

A. LISTENING

I. You will hear an interview with a singer called Nick Parker who plays in a band called Krispy with his sister Mel. For each question, choose the correct answer A, B or C. (5.0 points)

1. When Nick and Mel were younger _____.
 - A. they studied music at school.
 - B. their father took them to live concerts.
 - C. their mother encouraged them to play music.
2. When Nick and Mel started writing music together, they _____.
 - A. disagreed about the style they should have.
 - B. didn't want to be the same as other bands.
 - C. were influenced by different kinds of music.
3. The band Krispy was started after _____.
 - A. Nick began studying at music school.
 - B. two other musicians heard Nick and Mel playing.
 - C. Nick and Mel advertised for the band members.
4. In the band's first year together _____.
 - A. concert audiences liked their music.
 - B. they signed a recording contract.
 - C. their national tour was very successful.
5. What does Nick say about life in the band today?
 - A. The older members look after him and Mel.
 - B. He's pleased to have the chance to travel.
 - C. There's no opportunity for them to relax together.

II. You will hear a man called Ben from a young people's organization telling a youth group about a course they can do on Saturdays. For each question, fill in the missing information in the numbered space. (5.0 points)

SATURDAY COURSE

Name of Ben's organization: Nature

Aim of course: Discovering (6) _____.

Closest course location for this group: (7) _____.

Length of course: (8) _____ weeks

Examples of activities we will do:

- Learn how to climb
- Cut up wood
- Make a (9) _____.
- Design a (10) _____ to take home.

III. Listen to a talk between Tom and Lena about having a native-like accent. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F). Circle T or F. You will listen TWICE. (5.0 points)

1. Lena is not busy practising English pronunciation.	T	F
2. Tom thinks pronunciation is important in communication.	T	F
3. Tom thinks a foreigner should have British accent.	T	F
4. People from Singapore and Malaysia also have British accent.	T	F
5. Tom suggests Lena should practise the language skills and learn more vocabulary.	T	F

IV. You will hear a tour guide, talking to a group of tourists, about a coach trip. Choose the correct answer from A, B or C for each question. (5.0 points)

1. What is the change of plan?
A. They will visit two towns.
B. They will look round a university.
C. They will visit a wild life park.
2. Where will they stop for coffee?
A. near a waterfall B. by a lake C. on a mountain
3. The town of Brampton became well known because of its _____.
A. shops B. university C. museum
4. What animals will they see in the wildlife park?
A. lions B. monkeys C. tigers
5. What time will they arrive back at the hotel?
A. 5.30 B. 6.45 C. 7.15

B. LEXICO - GRAMMAR – VOCABULARY

I. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to complete each of the following sentences. (9.0 points)

1. Look at these flowers! I think they need _____.
A. water B. to water C. watering D. watered
2. It was _____ that I left before the end.
A. so a film boring B. so boring a film
C. such boring a film D. such boring film
3. Three million dong\$ _____ a big amount of money for them.
A. were B. are C. is being D. is
4. It was not until he met her _____ how charming she was.

- A. that he realized B. did he realized
 C. which he realize D. did he realize
5. This is _____ the most difficult job I have ever had to do.
 A. by heart B. by chance C. by far D. by myself
6. Eating too much sugar can _____ in health problems.
 A. cause B. result C. make D. have
7. The national park is also _____ to diverse flora and fauna.
 A. home B. hometown C. birthplace D. house
8. A tradition is something that is _____ through the generations.
 A. passed B. passed to C. passed down D. passed out
9. _____ workers were sent to the area immediately but no villagers survived when the landslide happened.
 A. Rescue B. Help C. Assistant D. Volunteer

II. Read the following zoo announcement and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks. (6.0 points)

Get Fit and Strong with LION Gym!

Are you ready to transform your body and take your fitness to the next level? Look no further than LION Gym!

Here's why you should choose LION Gym:

- Cutting-edge equipment for a (1) _____ workout experience.
- Knowledgeable and supportive trainers to guide you on your fitness journey.
- Diverse range (2) _____ classes, from cardio and strength training to yoga and Pilates.
- Personalized training plans tailored to your individual needs and goals.

Sign up now and take (3) _____ first step towards a healthier, stronger you!

Contact us: - Email: info@xyzgym.com - Phone: +123-456-7890

- Address: 123 Main Street, Anytown

1. A.comprehensive B. comprehension C. comprehend D.comprehensibility
 2. A. in B.on C.of D. with
 3. A. an B. the C. a D.no article

School Field Trip Announcement!

Dear Students and Parents,

We are delighted to inform you about an upcoming real-world learning opportunity at Trung Do high school. On September 8th, our students will embark on an educational field trip to Kim Lien village. This excursion is designed to enhance students' understanding of various subjects while providing them with hands-on experiences outside the classroom.

