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Part I Listening Comprehension (20%)

Section A:

Directions: In this section, you will hear three news reports. At the end of each news report, you will hear two or three questions. Both the news report and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet.

News Report One

1. A) Half of the young men are smokers.
B) Two-thirds of young men will die from smoking.
C) Many men begin to smoke in their middle age.
D) Smoking can lead to tobacco deaths.

2. A) The price of cigarettes has been increasing. ✓
B) The cigarette production is reduced in recent years.
C) Smoking is strictly prohibited by the government.
D) Tobacco deaths have discouraged people from smoking. ✓

News Report Two

3. A) For a college degree. ✓
B) For a study of foreign languages. ✓
C) For a master's or doctoral degree. ✓
D) For an easier way to earn money.

4. A) It will help their children get a higher degree earlier.
B) It will help their children be more competitive in the society.
C) It will help their children get high marks in the examination. ✓
D) It is much cheaper than other countries' education.

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News Report Three

5. A) They have more efficient sleep than animals. ✓
B) They need more sleep than animals.
C) They need ten hours of sleep a day.
D) They have the same sleeping habit as animals.
6. A) It refers to the animals' sleep.
B) It means a deeper stage of sleep.
C) It refers to shorter, higher quality sleep. ✓
D) It makes up five percent of a human's sleep.
7. A) Longer duration of sleep.
B) High efficiency of sleep. ✓
C) Better patterns of sleep.
D) More security in sleep.

Section B

Directions: In this section, you will hear a passage. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D). Then mark the corresponding letter on Answer Sheet.

8. A) Learn the nickname of each state.
B) Have a heart-to-heart talk with his brother.
C) Be close to the natural world.
D) Play games with his brother. ✓
9. A) Most nicknames are quite interesting.
B) Some state nicknames have surprising origins. ✓
C) George Washington has many nicknames.
D) New York once was the capital of America.
10. A) The First State. ✓
B) The Show-Me State.
C) Land of 10,000 Lakes.
D) Empire State.

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Part II Vocabulary (20%)

Section A

Directions: Complete each of the following sentences with the proper form of the word given in parentheses, and write your answer on the Answer Sheet.

1. The authorities conducted an extensive _____ into his tax affairs. (investigate)
2. Can you mail it to me as an _____ ? (attach)
3. He was hopeful that the next round of talks would also be _____ (produce)
4. Many of the refugee villages are in _____ areas. (isolation)
5. _____ can lead to social and economic progress, but also pressure on cities to provide housing and service. (urban) Urbanization

Section B

Directions: Match the following words or phrases in column A with their meanings in column B, and you are required to mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet.

Column A	Column B
6. official status	A. behavior that is illegal or immoral
7. computer database	B. unable to avoid or prevent
8. punishment for wrongdoing	C. a person who supports someone or something
9. an inevitable part	D. position; condition
10. an advocate of the approach	E. a collection of data

Part III Reading Comprehension (30%)

Section A

Directions: In this passage there are ten blanks. You are required to select one word for each blank from a list of choices given in a word bank. Each choice in the bank is identified by a letter. Please mark the corresponding letter for each item on *Answer Sheet*. You may not use any of the words in the bank more than once.

Traditionally, it is the custom for parents to arrange the marriages of their children in Japan. The father and mother of the bride will meet with that of the groom, and if both families are pleased with each other, an 1 I will be made. Usually the young couldn't 2 V the partner chosen by his parents. What the parents focus on is the mutual compatibility (适合, 兼容) other than romantic attraction, which is believed to 3 J over time.

After World War II, many Japanese 4 A the arranged marriage and adopt the more democratic way of free marriage. Japanese young people began picking their own mates by 5 E and falling in love. During the period of courtship, the 6 F marriage partners are supposed to learn enough about each other to build a successful marriage.

Now, in today's prosperous and increasingly conservative Japan, the traditional arranged marriage is thriving again. The idea of an arranged marriage becomes more acceptable and seems not that 7 N. In today's Japan, marriages are seldom formally arranged, and quite a lot of 8 M arranging goes on before two people become husband and wife. The fact is that the arranged marriage helps to find a partner of the right 9 O, social, and educational qualifications. On the whole, such relationships tend to be more 10 D than those from romantic dating practices, thus contributing to a harmonious family life. So why not?

A) abandoned B) artificial C) fade D) stable E) purchasing F) dating G) potential H) solve
I) agreement J) informal K) reject L) analyzed M) employment N) old-fashioned O) economic

Section B

Directions: There are two passages in this part. The passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked by A), B), C) and D). You should decide on the best choice and mark the corresponding letter on the *Answer Sheet*.

Passage 1

I'm usually fairly skeptical about any research that concludes that people are either happier or unhappier or more or less certain of themselves than they were 50 years ago. While any of these statements might be true, they are practically impossible to prove scientifically. Still, I was struck by a report which concluded that today's children are significantly more anxious than children in the 1950s. In fact, the analysis showed, normal children aged 9 to 17 exhibit a higher level of anxiety today than children who were treated for mental illness 50 years ago.

