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**SECTION A. LISTENING (20 points)**

**Part I. (10 points)**

**Questions 1-6: Listen and write NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR NUMBERS for each answer.**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

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| **Membership time:** | 7 years |
| **Type of ID:** | (1)……………………………. |
| **ID No:** | (2)……………………………. |
| **Family name:** | Black |
| **Other name:** | Gavin Raymond |
| **Date of birth:** | January 22, 1973 |
| **ID expiry date:** | (3)……………………………., 2012 |
| **Address:**  | (4)………………………….…. St, Meadowbank |
| **Class of vehicle:** | (5)………………………………... |
| **Endorsements:** | None |
| **Convictions:** | (6)………………………………. (1993) |

**Questions 7-10:** Complete the table below.

Write  **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** in each gap.

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| **Type** | **(7)…..……** | **Bronze** | **Silver** | **Gold** |
| **Standard care** |  | 5% discount | 7.55 discount | 50% discount off (8)... |
| **Insurance** |  | $10 off fee | $20 off fee | Free (9)…………. |
| **Personal loans** | 0.25% reduction | 0.5% reduction | (10)… % reduction | 1.25% reduction |

**Your answers:**

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| **1.** | **2.** | **3.** |
| **4.** | **5.** | **6.** |
| **7.** | **8.** | **9.** |
| **10.**  |  |  |

**Part II. (10 points)**

**Question 11-15 : Choose the correct letters A, B or C:**

**11.** According to the liaison officer, volunteers help…….

**A.** improve language program.

**B.** provide quality education.

**C.** staff members in education system.

**12.** Volunteers help students check and correct…….

**A.** written responses. **B.** assignments. **C.** presentation reports.

**13.** What aspect of students’ self-management can volunteers assist greatly with improving?

**A.** organizational skills. **B.** problem-solving skills **C.** independent thinking skills.

**14.** What will volunteers try to develop in the students so that they exert themselves more?

**A.** strong determinations. **B.** enthusiasm for personal work. **C.** hard work and diligence.

**15.** What is it that teachers have that allows them to respond to individual student requirements?

**A.** exchange of information and skills.

**B.** many different teaching styles.

**C.** partnerships between teachers.

**Your answers:**

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| **11.** | **12.** | **13.** | **14.** | **15.** |

**SECTION B: PHONETICS (10 points)**

**Part I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the rest. (5 points)**

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|  | **A**. donate | **B**. finance | **C**. program | **D**. national |
| **2.** | **A**. smoothy | **B**. southern | **C**. bathe | **D**. bath |
| **3.** | **A.** sacred | **B.** scared | **C.** wicked  | **D.** planted  |
| **4.** | **A.** aboard  | **B.** keyboard  | **C.** cupboard | **D.** overboard |
| **5.** | **A.** exaggerate | **B.** exemplify | **C.** example | **D.** exhibition |

**Your answers:**

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| **1.** | **2.** | **3.** | **4.** | **5.** |

**Part II. Choose the word that has a different stress pattern from the others in the group. (5 points)**

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| **1.**  | **A**. express | **B**. enter | **C**. employ | **D**. reduce |
| **2.** | **A**. recipe | **B**. cinema | **C**. similar | **D**. expertise |
| **3.** | **A.** advantageous | **B.** oceanic | **C.** advertisement | **D.** documentary |
| **4.** | **A.** viewpoint  | **B.** hotel  | **C.** today | **D.** technique |
| **5.** | **A.** represent | **B.** permanent | **C.** sentiment | **D.** continent |

**Your answers:**

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| **1.** | **2.** | **3.** | **4.** | **5.** |

**SECTION C: LEXICO AND GRAMMAR (70 points)**

**Part I. Choose the word, phrase or expression that best completes each sentence. (20 points)**

**1.** I see *Tom and Jerry*, I always feel interested because the cartoon is so exciting.

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| **A.** No matter how many times **B.** Whatever frequency | **C.** However many**D.** No matter what times |

**2.** A lot of generous businessmen have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ valuable contributions to helping needy people.

