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國立臺北科技大學

九十七學年度四年制二、三年級轉學生招生考試

系所組別：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

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注意事項：

1. 本試題共兩題，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。

請注意：

本份試題包括兩篇文章，每篇文章之後有一個作文題目，總共兩題，每一題為五十分，共一百分。答案一律以英文回答，請把握時間，針對題目發揮。

Please note:

There are two passages in this test. Following each passage, there is a topic for your short composition. Each piece of writing weighs 50%. It is required that you write in English. Please pace yourself well and keep your writing focused on the topic.

一、 Passage One: "The Duck and the Moon"

A duck was once swimming along the river looking for fish. The whole day passed without her finding a single one. When night came she saw the moon reflected on the water, and thinking it was a fish she dove down to catch it. The other ducks saw her and they all made fun of her. From that day the duck was so ashamed and so timid that even when she did see a fish under water she would not try to catch it, and before long she died of hunger.

--from *Fables and Fairy Tales* by Leo Tolstoy

1. Please write a short composition to answer this question:
What is the moral lesson of this fable? (50%)

二、 Passage Two: "The Kingdom of Gold—In Search of El Dorado"

The story of El Dorado preoccupied the avaricious mind of the Spanish adventurers. Believing this Kingdom of Gold existed somewhere in the heart of South America, they cut paths through the thickest jungle and sailed up every river in their frantic search. The search for El Dorado is an eternal journey; one "over the Mountains of the Moon," and "down the Valley of the Shadow." Here lies a mystical land full of legendary gold; a kingdom of riches men have died and been driven insane looking for.

Ever since the Spanish arrived in Peru in 1532 and crushed the empire of the Incas almost overnight, they had heard wonderful stories of this magical place called El Dorado. When Francisco Pizarro captured the Inca emperor Atahualpa, he told the people that if they wanted their leader back, they would have to fill a huge room with gold. This was easy. Instantly, gold was brought out and, to the amazement of the Spaniards, the room soon overflowed with, not only gold, but emeralds, pearls and an assortment of priceless objects. But Pizarro was not satisfied. He murdered Atahualpa and then tortured the emperor's followers to find out where this gold had come from.

As Pizarro listened to their stories, his greedy eyes grew larger. He heard the story of El Dorado. Some said it was a lost city, others said it was a great temple full of treasure somewhere in the jungles, and some believed it was a whole mountain made of solid gold. El Dorado became a legend on every Spaniard's tongue. "El Dorado fever" spread through Spain. Here was a golden place beyond everyone's wildest visions. A dream of a lifetime.

-- from *The Great Unknown* by Anthony Bloomfield

2. Please write a short composition to answer this question:
What lies behind the "El Dorado fever"--endless greed or adventurous spirit? (50%)

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