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their (Para 2 line 4) \_\_\_\_\_

...they (Para 2 line 6) \_\_\_\_\_

4... you (Para 4 line 5) \_\_\_\_\_

5...their (Para 5 line 1) \_\_\_\_\_

## Part II: Grammar (10 points)

A. Complete each of the blank spaces in the following text by choosing and underlining the correct form of the verb from the choices given in parenthesis. (1 mark each)

The human species' use of technology (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (has been first begun/has first begun/first began/ **first begun**) with the conversion of natural resources into simple tools. The discovery of how to control fire and the later Agricultural Revolution (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (**have increased/ increase/increases/were increased**) the available sources of food. Likewise, the invention of the wheel (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (**helps/ has helped/ help/was helped**) humans to travel in and control their environment. Later, developments including the printing press, the telephone, and the Internet, (4 ) \_\_\_\_\_ (**lessen/ was lessened/ lessens/ have lessened**) physical barriers to communication, and allowed humans to interact freely on a global scale. The steady progress of military technology (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (**brings/has brought/brought/was brought**) weapons of ever-increasing destructive power. Technology (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (**was/is/has been/ had been**) a subject of discussion in philosophy since the Greeks. The Greek philosopher Democritus, for example, (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (**believed/has believed/ believes/ has been believed**) that technology is an imitation of nature. House-building and weaving (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (**have first invented/ has been first invented/ were first invented/ first invented**) by imitating swallows and spiders building their nests and nets, respectively. Aristotle (9)\_\_\_\_\_ (**hold/holds/was held/held**) the same view that technology is the consequence of imitation of nature, but he (10)\_\_\_\_\_ (**added/has added/was added/adds**) in his book Physics Book II that: "generally art in some cases completes what nature cannot bring to a finish."

Match the words under column A with their closest meanings given under column B. Indicate your choices on the spaces provided.

A

Distractions \_\_\_\_\_

2. Pout \_\_\_\_\_

3. Assimilate \_\_\_\_\_

4. Egalitarianism \_\_\_\_\_

5. Linchpin \_\_\_\_\_

B

A. came down to the ground

B. traditionalism

C. take in and understand fully

D. anchor or backbone

E. a kind of plant

F. show displeasure or annoyance

G. differentiate

H. equal treatment

I. material used for cooking

J. make you challenging to

**Part IV: Paragraph Writing (10marks)**

Write a paragraph of 100-150 words on **ONE** of the topics below. Be evaluated for organization, content, language and neatness.

1. Mobile phone has negatively affected the life of students in many ways.
2. University life is different from school life in some important ways.

Fill each sentence with the most appropriate word from the box.

quest / coveted / debut / skin / alleviate / bone / procrastinate  
bunch of / ostracized / infested / at our disposal / escapism / verbatim /

1. Most people \_\_\_\_\_ things they have to do today until the eleventh hour because of lack of motivation.
2. Good friends never let us down. If they know that they can be of any help, they are always \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Tilahun Gessesse's popularity started gaining ground beginning from the time he made his singing \_\_\_\_\_ in the early 1970's.
4. For some people, especially the youngsters, drugs and other kinds of stimulants are forms of \_\_\_\_\_ from the challenges and hopelessness they feel in their everyday life.
5. The government in consultation with other stakeholders has to take immediate actions in order to \_\_\_\_\_ the worsening living conditions of the citizens and the skyrocketing cost of living in the country in general.
6. Our neighbor, Mr. Bekalu, always carries a \_\_\_\_\_ keys. He must be a store keeper of the company he works for.
7. His determination and \_\_\_\_\_ for justice doesn't seem to stop even after such an old age.
8. He has been \_\_\_\_\_ from the community for many years because of the radical political beliefs he has held.
9. House pets such as dogs and cats can easily be \_\_\_\_\_ with fleas unless and otherwise we regularly wash them and clean the places that we keep them.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ Ethiopia's 6th National Election was held peacefully and successfully in almost all poll stations throughout the country.

**Part I: Reading Comprehension (18 points)**

Read the following passage and answer each question according to the information therein.

1. English might not be the most widely spoken language in the world (that honor goes to Chinese), but it is the world's second most spoken language. It's spoken as a foreign language by a massive 603 million people – more than double Arabic, in third place. English is the most popular second language in countries as far apart as Suriname, Denmark, Israel and Singapore. If you want to speak to the world, learn English.
2. The trend towards English is being led by international businesses, both Chinese electronics company Lenovo and German airline Lufthansa are now using English as their official language. Using English makes it possible for businesses to recruit the best talent from across the world and opens up their product to new markets. Employees who are hoping for a promotion or want to make their CV stand out should consider sharpening their English skills. If you can communicate with clients and suppliers of a company no matter what country they are based in, then your skills are invaluable to an employer.
3. English is doubly important to anyone working in an academic discipline. According to research 80% of the peer-reviewed journals in Scopus, the biggest database of journals, are published in English, and a report by the British Council in 2014 found that in a growing number of countries university subjects are being taught in English instead of the native language. If you want your papers to be read by scientists across the world, or you want to work with colleagues in other countries, you need to be able to talk to them in English.
4. It is not only academic writing that is mostly published in English. More books are published every year in English than in any other language, and Hollywood and its English-language films dominates the industry. Of course, you can read translations or watch with subtitles, but this doesn't quite match the experience of the original. The internet, too, is close to 54% English, according to the Web Technology Surveys. If you are searching for information online then you're much more likely to find what you're looking for if you use English.
5. Travel to most countries is easier if you speak their language, but it's not possible to learn a language for every single country you might want to visit. It's fairly likely, though, that you'll be able to find someone who speaks English in most major cities in the world. People who

arist industry learn English, so you will have no trouble understanding people at your hotel, on the plane or at a tourist site if you speak English.

The world is getting smaller, and globalization is here to stay. We live in a time when changes in one country's economy affect markets in the rest of the world, and where pollution from one country can damage everyone's environment.

These problems can only be solved if we co-operate across national boundaries, and to do that we have to have a common language. Whether you love it or hate it, the future is English.

In the space provided at the right of each statement, write True or False according to the information in the passage. (0.5 points each)

1. English is the only dominant business language and it has become almost a necessity for people to speak English if they are to enter the global workforce. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Arabic is the third most spoken language globally behind Chinese, English and Suriname. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Using English as their official language helps international businesses to employ the best skilled individuals from across the world. \_\_\_\_\_
4. English is the second most widely spoken language in the world. \_\_\_\_\_  
Although learning English can be challenging and time consuming, we can see that it is also very valuable to learn and can create many opportunities. \_\_\_\_\_

Complete these sentences with a highlighted word or phrase from the passage (1 point each).

1. She was wearing a beautiful skirt, but her sweater didn't \_\_\_\_\_ it.
2. We're trying to create our own computerized \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I have always believed that snakes and humans should be kept \_\_\_\_\_ possible.
4. The businessman wanted to be separated from his noisy \_\_\_\_\_.
5. My business is looking to \_\_\_\_\_ new personnel to join our team.

C. Find words from the text which have the same meaning as the following and write them in the space provided. (1 point each)

1. Work together to the same end (Para 7) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have power and influence over (Para 4) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Over a large area (Para 1) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Attract attention/highly noticeable (Para 2) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Extremely useful/indispensable (Para 2) \_\_\_\_\_