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SECTION I: LISTENING

Part 1. You will hear a singer called Nick Parker who plays in a band called Krispy with his sister Mel. Choose the correct answer A, B, or C.

1. When Nick and Mel were younger, _____.
 - A. they study 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 musician heard Nick and Mel playing
 - C. Nick and Mel advertised for the band members
4. In the band's first year together, _____.
 - A. concert audience 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 is no opportunity for them to relax together.
6. What disappointment has the band had?
 - A. They haven't yet had a number one single.
 - B. Their first album sold under a million copies.
 - C. A health problem delayed their album recording.

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Part 2. Listen to Jack and Mark talking about a new sports center. Which sport can they do each day at the center?

Days	Sports	Your answers
(0) Monday	A. badminton	(0) - D
1. Tuesday	B. basketball	(1) - _____
2. Wednesday	C. football	(2) - _____
3. Thursday	D. golf	(3) - _____
4. Friday	E. hockey	(4) - _____
5. Saturday	F. swimming	(5) - _____
	G. tennis	
	H. volleyball	

Part 3. Listen to a conversation about the Go Green Club. Answer the questions or complete the answers with no more than TWO WORDS and/or a number. You will listen TWICE.

1. How many members did Go Green have when it was founded?

- _____

2. What is the purpose of Go Green?

- To raise people's awareness about _____.

3. What is Go Green's regular activity?

- _____ at Hoan Kiem Lake.

4. What is Go Green's activity every three months?

- Organize a _____.

5. What is an Ecobag?

- It is made from _____ materials.

SECTION II: PHONETICS

Part 1. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others by circling A, B, C or D.

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| 1. A. <u>h</u> obby | B. <u>h</u> onest | C. <u>h</u> umour | D. <u>h</u> ole |
| 2. A. <u>ex</u> haust | B. <u>ex</u> hibit | C. <u>ex</u> ist | D. <u>ex</u> hibition |
| 3. A. <u>sp</u> ecial | B. <u>dic</u> tionary | C. <u>offi</u> cial | D. <u>so</u> cial |
| 4. A. <u>mou</u> stache | B. <u>mach</u> inery | C. <u>ch</u> ampagne | D. <u>ch</u> ampion |
| 5. A. <u>tem</u> perature | B. <u>eff</u> ect | C. <u>mys</u> terious | D. <u>inc</u> redible |

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Part 2. Choose the word that has a different stress pattern from the others.

- A.** academic **B.** reputation **C.** experience **D.** intermediate
- A.** foreign **B.** practice **C.** examine **D.** language
- A.** affect **B.** pollute **C.** effect **D.** litter
- A.** individual **B.** comparison **C.** electrify **D.** biologist
- A.** absolutely **B.** temperature **C.** contamination **D.** atmosphere

SECTION III: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

Question 1. Choose the best answer to finish each of the following sentences.

- The organization is distributing food to the earthquake _____.
A. movers **B.** helpers **C.** rescuers **D.** victims
- I believe that our new manager has the _____ to work well in this business environment.
A. inflexible **B.** flexibly **C.** flexibility **D.** flexible
- Typhoon Haiyan made the damage and _____ of life became great in the Philippines.
A. lose **B.** loses **C.** losing **D.** loss
- When my parents traveled to Singapore, they bought me a/an _____ piano.
A. ancient precious wood **B.** wooden ancient precious
C. wooden precious ancient **D.** precious ancient wooden
- Yesterday I went to the garage near my house to _____.
A. have my car serviced **B.** have my car service
C. get my car to service **D.** get my car service
- The earthquake caused damage to _____ that was estimated at \$6 million.
A. money **B.** property **C.** possession **D.** belonging
- Mary seldom does exercises at school, _____?
A. isn't she **B.** doesn't she **C.** is she **D.** does she
- I've _____ an idea about our environment project.
A. led to **B.** come up with **C.** given **D.** caused
- It is almost _____ to keep up with the latest development in computing.
A. impossible **B.** possible **C.** possibility **D.** possibly

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atmosphere every year. **(POLLUTE)**

4. His boss told him off because he had behaved _____.
(RESPONSIBLE)

5. _____ is very important in scientific experiments. **(ACCURATE)**

6. You must realize that such _____ cannot be tolerated. **(OBEY)**

7. Our visit to Cuc Phuong National Park last week was an _____
experience. **(FORGET)**

8. You shouldn't touch another person's head because it's _____.
(RESPECT)

9. There are different kinds of _____ provided throughout
Disneyland. **(ENTERTAIN)**

10. _____ are doing their best to make us aware of the danger of
all pollution. **(ENVIRONMENT)**

**Question 4. Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to show the underlined part
that needs correction.**

1. Although **(A)** colour is a minor **(B)** factor in soil composition, it is excellent **(C)**
characteristic by which we can distinguish different soil layers **(D)**.

