

# 100 學年度四年制二、三年級轉學生招生考試

## 四技二年級 應用英文系

### 第三節 專業科目(二) 英文閱讀與寫作 試題

第一頁 共二頁

#### 注意事項：

1. 本試題共三部分，配分共 100 分。
2. 請標明大題、子題編號作答，不必抄題。
3. 全部答案均須在答案卷之答案欄內作答，否則不予計分。

#### Reading Comprehension and Essay Writing

For this test, which contains three parts, you need to write three short essays in English and read four reading passages. Write each English essay based on the related reading passage(s) and instructions. Be sure to use your own words in summarizing the topic, explaining main ideas, and discussing viewpoints. The first essay weighs 20%, the second essay, 30%, and the third essay, 50%.

(I)

Read the following passage and write a short English essay in answer to the following two questions:

- (1) What is the main idea presented in the passage? 10%
- (2) Do you agree with the author's main point? Why or why not? 10%

#### PASSAGE ONE

Although marijuana does have some harmful effects, it is no more harmful than legal substances like alcohol and tobacco. Research has shown that nicotine is far more addictive than marijuana. Furthermore, the consumption of alcohol and cigarette smoking cause more deaths per year than does marijuana. The legalization of marijuana will remove an anomaly in the law whereby substances that are more dangerous than marijuana are legal, while the possession and use of marijuana remains unlawful.

(from *The Debatabase Book* by the editors of IDEA)

(II)

The following two passages show a contrast in viewpoints about prosecution of child soldiers for war crimes. Child soldiers are defined as any members of a militia under the age of 18. Please write a short essay in which you summarize these two passages **in your own words**, indicating which argument is closer to your opinion, and supporting your opinion with reasons and/or examples. (30%)

Passage II-A: Child soldiers can be as old as 17, and even younger teens are capable of knowing right from wrong. Child soldiers are typically at least 10, usually 13 or 14, years old; though most adolescents experience some ethical confusion, they know that inflicting unnecessary pain on others is wrong. We cannot excuse everyone who has lived in a hostile environment from prosecution. If we did, then we would have to excuse wifebeaters who came from bad homes or rapists who were molested as children. Poor learning environments are unfortunate, but ultimately all individuals are responsible for their own actions.

Passage II-B: Children's minds are malleable; the adults surrounding child soldiers tell them or force them to commit atrocities. Certainly the children get no moral guidance. These children cannot be expected to distinguish right from wrong as we could expect an adult to. Children learn morality from their surroundings and from how they are treated and how others are treated; child soldiers cannot learn compassion or respect for life in the environment of a military camp. Child soldiers should be rehabilitated, not punished.

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(III)

Read the following article on abortion and write a short essay in which you summarize the article and discuss your viewpoint about abortion in comparison with the anti-abortion and pro-abortion arguments mentioned in the article, and give reasons and/or examples to support your position. (50%)

#### PASSAGE THREE

According to those who oppose abortion, a fertilized human egg is a human being from the moment of conception. Any effort to stop its development is, in effect, murder. No one has the right to kill another human being, and so abortion should be illegal.

Pro-abortion groups, on the other hand, support a woman's right to choose whether or not to have an abortion. They argue that a woman's right to have control over her body and to determine her future is the most important factor. What is more, as the majority of fertilized eggs are lost from the womb naturally and do not develop further, it is wrong to classify an embryo or a fetus as a person, with a right to life.

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Anti-abortion groups often emphasize the importance of motherhood to women. According to LIFE, a prominent anti-abortion campaign group, "Every time a pregnancy is deliberately destroyed a woman is abused. Abortion is a profound insult to her dignity and integrity. It can do terrible damage to her body and mind."

Many in the pro-abortion camp reject this focus on a woman's child-bearing abilities. They argue that women have many ways to realize their potential, and that they have the right to choose not to have children. According to the National Abortion Campaign, "Women have just as much right as men to plan their lives. Getting married too young, perhaps to the wrong man, or having to bring up a child on your own, or having to give your baby up for adoption, are not just inconveniences." They could lead to years of misery. In other words, a woman's right to enjoy a happy, healthy life and to give the same to her child is more important than the right to life of a fetus.

Some anti-abortionists support the provision of abortion to women who have been raped or to women suffering from mental disability. At the same time, they oppose the termination of pregnancy when a woman is healthy and apparently chose to have sex.

Pro-abortion groups question the motives behind this distinction. They say that this turns the unwanted child into a punishment for the woman concerned. They also suggest that some people are frightened of giving women the freedom to choose because it reduces the control that men have over women's lives.

The question of the safety of an abortion and its effect on the woman is hotly debated. According to LIFE, many women suffer from "post-abortion syndrome" with symptoms ranging from guilt, shame and depression to sleeplessness and marital breakdown. The group also claims that abortion can make it harder to conceive, or can cause miscarriages later.

Pro-abortion groups do not deny that abortion can be traumatic, but they argue that an unwanted pregnancy is likely to be worse. Also, they point out that abortion is both routine and safe, and pregnancy could be more dangerous than abortion.

Whereas anti-abortion groups believe it is the responsibility of society as a whole to outlaw termination, in an attempt to remove the decision from the individual concerned, pro-abortion groups assert each woman's right to make up her own mind.

(from *Ideas and Issues* by Lisa Gerald-Sharp)