

一、字彙題

說明：第 1~8 題，每題均有一個空格字詞，請選擇最適合的答案，以完成該英文句子。
第 9~15 題，每題均有一個劃底線的字詞，請在四個選項中，選擇一個與劃底線的字詞意義最接近的答案。

1. According to the news report, the factory has been _____ chemical waste into nearby rivers.
(A) replying (B) matching (C) worsening (D) dumping
2. You can read the label on the bottle for the information about the nutrient _____ of the drink.
(A) contests (B) contracts (C) contents (D) contacts
3. Mrs. Wu was shocked to _____ that her husband had been having an extramarital affair with another woman.
(A) discover (B) produce (C) succeed (D) equip
4. When road drivers are about to change _____, they are supposed to give signal lights to alert other drivers.
(A) careers (B) lanes (C) ranks (D) gates
5. Even though he had lost in the final, the top tennis player took the defeat well, saying that his opponent _____ the championship.
(A) deceived (B) distributed (C) deserved (D) disgraced
6. The Supreme Court made a final ruling that the two men were _____ and should be released.
(A) innocent (B) potential (C) abundant (D) commercial
7. The former general was put under house arrest and was _____ to his residence.
(A) resisted (B) refined (C) consisted (D) confined
8. You can not run this application on your tablet PC since the software is _____ with your Android platform.
(A) controversial (B) anxious (C) incompatible (D) dishonest
9. Sandra often works on such a tight schedule that it is not uncommon for her to skip lunch.
(A) generous (B) risky (C) curious (D) busy
10. We didn't arrive home until evening because the dense fog in the mountains kept us from driving fast.
(A) fertile (B) heavy (C) voluntary (D) sensitive
11. The soldiers were forced to retreat from the city because they were unable to withstand the enemy's attack.
(A) delete (B) confirm (C) withdraw (D) expand
12. My mother is obsessed with cleanliness, and I seem to take after her in that respect.
(A) recovery (B) aspect (C) emergency (D) profit
13. In *The Emperor's New Clothes*, the truth is apparent to everyone except the emperor, who is blind to the "naked reality."
(A) obvious (B) domestic (C) greedy (D) reluctant

14. Vegetables grown locally are relatively cheaper than those imported from other countries.
 (A) offensively (B) partially (C) comparatively (D) gradually
15. Fossil remains show that some birds have lost the power of flight in the course of evolution.
 (A) standard (B) subject (C) prediction (D) process

二、對話題

說明：第 16~25 題，請依對話內容，選出一個最適合的答案，使其成為有意義的對話。

16. Passerby: Excuse me, do you know where the night market is?
 Dean: _____
 Passerby: Can you tell me how to get there?
 Dean: Sure. Just walk along the street and turn left at the second traffic light, and then you'll find it.
 (A) No. I'm also new here.
 (B) No. I'm not a college student.
 (C) Yes. It's within walking distance from here.
 (D) Yes. After you, please.
17. Clerk: Here is your room card, ma'am. Your room number is 203.
 Mary: Thank you. By the way, when is the check-out time?
 Clerk: _____ Have a nice day, ma'am.
 (A) Every 15 minutes. (B) About 6 to 8 days.
 (C) Please take your time. (D) Twelve o'clock at noon.
18. Fiona: Shrek! Shrek! Wake up, Shrek!
 Shrek: Huh? What? Has it finished? _____
 Fiona: No. It's the intermission. You fell asleep five minutes right after the concert began.
 (A) Where are we now? (B) Did I just doze off?
 (C) Are we leaving now? (D) How long will it take?
19. Ken: Hello, may I speak to Judy, please?
 Judy: _____
 Ken: Hi, this is Ken. I was wondering if you would like to see a movie this Saturday.
 Judy: Sure. I'd love to.
 (A) I'm sorry. She's not in right now.
 (B) Please leave a message after the beep.
 (C) That sounds good. See you then.
 (D) This is she speaking.
20. Ron: Hi, Hermione. Do you have any plans for this Saturday evening?
 Hermione: Nothing really. What's up?
 Ron: My mother wants to invite you over for dinner. _____
 Hermione: Sure. That'll be great.
 (A) What do you say?
 (B) You can say that again.
 (C) Why did you tell on me?
 (D) It's really hard to tell.

