

世新大學九十七學年度碩士班招生考試試題卷

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系所組別	考 試 科 目
英語學系	英美文學(英國文學佔 80%、美國文學佔 20%)

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※考生請於答案卷內作答

I. Select the correct word to fill in the blank. (20%)

- According to the latest news reports, schools have been closed due to _____ weather.
A) fair B) balmy C) inclement D) enthusiastic
- After his initial business deal _____ in Spain, he invested in a second business opportunity.
(A) transpired (B) impoverished (C) alleviated (D) flourished
- Because she had studied hard for the important examination, Justina was _____ when she saw her low grade.
(A) incredulous (B) fortuitous (C) sanguine (D) exhilarated
- His repeated _____ caused me not to trust him anymore.
(A) misdemeanors (B) indiscretions (C) deceptions (D) frustrations
- Two or more computers can be _____ together to share files.
(A) equal (B) connected (C) ameliorated (D) subtracted
- Many smokers feel _____ by their firms' anti-smoking policies.
(A) eradicated (B) regaled (C) persecuted (D) extinguished
- The jeweler admired the diamond through a magnifying glass, and pronounced it _____.
A) exquisite B) flawed C) mediocre D) obvious
- In defining the role of a mother, the characteristic which stands out most is _____.
A) distrust B) malaise C) empathy D) caprice
- The professor has asked the students to hand in their assignments, because today is the _____.
A) deadline B) motive C) change D) distraction
- Jim's willingness to help Esther revealed how _____ he is.
A) conscientious B) depraved C) lazy D) malicious

II. Find the following grammar errors—write A, B, C, or D. (24%)

- There are hundreds of techniques you could learn to help you reading faster.
A B C D
- After hearing all sort of rumors about morals in the U.S., we were pleasantly surprised.
A B C D
- Achieving personal power is helpful for someone who pretends to be more confident than he really has.
A B C D
- 23 percent of Russian mothers would like her daughters to marry foreigners.
A B C D

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- ___ 5. In my parents generation, there were no electric appliances to help women do the housework.
A B C D
- ___ 6. It was hard to choose a suitable school when I had applied to some American universities last year.
A B C D
- ___ 7. Using files available to anyone who can pay, they produced nearly 200 page on Hiatt and Carr.
A B C D
- ___ 8. Some say Spain's growing appetite for fast food are undermining the country's healthy Mediterranean diet.
A B C D
- ___ 9. It was so cold that a bucket of water tossed on the air fell to the ground as ice.
A B C D
- ___ 10. For example, you should be able previewing eight or ten 100-page reports in an hour.
A B C D
- ___ 11. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* was one of Twain's best book; certainly his best for a juvenile audience.
A B C D
- ___ 12. The life-like picture of a boy and his friends is enjoyed by both youngs and olds.
A B C D

III. Reading Comprehension (30%)

In the final two decades of the 19th century, an Augustinian monk named Gregor Mendel became the first person to make precise observations about the biological process of inheritance. This happened more than 100 years ago in an Austrian monastery, where Mendel spent his leisure hours performing experiments with pea plants of different types. Out of curiosity and a dedication to continuous intellectual inquiry common to monastic living, Mendel demonstrated persistence and commitment to the expansion of scientific knowledge.

Mendel crossed the plants carefully and took notes about the appearance of various traits, or characteristics, in succeeding generations. He continued this research for most of his life. From his observations, Mendel formed a set of rules, now known as the Mendelian Laws of Inheritance, which were found to apply not only to plants but to animals and human beings as well. This was the beginning of the modern science of genetics.

- The importance of Gregor Mendel is that he was the first person to:
 - grow pea plants of different types
 - approach the problem of inheritance scientifically
 - think about why animals and plants inherit certain characteristics
 - invent the word *genetics*
- When did Mendel perform his experiments?
 - in ancient times
 - in the 1680's
 - in the 1880's
 - fifty years ago
- Where did Mendel live and work?
 - Augustinia
 - Australia
 - Austria
 - America

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4. Why did Mendel do this work?

- (a) It was part of his duties.
- (b) He was a scientist in addition to being a monk.
- (c) He enjoyed it in his free time.
- (d) He was paid for it.

5. The Mendelian Laws of Inheritance describe the transmission of biological traits in

- (a) plants (b) animals (c) human beings (d) A, B, and C

Emily Dickinson was born in Amherst, Massachusetts, in 1830. She attended Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in South Hadley but severe homesickness led her to return home after one year. In the years that followed, she seldom left her house and visitors were scarce. The people with whom she did come in contact, however, had an intense impact on her thoughts and poetry. She was particularly stirred by the Reverend Charles Wadsworth, whom she met on a trip to Philadelphia. He left for the West Coast shortly after a visit to her home in 1860, and his departure gave rise to a heartsick flow of verse from Dickinson, who deeply admired him. By the 1860s, she lived in almost total physical isolation from the outside world, but actively maintained many correspondences and read widely.

Her poetry reflects her loneliness and the speakers of her poems generally live in a state of want; but her poems are also marked by the intimate recollection of inspirational moments which are decidedly life-giving and suggest the possibility of future happiness. Her work was heavily influenced by the Metaphysical poets of seventeenth-century England, as well as by her Puritan upbringing and the Book of Revelation. She admired the poetry of Robert and Elizabeth Barret Browning and John Keats. Though she was dissuaded from reading the verse of her contemporary Walt Whitman by rumor of its disgracefulness, the two poets are now connected by the distinguished place they hold as the founders of a uniquely American poetic voice. Dickinson was extremely prolific as a poet and regularly enclosed poems in letters to friends, but she was not publicly recognized during her lifetime. The first volume of her work was published posthumously in 1890 and the last in 1955. She died in Amherst in 1886.

6. Dickinson's character can be described as:

- a) boisterous
- b) famous during her lifetime
- c) introverted
- d) outgoing

7. Emily Dickinson's relationship to Walt Whitman can be characterized by which of the following:

- a) through correspondence only
- b) she read his poetry
- c) thought of as disgraceful
- d) linked by history

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8. Dickinson's relationship with _____ was a turning point in her life; after meeting him, she rarely went out again.

- a) John Keats
- b) The Metaphysical poets
- c) Walt Whitman
- d) Charles Wadsworth

9. This essay would best be entitled:

- a) The Death of Emily Dickinson
- b) Emily Dickinson: Feminist Icon
- c) The Puritan Upbringing of Emily Dickinson
- d) A Short Biography of Emily Dickinson

10. The most noteworthy characteristic in Emily Dickinson's life is most likely:

- a) the disgracefulness of her relationship with Walt Whitman
- b) the disappointment of her rejection from Mount Holyoke Female Seminary
- c) other poets, including Keats
- d) Dickinson's reclusive lifestyle

IV. Essay question: (26%)

Write an essay (at least four paragraphs) on the following topic:

Discuss one of Jane Austen's novels: *Pride and Prejudice*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Emma*, or *Mansfield Park*. What can Austen's novel teach us about early nineteenth-century British society (for example, through use of plot, setting, gender, class, images, themes, or narrative voice)?