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| **A.** done | **B.** taken | **C.** made | **D.** given |

**3.** We usually go by train, even though the car is a lot quicker.

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| **A.** travel | **B.** journey | **C.** trip | **D.** voyage |

**4.** Getting a new computer system \_\_\_\_\_ at the school has become a high priority.

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| **A.** installed | **B.** to install | **C.** to be installed | **D.** install |

**5.** Visitors to the local museum are mostly attracted by \_\_\_\_\_\_ rocking chair.

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| **A.** a beautiful old European wooden **B.** an old beautiful wooden European | **C.** a wooden old beautiful European **D.** an old wooden European beautiful |

**6.** The temperature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ takes place caries widely from material to material.

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| **A.** which melting | **B.** which they melt | **C.** at which melting | **D.** at which they melt |

**7.** John contributed fifty dollars to the local charity, but he wishes he could contribute \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| **A.** more fifty dollars**B.** one other fifty dollars | **C.** the same amount also**D.** another fifty |

**8.** Vietnam's rice export this year will decrease \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about 10%, compared with that of last year.

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| **A.** with | **B.** at | **C.** by | **D.** on |

**9.** Of the two bridesmaids, Lisa turned out to be \_\_\_\_.

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| **A.** the most charming **B.** the least charming  | **C.** more charming**D.** the more charming |

**10.** The flight instructor, \_\_\_\_\_ at the air base, said that orders not to fight had been given.

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| **A.** when interviewed**B.** when he interviewed | **C.** when his interview **D.** when interviewing |

**11.** \_\_\_\_\_ seasonal rainfall is winds that blow in an opposite direction in winter than in summer.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **A.** Causing | **B.** That cause | **C.** To cause | **D.** What causes |

**12**. The presenter started his speech with a few \_\_\_\_\_\_ jokes to build rapport with the audience.

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| **A.** whole-hearted | **B.** light-hearted | **C.** soft-hearted | **D.** kind-hearted |

13.She was caught cheating in the race. \_\_\_\_\_\_, she was disqualified.

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| **A.** Explicitly | **B.** Accordingly | **C.** Equally | **D.** Fundamentally |

**14.** [He showed his for the TV program by switching it off.](https://www.sachmoi24h.com/)

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| **A.** distaste | **B.** discontent | **C.** boredom | **D.** annoyance |

**15.** Because she usually behaves in a very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way, people think that she's rather strange.

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| **A.** unusual | **B.** weird | **C.** conventional | **D.** standard |

**16.** A policeman suddenly appeared, so the thief quickly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on a motorbike.

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| **A.** took in | **B.** made off  | **C.** handed in  | **D.** ran over |

**17.** It’s me who gave him \_\_\_\_\_ instructions about what to say in the meeting.

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| **A.** specialized | **B.** detailed | **C.** specific | **D.** exact |

**18.** [Negotiating is the process of communicating back and\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for the purpose](https://www.sachmoi24h.com/) of reaching an agreement.

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| **A.** next  | **B.** forth  | **C.** again | **D.** from |

**19. Choose the word that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in the following sentence.**

Have you ever read about a famous General in Eastern culture who was very **incredulous**?

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| **A.** imaginary | **B.** outstanding | **C.** incredible | **D.** sceptical |

**20. Choose the word that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined part in the following sentence.**

The Covid-19 pandemic has **taken a heavy toll on** the country’s aviation industry due to international travel restrictions.

