Last year, my sister went (1) _____ an exchange program in Sydney, Australia. She stayed with a host family for ten months and learned many interesting things about Australian (2) _____.

Australia is a huge country with beautiful beaches and unique animals. My sister was amazed to see kangaroos and koalas (3) _____ the first time. She also visited the famous Sydney Opera House, which looks (4) _____ giant white shells near the harbor.

At her Australian school, students wore uniforms and called their teachers by their first (5) _____. This was very different from our country! She made many friends who taught her Australian slang. For example, Australians say "G'day" (6) _____ "Hello" and "arvo" instead of "afternoon."

The weather in Australia is opposite to ours because it is in the Southern Hemisphere. When we have winter, Australians (7) _____ summer! My sister celebrated Christmas on the beach in December. She said it felt very strange to have a barbecue on Christmas Day.

My sister improved her English (8) _____ during her stay. She now speaks with a slight Australian accent! She recommends exchange programs to everyone who wants to learn about English-speaking (9) _____. Next year, I hope to visit New Zealand or Canada for my own adventure!

1. A. in	B. at	C. on	D. by
2. A. pollution	B. culture	C. traffic	D. disease
3. A. at	B. in	C. for	D. on
4. A. as	B. same	C. like	D. similar
5. A. houses	B. names	C. cars	D. phones
6. A. because of	B. out of	C. ahead of	D. instead of
7. A. hates	B. enjoy	C. avoiding	D. missed
8. A. slowly	B. badly	C. carelessly	D. significantly
9. A. foods	B. vehicles	C. countries	D. animals

Exercise 13: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

1.

A VIRTUAL TOUR OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

Last month, our English teacher organized a virtual tour (1) _____ English Week at school. We used computers to explore famous places in English-speaking countries without leaving our classroom!

First, we visited the United Kingdom and saw Big Ben and Tower Bridge. The tour guide gave a presentation (2) _____ British history and traditions. She showed us (3) _____ beautiful photos of Buckingham Palace where the King lives!

Next, we explored New York City in the United States. The Statue of Liberty was the (4) _____ impressive landmark we saw. Our teacher explained that millions of tourists (5) _____ this famous statue every year.

Then we traveled to Canada to see Niagara Falls. The waterfall is (6) _____ huge that you can hear it from far away! Many people visit this natural wonder on the border between Canada and the USA.

After that, we discovered Australia's Sydney Opera House and the Great Barrier Reef. The colorful coral and fish were amazing! We also learned (7) _____ New Zealand's green mountains and beautiful lakes.

At the end of the tour, many students (8) _____ to visit these countries one day. Learning English will help us communicate with people there. I hope my dream of traveling to these places will come true!

1. A. between	B. after	C. during	D. since
2. A. about	B. under	C. behind	D. beside
3. A. some	B. much	C. few	D. many
4. A. more	B. most	C. very	D. quite
5. A. avoid	B. visit	C. forget	D. hate
6. A. too	B. very	C. so	D. such
7. A. about	B. at	C. for	D. with
8. A. refused	B. stopped	C. hated	D. hoped

2.

MY PEN PAL FROM IRELAND

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Last year, our English teacher started a pen pal program with a school in Dublin, Ireland. The program (1) _____ for six months. It was a very (2) _____ experience because I learned so much about Irish culture and traditions.

(3) _____ in our class received a pen pal from Ireland. Some students wrote letters by hand, while others sent emails every week. Our teacher helped us correct our English before sending messages each (4) _____. Everyone was excited to receive replies from their new Irish friends.

My pen pal is a girl named Aoife. She told me about famous Irish places like the Cliffs of Moher and Dublin Castle. She also explained that Ireland has two official (5) _____: English and Irish Gaelic. Many street signs there show both languages! Aoife sent me photos of green countryside and beautiful castles, (6) _____ I sent her pictures of Vietnamese food and festivals.

Through this program, I discovered that Irish people are very friendly and love music. Traditional Irish dancing is popular worldwide. Aoife invited me to visit Ireland someday. I hope my dream will come true!

1. A. broke	B. lasted	C. stopped	D. fell
2. A. terrible	B. boring	C. angry	D. wonderful
3. A. Animals	B. Buildings	C. Everyone	D. Machines
4. A. century	B. week	C. decade	D. year
5. A. sports	B. foods	C. languages	D. animals
6. A. but	B. or	C. because	D. and

Exercise 14: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

1.

MY SUMMER CAMP IN SINGAPORE

My name is Minh, and I want to tell you about my summer camp in Singapore last July. Singapore is a small country in Southeast Asia where people speak English as one of the official languages. It was the most **memorable** experience I have ever had!

The first place we visited was Marina Bay Sands. This famous hotel has three towers connected by a huge sky park on top. Our guide said about 15 million tourists visit Singapore every year. They come from all over the world to see this modern city. My mother was impressed because the buildings looked like something from a science fiction movie!

Next, we explored the Gardens by the Bay. This amazing park has giant artificial trees called Supertrees. These structures are between 25 and 50 meters tall and are covered with beautiful plants. The park also has two huge glass domes where visitors can see flowers from every continent. I felt like I was walking through a magical forest.

The most fascinating part was visiting the Singapore Zoo. Unlike normal zoos, animals here live in open spaces without cages. We saw orangutans eating breakfast with visitors at a special café. The zoo is home to over 2,800 animals from 300 species. Singaporeans are very proud of how they protect wildlife. I learned that conservation is important for our planet's future.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?

