

# 淡江大學 104 學年度博士班招生考試試題

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## I. Please choose the best answer from the options below. (60%)

1. We understand earthquakes better than we did a century ago. Now, scientists would like to \_\_\_\_\_ them, but is it possible?  
(A) predict (B) preview (C) precise (D) precaution
2. The highway will open up areas of the Peruvian Amazon that were \_\_\_\_\_ just a few years ago.  
(A) available (B) impact (C) inaccessible (D) ultimate
3. What is considered beautiful is \_\_\_\_\_ and varies around the world.  
(A) subjective (B) global (C) incredible (D) legal
4. Electronics contain parts which become \_\_\_\_\_ and may pollute our environment if they are thrown away without being properly processed.  
(A) external (B) toxic (C) crucial (D) uniform
5. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ person or animal behaves angrily or violently toward others.  
(A) depressed (B) passive (C) neutral (D) aggressive
6. With his \_\_\_\_\_ color combinations, Van Gogh wanted to show his viewers how to better appreciate a flower, the night sky, or a person's face.  
(A) wander (B) innovative (C) informative (D) convey
7. Climbing Mount Everest has become a \_\_\_\_\_ for some people. But with so many people reaching the top, perhaps climbing Mount Everest is no longer something new and unusual.  
(A) novelty (B) ruin (C) cure (D) bold
8. Over the past two decades, Taiwan's birth rate has been \_\_\_\_\_. People are less willing to have children.  
(A) equivalent (B) utilizing (C) declining (D) floating
9. There is \_\_\_\_\_ demand in North America and Asia for Brazilian and Peruvian products, including soybeans, beef, and gold.  
(A) partially (B) enormous (C) illustrate (D) exotic
10. The mountain, Half-Dome, is famous for its \_\_\_\_\_ shape, which is really different and unique.  
(A) distinctive (B) effective (C) inevitable (D) strict
11. It is considered rude to \_\_\_\_\_ people when they are talking. We should wait until they are finished.  
(A) erupt (B) perceive (C) interrupt (D) invest
12. If companies \_\_\_\_\_ an activity, it means companies offer money to support the activity.  
(A) suspect (B) sponsor (C) identify (D) profit
13. A mummy is a dead body that goes through a process to \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
(A) pretend (B) promote (C) preserve (D) prescription

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14. The stories \_\_\_\_\_ what life was like at the time.  
(A) depict (B) accomplish (C) determine (D) award
15. To add more flavor to food, the chef put some \_\_\_\_\_ into the dish.  
(A) recipe (B) cuisine (C) appetite (D) spice
16. More than five million people die each year from diseases \_\_\_\_\_ unclean water.  
(A) which related to (B) related to (C) are related to (D) which relate to
17. People are hoping that the United States government will create laws \_\_\_\_\_ people from sending e-waste overseas.  
(A) deter (B) which deterring (C) who deter (D) to deter
18. We should learn to balance human needs \_\_\_\_\_ the requirements of natural systems.  
(A) with (B) as (C) for (D) to
19. The movie suggested that it was possible to remain genuinely Indian while \_\_\_\_\_ globalization.  
(A) embrace (B) embraced (C) to embrace (D) embracing
20. \_\_\_\_\_ his parents' concern about his safety, David went ahead with his plan to climb Mount Everest.  
(A) Even (B) Although (C) Despite (D) However,
21. David is accused \_\_\_\_\_ committing the crimes of murder and theft.  
(A) for (B) to (C) as (D) of
22. The camera zoomed in on a group of dancers as they danced in front of a beautifully \_\_\_\_\_ temple.  
(A) decorated (B) decorating (C) decoration (D) decorate
23. He poured a small \_\_\_\_\_ of coffee into the cup.  
(A) number (B) numbers (C) amounts (D) amount
24. In learning English, the more you practice, \_\_\_\_\_ you learn.  
(A) the well (B) better (C) the better (D) much
25. We should avoid \_\_\_\_\_ other people uncomfortable in our first conversation.  
(A) make (B) to make (C) making (D) made
26. We should \_\_\_\_\_ and always look on the bright side of life.  
(A) stay negative (B) keep negatively (C) keep positively (D) stay positive
27. He \_\_\_\_\_ to hear the bad news.  
(A) shocking (B) was shocking (C) shocked (D) was shocked
28. Businesspeople who take part \_\_\_\_\_ the ceremony also donate money to the charity.  
(A) as (B) in (C) by (D) of
29. A well-balanced diet may \_\_\_\_\_ rice, vegetables, some meat and fruits.  
(A) consist of (B) put off (C) be devoted to (D) be convinced of

