

# 國立宜蘭大學

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### 英文閱讀二 試題

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#### 《作答注意事項》

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- 3.本試卷共有 40 題，一題 2.5 分，共計 100 分。
- 4.請將答案寫在答案卷上（於本試題上作答者，不予計分）。
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**Instructions: Please write down all of your answers on your answer sheet.  
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**Vocabulary and Phrases (45%): Choose the BEST answer.**

1. He flies first class so often that he has become \_\_\_\_\_ about it.  
(A) benign (B) blasé (C) blatant (D) blight
2. It was quite hard for me to figure out the internal \_\_\_\_\_ of my computer.  
(A) curator (B) courier (C) concierge (D) configuration
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a severe snow storm with strong winds  
(A) blizzard (B) sleet (C) avalanche (D) snowdrift
4. Athletes must undergo a \_\_\_\_\_ drugs test before they participate in any competition.  
(A) legible (B) retroactive (C) articulate (D) mandatory
5. Please proceed to the baggage claim and retrieve your luggage from the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) invoice (B) inventory (C) carousel (D) concourse
6. Many people start to worry about the loss of their \_\_\_\_\_ after they retire.  
(A) pension (B) recession (C) deflation (D) auction
7. There was a record number of \_\_\_\_\_s by customs officers last year.  
(A) confiscation (B) contention (C) illustration (D) verification
8. My roommate often \_\_\_\_\_s to herself and I could hardly understand her.  
(A) disperse (B) lament (C) falter (D) mumble
9. Oliver's clumsy \_\_\_\_\_s doomed the failure of the plan from the start.  
(A) layman (B) morale (C) tactic (D) swarm
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the smoke made it difficult to breathe.  
(A) density (B) specimen (C) freight (D) mortgage
11. Shoplifters often work in pairs, with one creating a \_\_\_\_\_ to distract the staff while the other steals the goods.  
(A) concession (B) acceleration (C) diversion (D) suspension
12. There is a general agreement today that \_\_\_\_\_ delinquents are less responsible than older offenders.  
(A) supreme (B) juvenile (C) nominal (D) sinister
13. After the \_\_\_\_\_ of last week's defeat, the Mets were back on form.  
(A) villain (B) fraud (C) spectacle (D) humiliation
14. A leather jacket is a timeless and \_\_\_\_\_ garment that can be worn in all seasons and for all occasions.  
(A) resolute (B) malicious (C) versatile (D) imperial
15. He's demanding a full apology from the newspaper for making untrue \_\_\_\_\_s about his personal life.  
(A) diorama (B) allegation (C) retort (D) purview

16. He took on the \_\_\_\_\_ task of reforming the whole educational system.  
(A) outlandish (B) eccentric (C) boilerplate (D) formidable
17. They're planning to \_\_\_ a hotel \_\_\_\_\_ where the museum used to be.  
(A) put in (B) put up (C) pull over (D) pull out
18. I hope to \_\_\_\_\_ answering your request next week.  
(A) come around (B) get around (C) get around to (D) come around to

**Cloze Test (20%): Choose the BEST answer in each question.**

According to recent news, the House returns from its July Fourth \_\_19\_\_ this week in a state of remarkable uncertainty. In some quarters, \_\_20\_\_ing frustration with their longtime leader, Representative Nancy Pelosi of California, 78, has given way to whisper campaigns among potential challengers and public calls for the passing of the \_\_21\_\_ to a younger generation. Her top \_\_22\_\_ and longtime rival, Representative Steny H. Hoyer of Maryland, 79, checked into a Washington hospital with pneumonia last week, underscoring the concerns among some in the party about the age of the current leadership.

19. (A) recess (B) adjourn (C) rectification (D) alimony
20. (A) constrict (B) menial (C) simmer (D) glisten
21. (A) conduct (B) conductor (C) baton (D) beacon
22. (A) detective (B) resident (C) inspector (D) lieutenant

Xiaomi, the Chinese smartphone maker, fell about 4 percent in its trading debut in Hong Kong on Monday, in a slow start for the first of what may be a \_\_23\_\_ of Chinese technology companies selling shares to the public there in coming months. The company, which makes affordable smartphones and other \_\_24\_\_s, is a longtime Chinese technology darling and it truly raises the \_\_25\_\_ prospect that it could become a rare Chinese technology company that grows beyond its home. However, the company's financial filings showed slow going for its effort to expand into the potentially more profitable business of offering online services and it even \_\_26\_\_ a plan to offer shares in mainland China, which would have given it access to capital from still more investors. Hence, it is not clear how Xiaomi's disappointing offering will affect other high-flying technology firms Hong Kong hopes to attract.

