

一、詞彙題 15 % (第 36-40 題請選出和畫線字詞符合的意思)

B 26. I enjoy camping in the countryside because I have always loved the great ____.

- (A) brass (B) outdoors (C) monthly (D) receiver

C 27. If you feel like cooking the potatoes, ____ them first and then cut them into small pieces.

- (A) drain (B) glowed (C) peel (D) steam

D 28. The artist was lucky enough to paint a ____ of the Queen.

- (A) meadow (B) pub (C) comma (D) portrait

A 29. It was very ____ of you to ask the boss for a raise like that.

- (A) bold (B) transport (C) tune (D) shallow

A 30. Every summer I ask one or two of my friends to help me ____.

- (A) mow the lawn (B) grow like weeds (C) play marbles (D) burst into laughter

D 31. If you are thirsty, there is a drinking ____ at the end of the corridor.

- (A) holder (B) mob (C) horrible (D) fountain

B 32. The environment group ____ the government to increase taxes on non-electric cars.

- (A) gambled (B) lobbied (C) discount (D) tub

C 33. Since the economy is so bad, we have to keep a(n) ____ budget.

- (A) beamed (B) hunger (C) tight (D) followers

B 34. Many people continue to live in ____, without proper housing, food, or health care.

- (A) plug (B) misery (C) punched (D) suicide

A 35. Handing in that wallet at the police station was her good ____ for the day.

- (A) deed (B) dose (C) breeze (D) humorous

D 36. Ryan directly challenged Lara's idea of setting up a small business and doubted that it would succeed.

- (A) to give a reason for something (explain)
(B) to let someone know that there's no need to doubt something (assure)
(C) to provide someone with certain information, especially in a formal way (inform)
(D) to show disagreement or doubt by questioning whether something is true, accurate, or correct (challenge)

B 37. The wedding photographer got lost somewhere in town and it was nearly dark when he finally showed up.

- (A) to fire a weapon at someone or something (shoot)
(B) to appear or arrive at a place (show up)
(C) to tell someone angrily that you disagree with them (argue)
(D) to deeply love a person in a romantic way (be in love with)

A 38. Tim has been very busy lately, so he hasn't had dinner with his family for two weeks.

- (A) in recent times or recently (B) extremely or very much (desperately)
(C) eager to know something (curious) (D) barely or almost not (hardly)

B 39. While having dinner in a romantic restaurant, Victor suddenly took out a ring and proposed to his girlfriend.

- (A) to cause someone to understand something less clearly (confuse)
(B) to ask someone to marry you
(C) to block or get in someone's way (cut...off)
(D) to leave from somewhere, especially to go on a journey or trip (depart)

C 40. The restaurant is famous for its delicious food and great customer service. Furthermore, it has been voted the best restaurant in the city.

- (A) a formal activity, such as a meeting or social event, that one has agreed to attend at a specific time and place (engagement)
(B) be full of or have a lot of something (be filled with)
(C) in addition, moreover, or what's more
(D) while going somewhere, during a trip or along the way (on one's way to)

二、綜合測驗 15%

The gun goes off with a bang! Derek Redmond __ (41) __ in the four-hundred-meter race at the Olympics. He can feel 65,000 spectators in the stadium __ (42) __ him. Four years ago, he missed the opportunity to attend the Olympics due to an injury, but not this time. This time the gold medal is finally within his reach. __ (43) __, he feels a sharp pain and drops to the ground. As the crowd looks on, he realizes something awful: He has completely torn his right hamstring! To everyone's surprise, however, he gets himself up and starts hopping toward the finish line in pain. Nobody can stop him __ (44) __ finishing this race! His father soon joins him at his side and together they __ (45) __ to the finish line arm in arm. In the eyes of the crowd, Derek Redmond has already won the race.

