GRADE 12- READING/ UNCOMMON WORDS IN READING

I. Human memory, **formerly** believed to be rather insufficient, is really much more **sophisticated** than that of a computer. Dr Bently proved that by stimulating their brains electrically, he could elicit the total recall of complex events in his subject lives.

*1. The word "formerly" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. in the past B. in general C. from time to time D. by chance

2. Find a synonym of "sophisticated" in the reading.

*3. "that" refers to*_____

A. human B. memory C. computer D. brain

II. This question has often been **posed**: "Why were the Wright brothers able to succeed in an effort at which so many others had failed?" Many explanations have been mentioned, but three reasons are most often **cited.** First, they were a team. Both men worked **congenially** and cooperatively, read the same book, located and shared information, had **incessant** talks about the possibility of manned flight, and served as a constant source of **inspiration** and encouragement to each other.....They had realized from their experiments that the most serious challenge in manned flight would be stabilizing and **maneuvering** the aircraft once it was **airborne.**

..... Attempts to achieve manned flight in the early 19th century were **doomed** because the steam engines that powered the aircrafts were too heavy in proportion to the power that they produced.

*1. The word "posed" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. changed B. raised C. thought D. made

2. Find a synonym of "cited" in the reading.

*3. The word "congenially" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. compatibly C. ineffectively B. deliberately D. accidentally

4. Find a synonym of "incessant" in the reading.

5. Find a synonym of "inspiration" in the reading.

*6. The word "maneuvering" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. instructing B. solving C. directing D. dominating

*7. The word "airborne" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. on land B. in the air C. in the space D. in water

8. *The word "were doomed" is closest in meaning to*_____

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A. failed B. achieved C. took a risk D. not well planned

9. *"they" refers to*_____

A. brothers B. aircrafts C. engines D. attempts

III. This source of energy remains quite difficult to exploit....Within the last few decades, several technologies that can transform the ocean's **immense** forces into usable electricity have been invented and introduced...The most common and easiest-to-develop technologies are those designed to **harness** the power in the ocean's waves.

*1. The word "immense" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. limited B. eternal C. tremendous D. marginal

2. *Find a synonym of "harness" in the reading.*

However, these theoretical advantages have yet to be fully realized. In many cases, a lack of government funding has **inhibited** the technology from advancing. For example, despite the relative abundance of proposed wave-power devices, many have not been **adequately** tested and most have been evaluated only in **artificial** pools where they are not subjected to the **harsh** marine conditions that exist in actual oceans. Protecting the equipment from the sea's destructive forces, as well as fundamental task of determining feasible locations for collecting energy, also present possible challenges. All in all, while ocean power offers some **intriguing** possibilities, the difficulties involved in harnessing this energy source are **substantial** and will require more time to overcome.

*3. The word "inhabited" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. delivered B. prevented C. protected D. disapproved

4. Find an antonym (từ trái nghĩa) of "adequately" in the reading.

5. Find an antonym (từ trái nghĩa) of "artificial" in the reading.

*6. The word "harsh" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. slight B. mild C. changeable D. severe

7. Find a synonym of "feasible" in the reading.

8. Find two antonyms (từ trái nghĩa) of "intriguing" in the reading. They are nouns

*9. The word "substantial" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. marginal B. considerable C. slight D. unclear

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IV. Another reason that the chicken pox vaccine was not immediately accepted by parents centered on observations made by scientists that the vaccine simply did not last long enough and did not offer **permanent** immunity. In other words, scientists considered the benefits of vaccine to be temporary when given to young children. They also feared that it increased the odds that a person could become infected with chicken pox later as a young adult, when the rash is more painful and **prevalent**, which can last up to three or four weeks. Hence, allowing young children to **develop** chicken pox rather than take a vaccine against it was believed to be the "lesser of two evils". This idea varied over time as booster shots of the vaccine can enhance immunity and **diminish** the perceived limits.

1. Find an antonym of "permanent" in the reading.

*2. The word "prevalent" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. comfortable B. widespread C. infectious D. contaminated

3. Find a synonym of "develop" in the reading.

*4. The word "varied" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. remained B. maintained C. changed D. gained

5. *Find an antonym of "diminish" in the reading.*

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