

# 淡江大學 101 學年度碩士班招生考試試題

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## I. Vocabulary: Choose the most appropriate word to complete each sentence. (20%)

1. People with \_\_\_\_\_ disorders may have exaggerated and irrational beliefs concerning the consequences of facing up to the feared or difficult situation.  
(A) controversy (B) incredibility (C) protocol (D) anxiety
2. Rainforest destruction is a key \_\_\_\_\_ to global warming, accounting for one fifth of carbon emissions.  
(A) contributor (B) exhibitor (C) attributor (D) indicator
3. We are \_\_\_\_\_ to improving crop protection while safeguarding the interests of the user, consumer, and the environment.  
(A) dedicated (B) charged (C) implemented (D) abandoned
4. Mr. Johnson is not a member of the association and, with its current policy, would not be \_\_\_\_\_ for membership.  
(A) intelligible (B) competitive (C) eligible (D) innovative
5. One essential \_\_\_\_\_ of organizing your work is to be able to put aside enough time in the day for thought and reflection.  
(A) appreciation (B) disciple (C) factor (D) ingredient
6. The other students have been instructed not to \_\_\_\_\_ in any dispute between the pair of students, in case it grows more heated.  
(A) falter (B) intervene (C) commemorate (D) undertake
7. The symptoms of the disease have become more \_\_\_\_\_ after she was hospitalized.  
(A) omniscient (B) anonymous (C) pronounced (D) metallic
8. The defendant accused of murder is \_\_\_\_\_ by an experienced solicitor who has had a good record of winning cases.  
(A) disparaged (B) accommodated (C) represented (D) dissociated
9. The exhibition will be launched \_\_\_\_\_ at Taipei, Taichung, and Kaohsiung, before travelling to Tainan, Hsinchu, and other venues in eastern Taiwan.  
(A) allegedly (B) absolutely (C) critically (D) simultaneously

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10. Cherie was an extremely talented designer, with a reputation for producing stylish, comfortable, and \_\_\_\_\_ clothes.  
(A) spatial (B) versatile (C) universal (D) advisory

## II. Grammar & Usage (20%)

11. The two companies have finally settled their \_\_\_\_\_ row over the ownership of the product which was jointly developed several years ago.  
(A) long-run (B) long-running (C) run-long (D) ran-long
12. This tale is fiction, but it shows the kind of \_\_\_\_\_ story which a twelfth-century Englishman could expect his audience to swallow.  
(A) success (B) succeeding (C) successful (D) successfully
13. Mr. Hoffman has been used to \_\_\_\_\_ holidays alone after his wife died five years ago.  
(A) spent (B) spend (C) spending (D) be spending
14. The couple had not realized that debt was one of the biggest causes of the breakdown of their relationship. Only when they looked back over their problems \_\_\_\_\_ become apparent.  
(A) is it (B) it does (C) it did (D) did it
15. Neither pollution nor other atmospheric phenomena \_\_\_\_\_ thought to be related to the unusual weather we have been having.  
(A) is (B) have (C) has (D) are
16. The definitive answer \_\_\_\_\_ his question has yet to be found.  
(A) to (B) in (C) at (D) on
17. The town is most famous for its many golf courses that \_\_\_\_\_ players from all over the world.  
(A) attracting (B) attractive (C) attract (D) have attraction
18. The college is home to 30 students from Nepal, almost \_\_\_\_\_ are studying economics.  
(A) all of they (B) all of whom (C) all of who (D) all of them
19. It may be the most important decision \_\_\_\_\_ you will ever take.  
(A) that (B) when (C) which (D) where

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20. Many people are tightening their belts during the recent recession. Poorer families, already finding it difficult to afford healthy meals, will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) hardly hit      (B) hard hitting      (C) hardest hitting      (D) hardest hit

### III. A. Reading Comprehension (10%)

1            The first signs of respite for consumers came yesterday as a slump in the price of crude oil held out the prospect of lower prices for fuel and food. Supermarkets are preparing a new round of price cuts in coming weeks after the dramatic slide in crude oil to \$86 a barrel, the lowest price for a year, and amid signs that food inflation has stalled.