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| **A.** severely damaged**B.** negatively changed | **C.** completely replaced**D.** considerably benefited |

**Your answers:**

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| **1.**  | **2.**  | **3.**  | **4.**  | **5.**  | **6.**  | **7.**  | **8.**  | **9.**  | **10.**  |
| **11.**  | **12.**  | **13.**  | **14.**  | **15.**  | **16.**  | **17.**  | **18.**  | **19.**  | **20.**  |

**Part II. Give the correct form of words in brackets to complete the following sentences. (20 points)**

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| 1. Conservationists have been trying to look for ways to protect \_\_\_\_ areas.
 | **WILD** |
| 1. She stood there completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so I had no idea at all what she was thinking.
 | **EXPRESS** |
| 1. At companies like Facebook, Amazon, Apple, Netflix and Google, they help to develop long - term plans and digital \_\_\_\_.
 | **INTERACT** |
| 1. Acquiring enhanced IT skills will improve your \_\_\_\_\_\_.
 | **EMPLOY** |
| 1. Being a member of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ organisations can create more educational opportunities for both Vietnamese and foreign students.
 | **NATION** |
| 1. What must be avoided at all costs is the suppression of anger, as feelings of resentment can lead a relationship to break down \_\_\_\_\_\_.
 | **RETRIEVE** |
| 1. “ How to Win Friends and Influence People” is really a(n)\_\_\_\_\_\_book for all generations of readers.
 | **PUT** |
| 1. The soil has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by erosion.
 | **POVERTY**  |
| 1. The kingdom Lesotho lies more than 1,000 metres above sea level. With its wild \_\_\_\_\_ landscapes, it is a paradise for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts.
 | **SPOIL** |
| 1. The brochures displayed very tempting photographs of the tourist attractions in Sweden. They were so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that it was hard for viewers to resist booking that tour immediately.
 | **MOUTH** |

**Your answers:**

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| **1.**  | **6.**  |
| **2.**  | **7.**  |
| **3.**  | **8.**  |
| **4.**  | **9.**  |
| **5.**  | **10.**  |

**Part III. Give the correct tense or form of the verbs in brackets. (5 points)**

1. He (see) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the doctor for his injury treatment, but he continued to play instead.
2. It won’t be safe to use these stairs until they (repair) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. (Study)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_online for a long time due to the Covid-19 pandemic, most students were very excited to come back to school.
4. The dawn redwood appears ( flourish) some 100 million years ago in northern forests around the world.
5. Peter gave me a lift to the office. Otherwise, I (not be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in time for the meeting this morning.

**Your answers:**

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| **1.** | **2.** | **3.** |
| **4.** | **5.** |  |

**Part IV. Read the following text which contains 10 mistakes. Identify the mistakes and write the mistakes and corrections in the corresponding numbered boxes. (10 points)**

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|  | **Line** |
|  Very few people, groups, or governments oppose globalization in its entire. Instead, critics of globalization believe aspects of the way globalization operates should be changed. The debate over globalization is about who the best rules are for governing the global economy so its advantages can grow while its problems can be solved.  On one side of this debate are those who stress the benefits of removing barriers to international trade and investment, allowing capital to allocate more efficiently and to give consumers greater freedom of choice.With free-market globalization, investment funds can move unimpeded from the rich countries to the developing countries. Consumers can benefit from cheaper products because reduced taxes make goods produce at low cost from faraway places cheaper to buy. Producers of goods gain by selling to a wider market. More competition keeps sellers in their toes and allows ideas and new technology to spread and benefit others.  On other side of the debate are critics who see neo-liberal policies as producing greater poverty, inequality, social conflict, cultural destruction, and environmental damage. They say that the most developed nations - the United States, Germany, and Japan - succeeded not because of free trade and because of protectionism and subsidies. They argue that the more recently successful economies of South Korea, Taiwan, and China all had strong state-led development strategies that did not follow neo-liberalism. These critics think that government encouragement of “infant industries” - that is, industries that are just beginning to develop - enables a country to become internationally competitively. | 12345678910111213141516171819 |

**Your answers:**

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| **Line** | **Mistakes** | **Corrections** | **Line** | **Mistakes** | **Corrections** |
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**Part V. Fill in the gap with ONE suitable word. (10 points)**

