

I. LISTENING (2.0 points)

PART 1. *You will hear an interview with a professional explorer called Alexis Bartoli, who travels to places that few other people visit. For questions 1 – 5, choose the best answer A, B or C. (1.0 point)*

1. Alexis decided to become an explorer after
A. reading a book.
B. listening to a talk.
C. seeing a TV programme
2. Alexis felt anxious before his first expedition because
A. he didn't know what to expect.
B. he knew it would be quite dangerous.
C. he'd never been very far away from home.
3. Why did Alexis start making films on his expeditions?
A. to make money for future trips
B. to provide scientists with information
C. to learn a new skill
4. Alexis says his favourite part of any expedition is
A. discovering new landscapes.
B. experiencing different climates.
C. meeting new people.
5. Alexis's latest expedition involved
A. walking across a desert.
B. sailing across an ocean.
C. spending time in a rainforest.

PART 2. *You will hear a woman talking about an art holiday. For questions 6-10, complete the sentences with a word or two words or a number or a date or a time. (1.0 point)*

SPANISH ART HOLIDAYS

From 8 to 9, breakfast will be served on the patio; it's a(n) (6) _____ buffet- style breakfast.

At (7) _____ the group will leave the hotel for its painting destination.

Once there, the teacher will show her students how to paint a (8) _____

Different (9) _____ will be used, including charcoal and acrylic paint.

A picnic lunch will follow; everyone should get their own from (10) _____

Then a group meeting will follow to discuss the day's work.

II. READING (2.0 points)

PART 1. Read the following passage and choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 1 - 5. (1.0 point)

DREAM JOBS

By Giovanni Marks

During our teens, all the pupils at my school had to have a meeting with a ‘careers advisor’ who only seemed to know about jobs at the local ship-building works. That was fine for some, but many of us would have liked to hear about a wider range of opportunities at that time. If only she had known about the jobs I’ve been researching for this article! It seems there are positions out there that are almost too good to be true.

Take, for example, the job with the title ‘Ice cream flavour advisor’ for ice cream manufacturer Frederick’s. Imagine making and tasting ice cream for a living! From the Fredrick’s website I learned that the people who do this job are all chefs and food scientists, and often go on what they call ‘taste hunts’ where they travel to other countries, trying new foods to get inspiration for new products. The website’s home page also states that ‘every ingredient deserves consideration’, meaning anything from peanuts to potatoes could make it into the next flavour advisor’s invention. I guess the one downside of this job could be tasting failed creations.

For those worried about the health implications of eating so much ice cream, then how about something more active? The perfect job for water sports lovers was advertised in 2015 by holiday company Travel Now. They needed a water slide tester! This involved getting into swimming gear and speeding down slides at various holiday centres around the world to check for any issues. The company was seeking applicants with strong written and verbal skills, experience in social media and a willingness to travel.

Another job that seems impossibly wonderful is one for those who dream of living on a remote island. As the caretaker of a private island in the Maldives, Simon Grainger gets to enjoy fabulous weather, fishing and boating as part of his job. However, he says that while it may sound more like an extended holiday than work, the responsibilities of the job can be very demanding. These include maintaining and repairing the island owners’ property and cleaning up after storms. On top of that, being by yourself on an island means that your social life suffers. Seeing friends involves an hour’s boat ride, which is never easy and sometimes impossible. Grainger warns anyone considering a job like his to be realistic about it. He explains you’ve got to be very practical with good physical fitness, and happy in your own company. If you are this type of person, you’ll do the job well and never want to go back to life on the mainland.

A fortune cookie is a moon-shaped biscuit given away in Chinese restaurants that contains a little piece of paper with a message on it. Millions of these are read every day, but few realise that people actually get paid to write the words of wisdom you find when you crack your cookie open. Daisy Cheng, president of New Asian Food in Los Angeles, used to be **one such person**. It wasn’t exactly her chosen career path, it was more of a role she fell into. When the company expanded and realised they needed to update their cookie messages, she was asked to do it because her English language skills were stronger than other employees’. She found it difficult to start with, but soon she was finding inspiration everywhere, from subway signs to newspapers.

As a writer myself, I would love to create messages for fortune cookies, but I would be delighted to do any one of these amazing jobs. Listen up careers advisors!

