

110 學年度第 1 學期高中部英文作文比賽

1. Charles Dickens 的雙城記(A Tale of Two Cities)說「那是最美好的時代，那是最糟糕的時代」(It was the best of times. It was the worst of times)。疫情，帶給我們生活上的巨大改變，疫苗是否施打引起許多的討論，線上線下的學習也有許多需要適應的地方；這些改變終究是美好還是糟糕，已經深深刻印在這個時代每個人心中。請寫一篇字數至少 500 字的文章，敘述這些日子以來疫情帶給你的影響、你如何因應，以及你的盼望是什麼。

2. 比賽時間：13:10~14:50，共 100 分鐘。

3. 不得使用任何形式的字典與電子載具，其餘依本校考試規定辦理。

Corona Virus has changed our way of life really much. Students have to study and learn online, hotel workers couldn't get paid and some of the adults need to work from home. These changes are really interrupting because we're not used to the new way to live. What about me? What are the changes in my life?

Well, First of all, I couldn't go to school, so I got a three-month summer vacation. I couldn't enjoy the rest of the time with my classmates before graduation and I was very sad. Because I got a long, long vacation, I didn't even know what were I going to do. I have no homeworks, no pressure for tests, just some classes from cram school. I still had to join the class online, without seeing my beloved friends in person and it upset me pretty much. In addition, I couldn't leave my house even one step. Movie theaters, KTVs, hotels and more are all closed down, there were no place for entertainment, and the only place I could go was my house. Although I knew I had no choice and had to accept the truth, I was still disappointed about all the changes that COVID19 have brought. And I think the biggest change is that everyone started to wear masks when they go out. The most surprising thing is that even Americans and Europeans started to wear masks. It really surprised me because they used to avoid wearing masks. Back to Taiwan, people who thought masks aren't necessary also wear masks now, not just because they're afraid of the disease, but also scared about the rules government set. Except the inconvenient COVID19 brought, I think it's not a bad thing to change our life.

Following are the

The reasons why I think it's not bad to change the way of our

life. First, people around the world gathered together to fight the disease.

Countries help each other by giving vaccine and donating money for poor (more space in the back)

countries. Although we still have some worries and thoughts about politics, I think it's a big step to make relations of different countries more closer. For example, Japan donated a large number of vaccine to thank Taiwan for helping them before in a big earthquake. I really appreciate that countries are willing to help each other when they're in need. Second, people got less cold and sick because everybody's wearing masks and washing their hands ^{more} often. People realized how important it is to take care of our health by having good habits. The society's health had improved since everyone started to wear masks (not including the patients got COVID19), I think it's a good news because not only adults but also children would suffer from sickness or illness before, and it happened a lot, but now, people know how to make sure themselves are healthy, so it's a great improvement. Finally, I learned that every meeting with classmates, teachers and friends are precious. I used to think that it's normal to have meetings with each other, and sometimes I even think that it's not necessary to have so much meetings with people, but now I realized I was wrong. Without seeing my friends in person for three months is like a whole century had passed. I missed their voices, laughter and the warmth we had before. I learned to see every single time we can gather together as a treasure, it's the most precious thing that I can have, and I think people should learn this. That is the first time I think cellphones are not valuable and chatting with people in person is what we actually need.

After all, there're no hatred for corona virus to me now. It made the world a more friendly place, let people realize how important health is, and teaches me to be thankful for having chances to meet with others. Although it's really inconvenient for students who need to study online and the workers who lost their job because of the disease, but for me, it's a lesson that nature gave. We lived too comfortable and see everything as normal, so maybe it's time to change the way of our life and get a new way to live. In conclusion, I think it's not a bad thing after all.