23. (A) calamity (B) scrutiny (C) turmoil (D) slew
24. (A) gadget (B) devise (C) attest (D) repertoire
25. (A) altruistic (B) obsolete (C) tantalizing (D) improbable
26. (A) augmented (B) infuriated (C) sneered (D) postponed

**Matching Questions (10%): Select the BEST answer and fill in the blanks.**

A. took on	B. gobbled up	C. weighed down	D. tacked on	E. laundering	F. expunging
G. stickling	H. conspicuousness	I. anonymity	J. agitations	K. reservations	L. conservations

Bill Gates \_\_27\_\_ cryptocurrencies and the future of transportation in an ask me anything (AMA) session on Reddit. And, while he believes innovations in transportation have positive implications, he has \_\_28\_\_ over cryptocurrency. In the post, Gates said the main feature of cryptocurrencies is their \_\_29\_\_ — which is not good, he said, because the government needs to track money \_\_30\_\_, tax evasion and terrorist funding. Of course, there is an issue with illegal drugs too. Right now, cryptocurrencies are used for buying fentanyl and other drugs, so it is a rare technology that has caused deaths in a fairly direct way.

27. \_\_\_\_\_ 28. \_\_\_\_\_ 29. \_\_\_\_\_ 30. \_\_\_\_\_

**Reading Comprehension (25%): Choose the BEST answer in each question.**

- A. Late last month, California passed a sweeping consumer privacy law that might force significant changes on companies that deal in personal data — and especially those operating in the digital space. The law’s passage comes on the heels of a few days of intense negotiation among privacy advocates, technology startups, network providers, Silicon Valley internet companies, and others. Those discussions have resulted in what many are describing as a landmark policy constituting the most stringent data protection regime in the United States.
- B. Indeed, similar questions about Americans’ data rights arose during Mark Zuckerberg’s congressional testimony in regard to Facebook’s compliance with new European regulations.
- C. While the law, which is set to come into effect at the start of 2020, technically applies only to California residents, it will most likely have much broader implications. Most major companies that deal in consumer data, from retailers to cellular network providers to internet companies, have some Californian customers. That will leave those companies with two main options: either reform their global data protection and data rights infrastructures to comply with California’s law, or institute a patchwork data regime in which Californians are treated one way and everyone else another. That last option can be more expensive for companies, and could disgruntle non-Californian customers should they be given fewer data privacy options by the service provider.



- D. The new law — the California Consumer Privacy Act, A.B. 375 — affords California residents an array of new rights, starting with the right to be informed about what kinds of personal data companies have collected and why it was collected. Among other novel protections, the law stipulates that consumers have the right to request the deletion of personal information, opt out of the sale of personal information, and access the personal information in a “readily useable format” that enables its transfer to third parties without hindrance.
- E. Much of the political impetus behind the law’s passage came from some major privacy scandals that have come to light in recent months, including the Cambridge Analytical incident involving Facebook user data. This and other news drove public support for a privacy ballot initiative that would have instituted an even stricter data protection regime on companies that deal in consumer data if the state’s residents voted to pass it in November. But after intense negotiation, especially from leading internet companies and internet service providers, the backers of the ballot initiative agreed to drop the initiative and instead support the passage of the law.
- F. This restriction could extend to internet service providers such as AT&T and Verizon, which collect broadband activity data (web browsing data) and could attempt to use it to generate behavioral profiles to enable digital advertising. These measures might significantly cut into the profits these firms currently enjoy, or force adjustments to their revenue-growth strategies. They could also further impact any businesses that advertise on digital platforms, as the service they are purchasing — highly targeted advertising — might become less precise as a result of the new protections afforded to individual consumers.
- G. Perhaps the primary issue that firms are contending with is that the law’s requirements could threaten established business models throughout the digital sector. For instance, companies that generate revenue from targeted advertising over internet platforms — such as Facebook, Twitter, and Google — must, as the law is currently written, allow California residents to delete their data or bring it with them to alternative service providers.

