) e connect with the world" and "attracting international enterprises to Taiwan; enabling Taiwanese industries to connect to global markets and create high-quality jobs". To achieve this o (5) g policy goal, the National Development Council and the Ministry of Education follow the instructions of the President and the Prime Minister to coordinate all available resources to of related ministries/commissions to actively implement the Bilingual 2030 policy. The following six goals will be the main focuses: a (6) g the development of bilingual higher education; balancing and o (7) g bilingual conditions for schools at the senior high school level and below; developing digital learning; expanding p (8) n of affordable English proficiency test; raising civil servants' English proficiency; and e (9) g an administrative body dedicated to policy promotion and i (10) n. These joint efforts will elevate the overall efficacy of the policy, and Taiwan's next generation will be equipped with better international competitiveness by adding bilingual capabilities on to their professional expertise.

II. Choose the best word or phrase for each blank

(A)

11. Most people think the wolf is a ferocious beast because of its ____ based on stories and movies, but actually it is afraid of people.

- A. combination
- B. reputation
- C. distinction
- D. presentation

12. The students ____ did not absorb what the instructor taught in class because none of them passed the follow-up quiz.

- A. precisely
- B. evidently
- C. roughly

D. desperately

13. ____ taking a bus to school every morning, George alternates between riding a bike and taking the MRT.

A. By means of

B. Instead of

C. In spite of

D. On account of

14. When Sally returned home, the rug hadn't been cleaned yet, ____.

A. nor had the laundry been done

B. nor was the laundry done

C. the laundry was not done either

D. the laundry had not done either

15. The locals didn't want to move, but because of the presence of highly ____ chemicals, it was really dangerous to remain in the area.

A. poisonous

B. splendid

C. innocent

D. functional

16. The more my mother insisted, ____ I objected to her idea.

A. a lot stronger

B. even stronger

C. the more strongly

D. more strongly

17. In order to lose weight, Linda exercises every morning, drinks plenty of water, and has ____ snacks between meals.

A. make use of

B. cut down on

C. catch up with

D. stand up for

18. Women in Taiwan always carry umbrellas in summer to prevent ____ to the sun's harsh rays.

A. impulse

- B. stimulant
- C. exposure
- D. diagnosis

19. In spite of the recent problems, he is ____ the product will be ready for the customer next week.

- A. confident
- B. reliable
- C. devoted
- D. forceful

20. As we speak, an ____ meeting is being held for all personnel by the vice president of finance, which are usually scheduled for Thursdays.

- A. unpredictable
- B. unscheduled
- C. impossible
- D. impetuous

21. We decided to reinstate our order ____ completely canceling it since we wouldn't be able to get a refund.

- A. in addition to
- B. as opposed to
- C. sooner than
- D. as well as

(B)

You may think that mythology is dead, but you would be wrong. Basically, myths are stories about gods or heroes with supernatural powers that (22) helped explain the formation of the Earth and its natural forces. They were often powerful stories and are (23) all cultures.

For instance, the ancient Greeks believed that from Chaos came the gods (24) the sky, ocean and so on. (25) it is disputed, the principal Chinese creation myth centers on Pangu, who gave birth to heaven and Earth.

In contemporary society, the invention of gods and superheroes is generally limited to comic-book creations, for example, Superman, Batman and even Doraemon. They now serve as entertainment, (26) as an explanation of natural and supernatural forces, or the creation of the universe.

22.

- A. originally
- B. passively
- C. intensely
- D. dominantly

23.

- A. absent from
- B. derived from
- C. superior to
- D. common to

24.

- A. representing
- B. monitoring
- C. eliminating
- D. shrinking

25.

- A. Since
- B. Now that
- C. Though
- D. Unless

26.

- A. other than
- B. rather than
- C. no less than
- D. more than

(C)

Countries such as Taiwan, Japan and Chile live under the ever-present threat of volcanoes and earthquakes and their immense (27) power. This is (28) they are located on the "Pacific Ring of Fire," along the edges of one of the world's main tectonic plates.