- Transportation (4) _____ for all participating students.
- Students will engage in(5) _____ learning activities related to their curriculum.
- Please ensure students bring all necessary items for the trip.

(6) _____ you have any inquiries or concerns regarding the field trip, please don't hesitate to contact your head teacher.

4. A. are arranged B.will be arranged C. arranged D. will arrange
 5. A. destructive B.passive C.interested D.interactive

6.A.Should

B. Had

C. Were

D. Do

III. There are 5 mistakes in the following passage. Identify the mistakes and write the corrections in the corresponding numbered boxes. (5.0 points)

Nam is a student. This year he had a very **interested** summer 1/
holiday. He traveled with **him** classmates, to a mountainous 2/
area
in Ha Nam province. They went there to help make a road 3/
through a forest **among** two villages. “ It was very difficult 4/
because there was no water to drink and no shops where we 5/
could bought food,”said Nam. “ It was very cold and wet 6/
in the mountains. It is one of the **wetter** places in the country.” 7/
Nam **stayed** in the mountains since six weeks. It was hard work,8/
But he says it was the best thing he has ever done. He is hoping 9/
to return next year to do some more work there. 10/

IV. Give the correct form of the words in brackets. (5.0 points)

1. The ___ has caused many so-called man - made disasters (FOREST)
2. It's very _____ of him to lose his temper like that – he's usually calm.
(CHARACTER)
3. My uncle often spends his free time doing volunteer work at a local_____
(ORPHAN)
4. Your money will be refunded if the goods are not to your_____.
(SATISFY)
5. It's now high time you knew how to dress and _____ yourself.
(DRESS)

C. READING

I. Read the passage, and choose correct phrases or sentences to complete the passage. (5.0 points)

Tourism will always have an impact on the places visited. Sometimes the impact is good, but often it is negative. For example, (1) _____, then this can damage the environment. The question is - how can we minimize the problems without preventing people from travelling and visiting places?

The main aim of ecotourism is to reduce the negative impact that tourism has on the environment and local people. The idea is to encourage tourists to think about(2)_____.

It's great to talk about protecting the environment, but how do you actually do this? There are a number of key points. Tourists shouldn't drop litter, they should stay on the paths, they shouldn't interfere with wildlife and they should respect local customs and traditions.

(3)_____. They say that any tourism needs infrastructure - roads, airports and hotels. The more tourists that visit a place, the more of these are needed and, by building more of these, you can't avoid damaging the environment.

But, of course, things aren't so black and white. (4)_____doesn't mean that you shouldn't benefit from things like better roads. As long as the improvements benefit the local people and not just the tourists, and the local communities are consulted on plans and changes, then is there really a problem?

In 2002 the United Nations celebrated the "International Year of Ecotourism".
Over the past

twenty years,(5)_____. In countries such as Ecuador, Nepal, Costa Rica and Kenya, ecotourism represents a significant proportion of the tourist industry.

- A. what they do when they visit a place
- B. Some people see ecotourism as a contradiction
- C. Living in a place of natural beauty
- D. if lots of people visit one place
- E. more and more people have started taking eco-holidays

II. Read the passage carefully and choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which best fits each space. (10 points)

Why is it that many teenagers have the energy to play computer games until late at night but can't find the energy to get out of bed ____ (1) ____ for school? According to a new report, today's generation of children are in danger of getting so ____ (2) ____ sleep that they are putting their mental and physical health at ____ (3) _____. Adults can easily survive on seven to eight hours' sleep a night, ____ (4) ____ teenagers require nine or ten hours. According to medical experts, one in five youngsters ____ (5) ____ anything between two and five hours' sleep a night less than their parents did at their age.

This ____ (6) ____ serious questions about whether lack of sleep is affecting children's ability to concentrate at school. The connection between sleep deprivation and lapses in memory, impaired reaction time and poor concentration is well ____ (7) _____. Research has shown that losing as little as half an hour's sleep a night can have profound effects ____ (8) ____ how children perform the next day. A good night's sleep is also crucial for teenagers because it is while they are asleep ____ (9) ____ they release a hormone that is essential for their 'growth spurt' (the period during teenage years when the body grows at a rapid rate). It's true that they can, to some ____ (10) _____, catch up on sleep at weekends, but that won't help them when they are dropping off to sleep in class on a Friday afternoon.

