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觀念 05

棒球和美式足球，有什麼不同？

最大的不同，在美國，棒球是生活，美式足球則是儀式。

儀式就是將一些非生活、甚至反生活的元素，聚攏在一起，予以誇張、戲劇化處

理。美國足球的球季，在最冷的季節，從秋天開始，氣温愈下降，球賽愈重要。一

度的總決賽“超級盃”，訂在二月底，最深的冬天，無底的漢冷。

美式足球，不管大學的、還是職業的，慣常一週只比賽一天。大學的比賽在周六、

職業的比賽在周日，都是放假日，所以看球賽之前，球迷早就先開車到球場停車場，

拿出烤肉架和超大超厚的美國牛排，來一場“車尾派對”。派對當然少不了啤酒、牛飲

狂飲一番，到進場看比賽時人已半醉，裁判鳴笛瞬間，酒足肉飽的觀眾正式進入忘我瘋
狂狀態。

美式足球是呈現神術的、是爆炸式的，是超脫於一切習慣以外的。每週最重要的，最多人守在電視機前看的，是哪場比賽？是唯一一場不在星期

的球季，才有辦法激發出這種非常的、儀式的瘋狂情緒吧。

面對未來最重要的50個觀念 — 42
天打的球賽——周一晚足球（Monday Night Football），全美足協周中比賽，而且同時間沒
有其他足球比賽來壟斷競爭，構成了「儀式中的儀式」，或「儀式外的儀式」。

棒球就不是這樣。光芒足球比賽數量雖然少，但比賽數量就決定了一樣球不可能走那種激動儀式的道路。美國
職棒大聯盟，每支球隊每一季要打一百六十場賽事。算算，從四月到十月，差不多半
年時間，總共才一百八十天左右，也就是說，球季中，每天都有比賽，每天每支球隊
都要出賽。數量一大，意義必然就隨著改變了。沒有人能承擔用那種情緒高度去面對每
天每一場比賽。台灣人說：「沒有天天過年的。」換做美國話，應該是：「每天派對，
就等於沒有派對。」足球每周一次，最適合狂歡派對，棒球一天一次，一不小心就變成
麻木無感覺的習慣了。

職棒和美式足球不一樣，也和冠軍賽、國際賽的棒球不一樣。因為要打那麼多場，
就不可能讓人頂到一場輸贏了。贏了這場，還有下場，輸了這場，也還有下一次。按
照我們疲勞的個性，一定會主張該「爭一時」，爭「爭千秋」，在單一球賽上，球員很快
就累了，身心俱疲，根本撐不到季末，將單一球賽看那麼重，
如果不是這樣，現實不是這樣，至少棒球的現實不是這樣。如果投注那麼多的心理能量
在單一球賽上，球員很快也會被掏空，因為輸掉的球賽，有那種被人家意欲轉輸掉的球賽，
有那種被人家壓著打到完全抬
不起頭而輸掉的球賽，輸了感覺人的尊嚴和存在的意義都被掏空了般，可是明天還有比
賽，怎麼辦？後天還有比賽，怎麼辦？如果太在意，輸掉的球賽就會一直陰魂不散，於
是從輸一場拖變成輸一串，輸一大串。

