

2015 English Writing Contest

Vocational Senior 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 over-all idea of the paragraph. There are 5 questions in this part, 10 points for each question.)

例題(Example):

_____. Paintings of Egyptians dating back over 4,000 years show both men and women painting their nails and wearing makeup. On the other side of the globe, the ancient Maya of Central America considered crossed eyes beautiful, and hung little balls between children's eyes to develop this look. In 18th-century France, wealthy noblemen wore large wigs of long, white hair to make themselves attractive. In cultures throughout the world, people have gone to extreme lengths to achieve the goal of beauty.

在答案紙上寫: The search for beauty spans centuries and continents.

1. Governments have implemented a new change to all the worker in this country. 10.

Employees who had been putting in 12-hour days, six days a week, found their time on the job shrinking to 10 hours daily, then finally to eight hours, five days a week. Only a generation ago social planners worried about what people would do with all this new-found free time. In the US, at least it seems they need not have bothered.

2. There is a difference between fission and fusion that most of us can't tell 10. 8.

Some nuclei (原子核) can break apart to release energy. This is called fission (核裂變). Other nuclei can be put together to make a new nucleus, while giving out energy. We call this process fusion (核聚變). Fission and fusion are different processes, but both produce enormous amounts (極大量的) of energy due to reaction. Fission is a simpler process than fusion, and was discovered earlier.

3. The people in this picture are all my friends. 10.

The girl standing next to me is Sally. She has beautiful long hair. And the boy in the cap is the cutest person in the class; we all call him Jolly Jerry. The other boy is Jason. I think he is smart and nice. I am thinking of asking him to a movie.

4. Scientists have discovered a process of how to use proteins 8.

First, all viruses (病毒) contain proteins (蛋白質). Proteins are chemical substances (化學物質) that occur in all living creatures. The protein generally forms the outer coat of a virus. This outer layer of protein encloses (包住) the second kind of substance found in all viruses - nucleic acid (核酸).

5. Creatures such as dinosaurs extincted long time ago 10.

There are several theories about why this happened. The most accepted one is that a giant asteroid (小行星) crashed into earth around this time and caused catastrophic changes (災難性的改變) to the climate. It was probably freezing cold and the dinosaurs (恐龍) could not adapt

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(適應) to the new weather conditions.

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 150-180 字的段落寫作。50 分。(Please complete a paragraph of about 150 to 180 words based on the given situation and information. 50 points.)

You are John (for a boy) or Alice (for a girl).

Verbal abuse (辱罵) is quite common and can occur (發生) in our everyday lives. Recently, you have heard someone say something impolite or offensive (冒犯的) to you. Now, write a letter to the person you think should stop verbally assaulting (謾罵) you. You may describe how you felt when you were exposed to his or her verbal abuse and what he or she should do to stop wielding the “swords” that hurt others. You may follow the format below:

December __, 2015
Hi _____,

Yours truly,

December 5, 2015

Hi Peter,

How are you? You must be feeling weird about why I wrote this to you since we haven't talked for a week. During the whole week I have been thinking of the words you said to me and feeling upset every time I saw you talking something funny about me to you classmates. Therefore, I have made up my mind to write down how I really feel to you.

I have been feeling so sick of that you always criticized my body. Every time when we were in swimming class, you laughed at my body and called me “flat chest” to your friends. I was extremely sad about the words because I felt offensive. Besides, being judged on

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my lackness by a person that I care broke my heart. I thought I could be myself when I was with you, but actually I couldn't.

I think this will influence our friendship because this is what I really care. I can't stand verbally assaulting by you in front of all the classmates. That really broke my confidence and made myself wanna hide far away the crowd. I sincerely hope that you can feel my heart and understanding my feelings. You hurt my heart, in spite of this, I still consider you as my friend because I don't want to let our friendship gets changed.

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