Why are America's kids so stressed? The report cites two main causes: increasing physical isolation — brought on by high divorce rates and less involvement in community, among other things — and a growing perception that the world is a more dangerous place.

Given that we can't turn the clock back, adults can still do plenty to help the next generation cope. At the top of the list is nurturing (培育) a better appreciation of the limits of individualism. No child is an island. Strengthening social ties helps build communities and protect individuals against stress. To help kids build stronger connections with others, you can pull the plug on TVs and computers. Your family will thank you later. They will have more time for face-to-face relationships, and they will get more sleep. Limit the amount of virtual violence your children are exposed to. It's not just video games and movies; children see a lot of murder and crime on the local news. Keep your expectations for your children reasonable. Many highly successful people never attended Harvard or Yale. Make exercise part of your daily routine. It will help you cope with your own anxieties and provide a good model for your kids. Sometimes anxiety is unavoidable. But it doesn't have to ruin your life.

1. The author thinks that the conclusions of any research about people's state of mind are _____.
A) surprising B) illogical C) confusing D) questionable
2. What does the author mean when he says, "we can't turn the clock back" (Line 1, Para. 3)?
A) It's impossible to slow down the pace of change.
B) The social reality children are facing cannot be changed. X
C) Lessons learned from the past should not be forgotten.
D) It's impossible to forget the past.
3. According to an analysis, compared with normal children today, children treated as mentally ill 50 years ago _____.
A) were less isolated physically
B) were probably less self-centered
C) probably suffered less from anxiety
D) were considered less individualistic
4. The first and most important thing parents should do to help their children is _____.
A) to provide them with a safer environment
B) to lower their expectations for them X
C) to get them more involved socially
D) to set a good model for them to follow
5. What conclusion can be drawn from the passage?
A) Anxiety, though unavoidable, can be coped with.
B) Children's anxiety has been enormously exaggerated.
C) Children's anxiety can be eliminated with more parental care.
D) Anxiety, if properly controlled, may help children become mature.

Passage 2

Increasingly, over the past ten years, people — especially young people — have become aware of the need to change their eating habits. Because much of the food they eat, particularly processed foods, is not good for the health. Consequently, there has been a growing interest in natural foods: foods which do not contain chemical additives and which have not been affected by chemical fertilizers widely used in farming today.

Natural foods, for example, are vegetables, fruit and grain which have been grown in soil that is rich in organic matter. In simple terms, this means that the soil has been nourished by unused vegetable matter, which provides it with essential vitamins and minerals. This in itself is a natural process compared with the use of chemicals and fertilizers, the main purpose of which is to increase the amount—but not the quality—of foods grown in commercial farming areas.

Natural foods also include animals which have been allowed to feed and move freely in healthy pastures.

Compare this with what happens in the mass production of poultry: there are battery farms, for example, where thousands of chickens live crowded together in one building and are fed on food which is little better than rubbish. Chickens kept in this way are not only tasteless as food; they also produce eggs which lack important vitamins.

It is significant that nowadays fiber is considered to be an important part of a healthy diet. In white bread, for example, the fiber has been removed, but it is present in unrefined flour and of course in vegetables. It is interesting to note that in countries where the national diet contains large quantities of unrefined flour and vegetables, certain diseases are comparatively rare. Hence the emphasis is placed on the eating of whole-meal bread and more vegetables by modern experts on "healthy eating".

6. People have become more interested in natural foods because _____.
 A) they want a change of diet
 B) they want to taste all kinds of foods
 C) they are more health conscious
 D) they want to be fashionable
7. Which of the following is true?
 A) Natural foods only refer to the plants that are grown in soil.
 B) Natural foods are generally affected by chemical fertilizers.
 C) Processed foods are more welcomed than natural foods.
 D) We can get more vitamins and minerals from natural foods.
8. According to the author, the use of chemicals and fertilizers _____.
 A) will not necessarily increase the production of foods
 B) is a good way to improve the quality of foods
 C) promotes the foods both in quality and in quantity
 D) is harmful to the health
9. Which statement about "battery chicken" is probably NOT true?
 A) They are raised in the small cages in modern chicken farm.
 B) They are allowed to move about and eat freely.
 C) Their eggs are less nutritious.
 D) They are tasteless.
10. Which of the following is considered food for healthy eating?
 A) unrefined flour and vegetables
 B) white bread
 C) canned beans and fruits
 D) mass-produced chickens and eggs

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Part IV Translation (15%)

Directions: Translate the following paragraph into English, and you are required to write your answer on the Answer Sheet.

随着人口的不断增长, 城市化似乎已成为一个无法逃避的趋势。一段时间以来, 许多人对城市的看法很大程度上是消极的——脏、乱、拥挤、充斥着疾病和犯罪。尽管如此, 很多城市规划师仍然相信大城市会有助于解决人口过剩的问题。城市化的倡导者斯图尔特·布兰德 (Steward Brand) 认为, 住在城市对环境的影响比住在郊区和农村地区要小, 因此将城市化视为罪恶可能是错误的。

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Part V Writing (15%)

Directions: Suppose you are going to write a proposal to your school gym for improving its service. You are to write about its current problems and possible solutions to these problems with at least 120 words.

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