- D 41. (A) takes away (B) takes over (C) takes back (D) takes off
C 42. (A) watches (B) watched (C) watching (D) to watch
A 43. (A) Suddenly (B) Therefore (C) Luckily (D) Indeed
B 44. (A) with (B) from (C) into (D) over
B 45. (A) collapse (B) struggle (C) succeed (D) admire

Airline food is noted for being bad. But which airline’s cuisine is rated ___(46)___ badly ___(46)___ the worst meal on Earth? According to at least one online survey, Ryanair, a budget airline in Europe, ___(47)___ some of the worst breakfasts imaginable. One Ryanair customer posted a photo of the morning meal, which looked wet, undercooked, and completely unappetizing. ___(48)___, Ryanair topped the list of worst airline food in the survey. That being said, breakfast can be a difficult meal to master at high altitudes. ___(49)___, eggs, which usually make an appearance in the meal, are very hard to prepare for flights. That’s probably why passengers have also complained about the eggs served on other airlines, like SpiceJet and British Airways. More than one frequent flier has been shocked by ___(50)___ these carriers call “breakfast.” Of course, people don’t fly for the food. They fly to travel. But is having a decent meal while going from point A to point B really too much to ask?

- D 46. (A) so; that (B) very; as (C) too; to (D) as; as
- A 47. (A) provides (B) blames (C) indicates (D) affects
- D 48. (A) Believe it or not (B) For instance (C) On the other hand (D) Needless to say
- B 49. (A) In person (B) In fact (C) In vain (D) In detail
- C 50. (A) that (B) which (C) what (D) where

Few debut novels have enjoyed as much success as *Lessons in Chemistry* by American author Bonnie Garmus. ___(51)___ in 2022, the book quickly became an international bestseller. The book was ___(52)___ a television series in 2023, starring Oscar-winning actress Brie Larson.

Lessons in Chemistry is a story about Elizabeth Zott, a chemist in the 1960s ___(53)___ has to leave her job after she becomes pregnant. Elizabeth feels that cooking is quite similar to chemistry and ends up becoming the ___(54)___ of a cooking show. With the show as her platform, she inspires her female audience and insists that they value themselves.

Through Garmus’ skilled storytelling, challenging subjects such as equality and social change are made very interesting. Readers from many different parts of the world can surely ___(55)___ the characters’ stories. In fact, *Lessons in Chemistry* has inspired many people to make changes in their lives. (3/4)

- D 51. (A) Publish (B) To publish (C) Publishing (D) Published
- B 52. (A) erased from (B) adapted into (C) described as (D) handed out
- C 53. (A) when (B) where (C) who (D) which
- B 54. (A) maid (B) host (C) client (D) fighter
- A 55. (A) relate to (B) turn out (C) show off (D) put aside

三、文意選填 (請忽略大小寫) 5%

In recent years, robotic pets have become more popular. Made to look and act like real animals, they are also soft and cute. They are being used in places like nursing homes or hospitals for those with ___(56)___ problems, like dementia. People with dementia have a hard time remembering things, so they can’t ___(57)___ real pets. Real pets need care, like walking and feeding, and it can be hard for them to do so. When an ___(58)___ happens, they may not be able to take pets to the animal hospitals, either. Also, some places don’t allow pets because they might be noisy or make a mess.

That’s where robotic pets help. They keep people ___(59)___ without the challenges of real pets. Studies show these robots can make life better for people with dementia by reducing stress and loneliness. With these cute robots, people with memory problems can ___(60)___ from them without the worry of taking care of a real pet. (答案：EDAB)

- (A) company (B) benefit (C) own (D) emergency (E) memory

四、篇章結構 (請忽略大小寫及標點符號) 8%

- (A) firstly, they usually add more flavoring to the dishes that are served during flights to make them tastier
- (B) therefore improve their high-altitude dining experience.
- (C) because even your ears can affect how much you enjoy your meal.
- (D) because of the noise of the airplane engines.