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| **1.** | Some inventions make bigger impact on the public than \_\_\_\_, and some inventions quickly become part of everyday life. |
| **2.** | In many societies, more than three generations may live under the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  |
| **3.** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he failed in the entrance exam caused his family much sadness. |
| **4.** |  [She is arising star as a standup comedian, always able to bring down the](https://www.sachmoi24h.com/) during each performance. |
| **5.** |  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you arrived ten minutes earlier, you would have got a better seat.  |
| **6.** | I don’t need any medicine. I’m as right as \_\_\_\_\_. |
| **7.** |  Good luck with your coming examination! I’ll keep my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ crossed for you. |
| **8.** |  His \_\_\_\_\_are bigger than his stomach. |
| **9.** | The national curriculum is made up the following subject: English, Maths, Chemistry and so on....  |
| **10.** |  [Of all the paintings in the gallery, it was this one that really \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my eye.](https://www.sachmoi24h.com/) |

**Your answers:**

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| **1.** | **2.** | **3.** | **4.** | **5.** |
| **6.** | **7.** | **8.** | **9.** | **10.** |

**Part VI. For each question, write ONE word which can be used in all THREE sentences. (5 points)**

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A.** Right now Evans is very ……….. in confidence; she needs to start winning a few races again.

**B**. There was a disappointingly ………….. turnout for the youth clubs open day.

**C**. When you’re cycling up a steep hill, you will need to be in a ……… gear.

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A**. One of the main reasons that make the ancient town popular among international tourists is that it remains ………since 19 century.

**B.** Luckily, he was not seriously injured because his car collided with a ………….van**.**

**C.** The……… population of the villages enables the local people to preserve the greenness around their village.

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A.** ……… the earth down around the roots after you’ve planted the flower.

**B.** Jim’s dad took him out into the middle of the pool and showed him how to …………water.

**C.** I’ve got my photos drying out on the kitchen floor, so whatever you do, don’t ………. on them.

**4.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A**. Unbelievable – what an amazing ……. of events! Smith has come from behind to take the gold medal.

**B**. He said “ I’ve played this game several times before, so it’s your …………now”.

**C**. Walton showed a ………. of speed that left his opponents for dead.

**5.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A.** Fruits are in …….. supply this winter because of the summer drought.

**B.** In the ……….. term, our company prospects look very promising.

**C.** Henry would have finished his explanation but Sarah cut him ……………

**Your answers:**

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| **1.** | **2.** | **3.** | **4.** | **5.** |

**SECTION D: READING COMPREHENSION (50 points)**

**Part 1: Fill in each gap with ONE suitable word to complete the following passage. (20 points)**

### The Goulburn Valley

### The Goulburn Valley is (1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the south-east corner of the Australian continent, in the state of Victoria. Because of the introduction of irrigation over a century ago, primary industry flourished, resulting in a multitude of orchards and market gardens. After World War II, migrants flocked to the area in (2)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of work on the farms, and in many cases, establishing a property of their (3)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Unfortunately, the region has taken a turn for the (4)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over the past decade. The irrigation water that was once plentiful has now been rationed, and many farmers have been forced (5)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the land. The main (6)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of water is from the Goulburn River, with several reservoirs located along its stretch to the mighty Murray River. Dam capacities have fallen to dangerous levels, resulting (7)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some farmers having an inadequate supply of irrigation water. (8)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the recent hardships, some farmers have continued to eke an existence out of the land. Many have become more ingenious, devising new (9)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to utilize water plus finding special niches to service the ever-changing urban needs. Perhaps the Goulburn Valley can (10)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to its prosperous times again.

**Your answers:**

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| **1.**  | **6.**  |
| **2.**  | **7.**  |
| **3.**  | **8.**  |
| **4.**  | **9.**  |
| **5.**  | **10.**  |

**II. Choose the best word A, B, C or D to fill in spaces in the following passage. (10 points)**

Vietnam is a (1) \_\_\_\_, developing country that in the last 34 years has had to recuperate from the ravages of war. Substantial progress was (2) \_\_\_\_ from 1986 to 1997 in moving forward from an extremely low level of development and significantly reducing poverty.

Since 2001, Vietnamese authorities have reaffirmed their (3) \_\_\_\_ to economic liberalization and international (4) \_\_\_\_. They have moved to implement the structural reforms needed to modernize the economy and to produce more competitive, (5) \_\_\_\_ industries.