面對未來最重要的50個概念——44——43——數量
如果太在意，就连气球都变得可怕的诅咒。痛苦的感到残留在明天，明天就

在美式棒球，就决定基础的那种超群的王朝，很难将单季胜率推到七成，六成也不太

常。一般五成八、五成九就有机会拿下分区冠军进入季后赛了。换句话说，十场比赛

要输掉四场左右，都还是好的战绩。这不是偶然，也不是联盟刻意安排的，而是天天比

赛，这种频率制造出的理性，谁能调整球队心理强度到固定，有效地每场赢六场，就

有希望征服整个球季。

球季的总帐单更重要。以前，大联盟的季後赛，吝啬到没收四支球队。季後开打，就

是联盟冠军赛。季赛总成绩精差一点点，想都别想要碰季後爆发力赢回来。就算现在的

赛制，六個分区内冠軍加两队外卡，八支球队进季后赛。在所有美式職業運動中，還是最精

简的。NBA季後赛每年都有「老八傳奇」的话题，「老八」在西区各自有一個，总排名

会。

不只季後賽重要，天天比賽製作的时间感，那种滔滔長流的气势，還使得美国棒球成

了全世界最重视历史、最重视纪录的運動。每场球不只必須在季赛的全面观照裡找到它

的位置，還要打进更廣大的歷史中，才能真正安放。每位球员都曾在自己過去，未

来的紀錄一起投球、跑步、揮棒，也在和百餘年最优秀的職棒选手留在球场上空，留

在纪录簿上的不散真靈，一起投球、揮棒、跑步。

棒球成了生活，和生活有這樣的一致的步調及性格。美国職棒場上必定有一份夏天的悠

閒、散漫，沒有人每分每秒盯著看球赛的；棒球场上追求的，也是那种一连串反覆動作

中的英雄行徑、英雄表現，追求比别人好一點、再好一點；把自己好一點、再好一點，

就該得到熱烈掌聲，十次失敗六次則能換來歷史上的黃金留名。

50個概念 - 46 - 軒量
二、短文寫作（25%）

請閱讀下文，並針對其中所涉及的議題，自擬題目，撰一短文（千字以內），抒發個人見解。

生於今世，「忍」的修養固然重要，「爭」的訓練也不可少。首先要辨明可爭與不可爭，然後要爭得心平氣和，爭得德充氣沛，爭得圓融貫通，化敵為友。

傳統的處世哲學中對「忍」說得太多（我們並不厭其多），對「爭」說得太少，因此許多人不知道如何通過爭執來解決問題。而人生又不能無爭，結果，爭執的惟一作用無非製造問題而已。很可惜，這樣恐怕難以適應今後的社會。

——選自王鼎鈞，《開放的人生》（台北：爾雅出版社）
Instructions

1. There are 40 questions and each counts 1.25 point.

2. For each question, please select the most correct answer choice given. No minus point for the wrong answer.

1. It often happens that some crisis or opportunity induces people to find a practical use for things that originally had no serious purpose. As an example of this principle, consider the dolls and mannequins, programmed to move and build for the delight of the wealthy in the eighteenth century, which were forerunners of the modern computer. Likewise, it is almost certain that the first domesticated animals were pets. Domestication of animals seems to have arisen as an amusement long before it had practical application.

Which of the following, if true, provides another example in support of the principle mentioned above?
A. The discovery of America was a by-product of the search for ginger, cloves, pepper, and cinnamon.
B. Children’s games often imitate adult work.
C. The spyglass was simply a source of diversion until its commercial and scientific potential was recognized and its power of magnification suitably improved.
D. In certain cultures horses are used exclusively for pleasure and never for work, even though in those cultures people are forced to work arduously in the absence of laboring animals.
E. The persons who constructed moving dolls and mannequins in the eighteenth century were also clock makers.

2. “On the whole,” Ms. Dennis remarked, “engineering students are lazier now than they used to be. I know because fewer and fewer of my students regularly do the work they are assigned.”

Which of the following identifies a flaw in Ms. Dennis’ reasoning?
A. Plenty of people besides engineering students do not work as hard as they should.
B. Ms. Dennis does not consider the excuses her students may have for being lazy.
C. The argument does not propose any constructive solutions to the problem it identifies.
D. The argument assumes that Ms. Dennis’ students are representative of engineering students in general.
E. Ms. Dennis does not seem sympathetic to the problems of her students.

3. One of every two new businesses fail within two years. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version.
A. fail
B. fails
C. should fail
D. may have failed
E. has failed

4. Los Angeles has a higher number of family dwellings per capita than any large city.

Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version.
A. a higher number of family dwellings per capita than any large city
B. higher numbers of family dwellings per capita than any other large city
C. a higher number of family dwellings per capita than does any other large city
D. higher numbers of family dwellings per capita than do other large cities
E. a high per capita number of family dwellings, more than does any other large city

5. In 1980 the United States exported twice as much of its national output of goods as they had in 1970.

Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version.
A. twice as much of its national output of goods as they had
B. double the amount of their national output of goods as they did
C. twice as much of its national output of goods as it did
D. double the amount of its national output of goods as it has
E. twice as much of their national output of goods as they had

6. Mary believed each individual is responsible to choose one course of action over another one, that it is the choice that gives value to the act, and that nothing that is not acted upon has value. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version.
A. each individual is responsible to choose one course of action over another one
B. that each individual is responsible for choosing one course of action over another
C. that each individual is responsible, choosing one course of action over another
D. that each individual is responsible to choose one course of action over the other
E. each individual is responsible for choosing one course of action over other ones

7. Federally imposed restrictions on how much they may pay small savers has made difficulties for savings banks as they are competing with such unregulated investment vehicles as money market certificates.

Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version.
A. has made difficulties for savings banks as they are competing with such
B. has made difficulties for savings banks competing with such
C. have made difficulties for savings banks as they as competing with
D. have made it difficult for savings banks to compete with such
E. have made it difficult for savings banks as they are competing with such
8 The supply of oil being finite has become an economical and political consideration of the first magnitude for all modern industrial nations. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version.
A. The supply of oil being finite has become an economical
B. The finite supply of oil has become an economical
C. That the supply of oil is finite has become an economical
D. The supply of oil being finite has become an economic
E. That the supply of oil is finite has become an economic

9 Plausible though it sounds, the weakness of the hypothesis is that it does not incorporate all relevant evidence. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version.
A. Plausible though it sounds, the weakness of the hypothesis
B. Even though it sounds plausible, the weakness of the hypothesis
C. Though plausible, the hypothesis weakness
D. Though the hypothesis sounds plausible, its weakness
E. The weakness of the hypothesis which sounds plausible

10 Opened in 1683, the Ashmolean was the first public museum in Great Britain, while earlier the Bodleian has been the first truly public library. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version.
A. while earlier the Bodleian has been
B. where the Bodleian earlier is
C. just as earlier the Bodleian had been
D. as the earlier Bodleian has been
E. the Bodleian earlier being

11 Anyone who has owned a car knows that saving money in the short run by skimping on relatively minor repairs and routine maintenance will prove very costly in the long run. However, this basic truth is often forgotten by those who call for reduced government spending on social programs. Which of the following is NOT implied by the analogy above as a point of comparison?
A. Money that is spent on repairs and maintenance helps to ensure the continued functioning of a car.
B. Owners can take chances on not maintaining or repairing their cars.
C. In order to keep operating, cars will normally need some work.
D. The problems with a car will become worse if they are not attended to
E. A car will last for only a limited period of time and then must be replaced.
12 Some would have believed that the economic problems of Western Europe have been caused by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) oil cartel. This is nonsense. After all, Great Britain is not dependent on OPEC oil and yet Great Britain suffers from the same economic problems that afflict France and West Germany.

The author’s point is made primarily by
A. offering Great Britain as a counterexample
B. analyzing the economic difficulties of France and West Germany
C. pointing out a misconception in reasoning
D. proposing an alternative explanation
E. drawing an analogy between France and West Germany

13 The once widely held perception of intellectuals as the clarifiers of fundamental moral issues is no longer valid today. Intellectuals no longer act as advocates for oppressed groups. Instead of applying their insights and analyses to the problems of these groups, they leave the debate to the politicians.

The logical structure of the passage above depends upon the author’s closely linking the clarification of fundamental moral issues with
A. intellectualism
B. advocacy on behalf of oppressed groups
C. insight and analysis
D. debate on contemporary practical issues
E. the role of politicians

14 Superficially, college graduates in 1982 resemble college graduates of 1964; they are fairly conservative, well dressed, and interested in tradition; they respect their parents. But there is a deep-seated difference: a majority of the members of the class of 1982 who were surveyed in their freshman year stated that making a good income was an important reason for their decision to go to college.

The statements in the passage above, if true, best support which of the following conclusions?
A. The concerns of college graduates of 1964 were superficial compared to the financial worries of college graduates of 1982.
B. Fewer than half the students of the class of 1964 declared as freshmen that they entered college in order to increase their earning potential.
C. Educational background did not play as significant a part in determining income in 1964 as it does in 1982
D. A majority of the members of the class of 1964 revised their reasons for attending college between their freshman year and college graduation.
E. College graduates of 1964 were actually less conservative than college graduates of 1982
15 Dr. Shirmer was cited for her pioneering research on the **interacting of disease agents with their carriers**. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version.

A. the interacting of disease agents with their carriers
B. disease agents’ interactions with their carriers
C. the interaction of disease agents and their carriers
D. disease agents, their carriers, and their interaction
E. carriers and their interaction with disease agents

16 Heavy and prolonged use of cocaine can lead to psychological dependence, the **symptoms of which are similar to narcotics dependence**. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version.

A. the symptoms of which are similar to narcotics dependence
B. the symptoms of which are similar to those of dependence on narcotics
C. which in symptoms are similar to those of dependence on narcotics
D. which has the symptoms similar to those of narcotics dependence
E. which has symptoms similar to narcotics dependence

17 Of all the great non-Western classical music traditions, **India is perhaps best known to American audiences**. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version.

A. India is perhaps best known to American audiences
B. American audiences perhaps know India the best
C. India’s is the one that is perhaps better known to American audiences
D. India’s is perhaps the one best known to American audiences
E. that of India is perhaps the one better known to American audiences

18 High-yield grains are **particularly vulnerable to insects and disease**. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version.

