

READING

1. Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C, or D) that best fits each space in the following passage.

To many people, their friends are the most important in their life. Really good friends always (01) _____ joys and sorrows with you and never turn their backs on you. Your best friend may be someone you have known all your life or someone you have grown (02) _____ with.

There are all sorts of things that can (03) _____ about this special relationship. It may be the result of enjoying the same activities and sharing experiences. Most of us have met someone that we have immediately felt relaxed with as if we had known them for ages. However, it really takes you years to get to know someone well (04) _____ to consider your best friend.

To the majority of us, this is someone we trust completely and (05) _____ understands us better than anyone else. It's the person you can tell him or her your most intimate secrets.

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| 1. | a. give | b. have | c. share | d. spend |
| 2. | a. on | b. in | c. through | d. up |
| 3. | a. cause | b. provide | c. result | d. bring |
| 4. | a. so | b. enough | c. such | d. too |
| 5. | a. whose | b. which | c. whom | d. who |

2. Read the passage and choose the best options to fill in the blanks. 6-10

Louis Braille was born in France in 1809. His father had a small business. He (6) _____ shoes and other things from leather. Louis liked to help his father in the store even when he was very small. One day when Louis was 3 years old, he was cutting some leather; suddenly the knife slipped and hit him in the eye. He soon became (7) _____.

When he was ten years old, he entered the National Institute for the blind in Paris. One day his class went to visit a special (8) _____ by a captain in the army. One thing in the exhibition was very interesting for Louis. It showed messages in code. Armies sent messages in secret codes so no one else could read them. The captain (9) _____ this code in raised letters on very thick paper.

Louis thought a lot about this code. Then he decided to write in the same way so the blind could "read" with their (10) _____. It is very difficult to feel the differences between raised letters. Instead of letters, Louis used a "cell" of six dots. So the blind can read and write even write music by Braille.

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| 6: | A. did | B. make | C. made | D. do |
| 7: | A. dumb | B. blind | C. deaf | D. mute |
| 8: | A. exhibition | B. exhibit | C. exhibited | D. exhibiting |
| 9: | A. have written | B. write | C. wrote | D. writing |
| 10: | A. ears | B. eyes | C. fingers | D. mouths |

3. Read the passage and choose the best answer to fill in the gap

The generation gap, which refers to a broad ___1___ between one generation and another, ___2___ between young people and their parents, usually leads to numerous conflicts. Such family conflicts can seriously ___3___ the relationship between parents and children at times.

It goes without saying that, however old their children are, parents still regard them as small kids and keep in mind that their offspring are too young to protect themselves ___4___ or have wise choices. Therefore, they tend to make a great attempt to help their children to discover the outside world. Nevertheless, they forget that as children grow up, they want to be more ___5___ and develop their own identity by creating their own opinions, thoughts, styles and values about life.

One common issue that drives conflicts is the clothes of teenagers. While teens are keen on wearing ___6___ clothes which try to catch up with the youth trends, parents who value traditional clothes believe that those kinds of attire violate the rules and the norms of the ___7___. It becomes worse when the expensive brand name clothes teens choose seem to be beyond the financial capacity of parents.

Another reason contributing to conflicts is the interest in ___8___ a career path or education between parents and teenagers. Young people are told that they have the world at their feet and that ___9___ future opportunities are just waiting for them to seize. However, their parents try to impose their choices of university or career on them regardless of their children's preference.

Indeed, conflicts between parents and children are the everlasting family phenomena. It seems that the best way to solve the matter is open ___10___ to create mutual trust and understanding.

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| 1. | A. different | B. differently | C. difference | D. differ |
| 2. | A. especially | B. especial | C. specify | D. speciality |

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| 3. A. threatened | B. threatens | C. threaten | D. threatening |
| 4. A. cautiously | B. cautious | C. caution | D. cautiousness |
| 5. A. independent | B. independently | C. independence | D. depend |
| 6. A. fashionable | B. fashionably | C. fashion | D. fashioned |
| 7. A. socially | B. society | C. socialize | D. sociable |
| 8. A. choosing | B. choose | C. choice | D. chosen |
| 9. A. dazzled | B. dazzling | C. dazzlingly | D. dazzledly |
| 10. A. communication | B. communicative | C. communicated | D. communicates |

4. Read the text and choose the best answer for each blank.

Viet Nam Assistance for the Handicapped (VNAH)

is a non-profit organization (32) in 1991 to assist people with disabilities in Viet Nam. Its main aim is to help disabled people to overcome their (33) Some of VNAH'S programmes (34) technical assistance to clinics and wheelchair factories in the production of high - quality and low - cost wheelchairs.

To (35) disadvantaged people, VNAH has set up the Office of Disabilities Technical Assistance (ODTA) in Hanoi. In addition, VNAH has launched a programme to support the government in improving activities benefiting people with disabilities.

In cooperation with the United States Agency for International Development , VNAH is now working to support different Vietnamese agencies. Special attention (36) to providing disabled people with full access to all facilities and services.

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| Question 32. A. find | B. found | C. funded | D. founded |
| Question 33. A. disabilities | B. abilities | C. disabled | D. disablement |
| Question 34. A. provide | B. provider | C. provision | D. produce |
| Question 35. A. fund | B. assist | C. donate | D. care |
| Question 36. A. was given | B. is given | C. are given | D. were given |