I. Vocabulary (10%): Choose one correct or appropriate word to complete each sentence.

1. My mother says that watching TV is a ______ rather than a benefit while I do my homework.
   A. commercial  B. detour  C. challenge  D. distraction
2. Have you seen many ______ since you moved to Hollywood?
   A. celebrities  B. autographs  C. celebrations  D. centenaries
3. Clint Eastwood has had a very successful and long film career, so some say that he is a ______ in the film industry.
   A. clown  B. legend  C. guru  D. actor
4. To ______ the damage to the forest in a forest fire, the firefighters will cut down a wide strip of trees so that the fire won’t spread.
   A. maximize  B. minimize  C. prevent  D. augment
5. The lady shows much ______ for her dog but she doesn’t really like other people’s dogs.
   A. anger  B. tradition  C. affection  D. affectation
6. The crowd, holding giant signs with their favorite pop singer’s name on them, showed much ______ for her.
   A. disdain  B. resentment  C. unhappiness  D. admiration
7. The child has a ______ that causes his difficulty in social interaction and nonverbal communication.
   A. disorder  B. strategy  C. border  D. genius
8. If you are taking medicine and starting to ______ strange symptoms, it is wise to discontinue the medicine and seek a doctor’s advice.
   A. immerse  B. lose  C. look  D. exhibit
9. You will be ______ to colds if you don’t exercise regularly.
   A. catchy  B. comfortable  C. susceptible  D. familiar
10. I had an itch on my face, and I wanted to ______ it.
    A. hide  B. put ice on  C. scratch  D. cut
II. Grammar (10%): Choose one correct answer to complete each sentence.

1. There ___ some very bad storms recently.
   A. are   B. have   C. have been   D. have

2. X-rays are able to pass through objects and thus make ___ details that are otherwise impossible to observe.
   A. it visible   B. visible   C. they are visible   D. visibly

3. He ___ English with a Taiwanese accent.
   A. speaks   B. talks   C. tells   D. says

4. I would appreciate ___ it a secret.
   A. you to keep   B. your keeping   C. that you are keeping   D. that you would keep

5. She is a ___.
   A. beautiful girl young   B. young beautiful girl   C. girl young beautiful   D. beautiful young girl

6. You will do ___ to ask for your friend’s help.
   A. well   B. nicely   C. good   D. reason

7. Jenny is taller than ___ in the class.
   A. all girls   B. any other girl   C. any girl   D. all the girls

8. ___ incense is made in powder form or in sticks.
   A. It is usually   B. Usually   C. Usually it is   D. Usually when
9. No matter how ____, it is not necessarily worthless.
   A. a desert may be dry  B. may a desert be dry  C. dry a desert may be  D. a desert dry may be

10. Your ideas, ____, seem unusual to me.
   A. as hers  B. similar as hers  C. like hers  D. different than hers

III. Cloze (10%): Choose the best word or phrase to complete each sentence in context.

Donna,

Thanks for your message. I’m looking (1) seeing you, too. I can’t believe my trip is only a week away. I think I’ve done everything I needed to get done before the trip, (2) packing. Thanks for agreeing to pick me up at the airport. My flight (3) to arrive in Vancouver on November 3rd at 5:30 PM.

I’ll be flying Eva Airlines flight number 123. It’s a long flight and as I have a couple of (4); as a (5) it’s probably a good idea to call the airline before leaving to pick me up to make sure that the flight hasn’t been delayed.

Can’t wait to see you!

Sally

1. A. forward  B. forward to  C. forwards  D. toward
2. A. save  B. saving  C. savings  D. savor
3. A. should  B. had better  C. ought  D. shouldn’t
4. A. stand by  B. leftovers  C. stopovers  D. holdovers
5. A. consequence  B. consequently  C. consequences  D. constant
Frogs are very common in Taiwan. They are (6) and can live in water or (7) land, but they are usually found in rice paddies, ponds, or streams. Frogs lay their eggs in water. Young frogs spend the first part of their lives in water. Like fish, they (8) through gills. As they grow, they (9) lungs. (10) as adults, they live on land. Adult frogs go in and out of water to find food, usually insects, worms, and small fish.

6. A. ambiguous  B. ambulance  C. amphibians  D. ambitious
7. A. in  B. over  C. above  D. on
8. A. breath  B. breadth  C. breathing  D. breathe
9. A. devour  B. denounce  C. dangle  D. develop
10. A. Then  B. Because  C. Furthermore  D. Fortunately

IV. Reading Comprehension (.10%): Choose one best answer based on the passage.

The success of the XO results not only from its low price, but also from OLPC’s ability to meet the needs of children. The durable laptop can survive a 5-foot drop to the ground, and it can be used outdoors in direct sunlight. The rechargeable battery runs on as little as 2 watts. The laptop also supports wireless networking, allowing a classroom full of XOs to share a single connection to the Internet.