You can’t just blame your tongue and your nose when the food on your plate doesn’t taste so great, (61) An airplane cabin can be quite a noisy place where passengers’ attention is often distracted from what they’re eating. Your cuisine in the clouds might taste quite bland (62)

Of course, airlines have realized how our organs are affected during a flight and have come up with different solutions to the problem. (63) They’ve also introduced more savory ingredients to their in-flight recipes, such as tomatoes, mushrooms, and spinach, because of their rich flavor. In comparison with other foods, these remain yummy. Some airlines like British Airways have even tried nasal sprays. These sprays, the airlines say, can help clear passengers’ stuffy, dry noses and (64) (答案：CDAB)

- (A) After all, he had managed to trick almost every animal in the forest!
- (B) Inside, he saw a fox who could not climb out and was in desperate need of help.
- (C) The wise monkey shook his head and said to himself, “One is too trusting, the other is too cunning. Both wind up suffering in the end!”
- (D) The poor goat had believed in the goodness of all creatures but had forgotten that foxes were known to be dishonest.

There was once a good-hearted goat who was enjoying some grass near an old well. Suddenly, he heard a splash coming from the well and someone shouting, “Help! I’ve fallen into the well!” The goat rushed to the side of the well and looked down. ___(65)___ The good-natured goat said to himself, “Well, I have to help the poor fox because he might drown!” He then jumped down without a second thought. “Thanks,” said the fox, “but you should really look twice before you jump!” The fox hopped on the goat’s head and jumped out of the well before the goat realized what had happened. ___(66)___ The fox

laughed at the silly goat and walked off to a tree full of delicious apples. There was an old monkey sitting in the tree, enjoying one of the apples. The fox, who was always a little too proud, thought that he could trick the monkey, too. __ (67) __ “Please drop me one of your apples, monkey, and I will show you a hidden treasure on the other side of the forest!” the fox said. The wise monkey had seen what had happened at the well from the top of the tree, and he pretended to agree. He dropped an apple, knowing that the fox would run off into a nearby hole. Sure enough, the fox ran off with the apple, but it did not get far before the monkey laid his own trap. The monkey shook the branches of the tree, and 20 apples fell and buried the fox. The fox was stuck and let out a cry. __ (68) __ He eventually saved both the goat and the fox but gave them a firm warning: “Always think before you act!” (答案: DBAC)

五、閱讀測驗 3%

An increasing number of people in many countries are battling feelings of loneliness. In the UK, for example, a commission set up to study the problem found that over 9 million of the nation’s citizens feel lonely at least some of the time. Studies in other countries have come up with similar findings. For young people, loneliness may be experienced due to the influence of social media, while older people may feel lonely because they live by themselves and have nobody to talk to.

There are several negative effects that loneliness can have on people’s health. One is that it can lower a person’s lifespan by up to 15 years. To address this problem in the UK, the world’s first Minister for Loneliness was appointed in 2018. A number of strategies have been proposed to improve the situation since then. Among these are raising public awareness of the problem by holding special events, as well as building new transportation lines for those at risk of being isolated.

Another country that has its own Minister for Loneliness is Japan. An increase in the suicide rate in 2021 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic pushed the Japanese government to take action. It seems likely that other nations will follow suit.

C 69. What is the purpose of this passage?

- (A) To compare the UK and Japan’s strategies in dealing with loneliness.
- (B) To examine COVID-19’s effect on people’s mental health globally.
- (C) To share how many countries are working to fight loneliness.
- (D) To discuss social media’s influence on loneliness.

B 70. How does the author arrange this passage?

- (A) Defining terms → giving examples → showing differences.
- (B) Stating a problem → discussing effects → offering solutions.
- (C) Making comparisons → analyzing causes → suggesting actions.
- (D) Describing an issue → presenting statistics → concluding with examples.

B 71. According to the passage, what role does social media play?

- (A) It is a solution to loneliness among the elderly people.
- (B) It is the contributing factor to young people’s loneliness.
- (C) It is used as a tool to raise people’s awareness of loneliness.
- (D) It is the primary cause for people to commit suicide in Japan.

六、混合題 3%

TikTok is a widely used social media platform that is known for its short videos. The videos on this platform can range in length from just a few seconds to a maximum of 10 minutes. While TikTok may seem like harmless fun, experts warn that the style of videos shown on the platform is leading to an effect known as “TikTok brain.”

