

III. Reading Comprehension (10%)

For three days, the Burmese engage in ritual water-throwing to celebrate the New Year. Children, youths and adults all happily splash one another with buckets of water to celebrate the new year. The festival is called "Thin zyan," a Sanskrit word meaning "change." The water-throwing is not just fun. It also has a serious purpose, for it symbolizes the washing away of the sins and cares of the old year. As a result, no one takes offence at being soaked to the skin when buckets of water are hurled at them. And since the festival comes at the hottest time of the year, when temperatures soar to 38 degree C, few people mind having a cooling shower. And they don't pay attention to the government's warning about water shortages.

1. The main idea of this passage is that _____.
 - A. the Burmese Government worries about the great waste of water during the festival
 - B. the Burmese Government allows people to waste water during the New Year
 - C. to celebrate the New Year, people enjoy throwing water to one another in spite of the waste of water
 - D. the water-throwing festival is harmful to the environment
2. The water-throwing festival is held _____.
 - A. at the beginning of a new year
 - B. at the end of new year
 - C. every two new years
 - D. every three new years
3. Why do people still feel happy though they are splashed with water?
 - A. It is lots of fun to hurl buckets of water at each other.
 - B. Their sins and cares can be washed away.
 - C. They can enjoy having a cooling shower.
 - D. All of the above.
4. The water-throwing festival may be concerned with _____.
 - A. education
 - B. religion
 - C. business
 - D. politics
5. The word "symbolize" means _____.
 - A. prevent
 - B. change
 - C. represent
 - D. forecast

貳. 國文 50%

一、請改正下列語句中的錯用字：(10%)

- (一) 執子之手，與子皆老。(《詩經·擊鼓》)
- (二) 白日參晨現，北斗迴南面。(《菩薩蠻》)
- (三) 胭脂淚，相留醉，幾時從，自是人生長恨水長東。(《相見歡》)
- (四) 枕上十年事，江北二老憂，都到心頭。(《水仙子》)
- (五) 人情同於懷土兮，豈窮達而易心。(《登樓賦》)

二、解釋：(20%)

- (一) 踰蹕而行。(《秋水》)
- (二) 良冶之子。(《學記》)
- (三) 辟君三舍。(《晉公子重耳之亡》)
- (四) 惠風和暢。(《蘭亭集序》)
- (五) 尚德不得。(《老子》)

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三、翻譯：(20%)

- (一) 倉廩實而知禮節，衣食足而知榮辱。(《管仲傳》)
- (二) 無以人滅天，無以故滅命，無以得殉名。(《秋水》)

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壹. 英文 50%

I. Vocabulary (20%) Choose the right vocabulary for each sentence.

- () 1. Here is the text book for our class. Please ____ the first chapter for the next class.
(A) prevent (B) preview (C) prepared (D) predict
- () 2. We received this letter from Russia. You speak Russian. Will you give us a ____?
(A) transport (B) transplant (C) translator (D) translation
- () 3. I was born in this country, but my father was an ____ from China. He moved permanently to the United States thirty years ago.
(A) Imagination (B) imitation (C) immigrant (D) inhabitant
- () 4. I won the prize for the best painting, but she still said I wasn't talented. That was such an insult. She better give me a(n) ____.
(A) comfort (B) co-operate (C) forbid (D) apology
- () 5. This is the most ____ book. Everybody is talking about it. The story has so many interesting characters and the plot is exciting.
(A) fashionable (B) fantasy (C) fascinating (D) familiar
- () 6. Rachel is really proud and often tells people about how smart she is. She should be more ____.
(A) modest (B) arrogant (C) conceited (D) humorous
- () 7. In 1895, Japan ____ Taiwan. The Japanese would remain in Taiwan for the next fifty years.
(A) invaded (B) conquered (C) bombed (D) colonized
- () 8. Romeo and Juliet is so sad. It's one of the great ____ of English literature.
(A) comedies (B) horrors (C) documentaries (D) tragedies
- () 9. The name list is arranged ____ to avoid the uncomfortable feeling of all the participants.
(A) randomly (B) accidentally (C) alphabetically (D) automatically
- () 10. I don't think the newspaper is reporting this news fairly. I'm going to write a letter to the ____ and explain how I feel. I hope my letter will be published so people can see the other side too.
(A) editorial (B) editor (C) edition (D) edible

II. Grammar (20 %): Choose the word(s) to make each a grammatically correct sentence.

- () 1. People of Generation X are likely to choose volunteer activities ____.
(A) that provide challenges (B) that providing challenges
(C) which provides challenges (D) who to provide challenges
- () 2. I ____ for the fridge to be delivered here since four o'clock.
(A) have waited (B) waited (C) have been waiting (D) am waiting
- () 3. She had been watching the sunset and ____ about what to do next.
(A) think (B) thinking (C) to think (D) thought
- () 4. This is the house ____ my brother lives.
(A) where (B) who (C) which (D) in where
- () 5. When ____ on the freeways, truck drivers must keep alert all the time on their journey.
(A) drive (B) they driving (C) are driving (D) driving
- () 6. ____ more when they get a warm feeling from workers, but employees feel better about their work.
(A) Not only customers buy (B) Customers not only buy
(C) Not only do customers buy (D) Customers buy not only
- () 7. They would have bought this fancy furniture, ____ on hand.
(A) if had enough cash (B) had they had enough cash
(C) if they have had enough cash (D) had they have cash enough
- () 8. Anesthetics are used ____ insensitivity to pain during surgical operations.
(A) to cause (B) the cause (C) causing (D) cause of
- () 9. The more attention Mom and Dad give to each child, ____ they will be.
(A) the good (B) better off (C) the better off (D) the more better
- () 10. There have been many people over the years that have written about or ____ on global values.
(A) acting (B) act (C) to act (D) acted

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