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Please answer each question according to your personal opinion with three to five paragraphs in formal English. You will be graded on your writing ability and logic, not on the accuracy of your answers.

1. Between 1624 and the present, when has Taiwan been a colony? Please explain your answer. (30%)
2. When writing in English, what are the best ways to transliterate names of East Asian people and places that are usually written using Chinese character (漢字)? For example, consider names such as 孫中山, 鄭成功, 林爽文, 張惠妹, 廣州, 台北 and 德川家康 (you can use any other examples that you can think of). Please explain your answer. (30%)
3. The following passage was written by the American scholar Francis Fukuyama in 1989.\* What do you think Fukuyama means by 'the end of history'? Do you think his description of the future seems accurate now, more than thirty years since he wrote it? Please explain your answer. (40%)

"The end of history will be a very sad time. The struggle for recognition, the willingness to risk one's life for a purely abstract goal, the worldwide ideological struggle that called forth daring, courage, imagination, and idealism, will be replaced by economic calculation, the endless solving of technical problems, environmental concerns, and the satisfaction of sophisticated consumer demands. In the post historical period there will be neither art nor philosophy, just the perpetual care taking of the museum of human history. I can feel in myself, and see in others around me, a powerful nostalgia for the time when history existed. Such nostalgia, in fact, will continue to fuel competition and conflict even in the post historical world for some time to come. Even though I recognize its inevitability, I have the most ambivalent feeling for the civilization that has been created in Europe since 1945, with its north Atlantic and Asian offshoots. Perhaps this very prospect of centuries of boredom at the end of history will serve to get history started once again."

\*Francis Fukuyama, "The end of History?" *The Nature Interest* 16 (1989): 18.

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- 一、作答於試題上者，不予計分。
- 二、試題請隨卷繳交。