A. The passage explains how to book a trip to Singapore.

B. The passage describes Minh's experiences at a summer camp in Singapore.

C. The passage talks about problems in Singapore.

D. The passage tells about Minh's school in Vietnam.

2. What does the word "**memorable**" in the passage mostly mean?

A. very boring and tiring

B. difficult to understand

C. worth remembering

D. easy to forget

3. According to the passage, which of the following sentences is TRUE?

A. Marina Bay Sands has five towers.

B. The Supertrees are covered with beautiful plants.

C. Singapore Zoo keeps all animals in cages.

D. Only 1 million tourists visit Singapore each year.

4. How tall are the Supertrees at Gardens by the Bay?

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A. Between 10 and 20 meters
B. Between 25 and 50 meters
C. Between 60 and 80 meters
D. Between 100 and 150 meters
5. What makes Singapore Zoo different from normal zoos?
A. It has no animals at all.
B. Visitors cannot see any wildlife.
C. Animals live in open spaces without cages.
D. It only opens during winter months.

2.

AN AUSTRALIAN EXCHANGE STUDENT AT OUR SCHOOL

My name is Lan, and I want to tell you about Jack, an exchange student from Australia who studied at our school last semester. He came to Vietnam to learn about our culture and improve his Vietnamese. Now our class has become more interested in learning about English-speaking countries.

In September, Jack joined our class and quickly made many friends. He told us **fascinating** stories about life in Sydney, his hometown. The stories had to be translated sometimes because Jack spoke very fast. Our English teacher, Ms. Hương, helped us communicate with him and understand Australian slang.

We learned many interesting facts about Australia from Jack. Some facts were about wildlife, some were about sports, and all were very surprising. The Australian school system is different from ours because their summer holiday is in December and January. Then Jack explained that seasons in Australia are opposite to Vietnam. The weather there is hot during Christmas time!

The most memorable activity was when Jack taught us about Australian animals. Everyone loved **it** because he brought pictures and videos of kangaroos, koalas, and platypuses. The students who sat near him asked many questions about these unique creatures. He even taught us some Australian expressions like "G'day mate" which means "Hello friend."

Our headmaster was very pleased with the exchange program. She said it helped students learn about different cultures and improved our English skills. Next year, we hope to welcome more exchange students from other English-speaking countries like Canada or New Zealand.

1. What can be the best title for the passage?
A. How to Study in Australia
B. The History of Sydney
C. An Australian Exchange Student at Our School
D. Learning Vietnamese with Ms. Hương
2. The word "**fascinating**" in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.
A. boring B. terrible C. very interesting D. confusing
3. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?
A. Jack came from Sydney, Australia.
B. Australian students have summer holiday in June and July.
C. Ms. Hương helped students communicate with Jack.
D. Jack taught students about Australian animals.
4. The word "**it**" in the sentence "Everyone loved it because he brought pictures and videos..." refers to _____.
A. the exchange program
B. the activity about Australian animals
C. the Australian school system
D. the English class
5. Why was the headmaster pleased with the exchange program?
A. Because Jack gave money to the school library.
B. Because students stopped speaking Vietnamese completely.
C. Because it helped students learn about different cultures and improved their English.
D. Because Australian teachers came to work at the school.

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Exercise 15: Four phrases/sentences have been removed from the text below. Choose the correct answer to complete the text. Write only the letter A-D in each blank.

1.

MY PEN PAL FROM NEW ZEALAND

Last month, I received my first letter from Emma, a pen pal from New Zealand. She is thirteen years old and lives in Auckland, the largest city there. (1) _____ I was very happy and showed the letter to my whole family.

Emma told me many interesting things about her country. New Zealand has two main islands called the North Island and the South Island. (2) _____ Her family often goes hiking in the mountains during weekends because they love nature.

I also learned about the Maori people, who are the native people of New Zealand. They have a special greeting called "hongi" where people press their noses together. (3) ____ Emma said she can perform this dance and wants to show me through a video call someday.

The most surprising fact was about New Zealand's animals. The country has a famous bird called the kiwi that cannot fly. (4) ____ Emma promised to send me photos of kiwi birds from the zoo near her house. I hope I can visit New Zealand and meet Emma in person one day!

A. She wrote about her school, her hobbies, and her beautiful country.

B. The Maori also have a traditional dance called "haka" which is very powerful and exciting.

C. New Zealanders love this bird so much that they call themselves "Kiwis" too.

D. The South Island has beautiful mountains with snow on top all year round.

2.

MY ONLINE FRIEND FROM CANADA

Last summer, I joined an English learning website and met Tom, a student from Canada. He lives in Toronto, which is the largest city in Canada. (1) ____ We now chat online every weekend and have become good friends.

Tom shared many interesting facts about his country with me. Canada is the second largest country in the world by land area. (2) ____ Tom told me that winter in Canada is very cold, sometimes minus thirty degrees Celsius!

I was curious about Canadian schools, so Tom explained everything to me. Students in Canada study subjects like math, science, and French. (3) ____ Tom said he enjoys playing ice hockey with his classmates after school every Friday.

The most exciting thing Tom told me was about Niagara Falls. (4) ____ Millions of tourists visit this natural wonder every year. Tom promised to send me a video of the waterfall because photos cannot show how powerful it really is. I dream of visiting Canada and seeing Niagara Falls with my own eyes someday!

A. It has ten provinces and three territories with many different landscapes.

B. He told me about Canadian food, sports, and beautiful places in his country.

C. French is an official language in Canada, especially in Quebec.

D. This famous waterfall is located between Canada and the United States.

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Exercise 16: Reorder the words and phrases to make correct sentences.

1. is / Sydney / the largest city / Australia / in / .

→ _____

2. an / New Zealand / is / English-speaking country / .

→ _____

3. studying / My cousin / the UK / is / in / .

→ _____

4. a / Canada / very cold country / is / .

→ _____

5. visited / the Tower Bridge / in London / We / last summer / .

→ _____

6. has / The USA / many famous cities / .

→ _____

7. is / Scotland / a part of / the United Kingdom / .

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