2. The **(A)** printing press makes it possibly **(B)** to print books more cheaply **(C)** a
nd more quickly than ever before **(D)**.

3. We all **(A)** think that she will be suitable for **(B)** the work because she has been
working **(C)** like **(D)** a secretary for a long time.

4. Almost **(A)** medical doctors have had **(B)** some training **(C)** in **(D)** psychology
and psychiatry.

5. Not one **(A)** in one hundred children exposed to **(B)** the disease are **(C)** likely
to develop symptoms **(D)** of it.

6. The children forgot picking **(A)** up the note **(B)** from **(C)** the office and now
they are **(D)** worried.

7. Of all **(A)** mammals, dolphins are undoubtedly **(B)** between **(C)** the friendliest
(D) to humans.

8. Harmony **(A)**, melody and rhythm are **(B)** important elements in mostly **(C)**
forms of **(D)** music.

9. Only by reading **(A)** carefully and slowly that you can **(B)** understand what **(C)**
the manual says **(D)**.

10. A galaxy, where it may **(A)** include billions **(B)** of stars, is held **(C)** together

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(D) by gravitational attraction.

SECTION IV: READING

Question 1. Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Not everybody recognizes the benefits of new developments **(1)** _____ communication technology. Indeed, some people fear that text messaging may actually be having a negative **(2)** _____ on young people's communication and language skills, especially when we hear that primary school children may be at **(3)** _____ of becoming addicted to the habit. So widespread has texting become, however, that even pigeons have started doing it. **(4)** _____ in this case, it's difficult to view the results as anything but positive.

Twenty of the birds are about **(5)** _____ to the skies with the task of measuring air pollution, each **(6)** _____ with sensor equipment and a mobile phone. The readings made by the sensors will be automatically **(7)** _____ into text messages and beamed to the Internet. The birds will also each have a GPS receiver and a camera to **(8)** _____ aerial photos, and researchers are building a tiny 'pigeon kit' containing all these gadgets. Each bird will carry these in a miniature backpack, **(9)** _____ from the camera, which will hang around its neck. The data the pigeons text will be displayed in the form of a map, which will provide local residents with up-to-the-minute **(10)** _____ on their local air quality.

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| 1. A. in | B. for | C. with | D. to |
| 2. A. outcome | B. consequence | C. effect | D. result |
| 3. A. danger | B. threat | C. risk | D. jeopardy |
| 4. A. Therefore | B. What's more | C. Whereas | D. That is |
| 5. A. taking | B. take | C. to taking | D. to take |
| 6. A. armed | B. loaded | C. granted | D. stocked |
| 7. A. adapted | B. converted | C. revised | D. applied |
| 8. A. capture | B. catch | C. seize | D. grab |
| 9. A. instead | B. except | C. apart | D. besides |
| 10 A. inform | B. information | C. informative | D. informed |

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Question 2. Fill in each of the numbered blanks in the passage with one suitable word.

Most people think of computers as very modern inventions, products of our new technological age. But actually, the idea for computers was **(1)** _____ out over two centuries ago by a man **(2)** _____ Charles Babbage.

Babbage was born in 1791 and **(3)** _____ up to be a brilliant mathematician. He drew up plans for several calculating machines **(4)** _____ he called "engines". But despite the fact that he **(5)** _____ building some of these, he never finished any of them. Over the years, people have argued **(6)** _____ his machines would ever work. Recently, however, the Science Museum in London has finished building an engine based **(7)** _____ one of Babbage's designs.

It has **(8)** _____ 6 years to complete and more **(9)** _____ four thousand parts have been specially made. Whether it works or not, the machine will be on show at a special exhibition in the Science Museum to **(10)** _____ people of Babbage's work.

Question 3. Read the passage below and choose the best answer from the four options marked A, B, C or D.

