

銘傳大學八十九學年度學士後職前學分班招生考試

第二節

英文 試題

Directions: In this exam, you will be answering fifty questions. For each question, choose the best answer. You will need to write down the answers on the answer sheet. For the convenience of grading, in each line of the answer sheet, write down only ten answers. You will be using only five line on the answer sheet to answer all the fifty questions.

I. Cloze test : 20%

There is no such thing __1__ living in isolation; yet, because you are seeking power in so many different ways, you __2__ isolation. The nationalist is a curse because through his __3__ nationalistic, patriotic spirit, he is creating a wall of isolation. He is so identified __4__ his country that he builds a wall __5__ another. When you resist something, the very __6__ indicates that you are __7__ conflict with the other. So nationalism cannot bring __8__ peace in the world. The man who is a nationalist and talk of __9__ is telling a lie; he is loving in a state of __10__.

1. a. of b. alike c. as d. like
2. a. breed b. find c. tolerate d. cultivate
3. a. strong b. powerful c. very d. much
4. a. of b. with c. in d. to
5. a. of b. on c. for d. against
6. a. resistance b. insistence c. assistance d. tolerance
7. a. in b. of c. for d. under
8. a. out b. about c. into d. up
9. a. happiness b. harmony c. tolerance d. brotherhood
10. a. harmony b. well-being c. contradiction d. turbulence

II. Choose the best answer : 20%

1. The curtains have _____ because of the strong sunlight.
a. dulled b. faded c. fainted d. weakened
2. The acoustics in the concert hall were very poor, and it would obviously be necessary to _____ my voice.

- a. exaggerate b. extend c. increase d. amplify
3. All visitors are requested to _____ with the regulations.
a. agree b. comply c. assent d. consent
4. As soon as the exams were over, the students all went their _____ ways.
a. diverted b. homely c. perspective d. respective
5. My father had to take private pupils in order to _____ his salary as a teacher.
a. augment b. expand c. enlarge d. inflate
6. My brother, who is a soldier, was delighted when he was _____ only a few miles from home.
a. camped b. placed c. stationed d. situated
7. On rainy night, the old bridge _____ into the river without warning.
a. submerged b. collapsed c. stationed d. situated
8. His new appointment takes _____ from the beginning of next month.
a. position b. place c. effect d. post
9. The students visited the museum and spent several hours with the _____, who was very helpful.
a. curator b. bursar c. commissioner d. agent
10. Corruption in the running of the city's largest bank was _____ in the local newspaper.
a. found b. exposed c. commented d. detected

III. Choose the best answer: 20%

1. It was easy to find seats in the train because there were so few _____.
a. tracks b. stations c. passengers d. tickets
2. What _____ your decision to quit your job?
a. passed out b. got off c. asked out d. brought about
3. Regular living habits are _____ to health.
a. invalid b. delinquent c. essential d. superficial
4. Trucks are _____ using residential streets.
a. prohibited from b. furnished with c. devoted on d. dressed in
5. Edward _____ admission to the university.
a. get through b. grew up c. named for d. applied for
6. He promised to return the book _____ with the regulations.
a. in that b. in accordance c. without fail d. at the expense
7. How many students were _____ school yesterday?
a. committed to b. absent from c. upset to d. innocent of
8. The contract _____ next week.

- a. conspires b. aspires c. perspires d. expires
9. Please tell no one about the decision. It is _____.
a. confidential b. volunteer c. hazard d. slender
10. Laws are _____ to protect individual rights and property.
a. consisted b. made c. confused d. compensated

