

Jade and Jadeite (玉與翡翠)

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一、題目

A : Let me (1)看看 your (2)玉鐲 . It' s so (3)美麗的.

B : Thank you. (4)也一樣 is your (5)墜子.

(請注意倒裝句)

A : Why do Chinese (6)穿戴 jade and (7)翡翠?

B : Because jade and jadeite (8)被認為 by Chinese people to (9)是 (10)吉祥的東西.

A : But jade (11)雕刻 is hard, (12)那需要 (13)很可觀的 experience and (14)努力.

B : Right. You' ll have to (15)順著材料來決定圖案.

A : I know. The (16)翠玉白菜 found in (17)慈禧太后的 (18)陵墓 is a good example.

B : Exactly! It' s a jade carving (19)有白有綠 (20)還有 two (21)細緻的 green (22)蚱蜢.

A : (23)它唯妙唯肖 (24)令人稱奇!

B : Why are grasshoppers (25)被雕在上面? Do they (26)代表任何意義?

A : Grasshoppers (27)在中國古代 (28)象徵 (29)多子多孫. In the ancient Chinese (30)農業 (31)社會, (32)人手 was needed to (33)做農務 and fertility

(34)當時被視為 a (35)一種福份。

B : And the grasshoppers (36)休息 on the pure white and green jade (37)意指 a clean family (38)將會有 (39)蓬勃的後代。

A : (40)一件玉器 (41)展現了 (42)如此豐富的文化!

## 二、答案

(1)look at (2)jade bangle (3)pretty (4)So (5)pendant (6)wear (7)jadeite (8)are believed (9)be (10)auspicious material (11)carving (12)which requires (13)a considerable amount of (14)effort (15)suit the features to the material (16)jadeite cabbage (17)Empress Ci-xi' s (18)tomb (19)in white and green (20)with (21)delicate (22)grasshoppers (23)Its lifelikeness (24)fascinates everyone (25)carved on (26)symbolize anything (27)in ancient China (28)symbolized (29)great fertility (30)agricultural (31)society (32)manpower (33)do the farming (34)was considered (35)a blessing (36)resting (37)meant (" mean" 的過去式) (38)would have (" will have" 的過去式) (39)plentiful offspring (offspring乃集合名詞, 不加" s" ) (40)One piece of jade (41)presents (42)that much culture

## 三、中文 (請看著中文, 做簡單口譯)

A : 我看看妳的玉鐲, 好美喔!

B : 謝謝, 妳的墜子也很漂亮喔!

A : 為什麼中國人喜歡戴玉和翡翠?

B : 因為中國人認為玉和翡翠都是吉祥的東西。

A：可是玉很難雕，需要經驗和努力才能做到。

B：是的。要順著材料來雕圖案。

A：我知道。就像慈禧太后的陵寢裡所找到的那個翠玉白菜！

B：對！有白有綠，還有兩隻精雕細琢的綠蚱蜢呢！

A：唯妙唯肖，令人稱奇！

B：為什麼上面要雕二隻蚱蜢？他們具何意義嗎？

A：在中國古代，蚱蜢代表多子多孫，因為在古時候的中國農業社會當中，農家需要人手，而多子多孫就多福份囉！

B：那麼，蚱蜢憩在白綠的玉上，表示純良的家庭必有豐沛的後代子孫！

A：一件玉器就蘊涵了如此豐富的文化！