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**期末考试《商务英语阅读》**

###### 一、 阅读理解 （共10题，100分）

1、Once three men got to the Dover station at about nine o'clock one evening. One of them asked a porter what time the next train for London was. The porter answered, "You have just missed one. They go hourly. The next train is at ten. "  
 The three men decided to go off the station. So they went to a bar.

A minute or two after ten o'clock they began running into the station, the porter told them the train had just left. So they went back to the last one. "If you miss the train, you won't get to London tonight," the porter said.  
 Twelve o'clock came, and the last train was starting out when all of the three men tried to catch the train as fast as they could. Two of them got into the carriage, but the third of them didn't run fast enough.  
 The train went out and left him behind. He laughed until tears came out of his eyes. Then he caught hold of the porter's hand and said, " Well, I myself have to go to London, and they only come here to see me off. "

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(1)、 [单选题] （2分）

At the Dover Station, trains went to London\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 at about nine o'clock every morning

B、 only once a day

C、 every hour

D、 in a minute or two after ten o'clock

正确答案： C

(2)、 [单选题] （2分）

The three men didn't catch the nine o'clock train. So they decided to go off the station and to\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 get the tickets

B、 have a drink

C、 take a walk in the street

D、 make a telephone call in the bar

正确答案： B

(3)、 [单选题] （2分）

The last train didn't start out until it was \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 the next afternoon

B、 time for sleep

C、 eleven o'clock

D、 midnight

正确答案：

(4)、 [单选题] （2分）

\_\_\_\_\_\_ missed the last train for London.

A、 The third of the three

B、 The friends of the third man

C、 None of the three men

D、 All of the three

正确答案： A

(5)、 [单选题] （2分）

Which of the following is true?

A、 The third man didn't run as fast as the other two.

B、 The third man changed his mind and didn't want to leave.

C、 The train didn't start off on time.

D、 The third man laughed for he was glad to see his friends off.

正确答案： A

2、 I came to study in the United States a year ago. Yet I did not know the real American society until I was injured in a car accident because after the accident I had to see a doctor and go to court.

After the accident, my roommate called a doctor for me. I was very grateful and determined to repay him one day. But the next day, he asked me to pay him $200 for what he had done. I was astonished. He had good reason to charge me, he said. And if I wanted to collect money from the person who was responsible for my injury, I’d have to have a good lawyer. And only a good doctor can help me get a good lawyer. Now that he had helped me find a good doctor, it was only fair that I should pay him.  
 But every day I went to see the doctor, I had to wait about 50 minutes. He would see two or three patients at the same time, and often stop treating one so as to see another. Yet he charged me $115 each time. The final examination report consisted of ten lines, and it cost me $215.  
 My lawyer was all smiles the first time we met. But after that he avoided seeing me at all. He knew very well the other party was responsible for the accident, yet he hardly did anything. He simply waited to collect his money. He was so irresponsible that I decided to dismiss him. And he made me pay him $770.   
 Now I had to act as my own lawyer. Due to my inexperience, I told the insurance company the date I was leaving America. Knowing that, they played for time…and I left without getting a cent.

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(1)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

The author’s roommate offered to help him because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 he felt sorry for the author

B、 he thought it was a chance to make some money

C、 he knew the doctor was a very good one

D、 he wanted the author to have a good lawyer

正确答案：

(2)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

A good doctor is essential for the author to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 be properly treated

B、 talk with the person responsible for the accident

C、 recover before he leaves America

D、 eventually get the responsible party to pay for his injury

正确答案： D

(3)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

The word “charge” in the third paragraph means\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

A、 be responsible

B、 accuse

C、 ask as a price

D、 claim

正确答案： C

(4)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Both the doctor and the lawyer in this passage are very\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 friendly

B、 selfish

C、 professional

D、 busy

正确答案：

(5)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

What conclusion can you draw from the story?

A、 Going to court is something very common in America.

B、 One must be very careful while driving a car.

C、 There are more bad sides in America than good sides.

D、 Money is more important than other things in the US.

正确答案： D

3、 More and more often we heard of people talking about Karaoke。 But what on earth it is about，still remains a question for many people. Karaoke is a sort of acoustic equipment which was invented in Japan around the middle of the 1970's. It means "a band without people" in Japanese. In fact，it is just a music tape without words. This equipment first appeared in some public houses and snack bars，and mainly for the customers to enjoy themselves. Most of the music in Karaoke was popular music. Therefore，at times，when anyone felt like it，he might sing songs to the accompaniment of the music that came from the equipment. Shortly after its invention，Karaoke was spread to the whole world. It was introduced to China and was welcomed by many people. Although you are not a good singer，or even sometimes you may sing out of tune，you can always enjoy yourself by singing Karaoke.