The world's surface is (29) a series of "plates," about 80 km thick, that float on top of the Earth's hot (30) and when they collide they can cause the violent eruptions of a volcano. This movement of the plates is also related to seismic activity, which is (31) causes earthquakes, a sudden release of energy in the Earth's crust. They are examples of nature's devastating power and there is nothing we can do to control them.

27.

- A. numerous
- B. destructive
- C. inevitable
- D. mechanical

28.

- A. as
- B. due to
- C. the reason why
- D. because

29.

- A. looked up to
- B. put up with
- C. made up of
- D. taken up with

30.

- A. interior
- B. resort
- C. liquor
- D. globe

31.

- A. that
- B. what
- C. how
- D. when

(D)

Service Agreement

Congratulations on your recent purchase of a Mobile For You cellular phone package.

We have some of (32) terms of service in the industry. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our service terms:

- Within thirty days of purchase, termination of the service is permitted. The full purchase price will be refunded, minus the \$100 (33) fee.
- Only phones in good working order will be accepted for exchange or refund. (34).
- Payments are due on the 25th of each month. (35) payments will be assessed a \$15 per day penalty.

The phone contract will be canceled after 60 days of non-payment.

For additional information, visit our website at www.mobileforyou.com. Thank you

for doing business with Mobile For You.

32.

- A. the good
- B. better
- C. the best
- D. best

33.

- A. inducement
- B. revival
- C. incitation
- D. activation

34.

- A. Customers are able to use their phone while roaming as well.
- B. No refund will be given if the phone is unusable due to damage.
- C. Refunds are processed through our website.
- D. Bills may be paid on our mobile app.

35.

- A. Late
- B. Last
- C. Latest
- D. Later

(E)

To: All Sales Representatives

From: Darren Wu

Re: Sales Conference

As you are (36), a sales conference has been scheduled for the weekend of May 25th, However, a number of unforeseen problems have occurred recently regarding the venue, (37), management has decided to postpone the event until the problems are resolved. (38).

The decision has been made to change the conference to the weekend of June 22nd. We will meet locally at the Prince Hotel in the 6th floor conference room at 8:00 a.m., and a hot breakfast will be served. Please be on time as the conference will begin immediately afterward. There is a lot of (39) to cover right before the conference. I am looking forward to seeing you on June 22nd.

36.

- A. awareness
- B. self-aware
- C. unaware
- D. aware

37.

- A. therefore
- B. although
- C. yet
- D. and

38.

- A. We apologize if this causes any scheduling problems.
- B. Management is unhappy with the venue.
- C. Please talk to your manager regarding transportation.
- D. A meeting will be held about it next week.

39.

- A. speeches
- B. information
- C. discussions
- D. result

III. Reading comprehension 30%

(A)

The coyote is one of the most successful wildlife stories in the United States because it has been able to adapt to city life. It has been spotted strolling around in New York's Central Park, picking up scraps from restaurants in Chicago and even running around a courthouse in Detroit.

Coyotes are found in North and Central America and are related to the wolf.

Traditionally, they were regarded as pests because they sometimes attacked livestock when natural prey, such as rabbits, was scarce. As a result they were shot, trapped and poisoned. Their natural caution, flexibility and intelligence ensured they did not die out, and in recent years coyote populations have expanded.

This is partly due to the fact they thrive in the city, where they hunt down rodents and small pets and scavenge from trash bins. They are good at avoiding contact with humans because they usually hunt at night and therefore most city residents don't even know they are there. So successful has the coyote's transition to the metropolis been that they live longer in the city than in rural areas.

40. What would be a good title for this article?

- A. A Newly-Found Pest in the Metropolis
- B. Wily Coyote Migrates to the City
- C. Coyote Threatening the life of Urban Populations
- D. Coyote in the Face of Extinction

41. Which of the following descriptions about coyotes is correct?

- A. They can be found in the wild as well as in small American cities.
- B. Their populations have decreased since humans hunted them for pleasure.
- C. Coyotes in the wild survive longer than in urban areas.
- D. Their smarts and skills allow them to fare well in the city.

42. According to the article, coyotes feed on many things except...

- A. rabbits.
- B. garbage.
- C. mice.
- D. wolves.

