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I. Cloze Test (10%)

Directions: Fill in the missing words from the word list (A-O)

Desperate times call for desperate measures, and across Asia, communities are responding to an extreme and deadly heat wave, which has battered the region since last month and has left few options for residents and governments to cope, in creative and even __ (1) __ ways.

One city in the Philippines has rolled out free mobile showers, while in Vietnam, municipal authorities reportedly looked into the possibility of __ (2) __ the help of a man who claimed he could pray for precipitation. In Thailand, a village in the central province of Nakhon Sawan resorted earlier this week to a rain-calling ritual that involved __ (3) __ a Japanese manga cat.

According to Thai media, some 200 residents of the province's Phayuha Khiri district conducted a traditional *hae nang maew*, or "female cat parade." The ceremony has agricultural roots dating back hundreds of years ago in which farmers would hold a procession with a *nang maew* (female cat), carried in either a basket or cage, across the village as planting season approaches. Because of cats' aversion to water, traditionally the __ (4) __ cat is splashed with water with the belief that its cries will __ (5) __ rainfall.

While in the past, real cats have been used, amid increasing concerns about animal abuse, Hello Kitty dolls and other lifeless alternatives have been __ (6) __ in instead in recent years.

The Thai villagers this week used plushies of Doraemon—a cartoon blue, male, robotic cat of Japanese origin popularized by its __ (7) __ manga and anime. It's not the first time Doraemon has played the central part in the rain-calling ritual. Doraemon, which first appeared in 1969, has become a beloved icon in the Southeast Asian country and has often been spotted over the years in Buddhist __ (8) __ and temples.

But Doraemon's powers in this regard are likely limited, as Thailand's dry weather conditions aren't expected to let up until at least mid-May, as the rainy season's start is delayed. Meanwhile, as climate change continues to push global temperatures upward, meteorological experts warn that the country's __ (9) __ summer heat that once would ease around June may now and in the future last __ (10) __ October.

Fill in the letters A~O.

(1) (F) superstitious	(2) (C) enlisting	(3) (E) parading	(4) (A) captive	(5) (J) augur
(6) (G) subbed	(7) (I) eponymous	(8) (D) shrines	(9) (H) sweltering	(10) (B) through

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(K) unprecedented	(L) decrying	(M) cathedrals	(N) mitigating	(O) amidst

II. Passage Completion (20%)

Directions: For each blank in the passage, choose a sentence (A~H) that fits the context best.

Passage 1

The recent controversy surrounding “Shy Girl,” a novel withdrawn by its publisher after readers detected signs of artificial intelligence involvement, has ignited a fierce debate about the future of literature. When large language models (LLMs) attempt creative writing, the resulting prose often oscillates between flat and lurid. It typically features excessive, clunky metaphors and verbless, staccato sentences. For literary purists, these stylistic glitches are symptomatic of a profound metaphysical void. __ (1) __ Without genuine experiences or emotions, they argue, a bot can never develop an authentic voice or bridge the gap between human minds.

However, the assumption that human creation is inherently superior overlooks an uncomfortable truth. __ (2) __ If we compare an LLM’s output to a masterpiece by Vladimir Nabokov, the machine’s text inevitably appears wooden. Yet, when pitted against a generic airport thriller, AI-generated prose can seem remarkably competent. Furthermore, the publishing industry often thrives on derivative content, marketing new books as mere hybrids of previous bestsellers.

The case of “Shy Girl” perfectly illustrates this blurred line. Despite the ensuing scandal, online reviews indicate that many readers genuinely enjoyed the book. __ (3) __ In fact, some genre novelists are already openly utilizing bots to bypass the grunt work of writing, inputting established tropes to generate content. As these models rapidly improve, we may soon see a market where readers request highly customized fiction tailored to their exact preferences.

Meanwhile, the ethical and legal battles are just beginning. Writers are justifiably aggrieved that their original works were ingested without consent to train their soulless competitors. __ (4) __ To protect human authors, some publishers are banking on certification schemes to guarantee that a book was written by an organic human being. However, as AI tools become ubiquitous in research and editing, this binary categorization may eventually collapse.

Ultimately, the question is not merely whether a brilliant human writer can outperform a machine. The truly salient issue is an economic one. __ (5) __ The moral of this literary controversy is not that AI writing should be outright banned; rather,

human authors must find a way to commercially and artistically outcompete it.

(1) (B)	(2) (E)	(3) (G)	(4) (C)	(5) (A)
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- (A) Even if human genius remains unmatched, it is uncertain whether enough readers will pay a premium to sustain the traditional publishing industry.
- (B) Because AI lacks a soul, it is fundamentally incapable of the fraught exercise of freedom that defines true art.
- (C) Consequently, class-action lawsuits are currently underway to demand compensation for this omnivorous form of plagiarism.
- (D) Although the accused author ultimately confessed to utilizing algorithms, she maintained that the software merely assisted with minor grammatical corrections.
- (E) The reality is that a significant portion of human-authored commercial fiction is itself highly formulaic and lacking in originality.
- (F) Furthermore, historical evidence suggests that every major technological disruption initially faces fierce, yet ultimately futile, resistance from traditionalists.
- (G) This phenomenon suggests that a substantial segment of the reading public remains completely unfazed by undeclared machine involvement.
- (H) To combat this trend, literary agencies have collectively agreed to boycott any manuscripts suspected of lacking organic human authorship.

