

I. 字彙題：15 分（每題 1 分）

1. Even devoted readers of literary fiction might \_\_\_ before novels celebrated for their obscure, metafictional plots.  
(A) quail (B) abstain (C) foment (D) lucubrate
2. The region's main powers, Australia and New Zealand, fear the creation of a mendicant state on their doorsteps, susceptible, in particular, to Chinese bribes and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) blandishments (B) repasts (C) quibbles (D) sobriquets
3. Yet the nonstop product announcements now coming from Big Tech have largely been centered around \_\_\_ office tasks like making spreadsheets or managing Gmail or creating PowerPoint slides.  
(A) minatory (B) involute (C) nascent (D) quotidian
4. France's retirement age hike \_\_\_ the nation's labor movement, which argued the measure unfairly burdened blue-collar workers in physically demanding jobs.  
(A) incensed (B) devolved (C) averred (D) detained
5. Antarctica, with its extreme temperatures and barren wastelands, was viewed for many years as the perfect battleground for men seeking to prove their \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) vagary (B) doggerel (C) specter (D) mettle
6. This description annoys some of the serious players who work and train for months, who develop rare skills, and who \_\_\_ alcohol during the competition.  
(A) importune (B) augment (C) abjure (D) protract
7. Murdaugh avoided yes or no answers in cross-examination, instead repeating questions and then setting off on meandering answers \_\_\_ to the prosecutor's questions.  
(A) effete (B) tangential (C) volatile (D) ephemeral
8. Teens are spending huge amounts of money themselves, some of it \_\_\_ from their families and the rest from after-school jobs.  
(A) cadged (B) lampooned (C) jibed (D) reprised
9. The story chronicles the rise and fall of the one-time Wall Street powerhouse Lehman Brothers, covering nearly two centuries of bristling ambition, greed, economic history and \_\_\_ family warfare.  
(A) blithe (B) virile (C) sentient (D) internecine
10. Recall that the initial policy of energy price caps was not vetoed, but in a world with structural inflation risks there is a big difference between necessity and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) duress (B) profligacy (C) convection (D) stricture
11. The underdog \_\_\_\_\_ the current world No. 1 player and advanced to the next round.  
(A) upset (B) fouled (C) implored (D) splurged
12. For all my \_\_\_\_\_, I opened the door and let the exhausted-looking man in.  
(A) snafus (B) heists (C) whiffs (D) qualms
13. To streamline the decision-making process, we're cutting out \_\_\_\_\_ layers of managers.  
(A) outrageous (B) superfluous (C) fundamental (D) detrimental
14. Reading novels has been Jane's favorite pastime and brought a slight \_\_\_\_\_ of the monotony of her existence.  
(A) mitigation (B) condolence (C) enhancement (D) exacerbation

15. Fueled by work-from-home and online learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic, demand for notebook PCs has grown \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) impotently (B) sporadically (C) unfathomably (D) exponentially

II. 文意選填：10分（每題1分）

It may help to reflect. However, \_\_16\_\_ negative events and emotions definitely causes harm. It only increases your \_\_17\_\_ to keep thinking about your problems. Perhaps you replay a(n) \_\_18\_\_ you had earlier with your best friend over and over in your head. Whenever you think of it, you cannot but hold yourself \_\_19\_\_ for something you said. Or maybe you can't take your mind off some hurtful comments. You feel greatly \_\_20\_\_, your self-worth damaged. Similar cases keep repeating themselves, and in time, you end up with an unhealthy \_\_21\_\_ with your own misfortune. If that's what happens to you, \_\_22\_\_ yourself to changing the way you think. First and foremost, recognize it when you're over-thinking. The more you ruminate, the more likely you are to get stuck in a negative cycle that is hard to break, and thus \_\_23\_\_ a downward spiral. Besides, try to solve your problems by learning from mistakes before you can quit \_\_24\_\_ yourself mentally instead of brooding over them. Lastly, \_\_25\_\_ mindfulness. That is, focus on everything you're experiencing to improve your state of mind. Learn to live in the here and now, and over time it can tremendously decrease rumination.

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| (A) blame   | (B) accountable | (C) distress  | (D) obsession | (E) lasting | (F) inadequate | (G) practice |
| (H) creates | (I) dwelling on | (J) torturing | (K) begins    | (L) commit  | (M) suspicious | (N) quarrel  |

III. 篇章結構：5分（每題1分）

If you spend enough time in cyberspace, emoticons substitute for real smiles and frowns. \_\_26\_\_. In her short story "Web Central," Fay Weldon illustrates a dystopic future along these lines: The privileged classes sit alone in sealed rooms with computer terminals, their moods regulated intravenously.

The idea that spending a lot of time in cyberspace might have an ill effect on mental health has until recently been intuitively sensible but hard to prove. In August 1998, findings of the first concentrated study of the social and psychological effects of the Internet, a two-year effort by Carnegie Mellon University, were released. The results? \_\_27\_\_. You'd guess that it might be because the lonely and depressed tend to gravitate to the Net. But that wasn't so. "Participants who were lonelier and more depressed, as determined by standard questionnaires at the start of the study, were no more drawn to the Internet than those who were originally happier and more socially engaged. \_\_28\_\_."

Eventually, and perhaps sooner rather than later, there lies a world where most human beings are simply incapable of experiencing the emotions that life ought to evoke. Whatever they see or hear or taste, no matter how raw and beautiful, will promptly be pillaged for its usable constituent parts. \_\_29\_\_. As we travel deeper into corporate-driven cyberspace, images of fractured humans loom on our own horizon. \_\_30\_\_. Outside, the natural world has all but vanished and the social order is breaking down. The citizens of this new world order are trapped inside their living rooms, roaming the thousand-channel universe and exercising the one freedom they still have left: to be the voyeurs of their own demise.

- (A) Instead, Internet use itself appeared to cause a decline in psychological well-being
- (B) People’s attention spans flicker near zero, their imaginations have given out and they can no longer remember the past
- (C) Netheads were lonelier and more depressed than the average population
- (D) All that they have left is the “bare essentials”—the ability to type and click
- (E) Over time, the computer drives out what we thought was an innate art: living through all of our senses
- (F) Once an emotion is corrupted, it can never be uncorrupted
- (G) They, intriguingly enough, end up falling under the same category of social outcasts

IV. 設計混合題型：30 分

為了將女性受教權的議題融入英文教學，英文老師要求學生在網路閱讀/觀看與 Malala 相關的一篇文章或一段影片後寫下他的看法，下方引號內的文字是學生作文的其中一段。請將此文改寫成 2 至 4 段的文章，據此設計一份混合題型的測驗，總共 5 題，請提供正確答案。

In my opinion, in some countries may also have the situation of restricting womens’ power or rights. So I’m grateful to have been born in a country with gender equality. I also am admire Malala’s parents for allowing her to receive an education under the Taliban rule. And I hope one day I will have the ability to speak up for those girls as well.

V. 申論題：40 分(每題 20 分)

1. “In the process of learning English, the usage and definition of vocabulary are no longer important and do not need to be elaborated upon, as the meaning of words can be naturally understood as long as one can read the context fluently”.  
Do you agree with this statement? Please provide your arguments to support your view.
2. What is the strategy for using supplementary reading materials such as Studio Classroom to help CEFR B2-level students learn English?  
Give your opinions to support your view.