Do you feel like your teenager is spending most of the day glued to a phone screen? You're not too far off. A new survey from the Pew Research Center reveals the surprising ways that technology **intersects** with teen friendships - and the results show that 57 percent of teens have made at least one new friend online. Even more surprisingly, only 20 percent of those **digital** friends ever meet in person.

While teens do connect with their friends face-to-face outside of school, they spend 55 percent of their day texting with friends, and only 25 percent of teens are spending actual time with their friends on a daily basis (outside of school hallways). These new forms of communication are key in maintaining friendships day-to-day - 27 percent of teens instant message their friends every day, 23 percent connect through social media every day, and 7 percent even video chat daily. Text messaging remains the main form of communication - almost half of survey respondents say it's their chosen method of communication with their closest friend.

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While girls are more likely to text with their close friends, boys are meeting new friends (and maintaining friendships) in the gaming world-89 percent play with friends they know, and 54 percent play with online-only friends. Whether they're close with their teammates or not, online gamers say that playing makes them feel "more connected" to friends they know, or gamers they've never met.

When making new friends, social media has also become a major part of the teenage identity-62 percent of teens are quick to share their social media usernames when connecting with a new friend (although 80 percent still consider their phone number the best method of contact). Despite the negative consequences-21 percent of teenage users feel worse about their lives because of posts they see on social media - teens also have found support and connection through various platforms. In fact, 68 percent of teens received support during a challenging time in their lives via social media platforms.

Just as technology has become a gateway for new friendships, or a channel to stay connected with current friends, it can also make a friendship **breakup** more public. The study reveals that girls are more likely to block or unfriend former allies, and 68 percent of all teenage users report experiencing "drama among their friends on social media."

1. The word "**digital**" in the first paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.
A. analogue **B.** numeracy **C.** numerous **D.** online
2. The following sentences are true, EXCEPT _____.
A. Most teenagers use video chat to maintain relationship with friends
B. New forms of communication play an important role in keeping friendships
C. According to the survey, more than half of teens have ever made new friends online
D. Teens only meet face-to-face one fifth of online friends they have made
3. What can be inferred from the passage?
A. The majority of teenage users agree that social media has negative consequences in their lives.
B. Thanks to social media, more than two thirds of teens are supported when they face with challenges in their lives.
C. Boys are more likely to meet new friends than girls.
D. Most teens are not easy to give others their usernames when making new

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friends.

4. The word “**intersects**” in the first paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.
- A. interrupts B. generates C. maintains D. involves
5. According to the passage, what is the proportion of teenagers experiencing daily online communication?
- A. 27 percent B. 57 percent C. 7 percent D. 23 percent
6. According to the passage, what percentage of teens spend actual time with their friends?
- A. 23 percent B. 25 percent C. 27 percent D. 55 percent
7. What does the writer mean when saying: 68 percent of all teenage users report experiencing “**drama among their friends on social media**”?
- A. Most teenagers take part in drama on social media.
B. Most friends on social media of teens are reported in drama.
C. Most teenagers use their experience in drama with their friends on social media.
D. Most teenagers have ever had conflicts with friends on social media.
8. What is the synonym of the word “**breakup**” in the last paragraph?
- A. commencing B. popularity C. termination D. divorce
9. What can be inferred from the passage?
- A. A larger number of teens are reluctant to give others their online usernames.
B. Most teenage users agree that social media has negative consequences in their lives.
C. More than two-thirds of teens are helped online when facing challenges in their lives.
D. It is less likely that boys are going to make new relationships faster than girls.
10. What is the main idea of the passage?
- A. The difference of making new friends between girls and boys.
B. Social media connects friendship.
C. Social media affects friendship too much.
D. Teenagers are making and keeping friends in a surprising way.

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10. It's impossible for me not to laugh when he starts singing.

→ I can't help

Question 2. Use the given word to write the second sentence in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence. Do not change the form of the given word.

1. They were unable to finish their game of badminton because of the heavy rain.

(FROM)

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2. The service at the hotel wasn't as good as I expected. **(COME)**

→ The service at the hotel

3. I don't really like her even though I admire her achievement. **(MUCH)**

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4. The flight to Ho Chi Minh City lasted one hour and a half. **(TOOK)**

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5. Hoa cannot get a good job because she does not have any qualifications. **(IF)**

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Question 3. It is said that robots will soon replace teachers at schools. Do you agree or disagree with this idea? Write a composition to express your idea. (about 200 - 220 words)

