

系組：英國語文學系碩士班

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科目：英文（作文及閱讀）

- I. Vocabulary (20%): Choose the one word that is closest in meaning to the underlined word.
- Without a doubt, arriving late for your interview will adversely affect your chances of getting the job.  
A. unfavorably B. collaboratively C. propitiously D. profoundly
  - It was surreal to meet my childhood idol in person.  
A. astounding B. embarrassing C. awkward D. unbelievable
  - My mother belongs to a committee that aims to preserve our town's cultural heritage.  
A. treasure B. legality C. tradition D. liberalism
  - I have literally taken over 500 photographs in the past week.  
A. impeccably B. significantly C. actually D. totally
  - Paul has decided to abstain from caffeine to see if he sleeps better.  
A. reproduce B. increase C. refrain D. gratify
  - Even though he has a small build, Tim is a very good rugby player. He's very quick and agile.  
A. height B. physique C. strength D. length
  - I stayed up late last night because I was really engrossed in my book.  
A. taken B. detached C. enchanted D. engaged
  - I find it quite disconcerting when people don't look you in the eye during a conversation. It makes me feel like I can't trust them.  
A. confusing B. unreliable C. inconvenient D. indifferent
  - Being astute is an important quality for politicians.  
A. naïve B. subtle C. abrupt D. precise
  - Proponents of stricter gun control laws have tried for years to gain more support throughout the country.  
A. opponents B. policy-makers C. theorists D. supporters

II. Cloze (10%): Choose one correct or appropriate word or answer to complete each sentence in the following passages.

You probably cannot rely on social media alone to get a great job. Your immediate aim is to get an interview. If you get (1) , follow the same advice for anyone (2) an interview. Dress professionally, (3) arrive early. Be prepared with knowledge of the company position you're applying for. Know that you will have to think on your feet and answer tough questions. Have your own questions ready to show you (4) your homework. Be yourself (5) if you go get a job offer, then you know that it's a good fit.

- A. it B. one C. this D. which
- A. grant B. granting C. to grant D. granted
- A. and B. but C. do D. then
- A. done B. doing C. did D. does
- A. period (.) B. semi-colon (;) C. colon (:) D. comma (,)

(10%)

III. Cloze: Choose one word from the box below to complete each sentence in the following passage. Then write that word on the answer booklet.

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|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| immediate  | craft     | initially | satisfaction | extended | isolation |
| relatively | sustained |           |              |          |           |

An important aspect of being a writer is getting used to being alone. A professional writer must be ready to spend at least five hours a day alone, often in front of the computer. Are you ready for this degree of (1) ? While many writers are (2) attracted to the idea of working for themselves, often they find it isolating in the long term. At the same time, remember that writing is a (3) as well, requiring (4) intensity, precision, and (5) periods of concentrated effort. Good stories are created through immense effort.

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IV. Reading Comprehension (10%): Choose one correct or appropriate based on the passage.

Carson McCullers had the brilliant and early success that has come to be almost a tradition of the southern school. She was born in Columbus, Georgia, in 1917 of a family that was poorly off, but which sympathized with her early passion for music and writing. She started writing plays in her early teens under the influence of Eugene O'Neill. At seventeen she went to New York to study music at Julliard with the idea of becoming a concert pianist, but she lost her tuition money in the subway and thereafter supported herself in a variety of jobs, from guarding the door for a near bankrupt comic-book publisher to playing the piano for dancing lessons in a settlement house. Returning from music to literature, at nineteen she sold two stories to *Story* magazine. Then she went back to the South to marry Reeves McCullers (he died in 1953) and lived for two years at Fort Bragg where he was stationed. It was in this period that she wrote *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* (1940), whose publication made her immediately famous. It is extraordinary enough for a first novel, but is prodigious for an author of twenty-two. Mrs. McCullers, understandably, had not yet learned the tight control of her art that was to make her next book so memorable, but *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* embraces all the themes that she was later to deal with more particularly.

1. Carson McCuller's family is described by the author as being  
A. humorous B. wealthy C. large D. sympathetic
2. Carson McCullers went to New York to study  
A. music B. writing C. art D. medicine
3. In what year was *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* written?  
A. 1917 B. 1922 C. 1940 D. 1953
4. In the last sentence of the passage, the word "embraces" could best be replaced by which of the following?  
A. hugs B. enhances C. includes D. welcomes
5. With what topic does the paragraph following the passage most likely deal?  
A. The major themes in Carson McCullers' work B. Carson McCullers' musical compositions  
C. How Reeves McCullers affected his wife's work D. Carson McCullers' contributions to *Story* magazine

V. Writing (50%):

You are asked to write three paragraphs by following the directions below:

For the first paragraph, you are to write about the last thing you would usually do before you go to bed every night. Briefly explain why you choose to do this thing.

Limit this paragraph to 100 to 120 words.

For the second paragraph, you are to write about the first thing you would most probably do as soon as you get out of bed every morning. Briefly explain why you choose to do this thing. Limit this paragraph to 100 to 120 words.

For the third paragraph, you are to write three things you would like to obtain or learn from the graduate school program you are now applying for. Limit this paragraph to about 300 words.

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