Passage 2

The recent outbreak of geopolitical conflict in the Middle East, specifically the effective blockade of a key route for global oil exports, has precipitated severe turmoil across commodities markets. Consequently, skyrocketing petrol prices have inadvertently catalyzed an unprecedented surge in consumer interest in electric vehicles (EVs) across Europe. Major online automotive marketplaces in the UK, Germany, France, and Spain have reported exponential increases in EV inquiries, directly correlating with the onset of the crisis. __ (1) __

Market analysts note that this sudden pivot starkly contrasts with the previously sluggish adoption rates in regions traditionally dominated by internal combustion engine manufacturing. Industry executives observe that sheer economic reality has essentially accomplished what years of environmental advocacy and energy transition policies struggled to achieve. __ (2) __ Concurrently, consumer interest in conventional petrol and diesel vehicles has noticeably stagnated or declined.

The fundamental driver of this behavioral shift is an acute sensitivity to the escalating cost of living. Buyers are increasingly prioritizing long-term financial predictability over initial purchase prices. Industry representatives highlight that this crisis has instilled a profound awareness of the total cost of ownership among drivers. __ (3) __

For automotive manufacturers—particularly those who have historically lobbied against stringent zero-emission targets—the paramount question remains whether this paradigm shift is transient or permanent. Market forecasters anticipate that while the initial feverish spike in demand may eventually subside, the baseline for EV interest will stabilize at a significantly elevated plateau. __ (4) __

Nevertheless, caution remains warranted among industry observers. Historical precedents indicate that previous fluctuations in fuel costs did not invariably translate into sustained surges in electric vehicle acquisitions. __ (5) __ Therefore, establishing an unshakable consumer conviction in the practicality of EVs remains an ongoing imperative for the industry to truly capitalize on this geopolitical catalyst.

(1) (D)	(2) (F)	(3) (G)	(4) (A)	(5) (B)
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- (A) This sustained, higher normal is expected to be further bolstered by continuous advancements in charging infrastructure and the gradual reduction of battery production costs.
- (B) Experts caution that significant work is still required to reassure skeptical buyers that zero-emission vehicles can seamlessly integrate into their daily lifestyles.
- (C) In response to this geopolitical turmoil, automotive executives have successfully lobbied governments to permanently ban the production of all internal combustion engines.
- (D) These specific platforms have documented inquiry surges exceeding fifty percent within a single month, underscoring a rapid recalibration of buyer preferences.
- (E) The primary motivation for this transition is no longer financial savings, but rather a sudden, collective awakening to the severe environmental impacts of carbon emissions.
- (F) As the financial burden of fossil fuels intensifies, the comparative affordability of grid-supplied electricity has suddenly illuminated the economic viability of plug-in alternatives.
- (G) Consequently, motorists are demonstrating a newfound willingness to absorb higher upfront investments in exchange for the promise of drastically reduced operational expenses over time.
- (H) Despite these undeniable economic pressures, the overall registration of battery-powered cars plummeted to a record low right before the outbreak of hostilities.

III. Translation & Essay (70%)

1. Translate the following paragraph into English. (15%)

最近，一部臺灣長篇小說入圍頂尖國際文學獎的決選，創下歷史紀錄。這部作品以殖民時期為背景，細膩地刻畫了兩位來自不同文化背景的女性結伴旅行的過程。透過對在地美食與沿途風景的描寫，作者不僅探討殖民者與被殖民者之間複雜的權力關係，更觸及人際溝通的藩籬與連結。這次的成就證明了臺灣的在地故事絕對有能力跨越語言邊界，引起全球讀者的共鳴。而這份成功的背後，譯者精準且優美的筆觸扮演不可或缺的角色，再次印證好的翻譯正是連結不同文化的橋樑。

2. Write an essay of approximately 250-300 words based on the following scenario. (15%)

During a writing assignment, you notice that several students have submitted essays bearing the unmistakable hallmarks of Generative AI (e.g., ChatGPT). When you address the issue with the class, some students openly admit to using the tools but argue that prompting an AI is no different from using a dictionary, a spell-checker, or a search engine. Therefore, they insist it should not be considered plagiarism or academic dishonesty.

As a high school English teacher, how would you immediately address this misconception and handle their assignments fairly? Furthermore, what long-term pedagogical strategies would you implement in your curriculum to cultivate students' "AI literacy," ensuring they learn to use these tools ethically and effectively to enhance—rather than replace—their own language acquisition?

3. Please describe what you, as a teacher, are going to do facing students that see it impossible for themselves to learn English at all. (15%)

4. Please give tips that can help students learn English well. (15%)

5. What is your opinion on the role of grammar in English teaching/learning? (10%)