TOPIC 1: LEISURE TIME

Part 1: Introduction and interview on familiar topics.

1. The examiner asks the student about him/herself, his/her family, his/her hobbies.
2. How much leisure time do you have on an average day?
3. What do you often do in your leisure time?
4. Which leisure activity do you like best? Why?

Part 2: Talk about a leisure activity you like.

You should talk about:

- What it is
- How long you have had it
- What its benefits are

Part 3:

1. What do you think is the best leisure activity for teenagers?
2. Should parents decide how teenagers spend their free time?

C. READING

Exercise 1. Read the following passage and circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

There are many reasons why it (1) _____ important to have a hobby. It will give you a pleasure (2) _____ help you relax. Many old people enjoy gardening. They (3) ____ a lot of trees and vegetables, so they can sell them for some money. In addition, a hobby can help you connect with other people. If you like

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(4) ____ stamps, you can join a stamp club to share your albums with other collectors. If your hobby is carving eggshells, you can give your products to your friends (5) ____ gifts.

1.	A. have	B. do	C. are	D. is
2.	A. and	B. but	C. or	D. so
3.	A. grows	B. to grow	C. growing	D. grow
4.	A. gardening	B. playing	C. selling	D. collecting
5.	A. as	B. for	C. in	D. with

Exercise 2. Read the following passage and circle the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

① Almost everybody has some kinds of hobby. My hobbies are listening to music and watching television. I am very fond of music. When I am free, I often listen to my favorite songs from an old cassette recorder. At weekends, I usually go to music shops in the downtown areas to buy good CDs. Of the famous pop singers, I prefer Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, Madonna and Paul McCartney. I also spend an hour after dinner watching news and documentary programmes. I particularly enjoy the programme " The World Here and There " because it broadens my knowledge of nature and human civilizations.

I think that my hobbies are very useful. They widen my knowledge, relax my mind, and make me feel better about myself.

1. The writer's hobbies are _____.
   A. listening to music and playing games. B. playing games and watching TV.
   C. watching TV and listening to music. D. reading books and playing games.
2. The writer often listens to his favorite songs from _____.
   A. a cassette recorder B. a laptop
   C. a mobile phone D. a computer
3. What does he usually do at weekends?
   A. He usually listens to music with his friends. B. He usually stays at home and listens to music.
   C. He usually listens to music at music shops. D. He usually goes downtown to buy CDS.
4. Why does he enjoy the programme "The World Here and There"?
   A. Because he can see his most famous singers. B. Because it widens his knowledge.
   C. Because it contains some music programmes. D. Because he prefers to listen to Paul Cartney.

② One of the most obvious negative aspects of social networking is losing face- to-face contact with other people. Teens are sitting around with their phone in their hands all day long, tapping messages onto screens instead of communicating with real people. Many teenagers feel more comfortable with virtual friends than with real ones. The majority think that it is easier to chat on the Internet because they lack communication skills.

It is also true that parents often have no knowledge about what their kids do with their phones or computer. Crosby says that, "While kids are plugged in to social media, only about 40% of parents are involved themselves." And because parents don't know the full picture, they also don't know how to deal with a teenager's potential overuse of social media and might not even be aware that a problem exists. Therefore, social networking can be much more immediately engaging with the teenager's life than parents are, and this fact makes virtual communication feels more "real" than face-to-face communication.

(Source: Adapted from We have kids)

1.What is the main idea of the passage?
   A. Parents should use social networks more to understand their children.
   B. Students are using social networks too much.
   C. Social networking brings negative effects to student's face-to-face communication.
   D. Virtual life is easier than real life.
2.What do most teenagers think about chatting on the Internet?
   A. Chatting on the Internet is easier than talking with real people.
   B. Chatting on the Internet is more difficult than talking with real people.
   C. Chatting on the Internet is funnier than talking with real people.
   D. Chatting on the Internet is more boring than talking with real people.
3. The percentage of 40% refers to

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A. The number of parents who let their children use social media.
B. The number of parents who do not want their children to use media.
C. The number of parents who use social media.
D. The number of parents who do not use social media.

