

淡江大學九十三年學年度博士班招生考試試題

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科目：英 文

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Test in English

I. Choose the correct answer for each numeral in the text below and mark you answer on the computer sheet. 40%

(1) _____, English is (2) _____ almost as an international language. It is used (3) _____ in the world. Our (4) _____ school children in Taiwan start learning English even as early as in their first grade. Some (5) _____ families in Taipei send their children to (6) _____ kindergarten (7) _____ the age of two. This speaks (8) _____ the fact that parents in each family place(s) too much emphasis on English. (9) _____ a matter of fact, children should be children and speak their (10) _____ languages at home. There should be no pressure on them so that they can stay with their parents and play with their (11) _____ during the daytime.

On the (12), young people in Taiwan have not worked hard enough to develop their English skills. The mean scores of (13) _____ students or university graduates who (14) _____ TOEFL in a certain year were comparatively very low in (15) _____ with their (16) _____ in Asian and Pacific countries. How can we explain this sad (17) of affairs? Firstly, studying English (18) _____ a required course for one year only is not adequate. Secondly, English classes are usually too big. Thirdly, students are not (19) _____ English grammar at all. Without grammar, how can we speak and write in sentences? We learned "pattern drills" at junior high schools. We practiced "structures" at senior high schools. Do these (20) _____ patterns and structures stand for "grammar" at all? I am afraid not.

1. A. Nowday; B. Nowaday; C. Nowadays; D. Noday.
2. A. adopts; B. adopted; C. adapts; D. adapted.
3. A. every were; B. everywhere; C. everywheres; D. nowhere.
4. A. elementary; B. element; C. elemental; D. elementally.
5. A. welthy; B. wealthy; C. wealth; D. worth.
6. A. only English; B. English-only; C. no Chinese; D. no-Chinese.
7. A. in; B. on; C. at; D. for.
8. A. in; B. on; C. at; D. for.
9. A. As; B. On; C. At; D. For.
10. A. nature; B. natural; C. native; D. native's.
11. A. playboys; B. playgirls; C. playchildren; D. playmates.
12. A. contrast; B. contrastive; C. contrary; D. country.

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13. A. Taiwan; B. Taiwanes; C. Taiwanese; Taiwaness.
14. A. take; B. takes; C. took; D. taken.
15. A. compare; B. contrast; C. comparison; D. compelling.
16. A. counterparts; B. counterpart; C. correspondent; D. correspondents.
17. A. country; B. county; C. nation; D. state.
18. A. as; B. for; C. in; D. on.
19. A. teach; B. teached; C. teaching; D. taught.
20. A. so call; B. socalled; C. so-called; D. so-calls.

II. Read the following passage and mark the correct answers on the computer sheet. 20% .

Because of the great importance of learning English here in Taiwan, native speakers of English are often called upon to judge various types of English competitions--English speech contests, English writing contests, and English play contests. Healthy competition is challenging and a good incentive for students to try harder to do their best and the pressure that comes along with it is necessary in order to help individuals develop. It is the pressure that overwhelms or depresses the individual, especially school-age youngsters, that needs to be addressed within the academic structure. Now that the teaching of English is becoming a requirement in the elementary and primary grades, the pedagogical basis upon which language instruction is carried out should be evaluated. As language is essentially a communicative process, the teaching and learning of a language should be seen in that light rather than as one more academic subject to be tested, adding even more pressure to already over-burdened students' lives. One of the ways the issue could be addressed would be the use of more cooperative/collaborative approaches in the classroom, specifically in the teaching of language.

21. Who are native speakers of English?
A. Americans and Britons; B. Americans only; C. Britons only; D. neither Americans nor Britons.
22. What is a play contest?
A. A game; B. A tournament; C. A dramatic performance; D. A speaking event.
23. Is pressure in healthy competition good?
A. Good; B. Bad; C. Welcomed; D. Not welcomed.
24. What should be evaluated
A. Elementary school; B. Communicative process; C. Language instruction; D. Pedagogical basis.
25. Why should the use of more cooperative/collaborative approaches be addressed?
A. Students' lives are overburdened; B. Language instruction is carried out; C. English is an academic subject; D. Language is a communicative process.

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III. Translate the following passage in Chinese into English.
20%.

1. 淡江大學有十六個學系設有博士班 (doctoral programs)。
2. 今年有兩百多人申請入學。
3. 大家都要考英文。
4. 英文而外，還有考其他的專業課程。
5. 將來還要寫博士論文才能得到博士學位。

IV. In 2003, about 230,000 babies were born in Taiwan. Such a birth rate is only about half of the annual birth rate twenty years ago. Apparently, in the next few years to come, there will be no adequate number of young men and women to enter universities and institutes of technology in Taiwan. Now you are requested to answer the following question in at least five but no more than ten English sentences. 20%

What should we do about 150 universities and institutes of technology in Taiwan?