YOUR NAME: _____ ENGLISH 9 UNIT 9

YOUR CLASS: _____ READING 1

I. Read the following passage and choose the best option for each numbered blank.

Many books, newspapers, airports and air-traffic control, technology, sports, pop music and advertising have the English as the (1) _____ language. In general, the universal language on the Internet is the English. The majority of the electronically stored (2) _____ around the world is in English. You can travel to any English speaking country without the need of having a (3)

Usually, if you don't know the language your hip would be hard and maybe you wouldn't enjoy it. Nowadays in the competitive job (4)_____it is necessary to speak English. So if you learn English you will have a better (5) of getting a job that pays more. English is also helpful if you are going to move to a different country (6)_____it is global language. A lot of educational information is in English; therefore, to have (7)_____to this material or maybe communicate with

(8)_____students it is necessary to have knowledge of English. It is necessary to learn English if you are (9) _____to study at a foreign university or school. Usually many educational institutions will provide you a preparatory courses to (10) _____ your English language skills but you have to at least a medium level of knowledge.

1. A. dominant	B. particular	C. regional	D. foreign
2. A. device	B. information	C. literature	D. textbook
3. A. specialist	B. writer	C. businessman	D. translator
4. A. company	B. agency	C. market	D. workshop
5. A. income	B. chance	C. source	D. vision
6. A. however	B. though	C. but	D. because
7. A. access	B. entry	C. permit	D. guidance
8. A. most	B. enough	C. other	D. only
9. A. planning	B. thinking	C. dreaming	D. looking
10. A. widen	B. enforce	C. estimate	D. improve

II. Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each question.

Over the past 600 years, English has grown from a language of a few speakers to become the dominant language of international communication. English as we know it today emerged around 1350, after having incorporated many elements of French that were introduced following the

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Norman invasion of 1066. Until the 1600s, English was, for the most part, spoken only in England and had not extended even as far as Wales, Scotland, or Ireland. However, during the course of the next two centuries, English began to spread around the globe as a result of exploration, trade (including slave trade), colonisation, and missionary work. Thus, small enclaves of English speakers became established and grew in various parts of the world. As these communities proliferated, English gradually became the primary language of international business, banking and diplomacy.

Currently, about 80 percent of the information stored on computer systems worldwide is English. Two- thirds of the world's science writing is in English, and English is the main language of technology, advertising, media, international airports, and air traffic controllers. Today there are more than 700 million English users in the world, and over half of these are nonnative speakers, constituting the largest number of normative users than any other language in the world.

1. What is the main topic of this passage?

A. The French influence on the English language.

B. The history of the English language.

C. The expansion of English as an international language.

D. The use of English for science and technology.

2. Approximately when did English begin to be used beyond England?

A. In 1066. B. Around 1350.

C. Before 1600. D. After 1600.

3. According to the passage, all of the following contributes to spread of English around the world EXCEPT?

A. The slave trade. B. The Norman invasion.

C. Missionaries. D. Colonisation.

4. The underlined word "proliferated" in the passage is closest in meaning to?

A. Prospered. B. Organized. C. Disbanded. D. Expanded.

5. It can be inferred from the passage that?

A. English first appeared more than a thousand years ago.

B. England colonised different parts of the world in early 2nd millennium

C. English is taught in primary schools all over the world.

D. English is not the language with the largest native speakers in the world.

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