IV. Choose the one underlined word or phrase that should be corrected or rewritten : 20%

1. As would to be (A) expected in a harsh (B) climate, indoor activities (C) predominate (D) in Alaska.
2. The opening (A) of gold claims to the forty-niners provided the main impetus for immigration (B) to California in the early years of (C) it's (D) history.
3. How many people there are (A) who can recall (B) the role of (C) Jesse Jackson in the civil rights movement (D)?
4. Wolves hunt at night (A), the young feeding on (B) carrion and rodents and the adults eating (C) a variety of animal (D), including rabbits and small deer.
5. The oldest and most widespread (A) choir songs are them (B) related to the worshipping (C) of deities (D).
6. At (A) the Aleut Indian view of marriage (B), the adults of the tribe were (C) not encouraged to form permanent bonds with any individual (D).
7. Materials for making (A) batteries can be classified in terms (B) of whether it (C) can be charged or electrified only once, or as often (D) as needed.
8. The (A) most successfully (B) products are based (C) on appeals to (D) common desires and needs.
9. Bat squirrels (A), or flying (B) squirrels, are (C) small, timid, and glide (D) rodents.
10. Speed (A) records for (B) cheetahs are slightly fast (C) than for antelopes (D).

While Thomas Alva Edison is known as one of the most productive inventors of all times. There are aspects of failure in his life story as well. He had very little conventional education and although that may have assisted him in breaking new technological ground with his inventive genius, his strong individualistic spirit caused a number of problems for him throughout his life.

The adolescent tinker attended school for only three months, then learned

to read at home. His limited academic experience left him with almost no experience in the collaborative process which is traditionally considered so central to scientific work.

His interest in writing was illustrated by his publication of a newspaper when he was only twelve. He spent most of his time experimenting with printing devices and electrical equipment. By the age of fifteen, he published a weekly known as the Grand Trunk Herald and printed it in a freight car that also served as his laboratory. Both these efforts were accomplished solely by Edison.

As he emerged into his twenties, he secured employment in Boston and devoted his leisure time to research. He developed a vote recorder that automated the voting process. The contraption was a testament to his dedication towards practical applications of technology. Unfortunately, the machine itself wasn't practical enough to market.

Perhaps the greatest error in his career was his underestimation of the superior transmission qualities of alternating-current electricity as opposed to the direct current which he favored. In 1882 he designed and installed the world's first large central electric-power station, located in New York City. His preference for DC, however, eventually lost out to the AC system developed by the American inventors Nikola Tesla and George Westinghouse. In an attempt to discredit his competitors, Edison contributed towards the development of the electric chair, which applied alternating-current, in hopes of generating public fear of his competitor's technology. This fiercely competitive spirit marked his individualist background and led to the darkest part of his career.

V. Reading comprehension : choose the best answer 20%

1. Which two elements of Edison's life does the passage primarily address?
 - a. His successes and his failures
 - b. His inventions and his writings
 - c. His printing and his education
 - d. His research and his leisure
2. In line 3, the phrase, "breaking new technical ground" is closest in meaning to
 - a. having laboratory accidents
 - b. making new discoveries
 - c. unearthing ancient secrets
 - d. inventing grounded tools
3. According to the author, what aspect of Edison's childhood set him apart from other children?
 - a. His invention of a vote counting machine
 - b. His sense of superiority

- c. His lack of education d. His devotion to leisure
4. In line 8, the word “collaborative” is closest in meaning to
a. constantive b. conservative c. cooperative d.
comparative
5. In line 9, the word “illustrated” is closest in meaning to
a. drawn b. educated c. organized d. demonstrated
6. What was the name of the journal Edison published?
a. The AC and DC b. The Boston Freight Times
c. The Port Huron Herald d. The Grand Trunk Herald
7. How was Edison’s first commercial invention received?
a. It was widely implemented. b. It was considered impractical.
c. It was used to generate electricity. d. It was considered
practical.
8. According to the passage, what is the advantage of alternating-current
over direct current?
a. It is safer. b. It is more easily transmitted.
c. It is more powerful. d. It is more natural.
9. In line 26, the word “generating” most closely means?
a. Demonstrating b. Anticipating c. Arousing d.
Equipping
10. Which of the following did Edison NOT invent?
a. The electric chair b. A vote recording machine
c. The electric power station d. Alternating-current electricity