31. \_\_\_\_\_ What might be the correct order of the original article?
- (A) A-F-G-D-B-C-E  
(B) A-G-F-C-E-D-B  
(C) A-E-D-G-F-C-B  
(D) A-D-C-F-G-B-E

32. \_\_\_\_\_ Based on this passage, which statement is INCORRECT?
- (A) The passage of the California Consumer Privacy Act, A.B. 375 was highly relevant to a privacy ballot initiative supported by the general public in California.
  - (B) The passage of the California Consumer Privacy Act, A.B. 375 would greatly influence the revenue of major technology companies which benefited from targeted advertising over virtual platforms.
  - (C) The passage of the California Consumer Privacy Act, A.B. 375 could exasperate non-Californian customers if there might be a mishmash of personal data system provided by national retailers in America
  - (D) The passage of the California Consumer Privacy Act, A.B. 375 would enable customers to bring their personal data to alternative service providers with them.
33. \_\_\_\_\_ Which would NOT be an instance of the “personal information”?
- (A) geolocation
  - (B) a cookie ID
  - (C) psychometric data
  - (D) a company registration number
34. \_\_\_\_\_ Where should we put the following passage into the original article?
- H. Some firms stand to lose even more. Data brokers such as Acxiom, Epsilon, Experian, and Oracle, for example, generate profits by collecting quantities of data on individual consumers and selling it to third parties — be they ad networks, marketers, retailers, or any other type of interested business. These are precisely the kinds of practices that are directly threatened by the consumer’s rights to deletion and to opt out of sale of data
- (A) right after G
  - (B) right after F
  - (C) right after D
  - (D) right after B
35. \_\_\_\_\_ What could we infer about the author’s attitude about the passage of this new law?
- (A) averse
  - (B) inimical
  - (C) buoyant
  - (D) reticent

- A. It took a very special project indeed to lure this very special talent back to the big screen, and English Vinglish is it. Directed and written by Gauri Shinde, the film depicts the transformation of Shashi, a meek, put-upon Indian housewife who speaks only Hindi, into a confident citizen of the world, over the length of a four-week crash course in English.
- B. Fans of Indian cinema need no introduction to Sridevi, the star of more than 200 movies: admired for her sparkling comic timing, dancing prowess and acting chops, “Sri” ruled the marquee from the mid- ‘70s to the early ‘90s before settling down to raise two daughters with her husband, producer Boney Kapoor.
- C. It’s no surprise that by the end of the film, Shashi will conquer her fears, but the route Shinde takes to get her there is distinctively Shashi’s. The image of the newly confident Shashi striding down a Manhattan street, a takeout coffee in hand and a trench coat belted over her sari, will make you smile days after you leave the theater.
- D. Shashi is a dedicated mother and gifted cook, the wife of a busy executive in the western Indian city of Pune. Her laddoos earn raves and she even runs a small catering business, but her family treats her like a servant. Her teenaged daughter treats her with contempt, while the casually masked cruelty of her husband’s words cut her to the core: “My wife was born to make laddoos!” he gloats.
- E. When Shashi is called upon to fly to New York City to help her sister arrange a niece’s wedding, she is faced with ever-mounting humiliations, in a series of beautifully mounted, yet squirm-inducing scenes.
- F. Ultimately, what make English Vinglish memorable are the small, step-by-step choices Shashi makes to transform herself. Yes, there’s **grit** there, but it’s tempered with compassion and dignity. The way the character has been crafted by Shinde, and interpreted by Sridevi, is gloriously feminine, and uniquely Indian.
- G. Her fellow international students include a Pakistani cab driver, a South Indian engineer, a Mexican nanny and a smitten French man, also a cook, who tastes her laddoos and tells her, “You are an artist.” Shashi retorts, “When a man cooks, it’s an art. When a woman cooks, it’s just her duty.”
- H. It is at this point that Shashi realizes that her lack of English skills is holding her back, and so when she spies an ad for an English class on a passing city bus, she decides to sneak out of her relatives’ house and navigate New York City’s subways and buses to get there.

36. What is the possible sequence of the original article?
- (A) B-A-D-E-H-G-C-F
  - (B) A-B-D-E-G-F-C-H
  - (C) B-D-E-H-G-C-G-A
  - (D) A-B-E-G-H-C-F-D
37. Based on this passage, which statement is CORRECT?
- (A) Shashi decided to learn English because of the difficulties she encountered in India.
  - (B) Shashi was an Indian housewife and she liked to make desserts.
  - (C) Shashi went to North America to join her nephew's wedding.
  - (D) Shashi could hardly make any friends in America.
38. Where should we put the following passage into the original article?
- I. Directed and written by Gauri Shinde, the film depicts the transformation of Shashi, a meek, put-upon Indian housewife who speaks only Hindi, into a confident citizen of the world, over the length of a four-week crash course in English.
- (A) right after A
  - (B) right after B
  - (C) right after C
  - (D) right after F
39. What does "grit" NOT mean in this passage?
- (A) boozier
  - (B) tenacity
  - (C) audacity
  - (D) pluck
40. What might be the author's attitude toward this movie?
- (A) detestation
  - (B) repugnance
  - (C) antipathy
  - (D) laudation