

READING COMPREHENSION (NO.1)

Read the following passages and choose the best answer

READING 1:

It was Sunday. I never get up early on Sundays. I sometimes stay in bed until lunch time. Last Sunday I got up very late. I looked out of the window. It was dark outside. "What a day!" I thought. "It's raining again". Just then, the telephone rang. It was my aunt Lucy. "I've just arrived by train," she said. "I'm coming to see you".

"But I'm still having breakfast," I said.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"I'm having breakfast," I repeated.

"Dear me," she said.

"Do you always get up so late? It's one o'clock!"

1. Just then, the telephone rang. It rang _____.

- A. at once B. immediately C. again D. at that moment

2. She was his aunt. So he was her _____.

- A. son B. grandson C. nephew D. niece

3. Breakfast is the first _____ of the day.

- A. food B. dinner C. lunch D. meal

4. Aunt Lucy said "Dear me" because she was _____.

- A. angry B. surprised C. tired D. pleased

5. He doesn't get up early on Sundays. He gets up _____.

- A. late B. lately C. slowly D. hardly

6. _____ did aunt Lucy come? - By train.

- A. When B. How C. Why D. Where

7. When aunt Lucy telephoned, _____.

- A. the writer was asleep.
B. the writer was still in bed.
C. the writer had already got up.
D. the writer was having lunch.

8. Aunt Lucy was surprised because _____.

- A. the writer was having lunch.
B. it was one o'clock.
C. it was late.
D. the writer was having breakfast at lunch time.

READING 2:

Last week at a dinner party, the hostess asked me to sit next to Mrs. Rumbold. Mrs. Rumbold was a large, unsmiling lady in a tight black dress. She did not even look up when I took my seat beside her. Her eyes were fixed on her plate and in a short time, she was busy eating. I tried to make conversation.

"A new play is coming to Me Globe soon: I said. "Will you be seeing it?"

"No," she answered.

"Will you be spending your holidays abroad this year?" I asked.

"No," she answered.

"Will you be staying in England?" I asked.

"No," she answered.

In despair, I asked her whether she was enjoying her dinner.

"Young man." she answered, "if you ate more and talked less. we would both enjoy our dinner!"

1. The opposite of "tight" _____

- A. lose B. loose C. loses D. loosen

2. The Globe must be a _____.

- A. circus B. theater C. play D. night club

3. Are you enjoying your dinner? Is it _____?

- A. enjoying you B. amusing you
C. entertaining you D. giving you pleasure

4. Mrs. Rumbold won't go abroad. She rarely goes _____.

- A. outside B. overseas C. out D. foreign

5. Her eyes were fixed on the plate. She _____ it.

- A. was glancing at B. was staring at
C. was thinking about D. was stuck to

6. I asked her _____ she was enjoying her dinner.

- A. weather B. in case C. if D. unless

7. Which word best describes Mrs. Rumbold? She was _____.

- A. hungry B. polite C. rude D. talkative

8. The writer asked questions because _____.

- A. he wanted to find out about Mrs. Rumbold.
B. he wanted to know if Mrs. Rumbold was going abroad.
C. he wanted to be sociable.
D. he always talks too much.

READING 3:

I arrived in London at last. The railway station was big, black and dark. I did not know the way to my hotel. so I asked a porter. I not only spoke English very carefully, but very clearly as well. The porter, however, could not understand me. I repeated my questions several times and at last he understood. He answered me, but he spoke neither slowly nor clearly. "I am a foreigner," I said. Then he spoke slowly, but I could not understand him. My teacher never spoke English like that! The porter and I looked at each other and smiled. Then he said something and I understood it. "You'll soon learn English!" he said. I wonder. In England, each man speaks a different language. The English understand each other, but I don't understand them! Do they speak English?

1. He didn't speak slowly and he didn't speak clearly _____.

- A. neither B. either C. too D. nor

2. The porter and I looked at each other. _____ both smiled.

- A. I B. He C. We D. They

3. I repeated my questions several times. I repeated it _____ times.

- A. much B. a number of C. only a few D. three

4. At last, he understood. He understood _____.

- A. in the end B. at least C. lastly D. at the finish

5. I am a foreigner. I am _____.

- A. an alien B. a stranger C. overseas D. abroad

6. _____ did you repeat our question? - Several times.

- A. How many times B. How many C. How much D. How

7. Why couldn't the waiter understand the porter?

- A. The writer didn't know any English
B. The porter didn't speak English.
C. The writer couldn't understand the porter's English.
D. The writer was a foreigner.

8. The writer _____.

- A. didn't think the porter was English.
B. expected everyone in England to speak like his teacher.
C. doesn't think the English speak English.
D. thinks that the English speak many different languages.

READING 4:

KEEPING YOUR TEETH HEALTHY

It is very important to have healthy teeth. Good teeth help us to chew our food. They also help us to look nice.

How does a tooth go bad? The decay begins in a little crack in the enamel covering of the tooth. This happens after germs and bits of food have collected there. Then the decay slowly spreads inside the tooth. Eventually, poison goes into the blood, and we may feel quite ill.

How can we keep our teeth healthy? First, we ought to visit our dentist twice a year. He can fill the small holes in our teeth before they destroy the teeth. He can examine our teeth to check that they are growing in the right way. Unfortunately, many people wait until they have toothache before they see a dentist.

Secondly, we should brush our teeth with a toothbrush and fluoride toothpaste at least twice a day - once after breakfast and once before we go to bed. We can also use wooden toothpicks to clean between our teeth after a meal.

Thirdly, we should eat food that is good for our teeth and our body: milk, cheese, fish, brown bread, potatoes, red rice, raw vegetables and fresh fruit. Chocolate, sweets, biscuits and cakes are bad, especially when we eat them between meals. They are harmful because they stick to our teeth and cause decay.

1. Milk, fish, vegetables, etc. are good for _____.

- A. our teeth B. our health C. bodies D. All are correct

2. We should go to the dentist _____.

- A. once a year B. twice a year
C. three times a year D. four times a year

3. Good teeth help us to _____.

- A. be nice B. have good eyesight
C. chew our food D. be important

4. When food and germs collect in a small crack, our teeth _____.

- A. become hard B. begin to decay
C. send poison into the blood D. make us feel quite ill

5. A lot of people visit a dentist only when _____.

- A. their teeth grow properly B. they have holes in their teeth
C. they have toothache D. they have brushed their teeth

6. We ought to try to clean our teeth _____.

- A. once a day B. at least twice a day C. between meals D. before breakfast

7. We shouldn't eat a lot of _____.

- A. red rice B. fresh fruit C. fish D. chocolate

8. Sweets are harmful because they make our teeth _____.

- A. black B. ache C. bad D. cracked