

I. Choose the best answer. (30%)

1. Did Ms. Brown \_\_\_\_\_ the recipe book from the library?
  - A. lend
  - B. borrow
  - C. loan
  - D. took
2. Don't you get angry when someone \_\_\_\_\_ your questions?
  - A. ignores
  - B. concludes
  - C. hesitates
  - D. tends
3. Van Gogh's works were not \_\_\_\_\_ until after his death.
  - A. appreciated
  - B. approached
  - C. applauded
  - D. appeared
4. Some rice fields in Southeast Asia require \_\_\_\_\_ to grow crops.
  - A. irritation
  - B. reservation
  - C. irrigation
  - D. concentration
5. Whether we are \_\_\_\_\_ of it or not, our dream lives can have an effect on our real lives.
  - A. consequent
  - B. conspicuous
  - C. conscience
  - D. conscious
6. Eric depends on his thesis advisor for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. adverse
  - B. advise
  - C. advice
  - D. advisory
7. All students without \_\_\_\_\_ should submit the assignment on time.
  - A. connection
  - B. avocation
  - C. exception
  - D. resolution
8. The many cases of food poisoning in Taiwan each year \_\_\_\_\_ people.
  - A. alarm
  - B. allege
  - C. alleviate
  - D. alhude

9. At our school, all students are \_\_\_\_\_ to take a minimum of four courses in the natural sciences.
- A. acquired
  - B. exempted
  - C. exercised
  - D. required
10. In many countries, it is a \_\_\_\_\_ to wear black at funerals.
- A. prevention
  - B. convention
  - C. ostentation
  - D. abstention
11. Brian has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_; he never quits until the job is done.
- A. consistence
  - B. persistence
  - C. subsistence
  - D. assistance
12. Mary's favorite beverages are coffee and mineral water. Rosy, \_\_\_\_\_, drinks only milk or juice.
- A. however
  - B. then
  - C. too
  - D. therefore
13. Mom said dinner would be served at 6:45, but we didn't start eating \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30.
- A. about
  - B. until
  - C. since
  - D. less than
14. After winning the singing contest, Yi-chun skipped \_\_\_\_\_ down the street.
- A. happiest
  - B. more happily
  - C. happily
  - D. happy
15. While trying to \_\_\_\_\_ a cat from a tree, Tony fell and broke his ankle.
- A. have rescued
  - B. rescue
  - C. rescuing
  - D. be rescuing

**II. Choose the word or phrase that is incorrect. (10%)**

1. The chef prepared a (A) basic dish with daring (B) ingredients that gave it an exotic (C) flavor none of us could have (D) prediction.

- As (A) with other (B) kind of public speaking, the best way (C) to become a better impromptu speaker is (D) to practice.
- British music (A) used to be (B) very more popular in (C) the United States than it (D) is today.
- Mr. Lin, (A) who transferred to this school three years (B) ago, (C) he is (D) an excellent teacher.
- The letter (A) that George sent (B) if (C) from Kaohsiung (D) is incomplete.

III. Use the words in the box to complete the paragraphs. Four words are extra. Just use the letter. Do not write the whole words. (20%)

(A) according	(B) attend	(C) conducted	(D) consecutive
(F) declare	(I) develop	(G) fever	(L) insufficient
(J) lack	(J) promote	(K) ranked	(I) released
(M) significant	(N) upgrade		

Up to 80 percent of Taiwan parents hoped the government would \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ English the second official language of Taiwan. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ to findings of a survey \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.

The survey was \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ by King Car Education Foundation in December 2005 on 2,059 parents around Taiwan. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 2.4 percentage points. The survey showed that 90 percent of the parents \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ confidence in their English ability.

Meanwhile, more than 60 percent of Taiwan parents send their children to cram schools to learn English, with 70 percent hoping their children will \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ an interest in English at the cram schools.

Officials at the foundation noted that the TOEFL scores of Taiwan students have for several \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ years occupied the bottom places among Asian students, and that the TOEIC scores of the Taiwan people \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ ninth from the bottom around the world, which they said shows that the English ability of the Taiwan people is still \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ despite the English-learning \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ in the country.

#### IV. Reading Comprehension (20%)

For theatergoers, no visit to Ireland would be complete without attending a performance at Dublin's Abbey Theater. Like London's Old Vic, the Abbey Theater had its beginnings in a coffee house. Many of the first performances of the group which would become known as the Abbey Players were held at the Coffee Palace on Townsend Street, Dublin. Both houses were intended as places of entertainment for the lively temperance movement of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Founded in 1904 as an Irish national theater, the Abbey was to become the first state-endowed English-speaking theater in the British Commonwealth. The first London engagement of this young, unknown Irish theater troupe brought recognition that they

"expressed the idealism and poetry of the national sentiment." The theater has since become famous for the playwrights and actors who got their start on the Abbey stage. Although it is visited yearly by tourists from all over the world, the Irish have come to consider the Abbey particularly their own.

When the plays of W.B. Yeats, J.M. Synge, and Sean O'Casey were first performed there, they were not always received with quiet appreciation. At the premiere performance of Synge's *Playboy of the Western World*, which infuriated the local population because of the negative way it portrayed the Irish peasant, the police were called in to maintain order! A similar reaction occurred at the opening night performance of Sean O'Casey's *The Plough and the Stars*.

Today the Abbey Theater has a new face. A fire destroyed the original structure in 1951. Although the building which now houses the theater is new, the character of the Abbey remains unchanged. Visit the Abbey and share in a fine theatrical tradition. Who knows? You may view the offering of a new playwright whose work will some day become a classic.

**Decide whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F).**

1. Dublin's Abbey Theater had its beginnings in a coffee house.
2. The Old Vic was another popular theater in Dublin.
3. The first performances of the Abbey Players were held at the Coffee Palace on Townsend Street, Dublin.
4. The Abbey was founded in 1804 as an Irish national theater.
5. The Abbey was the second state-endowed English-speaking theater in the British Commonwealth.
6. The theater has become famous for the playwrights and actors who got their start there.
7. The plays of Yeats, Synge, and O'Casey were always received with quiet appreciation.
8. At its final performance, Synge's *Playboy of the Western World* infuriated the local population.
9. A fire destroyed the original structure of the theater in 1951.
10. Since the fire, the theater's character has never been the same.

**V. Essay.** Some people prefer to eat out in a restaurant. Others prefer to prepare food and eat at home. Which do you prefer? Write an essay of about 200 words to discuss your preference. (20%)