

銘傳大學九十三年學士後中等學校教師職前學分班招生考試

高階英語閱讀與寫作 試題

- I. Please read the following introductory paragraph, form your own position and response to the issue being discussed. (You may take any position you wish to as long as it is reasonably and rationally presented. In other words, do not make emotional statements) Please limit your words to under 250 words.**

President Chen of National Taiwan University gave his speech to graduates in the graduation ceremony this past June that he wished the graduates were less color inclined as to blue or green politically and be more human inclined in caring and empathy.

As high school educators, present and future, this presents a big challenge for us. Being caring, compassionate and empathetic needs time to mature and grow. In other word, these characteristics need to be planted, nurtured, and time to develop and blossom. We have to change our students' attitude, perception, and value at a younger and more tender age so that they can grow to be more compassionate, empathetic, tolerant and respectful toward others and people who are different from them. This is certainly not an easy task.

Our society has been acting abnormally recently. Three men beat a woman in the street in one of the cities in the Southern Taiwan and everybody stood there and watched; no one came to help. All because this woman said something that those men did not agree with. There are so many senior citizens who live alone under poverty line. Their living quarters have no water and no electricity. The construction is very old and ready to collapse at anytime. Crime rates escalate continuously. Kidnapping, murders, street shooting between the policemen and gangsters happens everywhere and all the times. Many people have taken their whole family to commit suicide with them. All kinds of child abuses are in the newspaper everyday. A legislator called his fellow woman legislator a prostitute in the legislation Hall and considered himself a hero.

What have we done to our society and what kind of principles have we set up for our youngsters? How can we teach our youngsters to be more respectful towards of the people, nature, and laws and order while our society shows them a completely different picture? How can we teach them to smell the flowers, enjoy nature, and be happy with what they get in their hands while everyone is greedy and will do anything just to get what she or he wants? What can we do to change our youngsters' attitudes and values so that they can create a better and kinder society for themselves and perhaps us as well? How can we open and expand their minds and hearts to be more tolerant to "differences" and respect others' opinions and positions? How can we offer them a new insight to experience a wonderful and meaningful life to come? What can we do, as educators, to find ways to cross those bridges over trouble waters and educate a new generation to have a promising and bright future?