

## 國立中正大學外國語文學系 103 學年度大學個人申請入學筆試

**I. Use the words in the box to complete the paragraphs. (30%)** Four words are extra. Just use the letter. Do not write the whole words.

(A) accordingly	(B) conducted	(C) employed	(D) especially
(E) notes	(F) occasions	(G) originally	(H) players
(I) preferred	(J) released	(K) reserved	(L) revived
(M) roots	(N) varied		

The word “orchestra” comes from the Greek, and \_\_\_1\_\_\_ meant the place where the Greek chorus sang and danced. In the Roman theater, this space was \_\_\_2\_\_\_ for the seats of senators. Later it was applied to the stage itself. The term was \_\_\_3\_\_\_ in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century, and by the early 18<sup>th</sup> century it had been applied in France to the \_\_\_4\_\_\_ themselves.

The \_\_\_5\_\_\_ of the modern orchestra go back to the 16<sup>th</sup>-century consorts \_\_\_6\_\_\_ in noble households, and to the groups of instrumentalists \_\_\_7\_\_\_ assembled for important \_\_\_8\_\_\_ such as royal weddings and funerals. During the 17<sup>th</sup> century the composition of orchestras \_\_\_9\_\_\_ from place to place: strings were \_\_\_10\_\_\_ in Italy, France and England, whereas the German courts favored brass ensembles.

**II. Reading Comprehension (30%):** Read the following passages and choose the best answer to each question.

### Passage A

America’s great old form of entertainment was vaudeville. Long before radio, television, or movies, in the late nineteenth century, vaudeville theaters became popular. On their stages, audiences would see shows featuring singers, dancers, comedians, ventriloquists, trained animals, mimics, and magicians. Each performer would entertain the crowd for a few minutes, followed immediately by the next performer. The show was carefully planned to give variety—in fact, an early name for vaudeville theaters was “variety houses.”

Soon every city of middle or large size, and even some small towns, had a vaudeville theater. Vaudevillians, as the performers were called, were the most prominent stars of the day. Then, in the 1920s and 1930s, two new entertainment forms came along—talking movies and radio. The movies were more spectacular than vaudeville ever could be, and radio became available in the home. Vaudeville couldn’t compete with them.

11. The best title is—
  - A. Vaudeville Today
  - B. The History of Vaudeville
  - C. America’s Entertainment
  - D. The Coming of Radio and Movies
12. Vaudeville began in the—
  - A. 1920s
  - B. 1930s
  - C. Late nineteenth century
  - D. Early twentieth century
13. Which type of entertainment was NOT included in vaudeville?
  - A. Magic
  - B. Comedy
  - C. Animals
  - D. Shooting
14. Vaudeville went out of business because of—
  - A. A lack of performers
  - B. Television
  - C. New entertainment
  - D. A lack of theaters
15. The word spectacular in the passage means—
  - A. Impressive
  - B. Tedious

- C. Consequential
- D. Recognized

### Passage B

When Yellowstone National Park was created, no one gave much thought to how the park would be managed, who would actually protect it, and where the money to take care of it would actually come from. In fact, during the park's first few years, no money at all was provided to take care of it. And with no one assigned to protect the area, vandalism by curious visitors and the killing of wildlife within the park's boundary became serious problems. Finally, in 1883, the government asked the U.S. Army to protect the park, and for the next 30 years, it remained under the army's control. In the final years of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, more national parks were established, hunting was banned in the parks, and a few roads were built through the parks.

Realizing that the national parks needed to be managed and protected, the U.S. government created the National Park System in 1912. The goal of the park system was to create and manage parks that would preserve and protect unique national landscape, wildlife habitats, and sites of historic or cultural significance.

Today, the U.S. National Park System is made up of 375 parks, covering more than 300,000 square kilometers of land. The parks can be used for camping, hiking, fishing and boating. Scientists, naturalists, and historians provide information, give talks, and lead guided walks. Unfortunately, the immense popularity of the parks could well be their undoing. During the summer, the most popular parks are crowded and noisy. The greatest danger to the national parks, however, comes from the areas surrounding them. The parks are threatened by pollution from power plants, diversion of water for development, and urban development. Today, all of the 375 national parks are being degraded because of overuse and damage to their ecosystems.

16. According to the passage, which of the following is true about the national parks in the United States?
- A. The U.S. government spent a huge amount of money when creating Yellowstone National Park.
  - B. A management plan was developed when Yellowstone National Park was first created.
  - C. The U.S. Army has been protecting the national parks for over a century.
  - D. Many people have visited these national parks.
17. The National Park System was established to
- A. Diversify water sources
  - B. Control the army
  - C. Educate naturalists
  - D. Manage the national parks
18. Which of the following activities is NOT permitted in the parks?
- A. Giving talks
  - B. Hunting
  - C. Taking walks
  - D. Camping
19. The word undoing in the passage is closest in meaning to
- A. Opportunity
  - B. Completion
  - C. Development
  - D. Destruction
20. What can be inferred from the passage about ways to protect the national parks from continued deterioration?
- A. Building more power plants in the areas surrounding the national parks
  - B. Restricting house construction in the areas surrounding the national parks
  - C. Encouraging more people to visit the national parks
  - D. Creating more national parks

### **III. English Composition (40%)**

Read and think about the following quote: "Friends accept you the way you are." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why? Write an essay of 150-200 words to support your opinion with specific examples from your experience, observation, or reading.