

類 科：新聞（選試英文）

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考試時間：2小時

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(二)不必抄題，作答時請將試題題號及答案依照順序寫在試卷上，於本試題上作答者，不予計分。

I. Briefly describe in English what you know about each of the following countries:

(8 pts each, 40 pts total)

1. Guinea
2. Australia
3. Afghanistan
4. North Korea
5. Iran

II. Translate each of the following passages into Chinese

1. California voters will decide whether to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom on Tuesday, concluding an idiosyncratic election that has been held in the middle of a pandemic and closely watched as one of the first big indicators of the country's political direction since President Biden took office.

Democrats feel increasingly confident, predicting that Newsom will prevail and avert what would be a disaster for the party in California, the nation's most-populous state. If Newsom is recalled, his likely replacement would be Larry Elder, a conservative talk radio host who has made a career bashing liberal causes.

But the fact that the Democratic governor of a state Biden won by nearly 30 percentage points is being forced to fight to hold on to his post has highlighted the vulnerabilities of leaders who seemed well positioned before the coronavirus pandemic.

Democrats are trying to energize voters without former President Donald J. Trump on the ballot, and a loss — or even a narrow victory — would raise questions about the political clout of Biden, who campaigned with Newsom on Monday night.

The leading Republicans vying to replace Newsom have embraced Trump and his baseless claims of a stolen election, an early signal of the party's unwillingness or inability to distance itself from the former president.

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2. Facebook provided a data set to a consortium of social scientists last year that had serious errors, affecting the findings in an unknown number of academic papers, the company acknowledged on Friday.

The company used a regular monthly call on Friday with roughly three dozen researchers affiliated with Social Science One, a consortium founded in 2018 that Facebook hails as a model for collaboration with academics, to admit the error and apologize for the impact on their work.

The data concerns the effect of social media on elections and democracy and includes what web addresses Facebook users click on, along with other information. The error resulted from Facebook accidentally excluding data from U.S. users who had no detectable political leanings — a group that amounted to roughly half of all of Facebook’s users in the United States.

Gary King, a Harvard professor who co-chairs Social Science One, said dozens of papers from researchers affiliated with Social Science One had relied on the data since Facebook shared the flawed set in February 2020. But he said the impact could be determined only after Facebook provided corrected data that could be reanalyzed.

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