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(1)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

In this passage "band" means "group of persons \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

A、 who play games on the sports ground

B、 who play music together

C、 living in the same neighborhood

D、 doing things together under a leader and with a common purpose

正确答案：

(2)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Karaoke is just a \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 cassette tape with only music

B、 cassette tape recorder

C、 band from Japan

D、 voice recording equipment

正确答案： A

(3)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

People went to public houses and snack bars \_\_\_\_\_\_when Karaoke appeared.

A、 to have a good time

B、 to have something to drink

C、 to get something to eat

D、 to buy the equipment

正确答案： A

(4)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Karaoke was spread to the whole world \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 as soon as it was invented

B、 long before

C、 not long after it was invented

D、 before long

正确答案：

(5)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

The main idea of this passage is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 all persons like to play Karaoke

B、 to introduce Karaoke to the people

C、 Karaoke is a wonderful equipment

D、 Karaoke is used everywhere including snack bars

正确答案： C

4、 When I was twelve years old, my family were the first black people to move into an all white part of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Many of our new neighbors weren’t very welcoming. Some of them said angrily that we should return to where we came from. The children sometimes threw stones at me or drove me home from school.

Most of my teachers simply took no notice of me, but not Dorothy Bean, my history teacher. Miss Bean was angry at how badly I was being treated, but she didn’t say this to me. Miss Bean showed her respect for me by teaching me just like anyone else. Instead of being unnoticed, I was given a chance to show that I was clever. Miss Bean was the first teacher who ever made me think for myself. She always wanted to know what I thought about difficult questions. Was Thomas Jefferson right to buy Louisiana from France? Why? She expected me to have my own idea. Miss Bean was teaching me that thinking for oneself was the real key to education.

One day, when I was not paying attention in class, Miss Bean suddenly threw an eraser at me. The eraser hit me right on the hand and sent my pencil flying. The whole class were very surprised at first, then started laughing. This event became famous in the school and, because it happened to me, the students wanted to get to know me. So that’s the story of how Dorothy Bean made me her target（靶子）, and how I became just another kid in school.

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(1)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

The author and his family were not welcomed by the local people because \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 they returned from another country

B、 they had different skin color

C、 they spoke a different language

D、 they moved to a wrong place

正确答案：

(2)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

From the end of the first paragraph we know that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 children are more friendly to strangers

B、 American schools are not safe for kids

C、 children often follow their parents’ behavior

D、 fighting each other is part of children’s nature

正确答案： C

(3)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

At school most of his teachers \_\_\_\_\_\_ the author.

A、 were cold to

B、 didn’t notice

C、 threw things at

D、 got angry with

正确答案： B

(4)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Miss Bean respected the author by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 giving him chances to answer questions

B、 hitting him with a eraser

C、 giving him extra lessons

D、 treating him as one of her students

正确答案： D

(5)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

To Miss Bean the most important thing for a student is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 pay close attention to what the teacher says

B、 learn to think and have one’s own idea

C、 keep silent and unnoticed in class

D、 get special attention from the teacher

正确答案：

5、 It is known to us that English is not as old as Chinese, but it is widely used by most people all over the world. English speakers enjoy creating new words. In fact, a majority of words are traceable and each of them may have an interesting story.  
 However, no one will really care where a word comes from because it makes little difference in using them in our dally life. Did you ever feel confused about why hamburgers are called hamburgers, especially when they are not made with ham?  
 About a hundred years ago, some men went to American from Europe, coming from a big city in Germany called Hamburg. They didn't know how to use English properly. Seen them eating round pieces of beef and asked what it was, the Germans didn't understand the questions exactly, they answered: “we come from Hamburg. “One of the Americans was an owner of a restaurant and got an idea. He cooked some round pieces of bread with beef and began selling them. Such bread came to be called “hamburgers”. Today, hamburgers are welcomed by lots of people coming from different nationalities.

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(1)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

According to the text, English is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 older than Chinese

B、 as old as Chinese

C、 not so old as Chinese

D、 very hard to learn

正确答案： C

(2)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Hamburg originally is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 a kind of food

B、 a round piece of beef

C、 a city in Germany

D、 the name of a village

正确答案： C

(3)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Which statement is correct according to the passage?

A、 At first hamburgers was a kind of bread.

B、 Few Americans like hamburgers.

C、 Hamburgers are made of ham.

D、 Hamburgers were first sold a century ago.

