Unit 6

Part I Introduction

(1) self-evident (2) smooth and fruitful (3) supporting values (4) give way to (5) tend to sacrifice (6) highly valued

(7) deeply rooted (8) emphasis on (9) have strong effects on

(10) been taken into consideration

Part II Background Information

Task 1

Section 1

1

- (1) Punctuality, eating in correct way, gifting properly.
- (2) Good manners help make one recognized and welcomed in a society; Good manners teaching is an indispensable part of education; Being good mannered or not tells whether you are as mature as expected or not.
- (3) to feel unpleasant about sth; to disagree with sth; to disapprove of sth.

Section 2

1.

(1) There are 5 rules about family manners in America according to this text.

One: Be independent and self-reliant

Two: Speak up your love

Three: Be thoughtful

Four: Be responsible Five: Don't lie!

- (2) Being ruled by the aristocracy (the people in the highest social class with a lot of land, money and power); or in a society with deeply-rooted old aristocratic traditions.
- (3) (The answer is open.)

Section 3

1. (1) C) (2) B) (3) B)

Section 4

1. (1) D) (2) B) (3) A)

Part III Anecdotes

Video 1

Task 1

- (1) Choose guests who will get along
- (2) The more formal the event, the more notice you should give
- (3) complain about a party you were invited to
- (4) Choose foods you can make ahead of time
- (5) You'll be free to ease conversation and smooth over social wrinkles
- (6) each guest has two things within minutes of arriving: a drink and an introduction to at least a few other guests
- (7) Listen for disharmony or awkward silence
- (8) Let the event take its course and try to have some fun

Task 2

Take answers to task 1 for reference.

Video 2

Task 1:

- (1) Glad you're enjoying yourself.
- (2) housewives have a rule of thumb.
- (3) She doesn't mean it. She's just being nice.
- (4) Have you ever witnessed a violent crime?
- (5) What's your favorite fruit?
- (6) Where did you do your medical internship?
- (7) You're kidding!
- (8) how would the Civil War have gone differently if Lincoln had been a robot sent from the future?

Task 2:

Situation 1: On the date (for reference)

- (1) pleasant small talk topics
- (2) the 3rd wheel
- (3) awareness of others' attitude
- (4) the sauce is better than the fish

Situation 2: At the theater (for reference)

- (1) the 3rd wheel
- (2) speaking loudly at cinema
- (3) seating at will
- (4) huddling against...

Video 3

Task 1

- (1) problems
- (2) emergency
- (3) causing
- (4) sights

- (5) left
- (6) preserving
- (7) ignored
- (8) avoiding

Task 2

1.

One: Drivers use the emergency lane as a through lane.

Two: Garbage was thrown out of the windows of cars.

Three: Tourists left tons of garbage within several days.

Four: Tourists ignored the signposts and sat on railings.

Five: Some tourists even chose to take the risk of avoiding admission fees.

Part IV Problem and Solution

1. Mark was invited to a local club for several times and met a lot of business people whom he'd like to build partnership with. When he conversed with other guests and enjoyed his time, time and time again, Mark found his parties just gave an excuse soon and turned to another guest hastily. Mark wondered why.

Fact 1: When speaking to a lady who he met first time, Mark moved gradually towards her and that made the lady uncomfortable.

This is wrong because Mark broke into this lady's personal space.

Fact 2: When sharing funny stories with a man, he stepped closer to him and gave him several pats on his shoulder.

This is wrong because Body contact is not proper at this moment considering their first-meeting relation.

Fact 3: When Mark tried to pat the man again on his shoulder, he gave an excuse and left quickly.

This is wrong because this made the man feel uncomfortable. Body contact is not proper at this moment considering their first-meeting relation.

Part V How I See It

Step 1

Photo 1: This photo shows what is being on actually in our daily life: smart phone users enjoy themselves so obsessively wherever they are that they often annoy the people around a lot and unconsciously put themselves in embarrassment. Undoubtedly, the boy in this photo is unaware that his behavior is against public place etiquette and make the other audience uncomfortable and annoyed.

Photo 2: Speaking of smart phones, few would deny that it has been a necessity for daily life. You can see the phone holders reading, texting, listening and speaking on the phone wherever and whenever they are. This photo portraits a driver busy speaking on his cell phone while driving with only one hand! He really enjoys his phone talk, but he does not realize that how risky and dangerous it is for him and the other people on the road at this moment.

Photo 3: When in public places or among crowds, some people tend to speak loudly on the phone without considering the situation and surroundings. All of sudden, when a loud voice bursts out among a quiet crowd or in a limited space with a number of others around, most people within the earshot might be scared more or less and wonder what and why. This photo indicates that speaking loudly on the phone or cell yell is really rude.

Part VI Exploration of Chinese Culture

Task 1

Spring Festival give New Year greetings / pay New Year visits traditions and customs health and longevity in person the lucky money (in a red envelope)

Task 2

For reference:

On the first day of Spring Festival or shortly after, people wear new clothes and present New Year greetings to relatives or friends, wishing each other good luck and happiness in the coming year. According to Chinese tradition, younger generations should pay New Year visits (or give New Year greetings) to elder generations and wish them health and longevity. Since New Year visiting will take a lot of time, busy people of modern time choose to send Spring Festival Greeting cards or E-greetings instead of visiting in person. Spring Festival is surely the happiest time for children, because they will get "lucky money" in red envelopes from the elders every time they say "Happy New Year". Also, enjoying grand and delicious meals with their family and playing games for pleasure to their content during the Spring Festival have become the happiest memory in many people's childhood.