Writing exam: DAE grad school entrance

Please answer TWO of the following questions. In each answer, provide as much detailed evidence as possible in support of a single central thesis. In grading these essays, the concern will not be with whether the answer is "correct" but on how full, clear and coherent the answer is. Fifty points each.

1. Which of the four basic skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening) is most challenging to teach? Why?
2. What educational theory seems most useful to teaching?
3. What aspect of English for Special Purposes do you find most valuable?
4. How does having Chinese as a first language help and hinder English learning?
5. What course in our graduate program do you expect to find most useful to your career after graduation? Why?