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第二節

英文閱讀寫作 試題

- I. Identify main ideas 25%
1. Sarah Bernhardt, known as “the divine Sarah,” was one of the greatest actresses of all time. Her voice was “like a golden bell.” Oscar Wilde, the famous writer, first gave her the title of “divine Sarah.” Born in Paris in 1844, she spend her early years in a convent. At thirteen, she entered the Paris Conservatory where she studied music and drama. By 1872, she was a famous actress at the state theater of France. She appeared in plays in continental Europe, England, and the United States. She also managed and performed in theaters in Paris. After many exciting “farewell tours,” she died in 1923.
 1. The paragraph tells mainly--
 - (A) what Sarah Bernhardt’s voice sounded like
 - (B) where Sarah Bernhardt spent her youth
 - (C) who was one of the world’s greatest actresses
 - (D) where Sarah Bernhardt appeared as an actress
 2. In years gone by, vast numbers of farm workers were employed to weed cotton fields in the southwestern part of America. About fifty years ago cotton growers made cheaply than farm worker. The geese find the weeds and grass that infest cotton fields much to their liking. They seem to thrive on them, needing very little other food to fulfill their diet. Though the use of geese isn’t a recent practice, it has expanded to a point where over a million geese are now employed in cotton fields!
 2. The paragraph tells mainly--
 - (A) how animals help humans
 - (B) how geese are used in cotton fields
 - (C) what foods geese eat
 - (D) why geese need little to complete their diet
 3. Dolls are toys found in every culture from ancient to modern times.

Children of every sort take great pleasure in playing with dolls. However, dolls have also served a serious purpose. They have often been the ambassadors of goodwill. Dolls paved the way for friendship in the New World nearly five hundred years ago. When the English settlers arrived on the New England coast, they presented gifts to the Native Americans (Indians). Dolls were among the offerings. No matter what the costume, dolls seem to evoke a warm feeling. Dolls break any language barrier; one could say that they make excellent diplomats. More than playthings, dolls are toys of goodwill.

3. The paragraph tells mainly--

- (A) why children play with dolls
- (B) why the English settlers gave dolls to the Indians
- (C) how dolls serve a serious purpose
- (D) when dolls became popular

4. Folks fear the skunk because of its odor. However, that gentle creature like people. A family of five skunks paid visits nightly to a drive-in movie near Ford City in Pennsylvania. They walked around under the cars like house pets. One night they entered the food stand and ate food from the floor. They caused no odor. A postmaster found the friendliest skunk of all. He was on a lawn chair one summer night, reading, when he felt tickling sensations on his bare feet. Because he had a cat, he ignored the tickling. Then the animal leaped onto his lap...a baby skunk! The postmaster threw down the newspaper and ran. So did that friendly, but frightened, skunk!

4. The paragraph tells mainly--

- (A) why people fear skunks
- (B) how friendly skunks can be
- (C) how skunks resemble cats
- (D) how skunks eat food from the floor

5. Stories of courageous chiefs and warriors abound in the history of the American Indian. Wetamoo was a famous warrior of the Great Swamp Fight of 1675. She became the queen of the Wampanoag Indians after her husband, Chief Massasoit, died. When peace with the Pilgrims was no longer possible, Wetamoo organized the New England Indian Confederacy and an army of warriors and led them into battle. After defeat, Wetamoo saved what was left of her army by disguising them

with branches and leading them through the swamps. As a queen, a diplomat, and especially a warrior, Wetamoo is honored for her dignity, courage, and ingenuity.

5. The paragraph tells mainly—
- (A) who the Wampanoag Indians were
 - (B) what Wetamoo did to earn a place in history
 - (C) how Wetamoo saved the remains of her army
 - (D) what the New England Indian Confederacy was

II. Reading skill : Create a title and find the supporting sentences

Many people consider the ocean waters off the coast of South Florida to be the deadliest in the world. This is the area that contains the infamous Bermuda Triangle. Bordered by southern Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Bermuda Islands, the Bermuda Triangle has claimed a number of ships and aircraft, with never a trace of any remaining. The first mention of the area took place in 1945. A flight of five U.S. Navy bombers flew into the Triangle on a simple training exercise. The weather was clear. The winds were not too strong. The pilots and their crews were all experienced fliers. Yet all five aircraft and their pilots and crews disappeared! Over the years other airplanes and several ships have met similar fates in this same area of the ocean. No reason for any of these disappearances has ever been found.

