

### III. READING

*Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the question*

1.

I believe that everyone has had embarrassing experiences in their life. It happened to me in last winter vacation. I joined a (1) ..... winter camp with my friends, John and Kate. We all lived far away from the place, so in order to arrive at the camp on time at 8 o'clock, we had to leave at 7:20. The sun was shining, flowers were blooming and birds were singing. What a beautiful day! Everything seemed so nice until I noticed that I forgot to bring something to drink. (2) ....., I asked John to drive me to a department store. He parked his car in front of the store and I ran in to buy some bottles of mineral water. When I got out of the store, I ran (3) ..... the car parked in front and got inside. Suddenly, I found it was not John's car and the driver was shocked by me. I felt so embarrassed at that time. I kept (4) ..... and ran with shame and blush on my face to John's car. My friends had seen the whole story, which came to pass from the view mirror and they were laughing all the energy of their hearts.

- |                    |                |                     |               |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1: A. four day     | B. four-day    | C. four-days        | D. four days  |
| 2: A. Because of   | B. In spite of | C. Therefore        | D. However    |
| 3: A. away         | B. into        | C. towards          | D. out of     |
| 4: A. to apologize | B. apologizing | C. being apologized | D. apologized |

2.

In the United States, volunteering is viewed as a good way (1) \_\_\_\_\_ give children a sense of community responsibility and to bring the family together. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is growing across the United States today because people are trying to put more emphasis on family togetherness, and they are looking for ways to help young people have a feeling of hope and satisfaction. It is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ that volunteering helps children discover their talents, develop their skills, and learn about cooperation and problem solving. (4) \_\_\_\_\_, family volunteering has some advantages. It benefits the community that is served, it benefits the family for serving together, and it benefits each individual in the family.

- |                    |              |                |              |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1: A. of           | B. to        | C. in          | D. for       |
| 2: A. Volunteerism | B. Voluntary | C. Voluntarily | D. Volunteer |
| 3: A. regarded     | B. concerned | C. believed    | D. accepted  |
| 4: A. Consequently | B. However   | C. Therefore   | D. Moreover  |

3.

Birthday are celebrated in a variety of ways in the United States. A birthday (1) \_\_\_\_\_ considered a special day for the birthday person, so the person will often get special treatment from friends and family.

At work, colleagues may celebrate a birthday by giving cards, flowers, cakes or by taking the person out to lunch. Colleagues will often wish the person a happy birthday. (2) \_\_\_\_\_, not all work places celebrate birthdays, and, in fact, many adults don't want (3) \_\_\_\_\_ their birthday. Some people don't like the reminder that they are continually getting older; others just don't like being the center (4) \_\_\_\_\_ attention.

- |                    |              |                |               |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. A. was          | B. has       | C. does        | D. is         |
| 2. A. Despite      | B. Therefore | C. In addition | D. However    |
| 3. A. to celebrate | B. celebrate | C. celebrating | D. celebrated |

4. A. for                      B. at                      C. of                      D. in

4.

I was with Overseas Volunteers (OV) for a year after leaving university, and I was sent to an isolated village in Chad, about 500 kilometers (1)..... the capital N'Djamena. Coming from a rich country, I got quite a shock, as conditions were much harder than I had expected. But after a few days I soon got used to (2).....there. The people were always very friendly and helpful, and I soon began to appreciate how (3) .....the countryside was.

One of my jobs was to supply the village with water. The well was a long walk away, and the women used to spend a long time everyday carrying heavy pots backwards and forwards. (4)....., I contacted the organization and arranged to (5).....some pipe delivered. We build a simple pipeline and a pump, and it worked first time.

- |    |             |              |                   |                |
|----|-------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1: | A. on       | B. in        | C. from           | D. to          |
| 2: | A. living   | B. lives     | C. live           | D. lived       |
| 3: | A. handsome | B. sweet     | C. good - looking | D. beautiful   |
| 4: | A. However  | B. Therefore | C. Moreover       | D. Furthermore |