

- I. Vocabulary (20%): Choose the word(s) that has the same meaning as the underlined word.
1. This business was a piano business exclusively.  
A. increasingly B. mainly C. dominantly D. only
  2. Do you think him odd?  
A. unusual B. intelligent C. creative D. handsome
  3. I appreciate his punctuality.  
A. Being honest B. being polite C. being neat D. being on time
  4. It was absolutely necessary to get him out of the way.  
A. entirely B. incredibly C. possibly D. decisively
  5. She behaves courteously.  
A. purposely B. confidently C. politely D. strangely
  6. The board praised my performance and said that my proposal showed a lot of insight.  
A. Sincerity B. sagacity C. creativity D. achievement
  7. Tim is allergic to second-hand smoke and often coughs and has difficulty breathing when someone is smoking near him.  
A. opposing B. hostile C. sensitive D. immune
  8. Participants move their way through obstacles while racing against their opponents.  
A. walls B. hurdles C. fences D. bushes
  9. Learning is a never-ending process of enrichment that seems to become more valuable and meaningful the older we get.  
A. inquisition B. wealth C. correction D. enhancement
  10. Mr. Wang is responsible for the maintenance of the central heating system.  
A. care B. fix C. installment D. removal

II. Grammar (20%): Choose one correct answer.

1. He is so unpredictable that nobody knows \_\_\_ he intends to do next.  
A. Where B. that C. what D. why
2. \_\_\_ on time is very important for an employee.  
A. Be B. Being to C. Being D. To being
3. Joe took a camera with him while he was on vacation in England \_\_\_ he could shoot some scenic pictures.  
A. so that B. in order that C. therefore D. and
4. Communication between human beings would be just that dull if it \_\_\_ done with words only.  
A. were B. is C. being D. be
5. The American stock market crash in the year 2000 had an enormous impact \_\_\_ the global economy.  
A. within B. on C. of D. by
6. Richard Cory was a wealthy gentleman; \_\_\_, he committed suicide one calm summer night because he was unhappy with his life.  
A. but B. therefore C. yet D. however
7. \_\_\_ is not the first priority for improving traffic conditions.  
A. The streets are widened B. Widening the streets C. That the widening of streets D. The streets of widening
8. All the guests enjoyed my mother's \_\_\_ duck.  
A. smokes B. smoking C. smoke D. smoked
9. Only by doing the work themselves \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. will the students get experience B. the students will get experience C. the students get experience D. with the students to get experience
10. John has a new car. I wonder when \_\_\_ it.  
A. he is getting B. did he get C. he got D. he does

III. Idiom (20%): Choose the answer that means the same as the underlined idiom in the sentence.

1. Can you oblige me and hold these parcels for a moment?  
A. give me some help B. answer a question for me C. wait for me D. listen to me
2. The stranger was getting very worked up about not finding a match.  
A. unpleasant B. unhappy C. excited D. peculiar
3. Teeth set, he continued to empty his pockets.  
A. in a determined way B. while talking C. chewing D. crying
4. The request was really of no consequence.  
A. Interesting B. terrible C. unimportant D. unusual
5. Do you swear on oath that the story is true?  
A. feel strongly B. realize C. prefer D. promise seriously
6. This phrase pertains to music.  
A. playing with B. connected to C. dancing to D. resulting in
7. I am apt to be here at ten minutes to eight.  
A. likely to B. willing to C. able to D. intending
8. I want to trade in my violin for a piano.  
A. bring B. play C. exchange D. donate
9. You have to put up with him until you get a divorce.  
A. work with B. be friends with C. eat with D. bear
10. The soccer player was kicked in the leg, and the audience say him limp off the field in agony.  
A. courageously B. painfully C. sequentially D. weakly

IV Reading Comprehension (20%): Choose the best answer based on the passage.

