

# 淡江大學 103 學年度博士班招生考試試題

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## I. Please select the most appropriate answer from the options below. 60%

- The interior of the island \_\_\_\_\_; the hikers had to find their way on their own.  
(A) mapped (B) was never mapped (C) had never been mapped (D) not been mapped
- Students \_\_\_\_\_ a class representative for the student council at the beginning of the meeting.  
(A) appoint (B) abort (C) approve (D) account
- Doctors believe there may be even more \_\_\_\_\_ technology in the operating rooms of the future.  
(A) astonish (B) astonishment (C) astonishing (D) astonished
- When Nina learned that she had cancer, she was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) devastated (B) determined (C) decorated (D) declared
- Learning other surviving skills is a good way for the poor in China to \_\_\_\_\_ their lives.  
(A) worsen (B) improve (C) aggravate (D) expand
- My longstanding \_\_\_\_\_ with history and art is what took him to New York, a city of rich cultural heritage in the USA.  
(A) suspension (B) fascination (C) survival (D) signature
- His dedication \_\_\_\_\_ -last year he helped lead his team to a state championship.  
(A) showed off (B) turned off (C) paid off (D) worn off
- Queen Elizabeth II has no real political authority and plays only a \_\_\_\_\_ role in the British society.  
(A) significant (B) ceremonial (C) vital (D) weighty
- Anna is very \_\_\_\_\_ of John's ability to drive a car because he has had two accidents already this year.  
(A) surprised (B) surrounding (C) spectacular (D) skeptical
- When scientists started using telescopes to try to see the Red Planet, they \_\_\_\_\_ there could be life on Mars.  
(A) wondered if (B) thus (C) know as (D) see where
- In Taiwan, only a few herbalists have made a \_\_\_\_\_ analysis of herbal medicine and that's the reason why the results cannot be trusted.  
(A) comprehensive (B) contradictory (C) complimentary (D) conceptive
- We stopped the football game \_\_\_\_\_ the rain. It was too wet and dangerous to play.  
(A) because (B) in spite of (C) due to (D) despite
- High school students in Asia work very hard in order to get into a \_\_\_\_\_ and famous university.  
(A) performed (B) prestigious (C) pretended (D) perspective
- The former president of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, would always be \_\_\_\_\_ and respected by the following people.  
(A) evaluated (B) polished (C) venerated (D) encoded

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15. An individual always should be \_\_\_\_\_ to others' help and return the favor when it is possible.  
(A) platitude (B) longitude (C) aptitude (D) gratitude
16. The flight was cancelled because of the snow. \_\_\_\_\_, a lot of passengers stayed in the terminal for the another flight.  
(A) Consequently (B) Namely (C) However (D) Nevertheless
17. Global warming is a slow \_\_\_\_\_ in the average yearly temperature of the planet.  
(A) increasing (B) increases (C) increase (D) increasingly
18. Because the incisions are so much smaller, the patient \_\_\_\_\_ much less pain and bleeding.  
(A) experiences (B) exercises (C) exports (D) exists
19. I \_\_\_\_\_ your handwriting when I read the letter because it was really unique.  
(A) reorganized (B) revised (C) recognized (D) renovated
20. People in Taiwan are renowned for their \_\_\_\_\_ and friendliness to foreign students and visitors.  
(A) hostage (B) horrifying (C) holistic (D) hospitality
21. The discovery of smart phone brings \_\_\_\_\_ impact on human's life.  
(A) tremendous (B) minor (C) insufficient (D) trivial
22. \_\_\_\_\_ the Turks were master of the eastern Mediterranean, it was no longer possible for the Europeans to trade with India by the old land route.  
(A) Although (B) Whether (C) Thus (D) Now that
23. In addition to \_\_\_\_\_ more taste buds, supertasters are born with a gene that makes them sensitive to bitter foods.  
(A) having (B) have (C) has (D) had
24. The costs are cheaper compared \_\_\_\_\_ the profits.  
(A) of (B) to (C) for (D) on
25. He was \_\_\_\_\_ excited that he ran to his tent to send a telegram to Lord Carnarvon.  
(A) such (B) as (C) very (D) so
26. Despite assurances of safety, many people still fear that they could \_\_\_\_\_ diseases from genetically modified foods.  
(A) contract (B) contact (C) consult (D) condense
27. The government helped leaders to maintain control \_\_\_\_\_ the middle class.  
(A) over (B) on (C) at (D) in
28. The movie was shot on the beautiful island of Taiwan, \_\_\_\_\_ by more than a thousand tourists per week.  
(A) which is now visiting (B) which is now visited  
(C) which visits (D) which now visiting

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29. The couple immediately married, but the marriage \_\_\_\_\_ for only 36 ours.  
 (A) lasted (B) listed (C) longed (D) least
30. Do I believe I can \_\_\_\_\_ or achieve everything I want if I want to succeed?  
 (A) ascend (B) accompany (C) accomplish (D) accept

## II. Reading comprehension questions. 10%

Penguins are popular around the world, primarily for their unusually upright, waddling pace, attractive appearance, and lack of fear of humans. With their appealing characteristics, penguins have commonly been the subject of many books, stories, cartoons and documentary films.

Generally, there are 17 known species of penguins in the world. All of them live exclusively in the Southern Hemisphere and have similar appearance—white fronts and black or blue-grey backs. The colors of their feathers not only make them look like wearing tuxedo suits, but also help them hide from their main **predator** in the sea—the leopard seal. If a leopard seal is swimming below a penguin and looking up from below, it has difficulty distinguishing between a white penguin belly and the reflective water surface. If a leopard seal is swimming above, the penguin's dark back mixing with the sea makes it invisible to the enemy.

Penguins are actually flightless birds, highly adapted for life in the water; yet unlike the other birds, penguins' wings have turned into flippers. In the sea, penguins can swim and dive with a push of their flippers and travel nine meters underwater before surfacing. Most penguins feed on krill, fish, squid and other forms of sea life caught while swimming underwater. On land, penguins use their flippers for fighting and for balancing when they walk. Another unique activity that their flippers make possible is "tobogganing", in which penguins slide on their bellies, row with their feet and control directions with their flippers when traveling over on ice. Penguins use this method of traveling when they are in a hurry.

**Now answer questions 31-35 below:**

31. What is the main theme of this passage?  
 (A) Description of penguins' feathers.  
 (B) Discussion of penguins' enemy.  
 (C) Explanation of penguins' daily routine.  
 (D) Introduction of penguins' characteristics.
32. According to this passage, the penguins' feathers help penguins .  
 (A) Keep warm in cold places  
 (B) Attract the attention of leopard seals  
 (C) Wear black-and-white tuxedo suits  
 (D) Become unnoticed by their enemies

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33. In the passage, the meaning of the word "predator" is close to .  
(A) Attraction (B) bait (C) enemy (D) partner
34. Which was NOT mentioned as one of the functions of penguins' flippers?  
(A) To help penguins feed their babies.  
(B) To help penguins fight with others.  
(C) To help penguins swim fast in the sea.  
(D) To help penguins keep balanced when they walk
35. According to the passage, which statement is true?  
(A) Penguins can swim as fast as leopard seals.  
(B) Penguins toboggan when they are in a hurry.  
(C) Penguins probably live Canada, Norway and Russia.  
(D) Penguins are afraid of human beings.

II. **Short Essay Writing.** It has been said, "Not everything that is learned is contained in books." Compare and contrast the knowledge gained from experience with the knowledge gained from books. In your opinion, which source is more important? Why?  
30%