**ENGLISH PRACTICE 56**

**II. READING**

**1. Read the passage and answer the questions. Circle A, B, or C.**

 The Moon is approximately 384,400 kilometers from the Earth. Its diameter is 3,479 kilometers, about 1/4 the diameter of Earth. The average temperature on the surface of the Moon during the day is 107°C, hot enough to boil water on Earth. During the night, the average temperature drops to −153°C.

Because of **its** smaller size and mass, the gravity of the Moon is about 1/6 the gravity on the Earth. That means that a person who weighs 180 pounds on Earth would only weigh 30 pounds if measured on the Moon.  
The force of gravity from the Moon affects Earth. Its gravity reaches Earth and pulls the oceans toward the Moon, causing the tides. The gravity from the Sun also affects the tides. The highest tides will always occur when the Moon and Sun are **aligned**. That is when there is a New Moon or a Full Moon.

1. What is the first paragraph mainly about?  
A. A comparison between the Moon and Earth  
B. Physical characteristics of the Moon  
C. The effect of the Moon on Earth  
2. The word **“its”** in paragraph 2 refers to which of the following?  
A. the Moon’s  
B. Earth’s  
C. gravity’s  
3. According to the passage, which of the following is true?  
A. A person would lose 5/6 of their weight if they were on the Moon.  
B. A person would weigh much less on the Moon than on Earth.  
C. The Earth weighs six times as much as the Moon.  
4. What can we learn about the tides?  
A. They happen twice a month at New Moon and Full Moon.  
B. The Sun causes higher tides on Earth than the Moon does.  
C. They are caused by both the Sun and the Moon.  
5. The word **“aligned”** is closest in meaning to which of the following?  
A. combined together  
B. arranged in a line  
C. affected by the other

**2. Read the passage about computers. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F). Circle T or F.**

Do you own a PDA – Personal Digital Assistant? Have you got a personal computer? Have you ever used a laptop? The answer can be “Yes”. But do you know that the first computer was made about 70 years ago? It was large enough to take up a living room. It was named ENIAC – Electronic Numerical Integrator and Calculator.  
Thanks to the development of technology, computers become smaller and smaller. The first personal computer was actually introduced in the 1970s by MITS, Apple Computer and IBM. They didn’t look exactly like now but they were surely revolutionary at the time.

Scientists are finding ways to make computers as smaller and slimmer as possible. Some of the today computers are small enough to carry out in pockets. But technology doesn’t stop there. They will continue to bring out smaller computers. Who knows? Maybe one day we will not need the big desktops or laptops. We may need a computer chip that is as small as a fingernail.

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| 1. The first computer was made 70 years ago. | T | F |
| 2. The ENIAC was small enough to carry around. | T | F |
| 3. MITS, Apple Computer and IBM were the first to introduce personal computers. | T | F |
| 4. Today computers are not as small and slim as the previous ones. | T | F |
| 5. Fingernail size computer chip will soon be a new revolution. | T | F |

**III. WRITING**

**1. Complete each of the following sentences using the cues given. You can change the cues and use other words in addition to the cues to complete the sentences.**

**Here is an example.**  
0. Ngoc/ usually/ play/ badminton/ Sunday.  
Answer: 0. *Ngoc usually plays badminton on Sundays.*

1. Noise pollution/ big cities/ lead/ hearing/ problems.  
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2. Lots/ aquatic animals/ die/ because/ oil spills.  
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3. If/ you/ president/ country/ what/ you/ do/ protect/ environment?  
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4. One way/ save/ environment/ is/ use/ renewable/ energy/ sources.  
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5. This boy/ suffer/ birth/ defects/ because/ parents/ expose/radioactive/ pollution.  
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**2. Write an email (90-110 words) to your pen friend telling him about a natural disaster that you have experienced, seen or been told about.**

**Use the following questions as cues:**

- **What is the disaster?**

- **When did it occur?**

- **Where did it occur?**

- **What were its consequences?**

- **How did you feel about it?**

Dear Mary,

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| 1. B | 2. A | 3. B | 4. C | 5. B |

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1. T        2. F        3. T        4. F         5. T

**III. WRITING**

**1. Complete each of the following sentences using the cues given. You can change the cues and use other words in addition to the cues to complete the sentences.**

1. Noise pollution in big cities leads (has led) to hearing problems.

2. Lots of aquatic animals die (have died) because of oil spills.

3. If you were the president of the country, what would you do to protect the environment?

4. One way to save the environment is using (to use) renewable energy sources.

5. This boy suffers (is suffering/ has suffered) from birth defects because his parents were exposed to radioactive pollution.

**2. Write an email (90-110 words) to your pen friend telling him about a natural disaster that you have experienced, seen or been told about.**

Dear Mary,

How are you? I must write to tell you about the natural disaster I saw on TV this morning. It was a huge tsunami in Japan two days ago. At first, there was a very strong earthquake, and then the tsunami swept through the coastal areas of northern Japan.

It was so devastating. What used to be busy and lively cities now has become a vast area of debris. Houses were totally destroyed, and pieces of furniture and means of transport were scattered everywhere. Luckily, thanks to early warning, there was no human loss. I felt terrible .I intend to donate some of my pocket money to help the Japanese people.Would you like to join me?

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