(B)

Springfield, June 6--- The controversial aerotropolis development project is set to begin construction at the end of this month. It is by far the largest project pursued by the Springfield city government in conjunction with corporations. Due to increasing tourism, trade opportunities, and global economic growth, Springfield has gradually become an aviation hub in the East-Asia region. Springfield, conveniently located in this region, is approximately three hours away from major cities in Asia. Moreover, in recent years, spurred by economic growth in the Middle East and South Asia, more and more affluent travelers have to come to Springfield for vacations or as a transit stop before continuing on to their final destinations. According to the Tourism Bureau, 107 million passengers arrived in Springfield last year, a record high for Springfield, and the number of passengers coming to Springfield is expected to go up further. Therefore, the Springfield city council passed the aerotropolis development project two years ago. It is hoped that the aerotropolis can boost the country's as well as the city's global recognition, and most of all bring in foreign investment and trade opportunities. -{1}-. On the top of that, with travelers and international businesses coming to the city, hotels, shopping malls, restaurants, cultural venues and office complexes will also be needed. According to proponents of the aerotropolis, the expansion of the airport and the commercial center will certainly create more job opportunities for locals, which in turn would stimulate local economic growth. -{2}-.

However, the construction of an aerotropolis requires a lot of land, farmland in this case. -{3}- The government appropriated around 1500 acres from local farmers to build terminal three and a commercial center around the airport. The acquisition has been met with numerous protests from farmers, local residents and environmentalists. They argued that the plan does not benefit the local community. Instead, it only contributes to the growth of corporations. -{4}- Some opponents fear that the aerotropolis might become an economic enclave. In addition, a globalized and urbanized city often means the loss of the unique local culture. Despite the construction of the aerotropolis is set to start in three weeks and is scheduled to be completed in four years.

43. What is the reason for building an aerotropolis?

- A. To attract local tourists
- B. To modernize the city
- C. To increase trade opportunities
- D. To help local farmers

44. What is suggested about travelers from the Middle East and Southeast Asia?

- A. They shop more when travelling
- B. They are attracted by the cultural uniqueness of Springfield
- C. They are usually wealthy.
- D. They are only transiting through the airport.

45. What is NOT true about the aerotropolis plan?

- A. It might have a negative impact on the local environment.
- B. There were disputes about the land acquisition.
- C. The airport currently has two terminals.
- D. The construction is going to commence next week.

46. The word “appropriated” in paragraph 2, line 2, is closest in meaning to

- A. declared
- B. obtained
- C. traded
- D. lost

47. In which of the positions marked {1}, {2}, {3} and {4} does the following sentence best belong?

“Most of the revenue from the airport and the commercial center will remain in the

hands of the corporations.”

- A. {1}
- B. {2}
- C. {3}
- D. {4}

(C)

The writing is on the wall for gasoline-powered cars, which are polluting the planet and contributing to global warming. Hybrid cars that use two or more sources of power, such as diesel and electricity, are one of the ways in which we can be less reliant on gas. In addition, alternative transport such as subway and light railway systems are being developed, so we are not so dependent on cars.

Germany's Karl Benz built one of the first automobiles powered by gasoline, in 1885. Within 20 years the Ford Model T rolled off the production line in the United States and made cars available to the masses. Since then, road networks have expanded massively and now cars are everywhere.

The exhaust fumes from gas-powered cars include poisonous carbon monoxide, lead and the gas that is said to be causing the greenhouse effect that is heating up the planet, namely carbon dioxide. This is why it is imperative that we reduce the number of cars on the road, or use alternative non-polluting energy sources to power them.

48. What is the main idea of this article?

- A. To inform us of the newest natural resource
- B. To foretell the replacement of gas-powered cars
- C. To advise against using public transport
- D. To warn us of the danger of the greenhouse effect

49. The word “imperative” in line 12 is closest in meaning to...

- A. equivalent.
- B. honorable.
- C. intensive.
- D. urgent.

50. What does the writer imply in this article?

- A. Global warming will worsen unless we drive less.
- B. Cars are the sole source of poisonous gases on earth.
- C. Hybrid cars are the only answer to solving the greenhouse effect.
- D. Cars produce no more pollution than any other machines.

答案卷

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