On September 9, 2002, as I was standing at the front gate of a handsome historic site, looking for some good shots of the place, I saw a Westerner, in his late twenties, walking out of the inner courtyard. I greeted him and introduced myself. When I asked him where he was from, he answered that his name was Grant Saunders, from New Mexico, USA, and that he had lived in Chiayi with his wife and son for over two years. "How did you end up living in Chiayi?" I asked out of curiosity. He said that he was a graduate student majoring in Archeology at the University of New Mexico. When he was looking for a job, he came across a Taiwanese website looking for English instructors. He applied online and got the job teaching English at The Little Friends in Chiayi. Grant also told me that he had been trying to write his master's thesis, but he couldn't do it because, being in Taiwan, he had no access to the sources needed for his thesis. "Is your Bachelor's degree in English?" I asked politely. Grant said, "No. All they look for is someone with a college degree from the U. S. They don't care what your training is as long as you speak English. You see they even let me be in charge of the school's entire curriculum." Hearing Grant's words, I began to wonder how Taiwan would ever improve the English competency of its citizens. It will be a long shot for sure.

1. What is the writer doing at the handsome historic site?
  - A. Looking for places to take photos
  - B. Looking for Grant Saunders
  - C. Looking for an English teacher
  - D. Looking for a job teaching English in Chiayi
2. How did Grant find his English teaching job at The Little Friends in Chiayi?
  - A. The writer helped him get the job.
  - B. He applied for it through the Internet.
  - C. He sent his application letters to the Taiwanese government.
  - D. His university in New Mexico helped him find the job.

3. What is Grant's highest academic degree?  
A. Bachelor's degree B. Master's degree C. High School D. Little Friends
4. What does the writer mean when he says, "It will be a long shot for sure?"  
A. The camera is too far from the scene that he is trying to shoot B. It will be very difficult for the Taiwanese people to improve their English C. New Mexico is very far from Taiwan D. The writer needs a telephoto to shoot long distance
5. What is Grant's major in the graduate school?  
A. Not specified in the story B. English C. Teaching English as a Second Language D. Archeology

Perhaps you are familiar with the Biblical story of the Tower of Babel, in which humans were punished for their arrogance by having their one language transformed into hundreds of different tongues. Regardless of the origins of our various languages, trying to develop one that could be universally understood has been an obsession to which various people have devoted their lives.

Beginning to examine the problem in the 1500s, philosophers and language experts concluded that it was possible to find an underlying logic that made all languages basically similar. From that point on, scholars began to search for that logic and construct their own languages.

One of the most successful of these artificial languages is called Esperanto. The brainchild of a Polish eye doctor named Zamenhof, Esperanto uses words and grammatical structures from many European languages. At the same time, however, it aims for simplicity: for example, the basic form of all nouns ends in "o"; the basic form of all adjectives ends in "a." At the time it was developed, around 1887, interest

... created languages had reached a high point, and Zamenhof was assisted by many other scholars and language experts who believed in his cause. Their work produced an artificial tongue that at one point could boast speakers in over ninety countries.

Today, English has pretty much become the universal language that Zamenhof and others dreamed of, and there seems to be less need for made-up forms. But interest in artificial languages persists, particularly on the Internet: not only Esperanto, but lesser-known forms such as Interlingua, Glosa, and Lojban all have their devoted followers.

6. The main purpose of this passage is to tell about
  - A. the life of Dr. Zamenhof
  - B. languages on the Internet
  - C. the development of Esperanto
  - D. the Tower of Babel
7. Esperanto was developed
  - A. in the 1500s
  - B. in the early 1800s
  - C. in the late 1800s
  - D. in Biblical times
8. For people to begin using a created language, the language has to be
  - A. based on European languages
  - B. simple
  - C. created by doctors and other scholars
  - D. popular with government officials
9. The writer tries to capture the reader's interest by
  - A. mentioning the Internet
  - B. listing several words from Esperanto
  - C. telling about Dr. Zamenhof's life
  - D. beginning with a brief anecdote
10. The word obsession means
  - A. strong impulse or idea
  - B. argument
  - C. meeting place
  - D. fear

V. Translate from English into Chinese (20%):

1. Taiwanese bands perform at British, German music festivals.
2. Ministers agree to raise tobacco duties.
3. More than 1000 guests will be attending next week's charity show.
4. Asian currencies fall as Japanese yen hits record-low level.
5. We need native English speaker who can work afternoons and evenings.
6. The health of a Taiwanese man suffering from H7N9 bird flu is improving.
7. President Ma hands out 72-hour ultimatum to Manila.
8. Taiwan will experience stronger economic growth in the second half of 2013.
9. Over 10 percent of children in Taiwan have one foreign parent.
10. Approximately 20,000 workers participate in a Labor Day protest in Taiwan.