正确答案：

(4)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ begin to sell hamburgers to people.

A、 Americans

B、 The author

C、 Germans

D、 Europeans

正确答案： A

(5)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

After reading this story, we know the word “hamburger” comes from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 China because it has a long history

B、 English because Germans don't speak English

C、 English speakers because they love eating it

D、 America because they give it that name

正确答案： D

6、 Your boss holds your future prospects in his hands. Some bosses are hard to get along with. Some have excellent qualifications but no idea when it comes to dealing with people. Of course, not all bosses are like that.

The relationship you have with your boss can be a major factor in determining your rise up the career ladder. Your boss is not only your leader, he is also the person best equipped to help you do the job you are paid to do. He can inform you of company direction that may affect your professional development.

Your boss also needs you to perform at your best in order to accomplish his objectives. He needs your feedback in order to provide realistic and useful reports to upper management. But how does this help you establish a meaningful working relationship with your boss?

The key is communication. Learn and understand his goals and priorities (优先的事). Observe and understand your boss’s work style. If he has not been clear with his expectations, ask! Likewise, ask for feedback and accept criticism gracefully. And if he understands that you do not view your job as just something to fill the hours between 9 and 5, he may be more likely to help you.

In short, getting along with your boss requires getting to know his likes and dislikes and learning to work with his personality and management style.

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(1)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

The main idea of the first paragraph is that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 bosses are hard to deal with

B、 bosses have good character

C、 bosses determine your career future

D、 bosses must have similar personality

正确答案：

(2)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

In the second paragraph, “rise up the career ladder” (Line 2) means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 going to work abroad

B、 changing jobs frequently

C、 being promoted in position

D、 pursuing an advanced degree

正确答案： C

(3)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

In order to achieve his objectives, your boss expects that you will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 do your best in your work

B、 show your management skills

C、 get along with your colleagues

D、 write reports to upper management

正确答案： A

(4)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

The most important factor for establishing a good working relationship with the boss is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 high expectation

B、 quick feedback

C、 frequent criticism

D、 effective communication

正确答案： D

(5)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

The best title for the passage might be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 How to Take Care Of Your Boss.

B、 How to Get Along with Your Boss

C、 How to Accept Your Boss’s Criticism

D、 How to Accomplish Your Boss’s Objective

正确答案：

7、One day Jerry borrowed a pot from his neighbor Tom. The next day he brought it back with another little pot inside. "That's not mine," said Tom. "Yes, it is," said Jerry. "While your pot was staying with me, it had a baby. "

Some time later Jerry asked Tom to lend him a pot again. Tom agreed, hoping that he would once again receive two pots in return. However, days passed and Jerry had still not returned the pot. Finally Tom lost patience and went to demand his property. "I am sorry," said Jerry. "I can't give you back your pot, since it has died." "Died!" screamed Tom, "how can a pot die?" "Well," said Jerry, "you believed me when I told you that your pot had had a baby."

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(1)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Who was the owner of the pot?

A、 Jerry.

B、 Tom.

C、 The baby.

D、 Unknown.

正确答案： B

(2)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

How many times did Jerry borrow the pot?

A、 He didn’t borrow the pot at all.

B、 Once.

C、 Twice.

D、 Three times.

正确答案： C

(3)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

How many pots did he give back the first time?

A、 None.

B、 One.

C、 Two.

D、 Four.

正确答案： C

(4)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Why was the neighbor happy to lend his pot a second time?

A、 Because he was greedy.

B、 Because he was a good neighbor.

C、 Because he had lots of spare pots.

D、 Because he was very kind.

正确答案： A

(5)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

What probably happened to the pot?

A、 It died

B、 The neighbor took it back.

C、 Someone stole it.

D、 Jerry kept it.

正确答案： D

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My friend's name is Guy. Guy is from Paris, inFrance. He is French. He is married and has two children. His wife, Jane, is American. She is from Boston in The United States. Her family is still in Boston, but she now works and lives with her husband in Milan. They speak English, French, German and Italian! Their children are pupils at a local primary school. The children go to school with other children from all over the world. Flora, their daughter, has friends fromFrance,Switzerland,AustriaandSweden. Hans, their son, goes to school with students fromSouth Africa,Portugal,SpainandCanada. Of course, there are many children fromItaly. Imagine, French, Swiss, Austrian, Swedish, South African, American, Italian, Spanish and Canadian children all learning together inItaly!

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(1)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Where is Guy from?

A、 Germany.

B、 Holland.

C、 Spain.

D、 France .

正确答案： D

(2)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Where does his wife come from?

