Critical thinking

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1.
   - To see new places and meet new friends.
   - To have a break from the routine life.
   - For business.
   - To visit friends and relatives.

2.
   - Yes, I agree. Cultural difference poses a huge problem to travel. If we don't know the language, the customs, and history of the place we are visiting, we will face many embarrassing problems in communicating with the local people and may even violate the taboos in another culture without being aware of it.
   - I'm afraid not. Cultural difference is not a problem at all. On the contrary, it can serve as a stimulus to enable us to be more curious about this world and gain a deeper understanding of other cultures as well as our own culture.

3.
   - I think travel can affect our personalities. In most situations, people's personalities will be more or less changed when travel comes to an end, just as the green and luxuriant plants after a rain. We can see such differences from people's lively appearance, relaxed spiritual state, cheerful ways of talking, walking, and even smiling.
   - No, I don't think travel can have an effect on our personality. Personality is our whole character and nature and is greatly affected by the environment in which we live. Personality is relatively stable. Maybe during a travel, our personality may change a little since we are in a different environment, but this change is temporary and shouldn't last long. When we come back, we are still in the old environment. Obviously, our personality will regain its old traits just in a couple of days or weeks.

Language focus

Words in use

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1 compulsory	2 contemplate	3 imprisoned
4 globalize	5 offset	6 groan
7 stubborn	8 cluster	9 ambiguity
10 consoled		

Word building

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Words learned	New words formed
-able	
respect	*respectable*
negotiate	*negotiable*
distinguish	*distinguishable*
available	*avail*
attribute	*attributable*
profit	*profitable*
renew	*renewable*
-ize	
memory	*memorize*
author	*authorize*
visual	*visualize*
stable	*stabilize*
social	*socialize*

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1 profitable	2 renewable
3 authorized	4 negotiable
5 visualize	6 socialize
7 attributable	8 respectable
9 avail	10 stabilize
11 distinguishable	12 memorize

Banked cloze

6

1 E	2 M	3 K
4 I	5 F	6 A
7 C	8 H	9 L
10 N		

Expressions in use

1 settle for   2 more often than not
3 mingled with   4 traded for
5 was saturated with   6 are open to
7 endowed with   8 make up for

Structure analysis and writing

Structured writing

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Many parents set unreasonable expectations for their kids. Conflicts occur when their children fail to reach their expectations. But why do parents tend to expect so much from their children?

The harsh reality may be one reason for the high expectations. We can see such logic behind parents' expectations: If their children can study hard, then they will be admitted to key universities, and then they will be much more competitive in job hunting after graduation.

The peer pressure is also a contributing factor. Parents tend to compare their kids to other kids in terms of academic performance. Parents consider it a shame if their children always lag behind other children. So it is often the case that parents spare no efforts to send their children to expensive training centers.

Parents' love for their kids provides another explanation for their burning desire to see the best of their kids. Parents will be proud if their children make great achievements. But sometimes such love becomes a heavy burden on their kids.

The harsh reality, peer pressure and parents' love all account for the unreasonable expectations for the kids. To set reasonable expectations for the kids is not easy, but is worth trying; after all, parents don't want the heavy pressure to crush their children.

Translation

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威尼斯是意大利北部一座世界闻名的岛城。威尼斯建立于公元5世纪，在公元10世纪时成为一支重要的海上力量。在中世纪和文艺复兴时期，威尼斯曾是重要的商贸中心，是当时欧洲极为富裕的城市，在政治和经济事务中居领导地位。几百年的兴盛之后，威尼斯在15世纪开始衰落。如今，威尼斯被公认为是全世界最美的城市之一，也是全世界最重要的旅游胜地之一。威尼斯的建筑风格丰富多样，其中最出名的是哥特式风格。威尼斯还因历史上的几次重要的艺术运动而闻名，特别是文艺复兴时期。威尼斯对建筑和艺术的发展影响巨大。至今，威尼斯仍对现代艺术和流行文化的发展起着重要作用。1987年，威尼斯被列入《世界遗产名录》。1980年3月，威尼斯与中国苏州结为"友好城市"。

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Lijiang is a mountainous city in northwest Yunnan Province. The old town of Lijiang, located at the foot of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, is a town of scenic beauty and known for its history and culture. It is also a well-preserved old town with features of ethnic minorities. The construction work of the old town was started from the Southern Song Dynasty about 800 years from now. Not only does Lijiang boast a long history, but also it boasts many ethnic minorities who make up over a half of the total population in the region. With the booming of Lijiang tourism, the old town of Lijiang is receiving a growing number of tourists from home and abroad. In December 1997, the old town succeeded in applying to be named a World Cultural Heritage Site, filling the gap of lacking a noted historical and cultural city in China on the World Cultural Heritage List.

