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應用英語學系

第一節

英文閱讀與寫作試題

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I. Read the following article, pay attention to the underlined words....

Jon Favreau By Ted Sorensen (Time magazine, May 11, 2009 P. 72)

(Jon Favreau is speechwriter for President Barak Obama. Jon Favreau wrote parts of Obama's inaugural Address. Ted Sorensen was speechwriter for President John F. Kennedy.)

The life of a presidential speechwriter is not an easy one; take (1) it from someone who knows. It's not just the hours and the stress — it's the odd way that in a circle (2) of powerful people, the word "only" tends to get attached to your name. Jon Favreau, President Obama's head speechwriter, is learning about that. I hope he also learns to remind himself that it's (3) an undeserved word.

True, Favreau is only a speechwriter. But the President of the United States is once again the central mover and shaker (4) in this country and the world. The man (5) who wields the first and final pen helps determine American policy and its place in that world.

True, Favreau is only (6) 27. But when I entered the White House at 32, I was thankful that I had the energy and idealism necessary to withstand the repeated crises, criticisms and lengthy late-night hours of emergency meetings.

And true, he has the good luck to work for a brilliant and articulate President (something I know a little bit about too). But every President — particularly in today's complex world — lacks the time to plan and draft with full consideration and information all the statements that his responsibilities require him to deliver (7) virtually every day.

It is President Obama who is lucky to have found someone who shares his thinking and style of speaking as readily and congenially as Jon Favreau, and it is the nation that is lucky that those two found each other. Favreau's survival in the No. 1 position throughout all these years of testing and turmoil, believe me, is not merely a matter of luck.

(Fast fact: Favreau wrote parts of Obama's Inaugural Address on his laptop (8) in a Starbucks. He fuels (9) himself on double espressos and Red Bull.)

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I. Questions on the underlined words (1) to (9) (20%)

- (1) Take it from someone: (A) discuss something with someone (B) believe someone
(C) take someone as an example
- (2) A circle: (A) a group of people (B) a special situation (C) on certain occasion
- (3) 'it' refers to (A) only (B) speechwriter (C) stress
- (4) 'mover and shaker' means (A) someone suffers much from financial crisis. (B)

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- (5) The man refers to (A) Jon Favreau (B) powerful people (C) Barack Obama
- (6) What's the advantage of being only 27 years old? (A) being energetic (B) being thankful (C) being lucky
- (7) The word 'deliver' means: (A) to give formal talk (B) to e-mail important issues (C) to veto bills
- (8) What is a laptop? (A) A cash card issued by Starbucks. (B) A portable computer. (C) A coffee mug with Starbucks' logo.
- (9) 'fuel' means: (A) sip, drink (B) swallow, down (C) chew, take
- (10) Why is Jon Favreau in this position? (A) He is able to stay late in meetings. (B) He has sheer luck and idealism. (C) He has survived years' repeated testing.

II. **How would you describe Mr. Jon Favreau? Based on this article, please write a short paragraph introducing Mr. Jon Favreau. (30%)**

III. Golfer Tiger Woods is a model for how athletes should __11__ themselves. He is also __12__ for many young athletes; he has brought huge numbers of new fans to the sport. His focus on kids inspired tennis player Roger Federer's decision to start a foundation focusing on children's causes. Both of them are __13__ athletes and their __14__ and __15__ efforts are really unbelievable. (10%)

11. (A) conduct (B) imitate (C) ignore
12. (A) a buff (B) an idol (C) the mentor
13. (A) top-ranking (B) top-rank (C) top-ranked
14. (A) achievers (B) achieving (C) achievements
15. (A) philanthropic (B) philanthropy (C) philanthropism

IV. **BBC HAVE YOUR SAY (Multiple choice 10% + your comments 30%)**

What gadget can't you live without?

Barack Obama will be allowed to keep his BlackBerry, becoming the first US president to have access to e-mail in the White House. Do you have a beloved gadget you cannot possibly live without?

There had been security concerns about who might be able to see the president's e-mails, but Mr Obama had repeatedly said he would have been reluctant to part with the device.

The US president was often seen thumbing the jog wheel on his BlackBerry to check his e-mail during the campaign, and had said that if officials wanted him to give it up they would have to "pry it out of my hands".

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Neither George W Bush nor Bill Clinton used e-mail during their presidencies. President Obama will only use the device to stay in touch with senior staff and personal friends.

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16. A gadget is (A) a weapon for self-defense. (B) a small piece of equipment. (C) a body guard.
17. Security concerns, 'concerns' means (A) responsibilities. (B) a feeling of worry about something. (C) devices.
18. During the campaign, 'campaign' refers to (A) BlackBerry's marketing campaign. (B) The U.S. Presidential campaign. (C) E-mail promotion campaign.
19. Why would officials have to 'pry it out of my hands'? (A) Because President Obama determined to keep his BlackBerry. (B) The officials have to negotiate a trade-in with Obama. (C) The officials have to teach Obama how to thumb the jog wheel first.
20. Which is true? (A) George W. Bush didn't use e-mail, but Bill Clinton did. (B) Obama will e-mail Nicolas Sarkozy, the French President, because they are of the same age. (C) BlackBerry is for keeping in contact with Obama's personal friends and some staff. (10%)

V. After reading this Have Your Say article, please write your own comment.

Do you have a beloved gadget you cannot possibly live without?

Are you a BlackBerry addict? Would you be able to live without e-mail access? Or without any gadgets? (30%)

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