文意選填(基礎篇 HL): Unit 4

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16.

(A) scratch (B) recycled (C) site (D) magical (E) technician (F) created (G) hell (H) instruments (I) ordinary (J) orchestra

A group of young musicians in Paraguay live in a village formed around a municipal landfill. Its residents used to be trash pickers, but today, they are known for the __(1)__ music they make. At first glance, there is nothing unusual about the ensemble(樂團)'s warmup session as they tune their __(2)__, until you get a closer look at what exactly they are playing. What looks like a Stradivarius is actually a violin __(3)__ from a fork, paint can and baking tray. A flute is made of discarded pipes, keys, coins and caps, and an electric guitar out of a wax tin. These instruments are not __(4)__. They are made entirely of __(5)__ trash. The young musicians from the poor country are the Recycled __(6)__.

When we met them recently in New York City, they were more than 4,500 miles from their home in Cateura, a small village built around a landfill __(7)__ in the suburbs of Paraguay's capital city, Asunción. Around 2,500 local families __(8)__ a living by searching for things to sell from garbage.

Former environmental __(9)__ Favio Chávez came up with the idea of making music in the junkyard. He gives lessons to any child looking to escape the __(10)__ — like living conditions. He says music is a basic necessity for happiness.

17.

(A) rare (B) call (C) limbs (D) motivational (E) encouragement (F) realized (G) organization (H) overcomes (I) imperfect (J) blow

Have you even heard of Nick Vujicic? He is a big name among those who make __(1)__ speeches. He even founded *Attitude is Altitude*, which is a(n) __(2)__ that arranges his speeches around the world. Nick may __(3)__ the audience's minds when he first presents himself to them. He is a man without __(4)__.

Nick was born in 1982 in Australia, and he lost his arms and legs due to a(n) __(5)__ genetic disorder. Many of his classmates used to __(6)__ him names or laugh at his appearance. He was depressed and didn't know what he could do to feel satisfied with his __(7)__ life. One day, Nick was invited to share his story. When Nick saw how everyone had been touched by his words, he __(8)__ that his mission was to send positive messages to those who had lost hope and purpose in their lives. Without his __(9)__, they wouldn't have the bravery to face their hardships. Nick himself is a great example of how a man __(10)__ all the challenges of life and succeeds. And he proved one thing: What defines ones altitude in life is not appearance, but attitude.

18.

(A) because (B) picking on (C) advice (D) because of (E) mentioned (F) upset (G) solution (H) conflict (I) captain (J) relationship

Amber was troubled with a problem at school. She wrote to "Dear Wendy," a column in a popular magazine, in order to ask for __(1)__. Amber __(2)__ that she was a member of the volleyball team at her school. Her best friend, Bianca, was in the volleyball team, too. In fact, Bianca was the team __(3)__. She led the team very well. Recently, Amber had a(n) __(4)__ with Bianca. She thought Bianca had been __(5)__ her. For instance, she shouted at Amber angrily in

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front of the whole team __(6)__ a small mistake Amber had made. She also got mad at Amber __(7)__ she had messed up a move. Amber felt very __(8)__. Amber didn't want to give up her place on the team, but she didn't want to ruin their __(9)__. She needed to make a choice between keeping her best friend and being in the volleyball team, and no one could find a(n) __(10)__ for her. She was hoping Wendy's reply would help.

19.

(A) influential (B) suggests (C) keep (D) likely (E) think of (F) rarely (G) focus on (H) particular (I) growing (J) secret

In 2004, "The Facebook" was first launched as a social network. Instead of being open to the public, The Facebook was at first limited to those who were able to get accounts from Ivy League colleges and other __(1)__ schools. People __(2)__ expected that the number of users would grow to 30,000 in just 6 months. Now it is one of the most __(3)__ websites in the world. The reason for its early popularity was exclusivity（排他性）, which could __(4)__ it different from other social networks. Later, the company opened membership up to everyone. At the same time, the company became one of the fastest __(5)__ networks ever.

What is the __(6)__ behind the success of exclusivity? In theory, a reduction in supply __(7)__ it leads to an increase in demand. People tend to __(8)__ products that are difficult to get. The harder something is to get, the more __(9)__ people want it. That's because they will __(10)__ that it is of higher quality and value. What The Facebook did was in fact create a members-only list, thus creating a sense of exclusivity.

20.

(A) proves (B) over (C) mutter (D) how (E) thorns (F) idealized (G) sacrifice (H) sorrowful (I) across (J) advise

As a nightingale sits in her nest in an oak tree, she overhears a student speaking in a __(1)__ tone about his sweetheart, who has said she will not dance with him unless he brings her a red rose. While the nightingale is watching, the student begins to cry, lamenting the fact that all his learning __(2)__ useless since it can't win him the girl's love. His miserable situation impresses the nightingale, who has spent all her life singing about an __(3)__ idealized "true lover."

The student continues to __(4)__ about his unrequited love, imagining vividly that the girl will give him the cold shoulder if he doesn't give her a red rose. Meanwhile, the nightingale reflects on __(5)__ powerful and priceless love can be. The other animals and plants in the vicinity, however, do not understand why the student is weeping __(6)__ a rose.

The nightingale decides to help the student and flies __(7)__ the garden to speak to the white rose tree. She asks him for a red rose. However, he tells her that he has none, and directs her to his brother. As a result, the nightingale visits the yellow rose tree, but he also disappoints her. The yellow rose tree __(8)__ that she try the rose treegrowing beneath the student's window.

When the nightingale explains her plan to the rose tree, he confirms that his roses are red, but says that he can't grow one in winter. The nightingale keeps pleading with him, and he eventually admits that there is a way. By singing as she impales herself on one of his __(9)__,the nightingale can bring a rose into blossom and dye it with her own blood. Although it pains the nightingale to __(10)__ her life, she does as she has been told. How silly she is!

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