A. particularly vulnerable to
B. in particular vulnerable to
C. particularly vulnerable against
D. in particular vulnerable from
E. vulnerable particularly against

19 In the spring of 1981, the administration proposed **limiting** the number of cost-of-living adjustments for federal retirees to one a year. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version.
A. limiting  
B. limits on  
C. limitations of  
D. that it limits  
E. that there would be limits to

20 The controversy over if women are to register for the draft was rekindled by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version.  
A. over if women are to register  
B. over whether women should register  
C. about if women should register  
D. about whether women will register  
E. about women being registered

21 Alexander the Great is remembered to be the liberator of the Greek cities of Asia Minor, captured Egypt, and the victor over the last Persian emperor, Darius III. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version  
A. to be the liberator of the Greek cities of Asia Minor, captured Egypt  
B. to be the liberator of the Greek cities of Asia Minor, Egypt's captor  
C. as liberating the Greek cities of Asia Minor, captured Egypt  
D. as liberating the Greek cities of Asia Minor, captured Egypt  
E. as the liberator of the Greek cities of Asia Minor, the captor of Egypt

22 Unlike most cities, transportation in New York is not predominantly dependent on the automobile. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version  
A. Unlike most cities, transportation in New York is not predominantly dependent  
B. Unlike most other cities, transportation in New York is not predominantly dependent  
C. New York's transportation, unlike most other cities, does not depend predominantly  
D. For transportation, unlike most cities, New York is not predominantly dependent  
E. Unlike most cities, New York is not predominantly dependent for transportation

23 Reflecting the community having an interest in the preservation of historical building, the council allocated seven thousand dollars for the restoration of the courthouse. Beneath the sentence you will find five ways of phrasing the underlined part. Select the best version  
A. Reflecting the community having an interest in the preservation of historical building  
B. Reflecting the interest in preserving historical buildings that the community had  
C. Reflecting the interest of the community in preserving historical buildings
D. As a reflection of the community having interest in preserving historical buildings
E. As a reflection of the interest in the preservation of historical buildings that the community had

24 In our corporation there is a ___ between male and female ___ because 73 percent of the men and 34 percent of the women polled believe that our company provides equal compensation to men and women.
Choose the best version of set of words for each blank.
A. contrast..stereotypes
B. difference..perceptions
C. variation..salaries
D. resemblance..employees
E. similarity..aspirations

25 While Parker is very outspoken on issues she cares about, she is not ___; she concedes the ___ of opposing arguments when they expose weaknesses inherent in her own. Choose the best version of set of words for each blank.
A. fickle..validity
B. arrogant..restraint
C. fanatical strength
D. congenial incompatibility
E. unyielding..speciousness

26 No one is ___ about Stephens; he inspires either uncritical adulation or profound ___ in those who work for him. Choose the best version of set of words for each blank.
A. neutral..antipathy
B. infuriated..aversion
C. worried..anxiety
D. enthusiastic..veneration
E. apprehensive..consternation

27 Liberty is not easy, but far better to be an ___ fox, hungry and threatened on its hill, than a ___ canary, safe and secure in its cage. Choose the best version of set of words for each blank.
A. unfriendly..fragile
B. aging..young
C. angry..content
D. imperious..lethargic
E. unfettered..well-fed
28 Their mutual teasing seemed __, but in fact it __ a long-standing hostility. Choose the best version of set of words for each blank.
A. aimless..produced
B. friendly..masked
C. playful..contravened
D. bitter..revealed
E. clever..averted

29 Noting that few employees showed any __ for complying with the corporation’s new safety regulations, Petersen was forced to conclude that acceptance of the regulations would be __, at best. Choose the best version of set of words for each blank.
A. aptitude..unavoidable
B. regard..indeterminate
C. respect..negotiable
D. patience..imminent
E. enthusiasm..grudging

30 When people are happy, they tend to give __ interpretations of events they witness; the eye of the beholder is __ by the emotions of the beholder. Choose the best version of set of words for each blank.
A. charitable..colored
B. elaborate..disquieted
C. conscientious..deceived
D. vague..sharpened
E. coherent..confused

31 As late as 1891 a speaker assured his audience that since profitable farming was the result of natural ability rather than __, an education in agriculture was __. Choose the best version of set of words for each blank.
A. instruction..vital
B. effort..difficult
C. learning..useless
D. science..intellectual
E. luck..senseless

32 Since the author frequently __ other scholars, his objection to disputes is not only irrelevant but also __. Choose the best version of set of words for each blank.
33 During periods of social and cultural stability, many art academies are so firmly controlled by ___ that all real creative work must be done by the ___. Choose the best version of set of words for each blank.

