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## Part 1

### Listening

Listen to the passage and fill in the blank with no more than TWO WORDS.

Barack Obama is the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America. He is also the winner of the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize. He made history in (1) \_\_\_\_\_ when he won the U.S. presidential election. He is the first African American to be President. Obama's charisma, intelligence, and powerful (2) \_\_\_\_\_ have made him extremely popular with many Americans. He has been very successful with his message for change.

Obama was born in Hawaii in 1961 to a black Kenyan father and white American mother. His parents (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and his mother married an Indonesian man. Barack's family moved to Indonesia in 1967. He attended schools in Jakarta until he was ten years old, when he returned to Hawaii. Obama majored in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and international relations at Columbia University in New York.

After four years in New York, Obama moved to Chicago. There, he worked as the director of a community project from 1985 to 1988. He entered Harvard Law School and became the first black president of the Harvard Law Review. Obama taught law at the University of Chicago Law School for twelve years. He became an Illinois Senator in 1996.

In 2004, Obama was elected as a U.S. Senator. He supported legislation on (5) \_\_\_\_\_, energy, immigration and honest leadership. Obama is currently battling with serious issues such as the economy. He beat Mitt Romney to win a second term in office, despite a poor economy and high (6) \_\_\_\_\_. He thanked voters by promising to spend his second term honoring their support, saying: "There's a lot more work to do."

## Part 2

### Pronunciation

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose underlined part is different from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

1. A. renewable      B. deplete      C. replenish      D. preservation
2. A. dispose      B. soot      C. lifestyle      D. conserve

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions.

3. **A. expand**      **B. migrate**      **C. effect**      **D. double**  
4. **A. initiative**      **B. necessary**      **C. discriminate**      **D. authority**

### Part 3

vocabulary  
and grammar

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. A cell phone may take risk going \_\_\_\_\_ due to unexpected incidents.  
**A. of**      **B. on**      **C. off**      **D. for**
2. He is \_\_\_\_\_-influenced by his father and grandfather. His behaviors and decisions are exactly the same.  
**A. mightily**      **B. strongly**      **C. terribly**      **D. weakly**
3. The first wave of urban \_\_\_\_\_ took place in more developed countries, especially in Europe and North America.  
**A. migration**      **B. immigration**      **C. emigration**      **D. evacuation**
4. The government said that they didn't have enough funds to deal with \_\_\_\_\_ medical care.  
**A. low-cost**      **B. high-cost**      **C. cost-high**      **D. cost-effective**
5. Martin Luther King devoted his life to the \_\_\_\_ of voting right for black people.  
**A. effort**      **B. realization**      **C. achievement**      **D. performance**
6. \_\_\_\_\_ number of boys were swimming in the lake, but I didn't know \_\_\_\_\_ exact number of them.  
**A. A/the**      **B. The/an**      **C. The/the**      **D. A/an**
7. We use compact florescent light bulbs, \_\_\_\_\_ last 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs.  
**A. what**      **B. that**      **C. which**      **D. they**
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ out last night but at the last minute I \_\_\_\_\_ that I had a quiz this morning.  
**A. was going to go – realized**      **B. went – realized**  
**C. had gone – would realize**      **D. would go - have realized**

9. They \_\_\_\_\_ time and money doing such a thing.
- A. were advised not to waste      C. were advising not to waste  
B. advised not to be wasted      D. were advised not wasting
10. It is imperative that this letter \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.
- A. is sent      B. sends      C. was sent      D. be sent

**Part 4**  
**Reading**

Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Nowadays, everybody knows Apples and almost everybody knows that the company was founded by Steve Jobs, an American inventor and entrepreneur. He is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ recognized as a pioneer in the field of microcomputer revolution. He helped design the first Macintosh computer, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a small computer graphics company into Pixar, the company behind Toy Story and The Monster Inc.

His countercultural lifestyle and philosophy was a product of the time and place of his (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Jobs was adopted and raised in San Francisco Bay Area during the 1960s. In 1972, Jobs attended Reed College from which he dropped out in next to no time. Jobs co-founded Apple in 1976 in order to sell Apple I personal computer. At that moment, he might hardly imagine that only a year later the company tasted impressive victory with Apple II, one of the first highly successful (4) \_\_\_\_\_ personal computers. Unfortunately, in 1985, following a long power struggle, Jobs was forced out of Apple. After leaving Apple, Jobs took a few of its members with him to found NeXT, a computer development company which was then bought by Apple. The purchase (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Jobs to become the company's CEO once again.

1. A. widely      B. hardly      C. legally      D. nationally  
2. A. translated      B. transferred      C. transformed      D. transited  
3. A. increase      B. upbringing      C. rising      D. grow  
4. A. massly-produced      B. mass-produced  
C. massive-produced      D. mass-producing  
5. A. made      B. did      C. allowed      D. let

Read the passage below and choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each question.

American cities are similar to other cities around the world. In every country, cities reflect the values of the culture. Cities contain the very best aspects of a society: opportunity for education, employment and entertainment. They also contain the very worst parts of a society: violent crime, racial conflict and poverty. American cities are changing, just as American society is changing.

After World War II city residents have become wealthier and more prosperous. They have more children. They need more space. They move out of their apartments in the city to buy their own homes. They buy houses in the suburbs, areas near a city where people can live in a peaceful atmosphere and where there are areas without many offices or factories. During the 1950's, the American "dream" was to have a house in the suburbs. Now things are changing. The children of the people who left the cities in 1950's are now adults. Unlike their parents, they want to live in the cities. Many young professionals, doctors, lawyers and executives are moving back into the city. Many are single, others are married, but often without children. They prefer the city to the suburb because their jobs are there; they are afraid of the fuel shortage or they just enjoy the excitement and opportunities which the city offers. A new class is moving into the city - a wealthier and more mobile class. Only a few years ago, people thought the older American cities were dying. Some city residents now see a bright, new future. Others see only problems and conflicts. One thing is sure: Many dying cities are alive again.

6. The paragraph from "American cities are similar to \_\_\_\_\_" to "just as American society is changing" \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. explains why American cities are changing.
- B. is a description of cities.
- C. shows that American cities have many problems.
- D. says American cities contain the very best aspect of a society.

7. In the 1950's, the American "dream" was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. to have a colour T.V set
- B. to have a big car
- C. to buy an apartment in the city
- D. to buy a new house in the suburb

8. In "Now things \_\_\_\_\_ mobile class", the author has \_\_\_\_\_ reasons why people want to live in cities

- A. two
- B. three
- C. four
- D. five

9. According to the passage, cities are \_\_\_\_\_

- A. sick                      B. alive again              C. living                      D. dying

10. The movement of people to and from the city can explain \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. social changes                      B. violent  
C. racial conflict                      D. the best aspects of a society

**Part 5**  
Writing

Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions and correct it.

1. Last month, while my friend (A) was traveling round England by (B) the car, he crashed (C) the car into (D) a tree.
2. She (A) was walking to (B) the library to borrow (C) some books when she (D) was seeing a robbery.
3. (A) To reduce pollution, we have to stop (B) to use many things (C) that make our lives (D) uncomfortable.
4. The (A) practice of using (B) many and more chemicals to improve crop (C) yields is (D) harmful to people's health.
5. (A) The most people need (B) healthy eating and (C) enough exercise (D) every day.