6            Figures from the British Retail Consortium (BRC) showed that food inflation may have peaked with food price inflation down to 3.6 percent in September from 3.8 percent in August. It is too soon to celebrate but there may still be cause for festive cheer.

11           Stephen Robertson, the BRC's director-general, said, "The man in the street and families will feel a little more confident as a result of the interest-rate reduction and lower commodity prices and this is particularly important in the run-up to Christmas. He gave warning, however, that there would not be a sharp turnaround in the fortunes of the high street, and said much depended on mortgage repayments being lowered.

16           "It is going to be a demanding time for the retail sector, but there have never been so many deals and promotions in stores. I know that business on promotions has gone up from 20 to 30 percent of turnover and there may be more," he said. Petrol companies are also ready to cut prices in response to the aggressive marketing by supermarkets, helping motorists and commercial transport companies alike.

21           Despite the oil price slump, fuel prices are expected to rise during November because of the increased demand in winter when oil is also needed for heating. Industry experts are confident that any price rises before Christmas will be nothing like the peak oil price of \$147 reached in July.

(Adapted from *The Times*)

21. What title best describes the passage?
- (A) Oil price slump may also cut cost of Christmas food  
(B) Supermarkets cut food cost to lure shoppers  
(C) Consumers brace themselves for colder Christmas  
(D) Oil companies start to fall with a crash and a crunch

22. What does the word "respite" in Line 1 mean?
- (A) an impressive show      (B) a lack of respect

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(C) a severe injury (D) an interval of relief

23. What does the word “turnaround” in Line 11 mean?

- (A) the amount of business done (B) a great number of shoppers  
(C) a complete change (D) opposing opinions

24. According to the passage, who is *unlikely* to have a good time in the run-up to Christmas?

- (A) families (B) high street shops  
(C) motorists (D) the man in the street

25. Which of the following months is most *likely* for the news story to be released?

- (A) January (B) July (C) October (D) December

## B. Cloze Test (10%)

### New life revealed in rainforests of the deep

A rare species of stingray, a 2,000-year-old coral, and extinct underwater volcanoes are among hundreds of discoveries 26 under the ocean by a scientific expedition off the coast of Australia. Marine experts say that the discoveries 27 what they say are some of the most biologically important oceanic habitats in the world.

In the icy waters of a Southern Ocean marine park, 100 nautical miles off the coast of Tasmania, scientists found more than 270 new marine species—including fish, 28, mollusks, sponges, and corals—and 80 previously unknown seamounts or underwater mountains. The undersea mountains, which measured half a mile high and 15 miles wide, form “rainforests of the deep.” For the first time scientists also 29 underwater canyons larger than the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

The £600,000 scientific expedition was led by Australia’s Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), the national science agency. Scientists said that only a tiny proportion of Australia’s oceans had been explored in such a way and that they could only speculate on the biodiversity hidden under the water.

The discoveries were made during two voyages in November 2006 and April 2007. Scientists used special sonar equipment and video technology 30 the vessels to create a map of the seabed and detected the 80 previously unknown underwater mountains and 145 new undersea canyons.

(Adapted from *The Times*)

26. (A) find (B) found (C) founded (D) finds

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27. (A) shed a new light on (B) put their finger on  
(C) knock some sense into (D) give free rein to
28. (A) gnomes (B) centaurs (C) hyenas (D) crustaceans
29. (A) poked their nose into (B) turned a deaf ear to  
(C) laid eyes upon (D) got their tongue around
30. (A) on board (B) at the end of  
(C) within sight of (D) over the counter

**IV. Sentence-Making: Write down the meanings of the following idiomatic expressions in CHINESE before you make a sentence for each of them in ENGLISH. (20%)**

1. opt out
2. adhere to
3. on behalf of
4. run its course
5. under house arrest

**V. English Composition: Start with the following unfinished sentence and write an essay of 120 words. (20%)**

*The embarrassing incident that I will never forget happened ....*