- A. On your paper, write a title for the above paragraph. The title should sum up the topic or the main idea, but it should also be “catchy” enough to make people want to read the paragraph.

III. Reading comprehension

A License to Kill?

FRENCH WRITER EMILE DURKHEIM noticed a century ago that such intensely regulated environments as religious sects and military bases had higher suicide rates. Which makes you wonder what he would say about a society that decides to regulate suicide—that actually allows you to apply for it like a driver’s license. Would that society experience a spate of “contagious” suicides, as Durkheim might theorize today?

We will find out. Soon it will be possible in the Netherlands for doctors to inject lethal drugs into chronically ill people who want to die. No other nation has formally legalized euthanasia. And though mercy killings have not been criminally punished for years in the Netherlands and a few other places—Colombia and Switzerland among them—there’s something creepy about

how far the Dutch have gone with the law. When it takes effect in the fall, doctors will be able to euthanize sick children as young as 12, as long as the kids ask and Mom and Dad agree.

To be sure, the Netherlands hasn't completely become Hemlockland. Two physicians must agree that a euthanasia applicant suffers an unbearable, hopeless condition. Subsequently, each case of mercy killing will be reviewed by a lawyer. Something like the Dutch law exists in only one U.S. state, Oregon, but its Death with Dignity Act is less sweeping (see chart). Under its strict rules, doctors there signed only 96 prescriptions for lethal doses of medication from 1998 through 2000. By comparison, physicians already euthanize roughly 4,000 Dutch each year-and it's not even technically legal yet.

Not surprisingly, the regulation of a decision as wrenching as suicide creates many gray areas. In the Netherlands, cancer patient Lenie Lemchert, 68, says the Dutch requirement that the patient experience unbearable suffering is inhumane. "Is the fact that your situation is hopeless not enough?" Lemckert asks. In Oregon, because patients must be able to swallow pills in order to kill themselves, many worry about waiting past the point they can ingest substances. State officials wonder whether the law violates the Americans with Disabilities Act by excluding those who can't swallow. "And can a family member lift the cup to their lips? I don't know," says Dr. Katrina Hedberg of the Oregon health division. "Those things need to play out in court."

Mercy-killing foes feel emboldened by the legal uncertainties. A psychologist must agree that Oregon applicants don't suffer "depression causing impaired judgment," but critics say that standard is vague. Dutch opponents also focus on the emotionally impaired. "Vulnerable patients who consider themselves to be a burden might opt for euthanasia while in fact they would be happier with improved care," says Henk Jochemsen of the Dutch Center for Medical Ethics.

Polls show that the euthanasia law is popular in Europe, and other countries may follow. South Korean doctors asked for a similar law last week. But in the U.S., opponents hope Attorney General John Ashcroft will rescind his predecessor's ruling that the federal Controlled Substances Act doesn't bar Oregon's use of drugs for mercy killing. If he does, the case will go to court. During his campaign, President Bush said he would sign a proposed law preventing doctors from using drugs to intentionally kill, which would effectively overturn the Oregon law.

Whatever the law informal doctor assisted suicide will occur, as it has for

years. “[Doctors] give a bunch of drugs in combination with a coded message: Go home and do what you want,” says Dr. Dauren Shaiova, an end-of-life expert at Manhattan’s Beth Israel hospital. She says that is sometimes the only solution for dying people crushed by fatigue and darkness. Says Shaiova: “What are you going to do, just give them Prozac? That can fail for people who have everything to live for.” Can bureaucrats really settle such issues? The Dutch will point the way.

HOW OREGON IS DIFFERENT

Oregon is the only U.S. state that allows mercy killing, but its law is far more restrictive than the Dutch one

	NETHERLANDS	OREGON
Method	Doctors inject the lethal drugs after a medical review	Patients must be able to swallow the drugs themselves
Age	Children as young as 12 are eligible, but parents must assent	Only those who are 18 and older are eligible
Those who qualify	Patients who are chronically ill and can’t bear their suffering	Applicants must be terminally ill and have six months or less to live

A. Translation: Translate the following words and phrases into Chinese
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1. religious sects
2. “Contagious” suicides
3. lethal drugs
4. Chronically ill
5. creepy
6. mercy killing
7. gray areas
8. impaired judgement
9. fatigue
10. bureaucrats

B. Based on the article “A License to kill”, please write 150-200 words on how you feel about “Euthanasia” (Mercy Killing). 40%

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