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考試科目：政治經濟學

三、Please answer the following questions in **Chinese** and be **concise**.

(1) Starting from April 1, 2013, the minimum monthly wage (or the basic wage) has been raised from NT\$18,780 to \$19,047 to accommodate the price rises of many major consumer products, especially, in terms of gasoline and utility. Meanwhile, the hourly wage has been increased by 5.82% from NT\$103 to \$109 since the beginning of 2013.

Please analyze, in terms of socio-economic and political aspects, what would be the impacts of wage rise on (a) the labor (skilled vs. low skilled worker), (b) the firm (large vs. small-medium enterprise), and (c) the Taiwan's economy as a whole, respectively; with the short-term and long-term analyses.

Based on your analysis, what would be your stance on the increase of minimum wage? Be precise and logically consistent in your arguments. (30%)

(2) From the perspective of the trade representative from the US (USTR), Taiwan lifted its ban on imports of U.S. beef containing traces of a controversial leanness-enhancing drug (瘦肉精) last July, paving the way for resumption of the talks on Taiwan-US bilateral Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) talks in March 2013.

"The government has a clear policy of handling pork and beef import issues separately, ..." ministry spokesman Steve Hsia said at a news briefing in response to questions on whether the pork issue will be brought up during the talks under the bilateral TIFA.

What are the major differences for the leanness-enhancing drug used on the U.S. imports of beef vs. pork? From your viewpoints, what are the significances of the Taiwan-US bilateral TIFA? (20%)