

USE OF ENGLISH

Task 1

PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

Confucius said a long time ago, “Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot (1) _____. Music stimulates your brain, and this has been proven by research as well.

Music has the (2) _____ to provoke complex emotions and psychological states. Various researchers have shown that both listening to music and playing a musical instrument (3) _____ memory capacity.

Playing a musical instrument also (4) _____ you patience and perseverance for it takes time and (5) _____ to learn to play a musical instrument. It also sharpens your concentration.

1 A do out	B do without	C do over	D do up
2 A power	B energy	C influence	D skill
3 A include	B engage	C rise	D increase
4 A develops	B encourages	C teaches	D prepares
5 A effort	B attempt	C trouble	D job

Task 2

PLANTS MAKE MUSIC

It may sound crazy, but plants can be musical. A new device converts electrical currents (6) _____ across a plant’s surface into sound. The device works by placing probes on the leaves and translating the currents into audio. What does this “music” (7) _____ us about the secret life of plants? Scientists aren’t (8) _____ sure yet. They are, (9) _____, hoping the research will eventually help us learn more about the natural world. But one day soon your houseplants could sing: a fundraising campaign to make the device (10) _____ worldwide has reached its goal.

6 A moving	B stretching	C acting	D producing
7 A describe	B explain	C say	D tell
8 A enough	B strictly	C quite	D properly
9 A finally	B however	C totally	D although
10 A available	B probable	C realistic	D practical