Section B

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1 I had the same feeling as the author because I always want to see the beautiful sights of the world such as the Eiffel Tower in France, Venice in Italy, and Grand Canyon in the US. Just name a few. From what is said in the paragraph, such as "a chunk of money saved and extra vacation time earned", I can see what the author really wants to say is that people love to travel because traveling is always fun and exciting.

2 The description of preparing for a visit to an exotic place is very true. Even though most of the time I traveled with my family or friends, I still had to do a lot of homework before embarking on a trip. I had to surf online to get specific information so that I wouldn't get into much trouble later. The author wants to warn us that we must get fully prepared before we set foot on the way to an unfamiliar place,

3 Yes, such non-pleasant experiences did happen to me sometimes. I remember once I was traveling in Germany and wandering the streets in Munich. All of a sudden, two young men sprayed blue paint on my back and meanwhile grabbed my purse from me while I was not paying attention to them. That's exactly the reason why the author wants to point out the downside while traveling to unfamiliar places. The author wants to remind us, apart from all the positive things about travel, something negative could also happen and travelers need to be on alert and be defensive.

Reading comprehension

Understanding the text

2

1 C	2 A	3 B	4 D
5 A	6 D	7 C	8 B

Critical thinking

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1 When traveling solo, you need to do everything on your own, such as providing for food, clothes, accommodations, tickets, and so on. You may be considered weird or reckless at first. Then, during your travel some greedy guys may cheat you or take advantage of you. And there are chances that you meet some unexpected dangers. Of course, you can experience more unique situations when traveling solo than when you go in the company of others. All you should do is open your mind, close your eyes and just enjoy it. When traveling with company, the advantage is that you can look after each other and experience all the joys and hardships together. You may feel less lonely than when traveling solo, but you may miss something special.

2 With regard to the attitude toward travel, there are many differences between Chinese and Americans. For example, in Chinese culture, travel is regarded as an important way to broaden people's horizons, as implied in the Chinese proverb "Read many books and travel a long way". Unlike Chinese, Americans just enjoy the process of traveling. They do not attach too much meaning to traveling because it is only a single part of their life. Furthermore, many Chinese people prefer to choose famous and safe traveling spots rather than take risks to travel in undeveloped places. But for Americans, they try to show other people their own characteristics with every possible opportunity, and they are willing to take some risks in order to reach their destination.

3 • In my opinion, lacking companionship cannot be an excuse to stop pursuing our dreams. We want to go somewhere because there is a strong urge deep in our heart which drives us to accomplish this dream. It is our own decision and destination. A lack of companionship should not be a barrier that stops us.
  • Yes. Taking traveling as an example, I would not go traveling solo. It would be boring and even dangerous if there is no friend with me.

Language focus

Words in use

4

1 ethnic	2 conceive	3 presumed
4 despised	5 irritate	6 disregarded
7 downside	8 venerable	9 susceptible
10 suppress		

Expressions in use

5

1 from / against	2 from	3 with	4 into
5 to	6 into	7 for	8 off

Sentence structure

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1 The day following was, as it turned out, the last of Mr. Wraxall's stay at Raback.

2 As it turned out, the war went on for more than four years, with horrible losses of personnel and material on both sides.

3 Madigan had been studying Mr. Barrett for a couple of months, but as it turned out, the man was rather mysterious.

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1 Most of them took his behavior with a smile, except for the occasional customers who would try their best to avoid eye contact and eat as fast as they could.

2 She took it with gratitude when she learned her son had obtained the chance for the championship.

3 At the conclusion of the opera, the audience rose as one with thunderous applause, and the actors took it with a deep bow.

Collocation

Warm-up

1 overly fearful	2 disorienting diversity
3 solo travel	4 swap stories
5 globalized world	6 foreign travel

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1 exotic places
2 lovely dream
3 multinational excursions
4 pleasant experiences
5 foreign travel
6 valuable open-mindedness
7 ample opportunities
8 disorienting diversity
9 local folklore
10 swap stories
11 modern aviation
12 credible insights

Unit project

Objectives
• Familiarize students with preparations for a travel.
• Develop students' skill in writing a travel plan.
• Improve students' ability to organize details in public speaking.

Teaching tips
1 Divide students into several groups and ask them to accomplish this task independently.
2 In their discussion, the teacher may guide