4. Which sentence is NOT TRUE according to the passage?
A. The majority of teenagers find it easier to communicate with virtual friend
B. The majority of teenagers lacks communication skill.
C. The majority of parents know how to use social media with their children
D. The majority of parents do not know how to deal with their children overuse of social media.

5. Which of the following best explains the word "overuse" in the passage?
A. using something overnight
B. using something too much
C. using something without thinking
D. using something with carelessness

Exercise 3. Read the passage and then decide whether the sentences are True (T) or False (F)

A hobby is a regular activity that is done for enjoyment, typically during one' leisure time. Hobbies can include collecting themed items and objects, engaging in creative and artistic pursuits, playing sports, or pursuing other amusements. By continually participating in a particular hobby, one can acquire substantial skill and knowledge in that area. Hobby is something that a person develops from childhood, more specifically during primary school, to late life. We can never predict when we develop interests in new things and have a likeness towards it.

In this busy daily schedule, we all get so busy in our life routine that sometimes we forget to give out time for our hobbies. Indulging in a hobby is actually good for a sound health. We all need a time of leisure for ourselves and that particular time is when we like to do something that gives us immense happiness.

(Source: Adapted from Tip Top Lifestyle)

	T	F
1. A hobby is often done in one's free time.		
2. People can gain skills and knowledge through taking up a hobby.		
3. A hobby is mostly developed from the age of two to three.		
4. It's difficult to predict one's new hobby development.		
5. Involving in a hobby negatively affects one's health.		

Exercise 4. Read the article then answer the questions.

Take a Bath!

Traveling is fun because you can see how people in other parts of the world live. One thing travelers don't often think about before traveling is how other cultures bathe. And bathrooms in many countries may be different from the kind you are used to.

In the United States, most people take a shower once a day in the morning. The showerhead is usually mounted on the wall and cannot be moved. The bather simply stands under the water, gets wet, scrubs with soap and often a washcloth, and then rinses off.

Children often take a bath each night and enjoy playing with small toys such as boats and rubber ducks. Many adults, especially women, enjoy a soothing bath to get rid of stress at the end of the day.

It is important to remember that when you take a shower or bath in the United States, you should be careful to keep the water inside the bathtub or shower. Unlike bathrooms in many countries, there is no drain in the floor. If water gets on the floor it cannot go anywhere and must be cleaned up with a towel or mop. It can also cause problems for the floor. So be careful.

1. What the traveler don't often think about?
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2. When do Americans often take a shower?
→
3. What about children? When do they take a bath?
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4. What should you remember when taking a shower or bath in the United States?
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5. Do you think that taking a bath can get rid of stress at the end of the day?
   →

D. WRITING

Exercise 1. Put the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.

1. When/game/ be careful/ you/ online/, /when/ make friends/ strangers/ you/ with //.
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2. We/ that/ can/ Kim/ likes/ see/ the/ piano/ playing //.
   →
3. Such as/ hobbies/ or/ making/ things/ crafts/ collecting/ interesting/ are / some //.
   →
4. health/ sitting/ problems/ all/ day/ in front of/ the/ can/ computer/ cause //.
   →
5. fancy/ you/ do/ children/ with/ working? //
   →

Exercise 2. Rewrite the following sentences without changing their original meanings.

1. I am interested in learning English.
   → I like
2. Lan likes using the computer best in her free time
   → Lan's favorite
3. I am interested in going camping with my close friends.
   → I fancy
4. Mr. Pike is a big fan of water polo.
   → Mr. Pike is fond
5. It is not a problem to me whether I have to pick her up to the cinema or not.
   → I don't mind
6. John cannot bear listening to such kind of noisy music.
   → John dislikes

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