

I. READING: (2.5 ms)**A. Read the passage and then choose the best answer A, B, C or D for the following questions.**

Linda Shaw was about to have her evening meal with parents and grandmother when something rather frightening happened. The family had just sat down at a table in the dining room and had called Linda's brother Tony to join them when three armed men broke in. One of the men pointed a gun at them while another held a knife. The family were all terrified, except Tony who was watching television that he had no idea anything was wrong. The men began to put everything that was valuable into a large bag. While stealing things, they didn't see Linda write the word "HELP" on the piece of paper. Linda dropped the paper out of the window on the street. Two passengers saw it and called the police. A few minutes later the police caught them. After they were being taken away, Tony was bewildered. He had been watching television throughout the whole incident.

1. The accident happened

- A. after Linda and her family had finished having an evening meal.
- B. while Linda and her family were having an evening meal.
- C. when Linda and her family were going to have an evening meal.
- D. while Linda and her family were sleeping.

2. Tony is Linda's

- A. brother
- B. grandfather
- C. cousin
- D. father

3. While the men were stealing things,

- A. Tony went out to phone the police.
- B. Linda wrote the word "HELP" on the paper and dropped it out of the window.
- C. Linda was watching TV.
- D. Tony watched them and said nothing.

4. It can be inferred from the story that the men

- A. stole all the valuable things and left
- B. weren't able to steal anything
- C. escaped before the police came
- D. all died

B. Complete the following passage by choosing an appropriate word or phrase for each blank.

From earliest times people have celebrated the end of winter and the new life (1)..... spring brings. One of the most important Christian festivals is Easter, when Christians remember the (2)..... and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter, however, is not the only spring festival. In Sweden, people celebrate the end of winter by making huge bonfires. Fire also (3)..... an important part in Hindu Festival of Holi. In some villages children are carried round bonfires by their mothers to protect them (4)..... danger in the coming year. Buddhists in Thailand soak each other in water when celebrating their New Year, which falls in the middle of April. In Antigua in Guatemala they carpet the streets with flowers. Chinese spring parades are equally colourful, but (5)..... of flowers they have large dragon puppets which dance in the street. Eggs are traditionally linked with festivals celebrating the end of winter. As long as 3,000 years ago people in ancient China and Greece ate coloured hard-boiled eggs; 160 years ago chocolate eggs became popular in many countries. In Britain, hot crossed buns, a kind of sweet bread, are traditionally eaten on Good Friday, the day Christ died on the cross. However, crossed buns (6)..... for thousands of years. People thought that marking cakes with a cross kept away evil spirits.

1. A. whose**B. that****C. whom****D. who****2. A. died****B. dead****C. die****D. death****3. A. does****B. plays****C. takes****D. makes****4. A. from****B. off****C. about****D. at****5. A. despite****B. in spite****C. instead****D. because****6. A. were eaten****B. ate****C. have been eaten****D. have eaten**

II. LISTENING (2 ms)

A. Listen and decide whether the statement is True or False:

1. Earhart was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic. _____
2. When Earhart was a child, she was really interested in learning. _____
3. Earhart had worked as an English teacher and social worker in Canada. _____
4. Earhart and her plane had lost while they were flying over the Atlantic Ocean. _____

B. Listen again and fill in the blanks with needed information:

1. Earhart set records in flying times and won many (1).....
2. Earhart had great courage and (2).....
3. She was a (3)..... nurse during World War I.
4. At Purdue University, she wrote poetry and books and gave many interesting (4).....

III. LANGUAGE FOCUS: (3 ms)

* Choose the word which has the underlined parts pronounced differently from the rest:

1. A. rumour B. humour C. mutual D. duty
2. A. displayed B. admired C. promised D. borrowed

* Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others

3. A. constancy B. attraction C. changeable D. mutual

* Choose the best option:

4. One of the qualities for true _____ is constancy.
A. friend B. friendship C. friendly D. friendliness
5. - Heather: Hey, John. This looks a great party. Thanks for inviting me. - John: "_____"
A. No problem. Glad you could make it. B. All of our classmates have been invited to
C. Would you like something to drink? D. I myself am going to cook.
6. Lan is my best friend. Whenever I have troubles, she always holds my hands and looks at me -
A. sympathy B. sympathize C. sympathetic D. sympathetically
7. He felt that leaving the country for the city was a real _____ in his life.
A. gift B. milestone C. action D. work
8. I don't like that man. There is a sneaky look on his face.
A. furious B. humorous C. dishonest D. guilty
9. He took his girl friend _____ to dinner _____ her birthday.
A. off / on B. out / to C. with / on D. out / on
10. _____ he is so busy with his work, he always finds time to go to the concert every week.
A. If B. Since C. Although D. Because
11. I remember _____ to Paris by my parents when I was a very small child.
A. to be taken B. to take C. being taken D. taking
12. The examiner made us _____ our identification in order to be admitted to the test center.
A. show B. showing C. to show D. showed

IV. WRITING:

A. Write a paragraph about your friend, basing on the information given below:

- + **Name:** - Peter Smith, my best friend
+ **Age:** - 16.
+ **Physical characteristics:** - fair skin, big eyes, straight nose, short hair.

- + **Personalities:** - *honest and sincere* - *type of person you can rely on.*
 - + **Reason why you like him:** - *advise me when I need help*
- *disagree when I'm wrong.*
 - + **Things in common:** - *going fishing, listening to EDM.*
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B. Rewrite sentences as requested:

1. She hates people asking her about her past.
➔ She hates _____
2. He did his homework, then went out with his friends.
➔ Having _____
3. We want to go shopping more than do some housework at weekends.
➔ We prefer _____
4. The workmen finished, and then Mr Jackson came home.
➔ After _____