1. What is claimed on the website for Frederick's ice cream?
 - A. There is no food type that they will refuse to experiment with.
 - B. They are able to make most ingredients taste good in ice cream.
 - C. They trial every new flavour creation internationally before it goes on sale.
 - D. No other ice cream producer has greater expertise.
2. Applicants for the job of water slide tester were required by Travel Now to
 - A. have plenty of travel experience.
 - B. be good at communicating with people.
 - C. have good IT qualifications.
 - D. be very physically fit.
3. What does Grainger say about his role as caretaker on a private island?
 - A. He is considering giving it up so he can move back to the mainland.
 - B. The only thing that is hard about it is being alone on the island.
 - C. It might not be the right job for everyone.
 - D. The holiday lifestyle involved is not always enjoyable.
4. What does the fifth paragraph say about Daisy Cheng getting her job as fortune cookie writer?
 - A. She did not deliberately choose to do the job.
 - B. She got the job because none of her colleagues spoke any English.
 - C. She applied for it when the company grew and needed more people to do the job.
 - D. She tried to avoid doing the job at first.
5. What does 'one such person' refer to in the fifth paragraph?
 - A. someone who is a company vice president someone from New York
 - B. someone who didn't know fortune cookie
 - C. message writers existed
 - D. someone who writes the messages in fortune cookies

PART 2. You are going to read article about winter sport in Scotland. Six sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the sentences A - F the one which fits each gap (6 - 10). There is ONE extra sentence which you do not need to use. (1.0 point)

HOPE AND SADNESS

There's often a sense of the hopeless romantic associated with those who trek to the Highlands in search (more in hope than expectation) of me white stuff. More often than not, these ski and snowboard fanatics are met with disappointment. Either a thaw has set in and the rocks are visible or it's a total whiteout as gales blow and blizzards blast the poor expectant hopefuls. The Highlands, you see, is a tale of extremes; it's all or nothing up there.

(6) _____ But those patient folk - those old romantics whose sense of loyalty and optimism seems to know no bounds - are having the last laugh this winter. Picture this: fresh powder everywhere; 180cm of accumulated snow at the base of the resort; more falls forecast for later in the week; clear blue skies and a blazing sun. No, this isn't some upmarket French alpine retreat full of five-star chalets and bulging wallets. This is humble little Cairngorm, pride of Scotland. This is real, old-style skiing without the gloss. There's an infectious passion and enthusiasm here today. (7) _____

Despite all the talk of global warming spelling the end for Scotland's long-suffering winter sport industry, Cairngorm and its four sister resorts; the Lecht, Glenshee, Glencoe and the Nevis Range aren't about to go down without a fight. And, finally, nature has lent them a

If this is a freak winter, as the Meteorology Office would have us believe, and all the snow will have gone in a few years, then I am saddened. (9) _____. And on the rare occasions when the snow base left us wanting, we'd pull out the sled and toboggan to our little hearts' content. Sure they'd take a battering on the rocks and stones, but those wooden sleds could handle it - they were tough! And I'm angered by the idea that my kids won't get to enjoy the same innocent sense of delight that I once did. (10) _____. It isn't fair.

Do you remember those hopeless romantics I described before? Well, I guess I'm one of them. And I hope that the Highlands continue to defy the odds and that nature confounds us all and brings a little joy to our children's hearts for many a winter to come. Snow, bonnie Scotland! Snow right up to me start of May! I'll be here waiting when you do.

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1. The businessman owes his _____ to his excellent public relations.

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7. Jane was working as a journalist _____ she was writing her first book.
 A. during B. While C. just as D. once
8. 'Your son's behaviour in class has improved this term, Mrs. Harris.'
 'Oh, good. Let's hop he's turned over a new _____.'
 A. page B. leaf C. book D. branch
9. Jane's very _____ and easily gets upset when people criticize her.
 A. level-headed B. sensible C. sensitive D. open-minded
10. _____ its high price, she bought the Porsche.
 A. As B. Though C. Despite D. Although

PART 2. Read the following passage and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each gap. (1.0 point)

PLASTIC MONEY

In the past, people bought goods using (1) _____. They rarely (2) _____ money from financial institutions and only when they had (3) _____ the money, did they buy what they wanted.

Recently, however, there have been great changes in the way people purchase goods. To begin with, some people pay for things by cheque, while others prefer monthly (4) _____, rather than paying the whole (5) _____ at once. Most consumers, though, prefer to buy things using their credit cards.

By and large, it is thought that there are benefits to having a credit card. Apart from the fact that credit cards are handy, some stores offer bonus points to people making purchases, while others give (6) _____ on certain products.

