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※一律作答於答案卷上(題上作答不予計分)；並務必標明題號，依序作答。

**I. Choose the Best and Most Appropriate answers for the following questions: (30%, 2 points for each question)**

- The prevalence and severity of COVID-19 forced many companies into \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. bankruptcy    B. existence    C. imagination    D. availability
- With the publication of *The Old Man and the Sea*, Ernest Hemingway reached the \_\_\_\_ of his writing career by winning the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954.  
A. bottom    B. pinnacle    C. perpetuation    D. substantiality
- It is believed that voluntary reading of authentic English materials from various sources enhances learners' language \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. system    B. association    C. proficiency    D. efficiency
- His resignation has been approved and will be \_\_\_\_\_ from July 1, 2022.  
A. sufficient    B. affective    C. suffice    D. effective
- An \_\_\_\_\_ is a person with a sociable and outgoing personality.  
A. insufficient    B. introvert    C. embodiment    D. extrovert
- Which of the following is **NOT** considered as a kind of extreme sports?  
A. scuba diving    B. skateboarding    C. jogging    D. bungee jumping
- It is \_\_\_\_\_ from taking the escalators in case of a fire emergency.  
A. allowed    B. prohibited    C. advisable    D. recommended
- Please \_\_\_\_\_ the priority seats to those needed in the Metro Rapid Transit.  
A. give up    B. give in    C. give a try at    D. give and take
- The policeman caught a thief \_\_\_\_\_ when he tried to steal money from a woman's purse.  
A. white-handed    B. red-handed    C. green-handed    D. black-handed
- Students should not \_\_\_\_\_ that they can pass this course without studying hard for it.  
A. take it into account    B. take it for granted  
C. take it for possible    D. take it for impossible
- Finally, the soldier \_\_\_\_\_ his courage to fight against his enemy in the battlefield.  
A. summed up    B. simmered up    C. summered up    D. summoned up
- Which of the following is the meaning of "It is no use crying over split milk"?  
A. Don't build castle in the air.    B. Don't give up.  
C. Don't believe in rumors.    D. Don't spend time worrying about things of the past that cannot be changed.

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13. Which of the following idiomatic expressions is the closest in meaning to “simple and easy”?
- A. a piece of news      B. a piece of cloth      C. a piece of cake      D. a piece of advice
14. Which of the following means “Once in a blue moon”?
- A. a frequent occurrence      B. something happens systematically  
C. a rare occurrence      D. a habitual phenomenon
15. One week into her new job, Mary felt like she was undergoing \_\_\_\_\_ when she was suddenly put in charge of the company's largest account.
- A. cold callers      B. a watering hole      C. a baptism of fire      D. a foreshadowing

**II. Cloze Test: Choose the best answer to complete the meaning of the paragraph (20%, 2 points for each question)**

Baseball in America   1   from the English game of rounders. In the early days, there were several variations of the game, which was then known as “townball.”   2  , in 1845 a man named Alexander Cartwright instituted a standard set of rules. He decided that each team should have nine players and devised the   3   that is still used today.   4  , players were classed as amateurs and did not, therefore, receive payment. Professional baseball started some thirty years later. Since then, the game   5   many star players who have built highly successful careers and earned vast amounts of money for their skills.

1. A. develops      B. developed      C. development      D. developing
2. A. On the contrary      B. On the one hand      C. On the other hand      D. However
3. A. positioned      B. positioning      C. pose      D. poise
4. A. Initial      B. Initialing      C. Initially      D. Initialed
5. A. attracted      B. attracts      C. is attracting      D. has attracted

  6   mobile phones have become essential to modern living, they could be hazardous to health because they emit microwaves during transmission. The highest energy output occurs during the first few seconds of a call. Current research indicates that repeated, and prolonged exposure to these microwaves destroys brain cells and may lead to the development of rare   7   tumors known as neurocytomas. These grow   8   from the surface of the brain, suggesting a possible link on an external source of radiation. One Swedish study has found that a   9   significant number of right-handed users develop tumors on the right side of the brain,   10   left-handed users develop them on the left side. Meanwhile, other studies have found evidence that short-term memory is impaired after prolonged exposure to radiation from cell phones.