The new refrigerator is a blue 8-pound cylinder that Grosser calls his “sustainable fridge.” When the handheld device is placed over a fire, heat activates a special chemical inside the cylinder. This chemical causes the fridge to drop in temperature. The cold fridge can then go into a larger container and keep it cold for over twenty-four hours, even in the warmest climates. Grosser hopes to sell his sustainable fridge for as little as $25. “We think we can make refrigeration something that everyone will have,” he says.
1. Which of the following statements about the article is true?
   A. The new refrigerator is a blue 9-pound cylinder.   B. Grosser hopes to sell his sustainable fridge for as little as $25.   C. The rechargeable battery runs on as little as 20 watts.   D. The durable laptop can survive a 15-foot drop to the ground.

2. When talking about the "sustainable fridge," what makes it work?
   A. Heat activates a special chemical inside the cylinder.   B. The cylinder is solar-powered.   C. It works on magic that was put there by a wizard.   D. It is powered by water that gets separated into hydrogen and oxygen.

3. Which of the following is a positive aspect of a laptop with a wireless connection?
   A. A person would be able to play online games.   B. It is beneficial for a classroom by allowing the students to access the Internet.   C. A user could check the weather in their home country.   D. The laptop battery could be used to power electrical devices via USB.

4. Which of the following statements is not true?
   A. Meeting the needs of the target user is important.   B. Being affordable is important.   C. A computer that is used in remote locations needs to be durable.   D. No one would ever use a refrigerator in the desert.

5. What is Grosser's main goal?
   A. He wants to become the richest person in the world.   B. He hopes that his device will bring him popularity in Hollywood.   C. He hopes that his refrigerator will bring refrigeration to people who haven't had it up until now.   D. He wants to live in a warm climate.
Mr. Chang’s experiment in flexible living began in 1988, when his family moved into a bigger apartment a few blocks away, with his grandparents and uncles. His mother suggested that he take over the lease on their old apartment “because the rent was unusually low,” he said. Instead he bought it, for about $45,000. He had been wanting to tear down the walls since his teenage years. In the last twenty years, he has remodeled four times. His latest effort took a year and cost just over $218,000.

Mr. Chang hopes that some of his home’s innovations might be replicated to help improve domestic life in Hong Kong, which has been troubled in recent years. The population grew by nearly a half-million in just the last ten years, and between 2003 and 2007, there has been an increase in reports of domestic problems, at least partly caused by the city’s shortage of space.

“It’s a big problem,” Mr. Chang said. “Killing each other is not uncommon.”

“People feel trapped,” he said. “We have to find ways to live together in very small places.”

6. What does Mr. Chang hope will happen?
   A. He hopes that he can sell his apartment. B. He hopes that some of his innovations will be used to improve domestic life. C. He hopes that the city’s designers will build more space in Hong Kong. D. He hopes that he will live like a teenager his whole life.

7. According to the article, which of the following can happen in over-crowded settings?
   A. People can kill each other. B. People can move out of the city. C. People can get rich in a large city. D. People can replicate the living styles of rural areas.

8. Why did Mr. Chang's mother recommend him to take over the lease on the old apartment?
   A. She didn't want Mr. Chang to live with them. B. Mr. Chang was interested in real estate. C. The rent was affordable. D. She knew that Mr. Chang wanted to open a restaurant.
9. Which of the following is true?
   A. Mr. Chang has remodeled his apartment four times in the last 20 years. B. Mr. Chang doesn't think the crowding is causing a problem. C. He bought the old apartment for $450,000. D. Mr. Chang is a famous real-estate agent.

10. Which of the following is not true?
   A. Mr. Chang wants to improve life for his fellow citizens. B. The city's living space is getting less and less. C. Mr. Chang's experiment began in 1988. D. Domestic problems have decreased recently in Hong Kong.

V. Writing (10%): Write a paragraph of about 120 words to explain why you think people attend college or university. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

國文

一、解釋 10%

(一) 「學而半」。(禮記 學記)

(二) 上「服度」，則六親固。(管子 牧民)

(三) 鳥獸「蹤跡」之迹。(說文解字序)

(四) 「爬羅剔抉」，刮垢磨光。(進學解)
二、改正 5%

(一) 「我欲乘風歸去，又恐高樓玉宇，高處不勝寒。」(水調歌頭)

(二) 「地崩山摧壯士死，然後天梯石棧相勾連。」(蜀道難)

(三) 「業精於勤，荒於嬉；行成於思，毀於随。」(進學解)

(四) 「夫日兼逐天下，一物不能當也。」(韓非子)

(五) 「偶值三婦人行於道中，中有白衣者，容色殊力。」(任氏傳)

三、翻譯 15%

(一) 「會意者，比類合誼，以見指為，武、信是也。」(說文解字敘) 8%

(二) 「倉廩實，則知禮節；衣食足，則知榮辱。」(管子) 7%

四、作文 20%

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