

ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST**GRADE 6**

Time allowed: 90 minutes

C. READING (15 pts)**I. Read the following passage and choose the best answers. (10 pts)****The first Halloween**

Long ago in Britain, people (36) _____ go to wise old women (37) _____ "witches" to learn about the future. They believed that these witches had the (38) _____ to tell the future and to use magic words to protect people or change them. There were many beliefs about witches, (39) _____ are now a symbol of Halloween. (40) _____, people believed witches flew on broomsticks to big, secret meetings, where they ate, sang and (41) _____. The Christians tried to stop people (42) _____ believing in witches, but many uneducated people, especially in the countryside, hold on to their beliefs.

When people went to North America from the British Isles, they brought their Halloween customs with them. Today, Halloween is a night when children (43) _____ like ghosts, witches, devils and so on. They go from house to house in their (44) _____, ring doorbells, and shout "Trick or Treat!". People give them candy, apples, gum and nuts and the children have a good time. But most children have (45) _____ that their holiday has such a long history.

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| 1. A. get used to | B. used to | C. are used to | D. used |
| 2. A. named | B. are | C. called | D. as |
| 3. A. energy | B. power | C. strong | D. will |
| 4. A. which | B. whom | C. that | D. who |
| 5. A. For example | B. As a result | C. However | D. Therefore |
| 6. A. dance | B. dancing | C. danced | D. to dance |
| 7. A. by | B. from | C. of | D. about |
| 8. A. wear | B. make | C. disguise | D. dress up |
| 9. A. clothes | B. outfit | C. costumes | D. suits |
| 10. A. no idea | B. no opinion | C. no way | D. no belief |

II. Read the passage and choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to each question (5 pts)

Parents send their children to school to prepare for the time when they grow up. Children learn their native language so that they will be able to communicate fluently with other people around them. Moreover, they can preserve the valuable culture and literature of their country. They learn foreign languages in order to benefit from other countries' heritage. The more foreign languages they learn, the more benefits they get. Children also learn math to calculate, geography to know about nature, and history to know about human beings and historical events. Nearly everything they study at school has some practical uses in their life.

- Parents send their children to school to _____.
A. play better
B. learn English
C. prepare for their future
D. make them grow up
- Why do children have to learn their native language?
A. To learn foreign languages.
B. To communicate fluently with other people around them.
C. To benefit from foreign countries' heritage.
D. To know about nature.
- According to the passage, children learn history to know about _____.
A. people and historical events
B. practical uses in life