21. Robert Ryan: Excuse me, are you Andy William?
Andy William: Yes, I am. _____
Robert Ryan: That's right. How do you do?
Andy William: How do you do?
(A) I look forward to seeing you again.
(B) And you must be Robert Ryan.
(C) Could I have your phone number, please?
(D) Where does Robert Ryan live?
22. Kevin: My neck really itches, so I didn't sleep well last night.
David: That's terrible! Show me where it's itchy.
Kevin: _____
David: It looks like a rash. I had this problem once before.
(A) I'll think about it, Thank you.
(B) It is about a five-minute walk from here.
(C) Let me show you around the city.
(D) Here, right on the back of my neck.
23. Clerk: Good evening. May I help you?
Customer: Yes, I'd like to exchange this jacket.
Clerk: _____
Customer: It's too small for me. Do you have one in size XL?
(A) Can you show me your receipt?
(B) I'll give you a refund.
(C) What seems to be the problem?
(D) I'm afraid not.
24. Jessica: It's wonderful to eat in a place like this for a change. I'm tired of eating at fast-food restaurants.
Sarah: Well, I'm glad you enjoyed the food here. _____
Jessica: That's very kind of you to say so, but I think we should split the bill.
(A) The meal is on me.
(B) Give me a break.
(C) It's all my fault.
(D) I didn't bring my purse.
25. Clerk: ABC Airlines. May I help you?
Mr. Chiu: Yes. I'd like to book two seats for Manchester on July 7th. Do you have a nonstop flight to Manchester?
Clerk: Sorry, we don't have a nonstop flight to Manchester. _____
Mr. Chiu: I see. That's fine.
(A) You can get one at the duty-free shops.
(B) I'm afraid you'll have to transfer in London.
(C) You should have booked the seats earlier.
(D) Thank you for flying with ABC Airlines.

三、綜合測驗

說明：以下三篇短文，共有十五格空格，為第 26~40 題，每題有四個選項，請依各篇短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案。

▲下篇短文共有 5 個空格，為第 26 至 30 題，請依短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案。

George was tired of going to work every day while his wife stayed home. One day, he knelt down and prayed, “Dear God, I want my wife to know 26 I go through, so please switch our bodies for a day or two.”

George’s prayer 27, and the next morning, he awoke as a woman. He cooked breakfast, woke up the kids and drove them to school. Then, he went grocery shopping, and as he returned home, he hurried to do the laundry and all the house cleaning. After that, he drove to 28 the kids. He began to prepare dinner at 4:30 PM, and after dinner, he cleaned the kitchen, ran the dishwasher, bathed the kids, and put them to bed. At 9:00 PM, he was already exhausted, but his daily chores weren’t finished yet.

The next morning when he woke up, he immediately knelt down by the bed and said, “Dear God, I was so wrong. Please switch us back now.” God replied, “My son, I can see that you have 29 your lesson. Nevertheless, you’ll have to wait nine more months for the change, because you got 30 last night.”

26. (A) that (B) what (C) how (D) whether
27. (A) answered (B) answering (C) to answer (D) was answered
28. (A) pick up (B) mix up (C) give up (D) open up
29. (A) missed (B) copied (C) learned (D) replaced
30. (A) elegant (B) pregnant (C) employed (D) persuaded

▲下篇短文共有 5 個空格，為第 31 至 35 題，請依短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案。

If you’re applying for a job several thousand miles away, a Skype interview will certainly be cheaper than meeting in person. 31, a study finds that a video chat can make you seem less likeable than a face-to-face interview. In 2013, a group of researchers in Canada recruited 104 MBA students, most of 32 had about five years’ work experience. Half of the students acted as job candidates for a position at a fictional company, while the other half served as interviewers. Each candidate interviewed both 33 and via video chat. As it turned out, job seekers on video were rated as less likeable and were less likely to be recommended for the job. And it was not just the interviewees that got worse 34 with video. Interviewers themselves were judged as less personable, competent and trustworthy—even less attractive.

So if Skype’s your only option for a certain job interview, the researchers recommend positioning your webcam as closely to the eye level as possible and being more expressive than usual, which might help you 35 the interviewer and hence improve your chance of landing on the job.

31. (A) As a result (B) Similarly (C) For example (D) However
32. (A) whom (B) them (C) which (D) those

33. (A) with care (B) in person (C) for free (D) at random
 34. (A) masks (B) benefits (C) scores (D) characters
 35. (A) impress (B) compress (C) depress (D) suppress

▲ 下篇短文共有 5 個空格，為第 36 至 40 題，請依短文文意，選出一個最適合該空格的答案。

That the personal computer is dead may sound like an exaggeration now, but the industry around PC is indeed trapped in uncertainty. Apparently, mobile devices like the iPad will continue to undermine PC sales, but the PC will almost certainly 36, thanks to spreadsheet masters, film editors and others who depend on the precision of a keyboard and mouse. Still, there is a strong view among many longtime tech executives that the PC's relevance will steadily 37. In fact, the PC industry is effectively in a recession, and there is no upturn 38. During the second quarter of 2013, global PC shipments fell around 11 percent, for their fifth consecutive quarter of declines, the worst downturn since the advent of the PC more than 30 years ago. 39, tablet sales grew explosively. In 2013, there were more than 200 million shipments of the devices, which for the first time exceeded shipments of notebooks, the largest 40 of PCs. So, will the PCs ever make a comeback? Or will we live to see the end of PCs? Perhaps only time will tell.