A、 Boston.

B、 Switzerland.

C、 New York.

D、 Italy .

正确答案： A

(3)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Where are they now?

A、 In Madrid.

B、 In Boston.

C、 In Milan.

D、 In Sweden .

正确答案： C

(4)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Where does Jane live and work now?

A、 In America .

B、 In England .

C、 In Holland.

D、 In Italy .

正确答案： D

(5)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

What are the children's names?

A、 Flora and Guy.

B、 Anna and Hans.

C、 Susan and John.

D、 Flora and Hans.

正确答案： D

9、Cars are an important part of life in the United States. Without a car most people feel that they are poor. And even if a person is poor he doesn't feel really poor when he had a car.  
 Henry Ford was the man who first started making cars in large numbers. He probably didn't know how much the car was going to affect American culture. The car made the United Stated a nation on wheels. And it helped make the United States what it is today.  
 There are three main reasons why the car becomes so popular in the United States. First of all, the country is a huge one and Americans like to move around in it. The car provides the most comfortable and cheapest form of transportation. With a car people can go anyplace without spending a lot of money.

The second reason cars are popular is the fact that the United States never really developed an efficient and inexpensive form of public transportation. Long-distance trains have never been as common in the country as they are in other parts of the world. Nowadays there is a good system of air-service provided by planes. But it is too expensive to be used frequently.

The third reason is the most important one, though. The American spirit of independence is what really made cars popular. Americans don't like to wait for a bus, or a train or even a plane. They don' t like to have to follow an exact schedule. A car gives them the freedom to schedule their own time. And this is the freedom that Americans want most to have.

The gas shortage has caused a big problem for Americans. But the answer will not be a bigger system of public transportation. The real solution will have to be a new kind of car, one that does not use so much gas.

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(1)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Most Americans feel they are poor when they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 have no job

B、 have no food

C、 have no money

D、 have no car

正确答案： D

(2)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Henry Ford was the first to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cars in large numbers.

A、 invent

B、 sell

C、 have

D、 produce

正确答案： D

(3)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

“A nation on wheels” means that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 the country is producing the best cars in the world

B、 everyone in this country owns a car

C、 cars play a very important role in people' lives

D、 there are more cars than trains in this country

正确答案： C

(4)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

With a car people can go \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ easily.

A、 anywhere

B、 to anyplace

C、 to anywhere

D、 any place

正确答案： A

(5)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

The real solution to the gas shortage problem is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 to make less cars

B、 to develop a public transportation system

C、 to make gas-saving cars

D、 to develop train service

正确答案： C

10、The White House is the most visited residence in the world. Tours may be scheduled through our Washington DC office. Due to security and scheduling procedures, there are a few things you should know before requesting a tour:

• Only groups of 10 or more may request a tour.

• Requests must be submitted with a minimum of one month’s advance notice from the date of the tour. Notice of whether your application is accepted will be given 10 days prior to the date requested. All tours, even after they have been confirmed, are subject to cancellation due to security interests.

• Tours are only conducted Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 am to 11:30 am.

To process your request for a tour, please contact our Washington office at (202) 224-5521 and provide the following information:

• Date(s) requesting.

• Security information for each person in your party, including: name as it appears on I.D. (I.D. required for ages 14 and up), date of birth, social security number, country of origin, and citizenship (公民的身份).

• A home address and daytime and evening phone numbers for the designated leader of the group.

• A contact number while in DC for the designated leader of the group.

After your request is , our office will contact you with further instructions.

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(1)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

This notice is to provide information about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 scheduling of Washington DC tours

B、 the security system of the White House

C、 application for a tour of the White House

D、 duties of a tour group leader

正确答案： C

(2)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

The White House is open to the public \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 on weekdays only

B、 five days a week

C、 every other day

D、 on weekends only

正确答案： B

(3)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

Application for a group tour of the White House must be submitted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 exactly on the date of application

B、 at least 30 days in advance

C、 any day between Tuesday and Saturday

D、 10 days before the date of the tour

正确答案： B

(4)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

After your tour request has been confirmed, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 it is still possible that your tour may be cancelled

B、 you are still allowed to change your visiting date

C、 you can surely visit the White House that day

D、 it is necessary for you to start your tour immediately

正确答案： A

(5)、 [单选题] （2.0分）

It can be inferred from the passage that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A、 teenagers under 14 are not allowed to visit the White House

B、 foreigners are less likely to be permitted to tour the White House

C、 separate tours can also be scheduled for individual visitors

D、 security is the chief concern in scheduling White House tours

正确答案： D