

2015 English Writing Contest

Junior High School Students

一、主題句寫作(writing topic sentences): 50%

請根據每題所給之段落寫出可以涵蓋或引導整段涵意之主題句。共 5 題，每題 10 分。(Read the given paragraph in each question and write a topic sentence that can cover the general idea of the paragraph. There are 5 questions in this part, 10 points for each question.)

例題(Example):

_____ . A woman was sending a text message on her cell phone. Each time she pressed a number, Yu-mei heard a "beep." A man was attentively reading something on the laptop screen. Yu-mei thought he might be attracted to an interesting story posted on the net. Beside the man, a child was also absorbed in his cell phone, watching the cartoon played on his tablet PC. When the bus finally came, everyone stopped concentrating on his or her communication product and prepared to get on.

在答案紙上寫：While waiting for her bus to arrive, Yu-mei found that all other people at the bus stop were busy with their communication products.

7 1. Some drivers are breaking laws even if they know it is not right to do that.
For example, some drivers drove too fast. Some drivers drank too much wine or beer before they got into a car. And some drivers never tried to stop when the traffic light went from yellow to red.

7 2. Nowadays, televisions are taking up half of the people's leisure time in average.
On average, individuals (人們) in the industrialized (工業化的) world devote (付出) three hours a day to the activity—fully half of their leisure (閒暇的) time, and more than on any single activity except work and sleep. At this rate, someone who lives to 75 would spend nine years in front of the television.

9 3. Arts are mainly divided into two groups, and obviously, British prefers the 'classic' art.
The first is "classic" (古典的) art, by which is meant representational (具象派) painting, drawing and sculpture (雕塑); the second is "modern" art, also known as abstract (抽象派) or non-representational. British popular taste runs decidedly (明顯地) in favor of the former.

8 4. This year, I got special gifts from my family on my birthday.
Mother made a delicious cake. My brother, Peter, gave me a poster (海報) of my favorite singer A-Mei. My little sister, Joan, drew a beautiful picture for me. Father gave a book about Cheng Yen, a nun (尼姑) who has worked very hard to help the poor people in Taiwan and in many foreign countries. This is a special birthday.

9 5. Here are several rules you should be aware of if you would like to do weight-training.
First, you have to wear the right size clothes. It's impossible for you to enjoy weight-training (舉重) if your clothes are too big or too small. Second, never show off, even to yourself. Start with a weight that is not too heavy for you.

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二、引導式段落寫作(guided paragraph writing): 50%
請根據所給情境與資料完成約 120 字的段落寫作。50 分。(Please complete an about-120-word paragraph based on the given situation and information. 50 points.)

您的名字是約翰 (男生) 或愛麗絲 (女生)。貴校校長有意請一知名人士來校與同學們共聚一日。該知名人士可以是童書作家、體育家、名廚或同學們建議的其他人選。校長想要知道您希望來賓是誰及其原因。您可以選擇一位現實中的人物或想象中的人物。請寫一封信給校長，向校長解釋您希望來賓是誰，並且說服校長為什麼應該邀請該位來賓。信中需要包括下列信息：1) 來賓介紹；2) 來賓來訪學校時可以安排些什麼活動；3) 說服校長為什麼該位來賓是理想人選。請用下面的信件格式。

You are John (for a boy) or Alice (for a girl). Your headmaster wants to invite someone well-known into the school to work with students for a day. The person could be a children's writer, a sportsperson, a chef or someone else suggested by students. Your headmaster wants to know the name of the person you would like to come and why he or she would be a good choice. You could choose a real person or an imaginary (想象中的) character. Your task is to write a letter to your headmaster to explain who you would like to invite and persuade (說服) your headmaster why this is a good idea. In your letter to the headmaster, you need to include the following information: 1) your choice of guest; 2) What the guest could do on his or her visit; 3) words and phrases to persuade your headmaster about your choice. You may follow the format (格式) below.

December __, 2015
Dear Headmaster,

Yours truly,

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December 5th, 2015

Dear Headmaster,

I highly recommend you to invite David as our special guest. He was born early at only about six and a half months, which is clearly too early for a baby to survive. Surprisingly, he lived, but causing him to be fully-blind. He had a really hard time when he was still a baby. When he grew older, his parents discovered his talent in music. He tried his best on practicing his piano skills. Hard practicing makes him become a great performer. He would be a great guest. If David could visit us, I hope he can do several things. Firstly, since he is a pianist, I think he could play one or two songs for us. Secondly, I would like him to give a speech to us about how he conquered all the difficulties in his life. He was blind since he was born, but he had a strong mind and never gives up. It was definitely hard for him to become a good player, but he chose to practice hard and do what ever he can. He must be a perfect model for all of the students because most of them do not know the importance of hardworking. I believe they would change their mind and work harder if they see him and learn his story. He could make us better. I believe that he is definitely the best choice to be our guest. He could teach us many things if he visits us.

Yours truly,

John