

## 閱讀能力測驗

本測驗分三部分，全為四選一之選擇題，共 35 題，作答時間 45 分鐘。

### 第一部分：詞彙

共 10 題，每題含一個空格，請由試題冊上的四個選項中選出最適合題意的字或詞作答。

- When the teacher asked Paul whether he knew the answer to the question, he \_\_\_\_\_ because he was nervous.  
A. hesitated      B. overflowed      C. melted      D. lightened
- After being bitten by a poisonous snake, Mike knew it was \_\_\_\_\_ that he get to a hospital as soon as possible.  
A. mental      B. experimental      C. vital      D. accidental
- Although it was still \_\_\_\_\_ who had stolen his wallet, Rodney had some suspects in mind.  
A. hasty      B. unknown      C. intense      D. logical
- If you \_\_\_\_\_ your pet, the animal may be removed from your possession and you could be charged with a crime.  
A. occupy      B. nickname      C. install      D. abuse
- Because Nancy's breathing was a bit \_\_\_\_\_, she went to see a doctor for a health examination.  
A. irregular      B. terminal      C. spare      D. smooth
- Carmen was only \_\_\_\_\_ overweight, but she badly wanted to lose weight for her wedding ceremony.  
A. repeatedly      B. slightly      C. surely      D. highly
- Glen's dad has a \_\_\_\_\_ in his garage, where he likes to build furniture such as coffee tables and cabinets.  
A. strategy      B. trend      C. virtue      D. workshop
- Hal became \_\_\_\_\_ reading comic books and began to neglect his studies.  
A. running short of      B. beneficial to      C. addicted to      D. qualified for
- The tallest \_\_\_\_\_ in Taiwan is called Taipei 101, and it is located in the Xinyi district.  
A. skyscraper      B. supporter      C. shortcut      D. slogan
- In order to \_\_\_\_\_ the death of her beloved grandmother, Gloria wrote about her thoughts and emotions in a diary.  
A. correspond to      B. cope with      C. break into      D. begin with

第二部分：段落填空

共 10 題，包括二個段落，每個段落各含 5 個空格，請由試題帶上四個選項中選出最適合題意的字或詞作答。

Questions 11-15

A streetcar is an electric vehicle that moves along metal tracks in the road. In Europe, streetcars are often called trams. In the Portuguese city of Lisbon, there is one (11) famous tram. It is known as Tram 28. This tram is famous because it passes through many tourist (12). However, as well as transporting tourists, it is also used by a large number of locals in the city. So, when you ride it, (13). The trams in Lisbon, which were (14) in the 1930s, have a characteristic yellow color and still have the original seats. However, in the 1990s they were fitted with improved brakes, which are useful (15) the many steep hills in the city.

11. A. sincerely      B. objectively      C. moderately      D. particularly  
12. A. cradles      B. attractions      C. parliaments      D. orphanages  
13. A. you get a mixture of locals and visitors  
    B. there are not many people on the tram  
    C. you find that the seats are not comfortable  
    D. the tram stops are quite far apart  
14. A. sacrificed      B. tolerated      C. constructed      D. distributed  
15. A. due to      B. except for      C. out of      D. far from

Questions 16-20

On December 5th, 1945, a group of five U.S. bombers set off for a training exercise from an airport in Florida. It never returned to base. (16) In addition to these 14 lives, a further 13 members of a rescue crew disappeared. It has been suggested that mid-air (17) caused these events. However, some people believe that the aircraft (18) because they entered the Bermuda Triangle. This is a name for an area of the Northern Atlantic Ocean (19) some ships and planes have gone missing under strange circumstances. Some people think that beings from another planet could have been involved in the events. No evidence has been given to prove their theory, but no proof has arisen to say it is false. (20).