On the other hand, credit cards must be used wisely because they can prove disastrous. In the long run, consumers find that they can't (7) _____ without their credit cards and constantly rely on them, as they are 'easy money'. As a result, some people lose control of their finances spending more than they should and wind up not being able to (8) _____. So, they end up in (9) _____ and have difficulty (10) _____ it back.

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| 1. A. change | B. cash | C. notes | D. currency |
| 2. A. lent | B. let | C. borrowed | D. kept |
| 3. A. afforded | B. owned | C. saved | D. possessed |
| 4. A. sums | B. deposits | C. budgets | D. instalments |
| 5. A. amount | B. debt | C. bill | D. cost |
| 6. A. bargains | B. discounts | C. tips | D. prizes |
| 7. A. go | B. make | C. be | D. do |
| 8. A. make matters worse | B. make ends meet | C. do their best | D. do business |
| 9. A. debt | B. loan | C. charge | D. owe |
| 10. A. to pay | B. to paying | C. in pay | D. in paying |

PART 3. Fill each blank with ONE suitable word. (1.0 point)

CULTURE SHOCK

Many people dream (1) _____ living in a foreign country. It can be an amazing experience for those who (2) _____ the courage to leave their family and friends and settle (3) _____ in a new place. However, there's one potential problem you should be aware of: culture shock. Culture shock is the feeling we get from living in a place that is so different to where we (4) _____ up that we are not sure how to deal with it. Societies are organized in many different ways, and we can often be (5) _____ aback by some of the things we find in foreign countries. Customs and traditions can be very different and that can sometimes make it difficult to (6) _____ on with local people and to make friends. They might not approve (7) _____ things you do or might object to things you say. You might even be banned from doing things in another country that are perfectly legal in your own. (8) _____ you were to move to a country such as Singapore, say, you might find some of the laws very strict. There, people can be forced to pay a large fine just for dropping litter. Eventually, though, most people who live abroad (9) _____ in love with their adopted country and learn to accept its differences. It does (10) _____ real courage to make such a big change to your life, but many people agree that it is worth it in the end.

PART 4. Give the correct form of the words in the brackets. (1.0 point)

1. It has been criticized as an unfair and _____ system. (EFFECT)
2. The student asked for _____ to leave the classroom. (PERMIT)
3. I'm afraid the swimming pool is closed at the moment as they're carrying out some essential _____. (MAINTAIN)
4. The play we saw at the theatre was _____. (SYMBOL)
5. Many flights were delayed today, causing growing _____ among the passengers. (PATIENT)
6. He was killed when his parachute _____. (FUNCTION)
7. The old astronomer patiently made his _____ and wrote down what he saw. (OBSERVE)
8. All our _____ receive four weeks paid holiday per year. (EMPLOY)
9. The famous _____ died in 1916 at the age of 52. (PLAY)
10. The house, with its fresh coat of paint, looked lovely in the _____. (SUN)

PART 5. (1.0 point)

For questions 1 - 5, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do NOT change the word given.

1. I remember my childhood when I smell roses. (REMINDS)
→ The smell _____ my childhood.
2. She doesn't let him smoke in the house. (ALLOWED)
→ He _____ in the house.
3. She couldn't afford to buy a new car. (EXPENSIVE)
→ A new car _____ to buy.
4. Alex wanted to be a nurse so she left her job as a teacher. (GAVE)
→ Alex _____ become a nurse.
5. I've had Japanese lessons since this time last year. (LEARNING)
→ I _____ exactly a year.

For questions 6 - 10, finish each of the sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the one printed before it.

6. The supermarket deliver my groceries once a week.

- I have _____ the supermarket once a week.
7. There were very few cakes left by the end of yesterday's party.
- Almost every _____ by the end of yesterday's party.
8. We arrived in London two days ago.
- We _____ two days.
9. John is a better swimmer than Jenny.
- Jenny doesn't _____ John.
10. This town has a lot more cinemas than it had in the past.
- This town used _____ so many cinemas.

IV. **WRITING** (1.0 point)

In about **120 – 150 words**, write a **PARAGRAPH** answering the following question.

“Are examinations the best way to test students’ knowledge?”

Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

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Họ và tên thí sinh:..... Số báo danh:.....
Chữ ký cán bộ coi thi 1:..... Chữ ký cán bộ coi thi 2:.....