Mid-term test 1

II. READING

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

Family life has been changing across some Southeast Asian countries over the past few decades. Many years ago, most of teenagers lived with their families, spending several hours at school and the rest of time at home enjoying family atmosphere. Besides their studying, adolescents could do some housework like doing the dishes, cooking, taking care of younger children or supporting their family business. These days, studying takes up such a lot of time that they cannot help much with household chores and sometimes they even hardly have time to relax. This can lead to suffering worse health and losing the bond with their family. In families with higher income, parents are often so busy with their work that they send their children to private boarding schools, and the time these students share with families is shortened more and more. In many cases, high-schoolers meet their siblings and parents at weekends only. It's believed that there are some advantages to live and study in academic places, but other benefits that schools are unlikely to provide should be taken into consideration. For example, these young learners can learn a lot from their parents about social skills and doing domestic chores. On one hand, some people think that teenage students prefer to have privacy than to be controlled by adults, which may be true. On the other hand, nothing can compare or replace the parents' affection in terms of nurturing their children's souls and their behaviours. Changes often bring positive results but how people consider what is important to maintain and preserve is worth thinking again.

1. What is the passage mainly about?

A. The negative effect of living away from family.

B. Some changes in family life in Southeast Asian countries.

C. Teenagers love to live independently rather than rely on their parents.

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D. Teenagers' life today is much better than that of decades ago.

2. What does the word 'this' in line 10 mean?

A. The fact that students do not have time to relax.

B. The fact that students cannot help with family work.

C. The fact that students have to spend most of their time studying.

D. The fact that students do too much housework.

3. Long time ago young learners could help their parents with _____.

A. family chores or parents' business

B. family chores and earn money themselves

C. nothing because of their busy curricula

D. nothing because they were busy playing

4. What are the benefits of family education?

A. Children can learn about good conduct.

B. Children can learn about social skills.

C. Children can learn how to do business.

D. Children can learn about good conduct and social skills.

5. What is the most important thing in terms of raising a child?

A. Parents' love

B. Parents' control

C. Children's privacy

D. Children's independence

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

so	choice	found	preserve	stories

Cai Luong is one of the special types of Vietnamese folk opera. This art performance is mainly (1) _____ in the southern provinces in Viet Nam. Some of its shows have been composed based on some popular (2) _____ and novels such as Luc Van Tien, Tieng trong Me Linh, etc., or based on the modern Vietnamese society in which issues of family, love, friendship, and other relationships are often demonstrated lively. In the past, people preferred to go to the theatres to enjoy these traditional shows with their friends and family. Nowadays, Cai Luong has no longer kept its heyday, (3) _____ watching Cai Luong on YouTube is a common (4) _____ for those who still keep the love for it. However, because it is a national theatrical form which has highly artistic and cultural values, the local authorities have many solutions to (5) _____ it by holding a lot of competitions annually.

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 FROM THREE TO FIVE WORDS.

Example:

0. Nam plans to join his school's Green Lifestyle Club this week. (GOING)

Nam _____ his school's Green Lifestyle Club this week.

Answer: 0. *is going to join*

1. In my family, my sister is responsible for washing dishes. (DOING)

In my family, my sister takes _____.

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2. Lily's friends will choose her as the leader of their team for the next presentation. (BE)

Lily _____ by her friends as the leader of their team for the next presentation.

3. Tom's parents are making him tidy his room now. (TO)

Tom _____ his room by his parents now.

4. My father didn't let me attend the music concert alone. (ALLOWED)

I _____ the music concert alone.

5. We can reduce plastic waste by using reusable bags. (CUT)

Plastic waste _____ by using reusable bags.

TASK 2. Write a paragraph (120 – 150 words) about the main environmental problems in your neighbourhood and the ways to solve them.

You can use the following questions as cues.

- Where do you live?

- What are the main environmental problems in your neighbourhood?

- What do you suggest to solve these problems?

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. grocery B. concert C. energy D. strengthen

2. A. gratitude B. decoration C. eliminate D. location

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Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from that of the others.

4. A. laundry B. manner C. litter D. delay

5. Atrumpet B. upload (v) C. single D. comment

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

1. People usually consider men the _____ to support family with finance.

A. character B. manner C. breadwinner D. supporter

2. The benefit from sharing the housework is increasing family _____.

A. routine B. bonds C. value D. chores

3. In order to decrease global warming, humans should reduce the _____.

A. human resources B. natural disasters

C. natural resources D. carbon footprint

4. Children should be taught to raise the _____ of using paper bags instead of plastic bags.

A. energy B. awareness C. waste D. recycling

5. Tom has a talent for playing the _____ and other musical instruments.

A. performance B. trumpet C. stage D. band

6. The _____ of the school's singing contest will be voted by students next week.

A. dancer B. judges C. competition D. manner

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

1. Keep silent kids! Dad _____ (listen) to some news on the radio.

2. We _____ (meet) our relatives from the USA tonight. I'm so excited.

3. Alice: Look! Mom is carrying a heavy box! Tom : Oh! I _____ (help) her with it.

4. Some new solutions to the environmental problems _____ (propose) during last Monday's meeting.

5. They had better _____ (choose) more exciting music for the party.

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