1   When computer programmers started making software systems, they programmed the years to be in two digits. For example, instead of using the year 1995, they shortened it to '95. This didn't seem like a problem until the year 2000 began to come near. The year 1999, shortened to '99, would become '00 instead of 2000. Programmers worried that all computer
5   systems would get confused and recognize '00 as 1900. People were concerned that computer systems everywhere would crash. Bank information would be lost, the electricity would go out, and the world would lose much of its information.

This problem was called "Y2K," short for "Year 2000." Some people gathered canned food and bottles of water in fear that many systems would stop working when 2000 came.
10   In reality, only small errors occurred. Computer programmers worked hard before the year 2000 to make sure the problems were fixed. Still, at a horse racetrack in Delaware in the U.S.A., 150 gambling machines stopped working. In Japan, an alarm went off at a nuclear power plant. Many web sites around the world showed errors. Instead of showing the date as 2000, they showed 19100.

Write the English word with this meaning

lập trình viên (n)		bị rối (adj)	
lập trình (v)		sụp đổ (v)	
rút ngắn (v)		đóng hộp (adj)	
lo lắng (adj)		lỗi (n)	

7. What is the best title for this passage?

(A) The Y2K Problem

(B) Collecting Food in 1999

(C) Two-Digit and Four-Digit Dates

(D) Computer Programmers, Our Heroes

8. In line 6, the word crash is closest in meaning to _____ .

(A) hit   (B) restart

(C) close off   (D) break down

9. In line 8, the word gathered is closest in meaning to _____ .

(A) took   (B) found

(C) collected   (D) harvested

Questions 10-12 are about the following passage.

1   Mickey Mouse is one of the most popular cartoon characters in the world. Mickey was invented in 1928 by Walt Disney. His first public cartoon was called *Steamboat Willie*, which was seen by many audiences. Originally, Walt Disney himself did Mickey Mouse's vocal expressions such as whistling, laughing, or crying. Mickey did not actually speak until 1929.
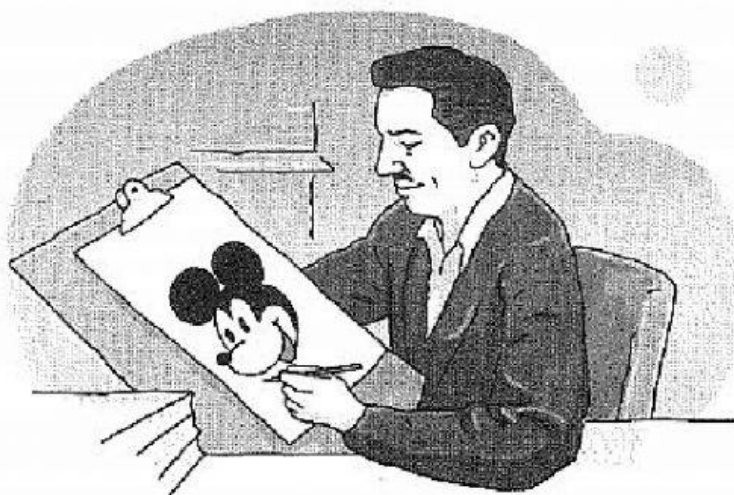
5   Interestingly enough, Mickey's first words were "Hot dogs! Hot dogs!"

    When Walt Disney began producing Mickey cartoons, there were hardly any animations in theaters. One of the reasons why Disney was much more successful than other animators was because of his use of sound. Most animation companies were creating silent animations. Walt Disney created a sound track to match the scenes in the cartoons, and this became very

10 popular. Audiences began to see how much could be <u>conveyed</u> by a sound track.

    Throughout his existence, Mickey has <u>undergone</u> a few changes. For example, he didn't always have white gloves. His black hands were difficult to see against his black body, so animators dressed Mickey in white gloves. In 1940, Mickey was given pupils in his eyes. Later, he would lose his trademark red pants and start wearing different clothes. Today,

15 Mickey Mouse is an icon for the Walt Disney Company and is known all over the world.

Write the English word with this meaning

phát minh (v)		sự sản xuất phim hoạt hình (n)	
ban đầu (adv)		họa sĩ phim hoạt hình (n)	
biểu hiện (n)		truyền đạt (v)	
bằng giọng nói (adj)		trải qua (v)	

10. What is the passage mostly about?

(A) Walt Disney's animations

(B) Mickey Mouse's first words

(C) Mickey Mouse's life and history

(D) The trademark of Mickey Mouse

11. In line 10, the word <u>conveyed</u> is closest in meaning to _____ .

(A) loved

(B) carried

(C) touched

(D) mimicked

12. In line 11, the word <u>undergone</u> is closest in meaning to _____ .

(A) achieved

(B) understood

(C) gone between

(D) gone through