A. dogmatists..disenfranchised
B. managers..reactionaries
C. reformers..dissatisfied
D. imposters..academicians
E. specialists..elite

34 In many science fiction films, the opposition of good and evil is portrayed as a ___ between technology, which is ___, and the errant will of a depraved intellectual.

A. fusion..useful
B. struggle..dehumanizing
C. parallel..unfettered
D. conflict..beneficent
E. similarity..malevolent

Please answer questions 35-40 following the short article on the basis of what is stated or implied in the article.

As sociologists Trimble and Medicine point out in a survey paper published in 1976, many of the studies dealing with the Native American (Indian) experience have tended to focus on negative aspects and have characterized the Native American in a negative vein. Prominent among these negative characterizations is the contention that Native Americans tend to have low self-esteem.

In 1973 a small group of Native American professionals challenged the accuracy of these negative reports. Their experiences suggested to them that most Native Americans viewed themselves positively. After a series of discussions, they formulated a research task—specifically, “What would the self-image of the Native American be if it were researched by Native Americans?

In due course, an official research project was initiated. A crucial feature of the project was the formation of a Native American advisory board, consisting of community representatives from different regions of the country. One of the purposes of the advisory board was to help dispel any antagonism that there might be against the presence of social scientists in Native American communities. In some of those communities, unfortunately, social scientists had come to be resented as “predators merely using the Native American to further their own careers.”
Another important function of the advisory board was assistance in identifying trained Native American interviewers for data collection. The idea of using local residents as interviewers was rejected early on since it was felt that respondents might be concerned, however needlessly, that personal information might eventually turn into community gossip. The board opted for selection of culturally sensitive nonresidents as interviewers.

The board also had a hand in shaping the survey questionnaire to be used. Since time constraints made it impossible to devise a questionnaire that would have been sensitive to the full diversity of the many distinct Native American groups or tribes, a compromise solution had to be settled on that would tap commonalities particular to Native Americans.

Finally, a total of 792 Native Americans ranging in age from 17 to over 80 and representing over 150 tribal and Alaska Native groups were administered a 309-page questionnaire. One hundred and nine respondents also completed open-ended interviews. Questionnaire items clustered around 38 subscales that yielded indices of self-regard, values, philosophy of human nature, locus of control, and satisfaction with life. Items contained in the interviews served to validate questionnaire responses and supplement the questionnaire data with situation-specific information. Findings included the following: (a) at least 95 percent of the respondents have a moderate to strong sense of self-regard that is stable and enduring; (b) there is a high degree of consistency of positive self-regard irrespective of sex, tribe, and age; and (c) persons with a strong sense of self-regard also tend to have a strong sense of personal values.

35 The primary purpose of the passage is to
A. present a piece of research on Native Americans as a model for other researchers to emulate
B. describe some of the background, methods, and results of a study of Native Americans’ self-regard
C. analyze the efficacy of advisory boards in social science research
D. contrast the questionnaire method in social science with the method of open-ended interviews
E. discuss the conceptual difficulties in investigating self-regard through groups of questions clustering around subscales

36 According to the article, hostility toward social scientists in some Native American communities resulted from the communities’ perception that
A. many of the social scientists focused unduly on negative aspects of community life
B. none of the social scientists employed local residents as interviewers
C. none of the social scientists used questionnaires sufficiently sensitive to those communities’ distinctive cultural backgrounds
D. the social scientists carried out their studies for their own professional benefit only
E. Native American advisory boards, where used, were not truly representative of the diversity of Native American tribes
37 It can be inferred from the article that those designing the study wished to ensure that
A. the identity of those completing open-ended interviews was made publicly known in advance
B. no respondents were selected from communities known to have been hostile to social scientists
C. data collection was carried out by interviewers thoroughly versed in sociological theory
D. the confidentiality of any information gained would be protected to the respondents’ satisfaction
E. any success the study might have would not directly lead to career advancement for any of them

38 The author’s purpose in the article is most probably to make more accessible to the public
A. certain innovative ideas of a group of Native American professionals
B. a fundamental critique of all of social science research
C. a well-supported corrective to a body of questionable assertions
D. the optimistic projections made by the Native American advisory board
E. a number of intuitively appealing but largely speculative notions

39 The author of the article ascribes to which of the following a particularly important role in the design of the study?
A. Sociologists Trimble and Medicine
B. Local residents serving as interviewers
C. The Native American advisory board
D. The group of Native American professionals challenging the previous studies
E. The communities that were resentful of social scientists

40 The author of the article views the fact that some Native American communities perceived social scientists as “predatory” with
A. alarm
B. suspicion
C. contrition
D. empathy
E. regret