- 1. A. behind time B. about time C. in time D. at time
- 2. A. few B. less C. much D. little
- 3. A. jeopardy B. threat C. risk D. danger
- 4. A. or B. because C. whereas D. so
- 5. A. puts B. gets C. brings D. makes
- 6. A. raises B. rises C. results D. comes
- 7. A. organized B. arranged C. established D. acquired
- 8. A. in B. on C. to D. at
- 9. A. at which B. which C. where D. that
- 10. A. rate B. extent C. level D. point

III. Read the passage below and then circle the correct answer for each question. (10 pts)

Millions of people are using cell phones today. In many places, it is actually considered unusual not to use one. In many countries, cell phones are very popular with young people. They find that the phones are more than a **means** of communication- having a mobile phone shows that they are cool and connected.

The explosion in mobile phone use around the world has made some health professionals worried. Some doctors are concerned that in the future many people may suffer health problems from the use of mobile phones. In England, there has been a serious debate about this issue. Mobile phone companies are worried about

the **negative publicity** of such ideas. They say that there is no proof that mobile phones are bad for your health.

On the other hand, medical studies have shown changes in the brain cells of some people who use mobile phones. Signs of change in the tissues of the brain and head can be detected with modern scanning equipment. In one case, a travelling salesman had to retire at young age because of serious memory loss. He couldn't remember even simple tasks. He would often forget the name of his own son. This man used to talk on his mobile phone for about six hours a day, every day of his working week, for a couple of years. His family doctor blamed his mobile phone use, but his employer's doctor didn't agree.

What is it that makes mobile phones **potentially** harmful? The answer is radiation. High-tech machines can detect very small amounts of radiation from mobile phones. Mobile phone companies agree that there is some radiation. But they say the amount is too small to worry about.

As the discussion about their safety continues, it appears that it's best to use mobile phones less often. Use your regular phone if you want to talk for a long time. Use your mobile phone only when you really need it. Mobile phones can be very useful and convenient, especially in emergencies. In the future, mobile phones may have a warning label that says they are bad for your health. So for now, it's wise not to use your mobile phone too often.

1. According to the passage, cell phones are especially popular with young people because _____.

- A. they keep the users alert all the time
- B. they make them look more stylish
- C. they can not be replaced by regular phones
- D. they are indispensable in everyday communications.

2. The word "**means**" in paragraph 1 most closely means _____.

- A. meanings
- B. expression
- C. transmission
- D. method.

3. Doctors have tentatively concluded that cell phones may _____.

- A. change their users' social behaviors
- B. change their users' temperament
- C. cause some mental malfunction
- D. damage their users' emotions.

4. "**Negative publicity**" in paragraph 2 most likely means _____.

- A. widespread opinion about bad effects of cell phones
- B. information on the lethal effects of cell phones
- C. the negative public use of cell phones
- D. poor ideas about the effects of cell phones.

5. The changes possibly caused by the cell phones are mainly concerned with _____.

- A. the smallest units of the brain
- B. the mobility of the mind and the body.
- C. the resident memory.
- D. the arteries of the brain.

6. The man mentioned in the passage, who used his cell phone too often, _____.

- A. had a problem with memory
- B. abandoned his family
- C. suffered serious loss of mental ability.
- D. could no longer think lucidly.

7. The word "**potentially**" in the paragraph 4 most closely means _____.

- A. certainly B. obviously C. possibly D. privately.

8. According to the passage, what makes mobile phones potentially harmful is _____

- A. their radiant light B. their raiding power
C. their power of attraction D. their invisible rays.

9. According to the writer, people should _____

- A. keep off mobile phones regularly
B. never use mobile phones in all cases.
C. only use mobile phones in medical emergencies.
D. only use mobile phones in urgent cases.

10. The most suitable tittle for the passage could be _____

- A. The Way Mobile Phones work
B. Technological Innovations and Their Price
C. The Reasons Why Mobile Phones Are Popular.
D. Mobile Phones: A Must Of Our Life.

D. WRITING

I. Rewrite sentences using the given words. (5.0 points)

1. Peter is poor, but he usually helps the handicapped
- Poor

2. If you are ever in my city, please drop in and see us.
- Should

2. He hasn't smoked cigarettes for four years
- The last time.....

4. They have said that the police caught the man stealing my handbag.
- The man

The man stealing my handbag has been said to have been caught by the police.

5. I was amazed when she got to the university, given the fact that she hadn't worked hard
- To my

II. Letter writing (10 pts)

Your English-speaking friend wrote to you asking for advice on:

- how to manage his/her free time efficiently while preparing for exam
- how to cope with both studying and doing household chore at home
- what to do to relieve the anxiety before exams.

Write a letter (100-120 words) to give your friend some advice.

II. Paragraph writing (15 pts)

In recent years, online shopping has been becoming more and more popular among people. Do you think it is a good trend for everyone? Write a paragraph (150-170 words) to express your opinion.