Vietnam's membership in the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) and entry (6) \_\_\_\_ force of the US-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement in December 2001 have (7) \_\_\_\_ to even more rapid changes in Vietnam's trade and economic regime. Vietnam's exports to the US doubled in 2002 and again in 2003. Vietnam joined the WTO (World Trade Organization) in January 2007, following over a decade long (8) \_\_\_\_. This should provide an important boost to the economy and should help to ensure the continuation of liberalizing reforms.

Vietnam is working to create jobs to meet the challenge of a (9) \_\_\_\_ that is growing by more than one million people every year. Vietnamese authorities have tightened monetary and fiscal (10)\_\_\_ to stem high inflation.

**1. A.** dense-populated **B.** densely-populated **C.** dense-populating **D.** densely populating

**2. A.** improved **B.** advanced **C.** maintained **D.** made

**3. A.** commitment **B.** promise **C.** determination **D.** assurance

**4. A.** incorporation **B.** integration **C.** combination **D.** inclusion

**5. A.** export-driving **B.** export-driven **C.** exporting driving **D.** export-to drive

**6.** **A.** in **B.** on **C.** into **D.** of

**7.** **A.** guided **B.** went **C.** led **D.** directed

**8.** **A.** negotiation process **B.** negotiating process **C.** negotiable process **D.** negotiated process

**9.** **A.** labor force **B.** labor movement **C.** labor relation **D.** labor shortage

**10.** **A.** guidelines **B.** procedures **C.** rules **D.** policies

**Your answers:**

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| **1.** | **2.** | **3.** | **4.** | **5.** | **6.** | **7.** | **8.** | **9.** | **10.** |

**Part III. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions (20 points)**

There is a natural balance to all things: life and death, good and bad, happiness and sadness, pleasure and pain. The very idea that you should focus on positives and ignore negatives, likewise with strengths versus weaknesses, is not only delusional; it's **a recipe for disaster**.

Let me tell you a couple of stories to show how dealing with reality as openly and genuinely as possible is the path to success and happiness, while focusing only on the positives and strengths can destroy your career and your company.

It's no secret that Steve Jobs was forced out of Apple in 1984 because his management style had become toxic to the company. Much later, Jobs would come to realize that getting fired from the company he cofounded "was the best thing that could have ever happened” to him. He called it “awful-tasting medicine" that "the patient needed." He also **likened** it to life hitting him in the head with a brick.

That forced Jobs to look in the mirror and see the truth - that he wasn't as capable or as strong a leader as he could be. And as he addressed the issues that stood in his way, the result was the founding of NeXT and Pixar, his eventual return to Apple, and the greatest turnaround in corporate history that built the most valuable company on Earth.

It's easy to miss the obvious connection staring us right in the face, that it wasn’t just Apple that had hit a wall, fallen on hard times, and found itself in need of a turnaround. The same was true of Jobs. And there was an undeniable connection between **the two**.

It's also easy to miss the insightfulness of Jobs' realization that none of his later achievements would have occurred if he hadn't faced reality. That sort of introspection only comes from someone who's had some sort of intervention and gone through gut-wrenching change as a result.

Not to compare myself with Jobs, but the truth is I've gotten a couple of those **bricks** to the head myself. I've been fired more than once and lost my wife early in our marriage. But in every case I looked in the mirror, faced what I saw, made some changes, and bounced back stronger than ever.

If I'd just tried to stay positive, focused on my strengths, and searched for the silver lining in the clouds, I never would have figured out what was wrong and become a better person, a better husband, and a better leader. I never would have achieved so much in my career or won my wife back.

While life is full of ups and downs, one thing is certain: If you attempt to **filter your consciousness** and disallow negative thoughts or make believe the weaknesses holding you back don't exist, you'll never get past those hurdles and get to the next stage in your personal and professional development. And neither will your business.

