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**II. READING****TASK 1. Read the passage. Circle the best answer A, B, or C to each of the questions.**

When the fireworks light up the sky across the states in America, they signalise the transition moment between the old year and the new year. At Times Square, New York City, this sacred moment is illuminated by the traditional dropping of a dazzling ball. It's fantastic to see the confetti rain down over the square and people cheer and take selfies to say a farewell to another departing year. Before this annual great event, numerous flocks of New Year's Eve celebrants, beginning to head for the square at 2 p.m., join the big celebratory party and enthusiastically wait until the clock strikes midnight. A handful of festivities, like live music performances from famous artists, happen during this time. People can enjoy the bustling evening atmosphere among the enormous crowds in the avenues or observe the event on the rooftops of luxury high buildings. Although it's inconvenient to wait long hours in cold weather to see the ball drop and colourful fireworks displays, it's worth the wait.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
  - A. A way to enjoy the ball drop at Times Square.
  - B. A farewell party to celebrate New Year in the USA.
  - C. A special New Year's Eve event in New York City.
2. What does the word they in line 1 mean?
  - A. The fireworks.
  - B. The sacred moments.
  - C. The states.
3. What does the ball drop create?
  - A. The flocks of cheerful people.

B. The cold rain at midnight.

C. The shower of pieces of coloured paper.

4. When do people start to arrive at Times Square?

A. At 2 p.m.

B. At midnight.

C. In the evening.

5. Which of the following is TRUE about the ball drop event?

A. There is no live music performance before the event.

B. People can sit on the rooftop of a building to watch the event.

C. It's comfortable for revellers to wait for the event on a cold night.

**TASK 2. Complete the reading passage. Write ONE suitable word in each blank.**

Hill tribal markets are a distinctive feature in northern mountainous provinces in Viet Nam. Every year, these unique markets attract millions of holidaymakers who love finding out the culture of ethnic (1) \_\_\_\_\_ groups like the Tay, the Hmong, etc. Most flea markets take place once a week, from early morning till noon due to the inconvenience of long (2) \_\_\_\_\_ between neighbouring communities. Hence, on the market days, these places are quite crowded (3) \_\_\_\_\_ trade activities. Visitors can watch and buy a lot of local specialities including corn wine, soybean as well as five-colour sticky rice. It's also a special occasion for the ethnic people to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ dressed in nice colourful clothes woven by skilled women, which motivates tourists to purchase brocatelle products for their own use. What's more, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ exciting cultural events also happen at the fairs to serve the locals and tourists.

**III. WRITING**

**TASK 1. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in brackets and do not change it. Write NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS.**

1. Some students love riding bicycles around the lake in their free time.

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Some students \_\_\_\_\_ riding bicycles around the lake in their free time. (KEEN)

2. The ancient pagoda in this area is a very popular tourist destination.

This area \_\_\_\_\_ its ancient pagoda. (FAMOUS)

3. This website can give us a variety of ways to deal with stress.

This website can \_\_\_\_\_ a variety of ways to deal with stress. (PROVIDE)

4. How much does the wooden statue cost?

What \_\_\_\_\_ of the wooden statue? (PRICE)

5. The young farmer works faster than the old one.

The old farmer \_\_\_\_\_ than the young one. (SLOWLY)

**TASK 2. Write a paragraph (80 - 100 words) about the advantages and disadvantages of playing online games in leisure time.**

You can use the following questions as cues.

- What are the advantages of playing online games?
- What are the disadvantages of playing online games?
- What should gamers (not) do?

**IV. LANGUAGE FOCUS**

**TASK 1. Choose the word with a different way of pronunciation in the underlined part. Circle A, B, C, or D.**

1. A. <u>good</u>	B. <u>book</u>	C. <u>co</u> ok	D. <u>cool</u>
2. A. <u>detest</u>	B. <u>prefer</u>	C. <u>connect</u>	D. <u>decorate</u>
3. A. <u>enjoy</u>	B. <u>harvest</u>	C. <u>revive</u>	D. <u>celebrate</u>
4. A. <u>area</u>	B. <u>weave</u>	C. <u>feature</u>	D. <u>release</u>

**TASK 2. Choose the best option to complete each sentence. Circle A, B, C, or D.**

1. Just like in Alaska, \_\_\_\_\_ used to be the most popular means of transport in this cold and snowy area.

- A. trains
- B. ships
- C. dogsleds
- D. horse carts

2. Teachers hope young learners will not make a bad \_\_\_\_\_ of using mobile phones too much!

- A. practice
- B. tradition
- C. custom
- D. habit

3. \_\_\_\_\_, Vietnamese children receive lucky money on Tet holiday.

- A. Tradition
- B. Traditional
- C. Traditionally
- D. Traditionalism

4. These villagers often gather in this \_\_\_\_\_ in special cultural events.

- A. flat
- B. villa
- C. resort
- D. communal house

5. What a beautiful bamboo house! I've heard a lot \_\_\_\_\_ it but I can't imagine how beautiful it is!

- A. from
- B. about
- C. on
- D. that

6. Students prefer modern technology \_\_\_\_\_ it can help them learn in a more convenient and comfortable way.

- A. as
- B. because of
- C. due to
- D. such as

**TASK 3. Fill each blank with the correct form of the word in brackets.**

1. Young students are fond of \_\_\_\_\_ (use) tablets when studying online.
2. Combine harvesters are used to help farmers \_\_\_\_\_ (work) faster.
3. People now prefer living in the country to living in the city because the air there is much \_\_\_\_\_ (fresh).
4. When I reached the farm, my aunt was busy \_\_\_\_\_ (milk) cows.
5. When Mai was young, she often \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) pasta and cheese at this supermarket.
6. Minh thinks that it's great \_\_\_\_\_ (use) social media for class discussion and group work.
7. Whenever you are bullied, you should \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to your teachers.

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8. \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) around areas with green trees and fresh air can help stressed people feel better.

9. During Tet holiday, many Vietnamese families visit pagodas \_\_\_\_\_ (frequently) than on other occasions.

10. Unless you stop using your tablets before bedtime, you \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) able to sleep better.