

九十八學年度 國立中正大學哲學系
碩士班甄試 英文閱讀理解能力試題

1. It is by caring about things that we infuse the world with importance. This provides us with stable ambitions and concerns; it marks our interests and our goals. The importance that our caring creates for us defines the framework of standards and aims in terms of which we endeavor to conduct our lives. A person who cares about something is guided, as his attitudes and his actions are shaped, by his continuing interest in it. Insofar as he does care about certain things, this determines how he thinks it important for him to conduct his life. The totality of the various things that a person cares about—together with his ordering of how important to him they are—effectively specifies his answer to the question of how to live. (50%)
2. Associative learning can probably forge a link between emotions and any perceptual experience that occurs in conjunction with them. Food aversions can be formed after a single experience with a noxious food. Other experiences become emotion triggers after repeated or protracted exposures. Imagine a person who develops a lifelong aversion to the color yellow after being domiciled in a yellow room during a long childhood illness (compare Locke, 1690/1979, II.xxxiii.12). One can experience pleasure seeing the face of a loved one, or anger seeing the face of an enemy. In each case, a visual experience that frequently coincided with an emotion in the past serves to respark that emotion. (50%)