

### III. Reading

#### Ex1: Read the following passage and choose the correct answer to each question

In southern Australia, there is a town where chimneys rise from the sand and there are big red signs warning people of "unmarked holes". This town is Coober Pedy, often known as the "underground" town.

Coober Pedy is a small town over 1,000 miles from Canberra, the country's capital. Today it has about 1,800 residents. Originally, residents of Coober Pedy were opal miners, and even today it is still a mining town.

The Coober Pedy region is mostly a treeless desert. Very little plant life exists due to the region's low rainfall and intense heat, so most of the residents live underground to escape the heat. They call their underground homes "dugouts". These dugouts remain at a constant temperature, while surface buildings need air conditioning. The average maximum temperature is 30-32°C, but it can get quite cool in the winter.

There are a number of underground hotels and tourist shops in the town. The town has become a popular stopover point and tourist destination.

1. What is special about people in Coober Pedy?

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| A. They are coal miners.       | B. They live underground.      |
| C. They need air conditioning. | D. They receive many tourists. |

2. People in Coober Pedy live in "dugouts" because

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| A. very little plant life exists | B. they can do the mining there |
| C. it is much cooler there       | D. there are many hotels there  |

3. The underlined word "it" in the passage refers to

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| A. Canberra | B. capital city | C. opal | D. Coober Pedy |
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4. The underlined word "intense" in the passage probably means

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| A. strong | B. quiet | C. weak | D. interesting |
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5. Which of the following is NOT true, according to the passage?

- A. There are big red warning signs in Coober Pedy.
- B. Houses underground in Coober Pedy are called "dugouts".
- C. The average temperature in Coober Pedy region is 30-32°C.
- D. There are a lot of tourist shops in the town.

**Exercise 6. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer marked A, B C or D for each question.**

The lifestyle in Bangkok is quite different. I think that living in Bangkok is very exciting. I haven't lived here all my life. My family came here when I was three. But now it is my home. Nearly all my friends live here. It is our capital city, and very big. From morning till night there are crowds of people on the main streets. Some parts of the city are very noisy. I have a long journey to school every day, but I don't mind because it is so interesting.

There's always something happening in the streets. There are all kinds of people selling things – fruits, flowers, cooked food, clothes, - everything you could imagine. I really enjoy the excitement of the crowded streets and large modern buildings. I love walking around the streets at the weekend with some other boys from my class.

26. When did the writer move to Bangkok?

- A. When he was three months years old
- B. At the age of three
- C. When he was in grade three
- D. At the age of thirteen

27. What does the word “main” in paragraph mean?

- A. quiet
- B. minor
- C. major
- D. clean

28. Why doesn't the writer mind the long journey to his school?

- A. Because he travels by bus
- B. Because he can see many interesting things in the streets
- C. Because he selling fruits
- D. Because he can enjoy cooked food

29. Which of the following sentence is NOT true?

- A. The writer was born in Bangkok
- B. Bangkok is the capital city of Thailand
- C. The writer's house is very far from his school
- D. Almost streets in Bangkok are crowded and busy

30. Who does the writer walk around the streets at weekends with?

- A. His sister
- B. His brother
- C. His cousin
- D. His classmates

**Ex3: Read the following passage and choose the correct answer**

Each country has its own special traditions and customs just as individuals have their own(1). and daily routines. Many people find it difficult to get used to the customs of another country(2)they go abroad. For example, in some Asian countries, people do not usually finish everything on their plates, because it is a ..(3)that they have not had enough to eat. Visitors from the West find it difficult to(4)used to this, because they usually eat everything up to the show that they like it. When an Asian host sees their(5) plates, he usually assumes that they want more.

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| 1. A. habits | B. fashions | C. styles   | D. practices |
| 2. A. where  | B. after    | C. when     | D. why       |
| 3. A. symbol | B. icon     | C. warning  | D. sign      |
| 4. A. make   | B. get      | C. maintain | D. look      |
| 5. A. clear  | B. empty    | C. vacant   | D. blank     |

**Ex4. Read the following passage and choose the correct answer for each blank**

When you game online, be careful when you make friends with strangers. What should you do? Firstly, remember that it is (1).. friends maybe adults (2). to lie online and some of these "online ....want to harm you. Secondly, never give your personal information such as your full name or your hometown. Thirdly, only play online games when you have (3)..... antivirus software. In addition, tell your parents what games you are playing and what you love (4).....them. In short, just like is the real world, you need to be careful when (5) with strangers

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| 1. A. simple | B.difficult | C. happy    | D. easy    |
| 2. A. What   | B. Who      | C. Whom     | D. Whose   |
| 3. A.updated | B. update   | C. updating | D. updates |
| 4. A.in      | B.to        | C.about     | D.with     |
| 5. A.to play | B.played    | C.play      | D.playing  |