

國立高雄師範大學 109 學年度碩士班招生考試試題

系所別：英語學系

科目：英文（閱讀與寫作）

※注意：1.一律使用英文作答。

2.作答時請將試題題號及答案依序寫在答案卷上，於本試題上作答者，不予計分。

3.答案卷限用藍、黑色筆作答，以其他顏色作答之部分，該題不予計分。

A. Cloze: Choose the best answer for each blank in the passage. (12 %)

The internet has changed the way we listen to music. Napster was an early program which allowed people (1) songs with each other for free. The problem was that the artists did not receive royalties. After attacks from the entire music (2), the free music exchange through Napster was shut down. What do the singers and bands think about (3) issues? Many artists and record labels are campaigning to protect their (4), and are against illegally downloading music. On the other hand, many people feel CDs are (5) over-priced. Some feel that not enough money goes to the artists anyway and at least sharing music shows that people (6) it.

- | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. (A) exchanged | (B) exchanging | (C) to exchange | (D) exchange |
| 2. (A) industry | (B) partnership | (C) management | (D) company |
| 3. (A) this | (B) their | (C) its | (D) these |
| 4. (A) lawyers | (B) candidates | (C) knowledge | (D) interests |
| 5. (A) enough | (B) greatly | (C) too much | (D) serious |
| 6. (A) appreciate | (B) appreciating | (C) appreciation | (D) appreciative |

B. Discourse Structure: Choose the best answer from the box below for each blank in the passage. (8 %)

- (A) The shift toward service-based economies in the industrialized has favored women in the work force — one reason they have poured into the labor market over the past three decades.
- (B) Many women choose to interrupt their careers, working part-time or temporarily dropping out, to raise children.
- (C) In Germany, maternal leave is generous, but many women drop out of the work force once they have children.
- (D) The reasons for this persistent inequity are complex, and they vary with geography.

In the United States, there are more women in the work force at higher levels than in any other country in the world—and they still make less than their male counterparts. In Sweden, women's wages are high, but their role in the work force remains relatively traditional. (1). In Japan, the gap is not just in wages but also in the basic structure of the way men and women are employed.

系所別：英語學系

科目：英文（閱讀與寫作）

In good times and in bad, women's wages have become an increasingly important component of household income and consumer spending. (2). But what they find once they get there differs considerably throughout the developed world. That has less to do with gender politics than it does with macroeconomics, and it results—somewhat surprisingly—in women still getting paid less than men in most places and for most jobs.

(3). In many places, discrimination in education and hiring is responsible for a diminishing fraction of the gender wage gap. These days, having and raising children seems to be a much bigger drag on a woman's earning power. (4). Such decisions can permanently disrupt earning power.

C. Vocabulary: Fill in the blanks with the correct words or phrases from the box. (20 %)

detergent	fast-track	fraction	regulations	rejection
wake-up call	functioning	reassemble	retaining	waiting lists

For the first time ever, scientists were able to create in the lab a (1) rat kidney. However, this important breakthrough may not be used on humans for many years because of (2). Organ regeneration could help many people on organ donation (3). Currently, only a (4) of the people that need organs get them. The process developed by Harald takes a kidney and uses (5) to clean it out of living tissues while (6) its form. Then new cells are added in order to (7) the organ. Making organs this way would eliminate the risk of organ (8). Some say regulators like the Food and Drug Administration need to view this development as a (9) and get ready to have a (10) approval process. Others say it is still decades away from being ready for human use.

D. Reading Comprehension: Choose the best answer to each question below according to what is stated and implied in each passage. (10%)

It is well-known that some countries are far wealthier than others. Some contend that poor countries remain impoverished because they are exploited by the wealthy nations of the world. Others argue that these poor nations are corrupt and deserve to remain in squalor. Although there is some merit to these arguments, natural factors often have an even greater effect on the economies of these nations than either of these elements.

Perhaps the most critical factor in a nation's development is its geography. It is not a coincidence that many of the world's poorest nations are located in tropical regions near the equator, where the weather is hot, the land less fertile, and water scarce. Thus, companies do not invest in these countries because they would spend too much money on electricity and

系所別：英語學系

科目：英文（閱讀與寫作）

other resources to make significant profit. Conversely, countries located in more temperate regions, such as the United States and many European countries, have had a naturally easier time developing. These places have huge tracts of fertile land, moderate temperatures, and a good amount of rainfall. Due to these factors, companies are more likely to start businesses in such nations since they would have to invest far less time and energy to flourish.

In addition to geography, a country's location also plays a major role in its development. The great empires of the world have always had access to maritime trade routes, and this rule still applies to generating national wealth. Many of the world's poorest nations are hindered by being landlocked or mountainous and do not have navigable rivers or access to harbors. On the contrary, China and the United States, the two largest economies in the world, are home to some of the world's busiest ports. This affords them access to global shipping lanes, making it easy for them to export their products all over the world at a low cost.

A third factor is natural resources. To generate wealth, countries must be able to utilize their resources. For instance, countries in the Middle East have one of the most precious natural resources: oil. They have developed the infrastructure necessary to extract and distribute their vast oil reserves to become wealthy. South American countries have been able to manage their renewable resources—timber and rubber—to enable them to develop their economies. Some nations rich in resources, such as Ghana, Tanzania, and Venezuela, remain poor. However, countries that lack appreciable natural resources are at a major economic disadvantage.

1. What is the passage mainly about?

- (A) The importance of natural conditions in a country's development.
- (B) Countries that have poor environment yet still become wealthy.
- (C) Factors that companies consider before choosing a country to invest in.
- (D) Historical factors that have allowed certain countries to develop more rapidly.

2. According to the passage, why do companies not want to invest in tropical regions?

- (A) These areas do not have access to harbors and navigable rivers.
- (B) These regions have excessive amounts of rainfall during certain seasons.
- (C) Companies would spend too much money on resources such as electricity.
- (D) Governments in tropical areas are often corrupt and do not support businesses.

系所別：英語學系

科目：英文（閱讀與寫作）

3. In paragraphs 4, the author states that _____.
- (A) Infrastructure is crucial for utilizing natural resources.
 - (B) Countries with large amounts of natural resources are always wealthy.
 - (C) Nations with appreciable amounts of renewable resources developed quickly.
 - (D) The majority of South American countries gained wealth from timber and rubber.
4. The word hindered in the third paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.
- (A) facilitated
 - (B) impeded
 - (C) obliged
 - (D) sanitized
5. What can be inferred from the passage?
- (A) Highly developed countries are likely to have busy shipping ports.
 - (B) Sending products by sea is more expensive than shipping them over land.
 - (C) Farming companies are generally found in countries located in tropical areas.
 - (D) It is necessary for a country to use its renewable resources to become wealthy.

E. Essay Writing (50%)

How do you acquire your knowledge as well as practice your learning? Write a well-organized essay to illustrate it in detail.