Watching videos with interesting content causes the reward centers of our brain to be activated. A chemical called dopamine is released, creating a feeling of pleasure. This makes us want to repeat the experience that caused the dopamine release, which may cause addiction in some cases. Many users of TikTok are showing signs of this type of addiction when it comes to watching short, interesting video clips. Getting them to stop watching these videos can be difficult, even if they have bigger fish to fry. Behavior like this trains the brain to expect immediate satisfaction, which reduces people’s attention span in the long run.

Users really need to be conscious of the amount of time they spend on TikTok. While it may be a great way to kill some extra time, TikTok can be addictive, so people need to know when to take a break and find other things to do in their free time.

C 72. What is true about “dopamine” in the passage?

- (A) It is released when people watch longer video clips.
- (B) It will decrease people’s attention span immediately.
- (C) It greatly raises people’s spirits while being released.
- (D) It will cause the reward centers of our brain to be activated.

D 73. According to the passage, which of the following statements is NOT true?

- (A) People with “TikTok brain” may prefer shorter clips.
- (B) Most of the video clips featured on TikTok are shorter than 10 minutes.
- (C) The feeling of wanting to repeat the experience of dopamine release can be addictive.
- (D) It’s advised that the best way to avoid getting “TikTok brain” is not to use social media at all.

A 74. If there is another paragraph following the third paragraph, what will it most likely be about?

- (A) Practical ways to prevent people from getting “TikTok brain.”
- (B) Other social media apps and platforms that are less addictive than TikTok.
- (C) What people usually do with TikTok and why it is so popular among people.
- (D) A study report with numbers to prove how TikTok brain has affected people.

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75-76 題為六、混合題的題目

75. (A) (D)

Choose **TWO** correct statements from (A) to (F) below. (多選題，4 分)

- (A) The feeling of wanting to repeat the experience of dopamine release can be addictive.
- (B) Stop using social media altogether is the best way to avoid having “TikTok brain.”
- (C) Those who have “TikTok brain” will try to create short videos on their own.
- (D) Most of the video clips featured on TikTok are no longer than 10 minutes.
- (E) Dopamine will be released when people watch longer video clips.
- (F) People with “TikTok brain” seem to be smarter.

76. Which phrase in the passage means “have something more important to deal with”? (2 分, 錯一處扣 1 分)

have/Have bigger fish to fry

七、合併句子 12% (一題 3 分, 錯一處扣 1 分)

77. While Kathy was watching TV last night, she heard something.

A dog was barking loudly outside.

(以 S + see/watch/hear/feel/notice/observe + O + VR/V-ing/p.p.....合併句子)

While Kathy was watching TV last night, she heard a dog barking loudly outside.

78. Although David has a driver’s license, he never drives a car himself. (...V-ing....)

(以 Despite/In spite of + N/V-ing..., S + V....改寫句子)

Despite/In spite of having a driver’s license, David never drives a car himself.

79. I visited Taipei 101.

My mom and dad had their first date in Taipei 101.

(以...N(,) + where/when + S + V....合併句子)

I visited Taipei 101, where my mom and dad had their first date.

80. Helen looks pretty.

Her older sister looks prettier. (Helen....)

(以 S + V + as + adj./adv./many + N/much + N + as + S (+ V)....合併句子)

Helen doesn’t look as/so pretty as her older sister (does).

八、引導式翻譯 13% (一格 1 分)

81. 信不信由你，理論上聽起來不錯的事情常常實際上行不通。

① Believe ② it ③ or ④ not, what sounds so good in theory often fails to deliver in practice.

82. Cathy 一心想到英國深造。

Cathy ① has her ② heart ③ set ④ on going to the UK for further studies.

83. 我實在需要做些運動，所以不管天氣怎樣，我今天都會去慢跑。

I really need some exercise, so I’m going jogging today ① regardless ② of the weather.

84. 跟其他城市的房價比起來，紐約的房價很高。

① In ② Comparison ③ with the house prices in other cities, those in New York are very high.