16. A. Passengers must remain seated at all times.  
    B. You need to take the nearest emergency exit.  
    C. Residents of Florida were truly shocked.  
    D. All 14 crew members on board were lost.  
17. A. journeys      B. inventions      C. transplants      D. explosions  
18. A. divorced      B. vanished      C. expanded      D. proceeded  
19. A. which      B. what      C. where      D. how  
20. A. too      B. neither      C. indeed      D. either

第三部分：閱讀理解

共 15 題，包括 5 個題組，每個題組含 1 至 2 篇短文，與數個相關的四選一的選擇題，請由試題圈上的選項中選出最適合者作答。

Questions 21-22

**No More Rain on Your Parade!**

You must hate it when this happens: you are walking to school and suddenly it starts to rain heavily. You take your backpack off immediately, open it and try to fish out your umbrella. Finally, you find it, take it out and open it, but you're already wet from head to toe. Now imagine this: you are carrying a Back-Buddy backpack. When it rains, you don't need to take off your backpack. Instead, you just press a button on the side, and like magic, an umbrella pops out from the top of the backpack! It is the greatest invention ever for rainy days! And what's more, students can get 20 percent off when they show their student ID!

21. What is this advertisement for?
- A. A service to help people's injured backs
  - B. A bag that has an umbrella built into it
  - C. A new type of special raincoat
  - D. A suitcase that is good for use in the rain
22. Who are the most likely targets of this advertisement?
- A. Business people working at an office
  - B. The elderly who take public transport
  - C. Travelers who don't have much money
  - D. Students who are walking to school

Questions 23-25

From: skent@youmail.com  
To: brcall@mail.com  
Subject: Summer Event

Hi All,

The social committee has decided on the company's summer event. It will be a barbecue held on July 16 at Big Bear Park. Although it will be hot, don't worry. Not only are there trees to provide shade, but we will also rent several large tents. The tent rental company will deliver them to the park, set them up, and take them down for us, so we don't need to worry about any of that.

We will need people to volunteer to help in other ways, though. Since it's a barbecue, we will need people to help cook the food. We'll also need people to hand out drinks and to help us clean up afterwards, which is expected to be a huge job! Please email us if you are interested in being a volunteer.

Susan Kent  
Chairperson  
Social Committee

23. What type of event is described in the email?
- A. A picnic that will be held by a company
  - B. A trip to visit some large bears
  - C. A summer concert in a park setting
  - D. An exhibition for people looking for jobs
24. What is mentioned about the tents?
- A. Everyone is expected to help put them up.
  - B. People should bring their own tents.
  - C. They are quite expensive to rent.
  - D. They will be rented from a company.
25. What are people invited to do?
- A. Ask their friends to come
  - B. Help out at the event
  - C. Spend money on drinks
  - D. Bring their own food

### Questions 26-28

Dogs love to be taken on walks, and many owners enjoy taking their pets to parks, on trails, and to other outdoor areas. However, getting a bit of exercise with an animal can sometimes be frightening and even dangerous. Just ask an American man named Richard Wilbanks. In November 2020, the 74-year-old man was walking his puppy, which he named Gunner, around a pond near his home in Florida. All of a sudden, a small alligator sped out from the pond and grabbed the little dog in its jaws.

Gunner's owner responded quickly. He went into the pond, putting his head under the water in search of his pet. The elderly man was able to grab hold of the wild animal and force its mouth open with his fingers. Not only that, but Wilbanks also accomplished the rescue without even dropping the cigar he had in his mouth while walking Gunner! Luckily, Gunner suffered only minor injuries in the stomach from alligator bites. Despite the terrible incident, Wilbanks doesn't want the alligator to be caught and killed.

26. What is this article about?
  - A. A man who treated his dog badly
  - B. An old man who saved his pet's life
  - C. Activities pet owners enjoy doing
  - D. The best places to walk dogs
27. Which of the following is true?
  - A. Gunner was hurt but not seriously.
  - B. Gunner was burned by Wilbanks' cigar.
  - C. Wilbanks was taken to the hospital with injuries.
  - D. Wilbanks couldn't find the alligator in the pond.
28. What did Wilbanks say about the alligator?
  - A. He hopes it can be caught.
  - B. He believes it was too small to hurt him.
  - C. He never wants to see it again.
  - D. He does not want it to be destroyed.