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30. Whether we will have an outdoor party \_\_\_\_\_ the weather. If it rains, we will cancel it.  
(A) stands for (B) depends on (C) is located in (D) is referred to as

**II. Reading Comprehension: choose the best answer to each question according to the following passage. (10%)**

### Getting to Know Afghanistan

The June 1985 issue of *National Geographic* included an article on life in Afghanistan. But it was Steve McCurry's cover photo of a determined looking young Afghan woman with striking green eyes that first caught people's attention. It made many readers curious to learn more about this ancient country and the often difficult lives of the people living there today.

#### The Afghan People

As a result of its location between Central Asia and South and Southwest Asia, many routes traditionally used by travelers, traders and foreign invaders cross Afghanistan's many borders at various points. This is why, over the years, the country has become home a wide variety of different ethnic, religious and language groups. The Pashtun, who are Sunni Muslims and speak a language called Pashto, make up about 40 percent of the total. The Tajik, who are also Sunnis and trace their origins back to Iran speak Dari, and make up another 30 percent of the population. The remaining Afghans belong to a several different cultural and linguistic groups. A total of 70 different languages is spoken in the country today.

#### Health

For many years, Afghanistan had a very limited healthcare system. In 2001 only 8 percent of the population had access to basic health care, but today 79 percent are able to get to a doctor when they need to. Part of this improvement is due to the increased availability of transportation. However, the average life expectancy is still only 43 years. On the positive side, the percentage of babies who die before reaching the age of five has been reduced by 25 percent in recent years. The number of healthcare facilities such as clinics has also increased since 2001 from 746 to 897.

#### Education

While over two-thirds of Afghans over the age of 15 cannot read or write, there are signs the population has mobilized itself, and school attendance has steadily increased since the Taliban government was overthrown in 2001. More than 4.2 million children have since returned to school while girls, who were not permitted to go to school under the Taliban rule from 1996 to 2001, now make up 35 percent of the school population. However, because of this explosive increase in school attendance, the system is currently facing tough problems such as serious shortages of teachers and

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school materials.

31. The reading is mainly about \_\_\_\_.

- (A) the history of Afghanistan
- (B) the treatment of women in Afghanistan
- (C) the problems being faced by Afghanistan
- (D) the role of religion in Afghanistan

32. In paragraph 1, sentence 3, the word *it* refers to \_\_\_\_.

- (A) the June 1985 issue of *National Geographic*
- (B) an article on life in Afghanistan
- (C) Steve McCurry's cover photo
- (D) this ancient country

33. In paragraph 2, sentence 5, the word *linguistic* is in relation to \_\_\_\_.

- (A) geography
- (B) ethnicity
- (C) religion
- (D) language

34. In the last sentence in paragraph 3, *healthcare facilities* are \_\_\_\_.

- (A) people who can give medical assistance
- (B) places where medical treatment is given
- (C) types of medicine that are available
- (D) people receiving help with medical problems

35. In paragraph 5, sentence 3, the word *dramatically* means \_\_\_\_.

- (A) significantly
- (B) somewhat
- (C) not at all
- (D) for the better

**III. Short Essay Writing.** Nowadays, social networking sites, such as Facebook, have been popular. Please write a short essay to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of social networking sites. (30%)