6. A. Although      B. On the contrary      C. So      D. Therefore
7. A. cancerous      B. construct      C. candid      D. consumption
8. A. forward      B. inwards      C. towards      D. backwards
9. A. statistics      B. statistically      C. static      D. statistic
10. A. otherwise      B. while      C. at any rate      D. let alone

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**III. Sentence Order: Arrange the following sentences into a logical and coherent paragraph.**

**(20%, 10 points for each question)**

**(1) A Place with a Ghost**

**1 I have heard that a house in New Orleans's French Quarter has a ghost in it.**

2 I don't think there are any ghosts there.

3 The ghost was a rich man from the Middle East.

4 In my opinion, it is only advertisement to attract tourists to that place.

5 I have visited this house a long time ago.

6 He and his wife were murdered in the house.

A. 136524

B. 146532

C. 154632

D. 124536

**(2) A Better Robot**

**1 Robots are useful for exploring and working in space.**

2 These new robots move like snakes, so they have been given the name "snakebots."

3 Such robots have usually looked like a box with wheels.

4 Because of these problems, scientists have been developing a new and unusual kind of robot.

5 Though these robots are useful, they are by their very nature unreliable as well as extremely expensive and cannot do many tasks.

6 In particular, many robots have been sent to explore Mars.

A. 142365

B. 124563

C. 163542

D. 163254

**IV. Reading Comprehension (30%, 2 points for each question)**

The first workshop for this year's new employee training course will be held Monday, January 15, beginning at 10 A. M. All new employees should report to the second floor lounge on the first day of the training. The schedule for the full month will be discussed. Information will also be collected at the first session for the Human Resources Department to complete your employment file.

Training lectures scheduled for the first day include: Rules of office conduct and safety and preventing injuries while at work.

For any questions related to the new employee course, please contact the Training Coordinator. Individual supervisors for new employees need not be informed of absences. Notice will be emailed to all departments.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Anne More, Head, Personnel Office

1. Who are suggested to be the intended attendees of the training course?

A. all second-year employees

B. the employees and supervisors from Human Resource

C. all new employees

D. the employees and supervisors from Personnel Office

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2. Which of the following lectures is **NOT** scheduled for the first day of the training course?
 

A. rules of the conduct	B. safety at work
C. prevention of injuries at work	D. training on human resources
3. Who should be contacted if any questions regarding the training course arise?
 

A. the coordinator of the Sales Department	B. the coordinator of the Human Resources
C. the Training Coordinator	D. the coordinator of the Human Resources Department
4. Where should the employees report on the first day of the training course?
 

A. the first floor lounge	B. the second floor waiting area
C. the second floor cafeteria	D. the second floor lounge
5. Which of the following sessions should the attendees participate in the training course?
 

A. the morning session	B. the afternoon session
C. the morning and afternoon sessions	D. none of the above

Both distance-learning courses and traditional courses provide important but different experiences for college students. On the one hand, there are many advantages to distance-learning courses. One of the most important benefits is the opportunity to attend class on your convenience. This is very important for students who hold full-time jobs since they can choose to take their classes on a schedule that allows them to continue working. Another advantage is the chance to complete assignments at your own pace. For students who can work more quickly than their **classmates**, it is possible to earn more credits during the semester. A huge advantage to international students is the option of listening to lectures more than once. On the other hand, there are advantages to attending a traditional class. The structured environment is beneficial, especially for students who are not as highly motivating. In addition, it is more likely that you will develop a personal relationship with the teacher, an advantage not only for the course but also after the course when you need a recommendation. By seeing you and talking with you face-to-face, the teacher will remember you better. It is also easier to get an immediate response to questions because you only have to raise your hand instead of sending email and waiting for an answer. Last, the opportunity for study groups and friendships is different and more personal when you sit in the same room.

6. Which of the following is the best title that summarizes the key content of the above passage?
 

A. The Pros and Cons of Distance and Face-to-face Learning Courses for College Students	B. The Disadvantages of Distance Learning Courses for College Students
C. The Advantages of Face-to-face Learning Courses for College Students	D. The Advantages of Study Groups and Friendships for College Students
7. According to the above passage, which of the following is **NOT** one of the benefits of distance learning courses?
 

A. To attend classes on your own convenience	B. To get an instant response to questions you raised
C. To have the alternative of listening to the lectures as frequently as possible	D. To finish assignments at your own pace