36. (A) vanish (B) survive (C) ignore (D) refuse
 37. (A) deliver (B) deposit (C) diminish (D) disclose
 38. (A) in sight (B) in pain (C) in need (D) in debt
 39. (A) That is (B) By contrast (C) Likewise (D) Otherwise
 40. (A) agreement (B) customer (C) attitude (D) category

四、閱讀測驗

說明：以下有二篇短文，共有 10 個題目，為第 41~50 題，請閱讀短文後，選出最適當的答案。

▲ 閱讀下文，回答第 41-45 題。

Food is life, and it is food that gives us the nourishment we need to stay alive and healthy. Most of the time, then, we eat because we are hungry or need energy. There are times, however, we eat certain foods because they make us feel good and remind us of happy memories. Brian Wansink, a professor at the University of Illinois, calls this kind of food “comfort food.” According to Wansink's research, the most commonly reported comfort foods consumed in the United States are potato chips, followed by ice cream, cookies, and candy. The good taste of these foods mentioned above would certainly generate a feeling of satisfaction in those who eat them. More significantly, by arousing emotions that are associated with safer and happier times, comfort foods may also provide the eaters with a sense of security during troubling times. For example, immediately following the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001, restaurant owners across the United States reported increased sales of comfort food items, such as soup, mashed potatoes, puddings, and cheese. A Nielsen survey of grocery stores reported a significant increase in the sales of both snack foods and instant potatoes. These reports may help explain why the **notion** of “comfort food” became so important at that particular time in history.

41. This passage is mainly about _____.
- (A) how comfort foods block the feeling of well-being in the eaters
 (B) certain facts about comfort foods and their popularity in the US
 (C) how comfort foods give people the necessary energy to stay alive
 (D) the impact of September 11 attacks on food industries in the US
42. According to the passage, Brian Wansink _____.
- (A) is a food expert who offers people secret recipes for comfort foods
 (B) runs a restaurant that sells comfort foods at the University of Illinois
 (C) is a college professor who gets into the habit of eating comfort foods
 (D) has conducted a research on comfort foods for people in the US
43. According to the passage, which of the following is **NOT** on the list of comfort foods for people in the US?
- (A) Instant noodles.
 (B) Mashed potatoes.
 (C) Ice cream.
 (D) Potato chips.
44. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the underlined word “**notion**” in the last sentence?
- (A) absence (B) balance (C) concept (D) suspect
45. According to the passage, which of the following statements is TRUE?
- (A) The September 11 attacks helped boost sales of snack foods in the US.
 (B) The consumption of comfort foods prevents people from feeling at ease.
 (C) People eat comfort foods only when they feel insecure about their future.
 (D) Restaurants all over the US suffered great losses after the September 11 attacks.

▲ 閱讀下文，回答第 46-50 題。

One day in 1984, the White House asked Michael Jackson if he might donate his song “Beat It” for advertisements against drunk-driving. At first, Jackson did not give it a serious thought, but upon reflection, he replied that if he could get some kind of an award, he would give them the song. And within days, they had a deal: President Reagan agreed to present Michael Jackson with a humanitarian award.

At 11 AM on May 14th, 1984, the south lawn of the White House was thronged with media and the White House staff. Michael Jackson stepped up to the podium and received his award from President Reagan. He, along with his manager and bodyguards, was then given a special tour of the White House. After the tour, the group was scheduled to have a private meeting with the President and the First Lady. But when Jackson was ushered by the White House aides into the diplomatic reception room, he was confronted by 75 adults. Jackson then turned on his heel, running down the hall into the restroom off the presidential library. He locked the door and refused to come out. “They said there would be kids, but those aren’t kids!” he protested.

Jackson’s manager had a word with a White House aide and then shouted through the restroom door, “It’s OK, Michael. They’re going to get the kids.” Shortly afterwards, Michael Jackson returned to the diplomatic reception room. This time, the President and the First Lady were there to usher Jackson into the room, where a bunch of children were waiting for him.

46. The passage includes an account of _____.
- (A) what happened to Michael Jackson in the White House in 1894
 - (B) Michael Jackson's attendance at a presentation ceremony at the White House
 - (C) how Michael Jackson came to have a secret affair with the First Lady
 - (D) Michael Jackson's monumental concert at the White House e
47. According to the passage, Michael Jackson was presented with a humanitarian award _____.
- (A) on the evening of May 14th, 1984
 - (B) for standing up for drunk-driving
 - (C) in recognition of his musical talent
 - (D) following a deal with the White House
48. The underlined word "**They**" in the last paragraph refers to _____.
- (A) Michael Jackson's aides
 - (B) the White House staff members
 - (C) Michael Jackson's relatives
 - (D) the White House librarians
49. According to the passage, what happened to Michael Jackson when he was in the restroom off the presidential library?
- (A) He felt cheated and began voicing his displeasure.
 - (B) He was brought back to his childhood and cried bitterly.
 - (C) He protested that there were not enough adults to receive him.
 - (D) He claimed that he had seen ghosts in the diplomatic reception room.
50. According to the passage, which of the following statements is CORRECT?
- (A) The White House invited Michael Jackson to host a birthday party for 75 children.
 - (B) Michael Jackson had been actively involved in politics ever since he met with President Reagan.
 - (C) The White House aides were fairly quick in responding to Michael Jackson's demands.
 - (D) Michael Jackson toured the White House accompanied by President Reagan and the First Lady.