

銘傳大學八十八學年度大學推薦甄選入學考試

(應英系)

閱讀寫作測驗 試題

To begin with, how can life be worth living, unless it rests in the love of friends for one another? What is sweeter than to have someone to whom you can tell everything like a second self? How could you really enjoy prosperity, unless you had someone to share your rejoicings? Adversity, too, would be harder to bear without a friend to regret it more than yourself. In a word, other blessings which men desire have advantages suited special needs; riches bring chances of spending; influence brings popularity; holding offices brings reputation; pleasures brings joy; health brings freedom from pain and bodily activity; friendship holds many gifts. Whenever you turn, friendship is with you, never cut from you, never out of place, never tiresome; and so we stand in no greater need even of water and fire than friendship. I am speaking now not of ordinary, common friendship, but of that true and perfect friendship between men like the few that I have had, for friendship make happiness brighter and sorrow lighter by sharing it and dividing it.

Based on the information above, answer the following questions in English.

1. What is the sweetest thing in the world?
2. When you are in adversity, what makes it easier to bear?
3. When friendship is compared with water and fire, which is more important? Why?

Based on your experiences, answer the following questions in English.

1. What is your definition for a good friend?
2. Describe your best friend and tell what characteristics you appreciate most in that person.
3. How do you advance further in friendship with your best friend?