**1.** What could be the best title for the passage?

**A.** Being Successful: Ignore the negatives. **B.** To Be Successful? Quit Being So Positive.

**C.** Being Successful: Facing with Disasters. **D.** To Be Successful? Stop Being So Negative.

**2.** The writer uses the phrase “**a recipe for disaster**” in paragraph 1 to stress that \_\_\_\_.

**A.** focusing on positives and ignoring negatives destroy the reality

**B.** focusing on positives can make the worse become the worst

**C.** ignoring negatives can be the key to dealing with any problem

**D.** ignoring negatives goes against the natural balance to all things

**3.** The word “**likened**” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

**A.** link **B.** associate **C.** compare **D.** relate

**4.** The writer uses the phrase "**the two**" in paragraph 5 to refer to \_\_\_\_.

**A.** strengths and weaknesses **B.** life and death

**C.** hard times and turnabouts **D.** happiness and sadness

**5.** The writer uses the "**bricks**" (as Steve Job did) in paragraph 6 to describe \_\_\_\_.

**A.** weaknesses he had at the times of being fired

**B.** hardships he faced with during his professional life

**C.** changes he led in order to make turnabouts

**D.** interventions he made in his own introspection

**6.** Which of the following statements is NOT true about Steve Job according to the passage?

**A.** He founded NeXT and Pixar to be able to return to Apple.

**B.** He got fired from Apple because of his poor management style.

**C.** He made Apple the most valuable company in the world.

**D.** He considered being fired from Apple the best lesson learnt.

**7.** What is true about the story teller when facing failures according to the passage?

**A.** He tried to stay positive to bounce back stronger.

**B.** He focused on his strengths as the motivation for turnabouts.

**C.** He looked into the way Steve Job did to find his own solution.

**D.** He examined the situation, making necessary changes to better.

**8.** It can be inferred from the passage that \_\_\_\_.

**A.** Only when you admit the negative as part of your life, you can proceed.

**B.** Positives and negatives can never go along with each other in reality.

**C.** It's our weaknesses that save us in hardships and calamities.

**D.** To earn happiness, one has to experience the feeling of sadness.

**9.** The phrase "**filter your consciousness**" in the last paragraph mostly means \_\_\_\_.

**A.** release negative feelings from one's heart

**B.** clear one's mind from worries

**C.** stay away from possible dangers

**D.** push negative thoughts out of one's mind

**10.** The tone of the passage is \_\_\_\_.

**A.** informative **B.** preventive **C.** argumentative  **D.** persuasive

**Your answers:**

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| **1.** | **2.** | **3.** | **4.** | **5.** | **6.** | **7.** | **8.** | **9.** | **10.** |

**SECTION E: WRITING (50 points)**

**Part I. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it. (10 points)**

1. As he got older, he became more and more bad-tempered.

🡪The older ...............................................................................................................................................

**2.** People thought that he had been sacked because of his carelessness

🡪He...........................................................................................................................................................

**3.** It was my father’s support that saved me from bankruptcy.

🡪Had it .....................................................................................................................................................

**4.** The truth only came out on the publication of the general’s personal diaries.

🡪Only when..............................................................................................................................................

**5.** People are persuaded by adverts to spend more than they can afford.

🡪 Adverts tempt.......................................................................................................................................

**Part II. Rewrite each of the following sentences so that it means exactly the same as the given one. Use the given words in brackets. Do not change the word given. (10 points)**

**1.** Don’t misquote. I never said I hated ballet.

**MOUTH**

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1. The recent increases in air fares haven’t changed the number of people wanting to fly.

**EFFECT**

................................................................................................................................................................... **3.** The man in that painting reminds me of my uncle.

**RESEMBLANCE**

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**4.** Joanne has a rather unsatisfactory relationship with her sisters.

**GET**

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**5.** My impression of him was that he was a very humorous person.

**STRUCK**

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**Part III. Paragraph writing (30 points)**

**Were you to have a chance to work for an international organization, what organization would you choose? Write a paragraph of 180 to 200 words to support your choice.**

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