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ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

Class:

Time: 15 minutes

I. READING

Question 1-5: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The summer travel season will soon be upon us, with notions of escape, unplugging and faraway lands. But while the idea of disconnecting from technology when abroad seems relaxing, the stress of visiting a foreign country without a smartphone connection can quickly counteract the benefits of a digital detox. After landing in an unfamiliar place, you may realize that an inability to look up mobile maps or places to eat on a phone can be crippling. Relying on a printed tourist guide may feel primitive and immediately inform robbers that you are holding lots of cash.

So what to do? There are two ways to take your cellphone abroad and get data — the **frugal** way and the pay-full-price way. The inexpensive method involves some planning ahead, while the full-price way is easy but requires paying even more money to your carrier **(A)**.

First, a very well-liked option is usually the full-price, for many years, American wireless customers have been able to pay extra to their carrier for international roaming, or the ability to seamlessly use a foreign network **(B)**. Among other options, AT&T sells an international package with a modest amount of data (800 megabytes, enough to last about a week) for \$120, and Verizon Wireless charges \$5 a day for roaming in many countries. And in three recent years, T-Mobile USA and Sprint began offering free international roaming, but with a warning: The data speeds are very slow.

For frugal travelers, there are some smart alternatives if they are willing to do a bit of homework **(C)**.

To get a good deal, the initial step is to bring an "unlocked" smartphone, which is a phone not restricted to use with one carrier, into a foreign carrier's store, buy a data package and insert its SIM card into the phone. (In wireless industry jargon, these are called prepaid international SIM cards.) Even better, some overseas carriers let you order a SIM card ahead of time **(D)**.

1. According to the first paragraph, though disconnecting from technology during holiday sounds restful, tourists can still face _____.

- A. the danger of being robbed
B. the stress when having no digital assistance
C. the threat of being lost
D. the risk of having nothing to eat

2. The word "**frugal**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. easy B. costly C. dangerous D. cheap

3. According to paragraph 3, how many ways to use the international roaming are there in the full-price option?

- A. one B. two C. three D. five

4. Customers don't have to pay money for the roaming service of _____.

- A. AT&T B. Verizon Wireless C. T-Mobile D. SIM

5. Where can the following clause be placed in the passage?

"... so you can get it before your trip or have it delivered to your hotel ..."

- A. (A) B. (B) C. (C) D. (D)

II. VOCABULARY

Question 6-10: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. Write your answers in the given spaces.

6. My father treated his friends with _____ and thoughtfulness. (GENEROUS)
7. The worst part is being _____ to change anything. (HELP)
8. Most people coming from the countryside experience some form of _____ when living in big cities. (DISCRIMINATE)
9. Don't believe him. He's totally _____ as a source of information. (RELY)
10. I was very proud when my brother received commendations for his _____. (ACHIEVE)

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