**Questions 29-31** are based on the information provided in the following schedule and email.

Miller's Photography Studio	
New Year Meeting Schedule	
Location: Hotel East – Meeting Room 12	
09:00	Success stories of last year – <i>Simon Miller</i>
09:45	Potential new clients – <i>Dave Allen</i>
10:30	Staff promotions – <i>Suzanne Lindow</i>
11:15	Equipment improvement – <i>Pam Skeen</i>
12:00	Lunch – <i>delivered by Luxury Lunches</i>

From:	s.miller@millers-photography.co.uk
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Subject:	New Year Meeting

Hi All,

I attended a photography conference on the weekend and got to talk to one of the speakers there. Her name is Alice Murray and she has a lot of knowledge of new photography techniques. I have invited her to come to our New Year Meeting, which means I need to make a last-minute change to the schedule. I'd like to replace Suzanne's discussion of staff promotions with Alice's presentation on new techniques. That will lead nicely into our discussion on equipment.

As we have a special guest, I also think it would be a nice idea to go out for lunch rather than do what we originally planned. I've asked my secretary to book a table at Silvano's Restaurant. They have some excellent lunch specials that I'm sure everyone will enjoy.

Finally, I'd just like to say a big thank you to you all for your hard work last year. It was our most profitable year on record, and I have every faith that the next one will be even better.

See you all at Hotel East tomorrow.

Regards,  
Simon

29. What time will Alice Murray speak at the meeting?
- A. 09:00
  - B. 09:45
  - C. 10:30
  - D. 11:15
30. What will the meeting attendees do for lunch?
- A. They will get it delivered.
  - B. They will bring their own.
  - C. They will go out to a restaurant.
  - D. They will go to the hotel buffet.
31. What does Simon say about the previous year?
- A. The company hosted a special conference.
  - B. The company did not make a profit.
  - C. The company had to dismiss some workers.
  - D. The company had its best year.

### Questions 32-35

When music fans think of the British rock band Queen, they usually think of Freddie Mercury. Mercury was the lead singer of the band, and he is considered to be one of the best singers to have ever lived. However, the person responsible for forming the band was Brian May, the guitar player. May, Mercury, and drummer Roger Taylor first played as Queen in 1970. The next year, John Deacon joined the band as their bassist.

Queen became known for its different and creative styles of music. Their sound was an interesting mixture of powerful rock music, catchy melodies, and many dramatic and artistic elements. Their songs were often longer than most others on the radio at that time. The group became hugely popular in the 1970s, and this success carried on into the 1980s.

The last time Mercury performed on stage with the other members of Queen was in 1986, although the band continued to release records afterwards. Mercury's health began declining, and in 1987, he was told he had AIDS. He kept his disease secret from the public for years. Then, on November 23, 1991, Mercury told the world he had AIDS. Less than a day after that, he died at the age of 45. After his death, the band stopped performing in front of audiences for many years. Then, in 2005, they began touring again with another singer.

32. Who actually formed the band Queen?
- A. Freddie Mercury
  - B. Roger Taylor
  - C. John Deacon
  - D. Brian May
33. What made Queen special?
- A. They played a unique style of music.
  - B. Their songs were shorter than most.
  - C. They had two drummers.
  - D. Their songs weren't played on the radio.
34. What do we learn about Freddie Mercury?
- A. He quit the band in 2005.
  - B. He now performs with another band.
  - C. He worked for a charity.
  - D. He died of a disease.
35. Which of the following is true?
- A. Queen no longer perform in front of an audience.
  - B. The reputation of Freddie Mercury is bad.
  - C. Queen have a new singer now.
  - D. The band's style of music has changed.