

# 淡江大學八十七學年度碩士班入學考試試題

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Examination in English for All Applicants to the Graduate School

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## Part I: Multiple Choices (70%)

### Directions:

- (1) Use a 2B pencil to answer the questions.
- (2) On your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space so that the letter inside cannot be seen.
- (3) You can only have one answer to each question. Your choice of more than one answer for one question will result in losing your point for that question.
- (4) You will gain two points for each correct answer.

1. I hope he doesn't make us \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. to wait    B. wait    C. waiting    D. for waiting
2. Which \_\_\_\_\_ you sooner be: a teacher or a banker?  
A. would    B. had    C. did    D. are
3. I try not to spoil her \_\_\_\_\_ she's my only child.  
A. also if    B. even though    C. also when    D. however much
4. You can use my typewriter \_\_\_\_\_ now, but I shall need it later.  
A. in    B. at    C. for    D. on
5. When decimal currency was introduced, one old lady in the village said, "I don't think it will catch \_\_\_\_\_ round here."  
A. up    B. out    C. on    D. in
6. Are you a student? If so, which university do you \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. attend    B. frequent    C. assist    D. go on
7. She isn't really sexist. She just says things like that from force of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. custom    B. use    C. attitude    D. habit
8. He's only pulling your \_\_\_\_\_. Don't take it so seriously.  
A. leg    B. jacket    C. arm    D. nose
9. He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ to help her, even though she was very ill.  
A. open    B. lift a finger    C. bend his arm    D. shake a leg
10. We've lost everything. Still, there's no point in complaining. We'll just have to try and make \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the best of a bad job    B. no bones about it    C. a splash  
D. a clean sweep
11. \_\_\_\_\_ you complain, nothing changes.  
A. For how much    B. However much    C. As much as    D. The more
12. He is doing very badly but he tries to \_\_\_\_\_ appearances.  
A. hold on    B. keep up    C. stick to    D. make out

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13. A: What happens if we run out of food?  
B: Don't worry. We'll \_\_\_\_\_ that bridge when we come to it.  
A. mend    B. make    C. build    D. cross
14. Which sentence is closet in meaning to the sentence underlined?  
The train should be here any minute now.  
A. We are expecting the train to arrive soon.  
B. We are surprised that the train has not arrived yet.  
C. We know that the train is on time.  
D. We now know that the train will not arrive on time.
15. A: I hear that Kate's going to marry a banker.  
B: A likely story?  
A. I believe it.    B. I don't believe it.    C. Several people have said the same thing.    D. It's the truth.
16. A: Have you done anything interesting lately?  
B: Nothing to speak of.  
A. I don't want to talk about it.    B. I'm afraid I cannot answer that question.    C. You wouldn't believe me if I told you.    D. Not particularly.
17. I was going to emigrate, but I've \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. had second thoughts about it    B. kept it in mind    C. thought nothing of it    D. put my mind to it
18. The weather at this time of year is usually cool, and as far as \_\_\_\_\_, the people there are very interesting.  
A. I concern    B. I'm concerned    C. I've concerned    D. I'll concern
19. Printed matter, such as newspapers, made \_\_\_\_\_ possible for the information to be gathered in a central office and for news items to be written more accurately.  
A. it    B. everything    C. something    D. nothing
20. Nowadays, people can send the message anywhere in the world on their fax machines or through electronic mail on their computers in just a \_\_\_\_\_ of seconds.  
A. time    B. peice    C. matter    D. tip
21. A: I'd like to return this hat.  
B: \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. What seems to be the problem with it    B. What the problem is with it  
C. What the problem with it seem    D. What seems it is the problem
22. In the Northwest and Midwest, people are said to be \_\_\_\_\_ and private.  
A. close    B. closed    C. closing    D. closed mind
23. A Texan just might take you to the place and treat you \_\_\_\_\_ lunch.  
A. a    B. the    C. of    D. to
24. A: Are you with me so far?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Yes, I'm following you    B. Yes, I'm right beside you    C. Yes, I'm on your right hand side    D. Yes, I'll always support you

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25. If we describe that some people are handy, we mean that they \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. like to shake hands    B. like to keep their hands clean  
C. know how to repair almost everything around the house  
D. know how to make flowers and plants grow anywhere
26. When you compliment someone, you \_\_\_\_\_ that person.  
A. make complaint about    B. argue with    C. praise    D. hate
27. A: How would you like your steak?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Very good    B. Too expensive    C. Yes, I do    D. Rare
28. A: Would you like to stay home or see a movie?  
B: Well, to be honest. I really don't feel like \_\_\_\_\_ home.  
A. stay    B. staying    C. to stay    D. to have stayed
29. \_\_\_\_\_ are the seller will tell you that a certain product is the best that money can buy.  
A. The chances    B. Chances    C. All chances    D. Many chances
30. A: Would you like to have lunch next Tuesday?  
B: Well, unfortunately \_\_\_\_\_ on Tuesday.  
A. I'm out    B. it's out    C. I'm tied up    D. I'll be tired
31. My foreman is insisting that I \_\_\_\_\_ a double shift.  
A. work    B. to work    C. am working    D. worked
32. At job interviews, people try to sell themselves to their \_\_\_\_\_ employers.  
A. prosperous    B. qualified    C. prospective    D. expecting
33. A: I've fallen in love with somebody else, and I don't know how to tell my boyfriend.  
B: Why don't you \_\_\_\_\_ with him?  
A. fight    B. level    C. speak    D. say
34. A look at different types of advertising may \_\_\_\_\_ some light to these questions.  
A. put    B. share    C. light    D. shed
35. When you visit Paris, \_\_\_\_\_ it a point to eat at Maxim's.  
A. make    B. do    C. see    D. have

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## Part II: Letter Writing (30%)

### Directions:

On your answer sheet, you are asked to write two very short letters in which you should NOT sign your own real name. If this rule is not strictly observed, you will not gain any point for the letter writing. In the first letter, you play the role of Ann Landers, a well-known columnist. For the second letter, use any nickname you like. Try to keep both letters very short.

A. The following is a letter from Dunderhead who asks advice from Ann Landers. Now, acting as Ann Landers, write a reply to Dunderhead. Try to limit the letter to one or two very short paragraphs. (15%)

Male Mixes Up Mail

Dear Ann Landers,

Don't chew me out. Just tell me what to do. I have two "best" girls, one in the Midwest, another here in town. The in-town girl is visiting relatives on the West Coast.

I wrote to them both last night. It was late and I was tired. After I wrote the letters, I decided to walk to the corner and drop them in the mailbox.

This morning I have a terrible feeling that I put the letter to the blonde in the envelope addressed to the redhead. The redhead is really Numero Uno and if she receives the blonde's letter, I am in real trouble. Can you think of something I can do before the bomb drops?

Dunderhead

B. Now, write a letter to Ann Landers yourself for advice. Of course, you should NOT use your own real name. Take any nickname you prefer and present your problem(s) to Ann Landers. Ask her for some advice. Again, try to limit the letter to only one or two short paragraphs. (15%)