

銘傳大學九十二學年度大學推薦甄選入學考試

應英系

閱讀寫作測驗 試題

I . Reading Comprehension: Read the article, then answer the questions according to the article. 40%

When youngsters become teenagers, their minds become filled with thoughts and emotions, and they usually try hard to make sense of them. They find themselves developing into new people in many different ways-physically, emotionally, mentally, socially-and just a few months can make a lot of difference in how they look, feel, think, and behave.

Rapid physical developments take place during the teenage years-a kind of magical metamorphosis. Male voices become deeper, and both male and female bodies become more adult. Many teenagers grow taller almost overnight, often growing taller than their parents. Because of this rapid growth of bones and muscle, teenagers seem to be awkward and clumsy, always bumping into things or dropping whatever they handle-at least it seems that way to parents.

Along with physical development comes an interest in sex, a new and mysterious experience. Teens are confused by their feelings, unsure of what to do: Should I hold her hand? Is it all right if I let him kiss me? Unfortunately, many teenagers today go too far and have to live with the consequences of their actions. In North America, more unmarried teenagers are becoming parents than ever before in history.

Today's teenagers are under tremendous pressure-to do well, to achieve, to excel, and to fit in with other teens. "If I don't get good grades, I might not get into college" is a widespread fear among young people. Sometimes parents make matters worse by nagging about "that C in chemistry." In Japan, for example, the competition for university admission is so strong that some teenagers have committed suicide out of frustration. Similarly, in North America and Europe, teenage suicide is a greater problem than it used to be.

Peer pressure can cause teens to do "wild" things sometimes. If teenagers fall in with a crowd that drinks or takes drugs, there will be extreme pressure on them to do the same if they want to be accepted by the other members of their peer group, that is, other people their own age. At this stage, belonging is very important. The noisy neighborhood gang and the serious chess club both serve as supportive communities

for their members. This sharing of common interests with peers is a constant in a world of rapid change.

Being accepted as members of a group means that teenagers have to conform. This conformity may take unusual forms: dying green streaks in one's hair, wearing different colored socks, talking in weird ways. Adults see this behavior as foolish. But it is a way for teenagers to learn about living in groups outside the family. This experience, in an indirect way, prepares them for their future roles as useful members of society. (Cited from "Extensions", published by Regents Publishing Company, Inc.)

Questions: Briefly answer the questions according to the ideas in the passages.

1. In what aspects do teenagers develop into new people?
2. Which of the following defines "metamorphosis"? Change, speed, growth, or difference?
3. According to the article, how fast do teenagers grow?
4. Why are teenagers interested in sex?
5. Why are teenagers under a lot of pressure?
6. Why have some teenagers in Japan committed suicide when competing for university admission?
7. Why do teenagers feel the pressure to do the same as their friends?
8. What is the benefit of teenagers' desires to conform?

II. Essay Question: Give a response to the question in 200-250 words. 60%

If you were 16 again, how would you spend your high school life differently?

試題完