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6. Iceland is a fairly large island in the North Atlantic Ocean. It has many unusual geographical features, including ice-capped mountains, __(1)__ and waterfalls. There are also geysers, hot __(2)__ springs, and about 200 volcanoes. These contrasting features give the island its __(3)__, "the Land of Ice and Fire." Iceland's __(4)__ is also reflected in its national flag, which is made up of three colors. Red means fire, white stands for snow and ice, and blue symbolizes the __(5)__ ocean.

Iceland is also __(6)__ in geological terms. It was only __(7)__ between 16 and 18 million years ago. It sits on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge between two tectonic plates that are __(8)__ apart, and Iceland is volcanically active as a result. On average, a __(9)__ on Iceland erupts every four years. Besides, about 11 percent of the island is __(10)__ in glacial ice. The long-term effects of volcanic and glacial activity have created some unique and breathtaking scenery.

(A) geography (B) formed (C) drifting (D) glaciers (E) nickname (F) surrounding
(G) mineral (H) covered (I) distinct (J) volcano

7. Erica was furious. She found out that one of her classmates had been talking about her behind her __(1)__. Erica was __(2)__ to confront the guy; however, her friend Thomas managed to __(3)__ her out of doing anything rash. Later that day, Erica and Thomas were __(4)__ home from school together. They __(5)__ a convenience store. The clerk was a bad-tempered young man with a deep frown on his face. Thomas greeted him politely and spoke to the young man with great __(6)__. He responded with a sneer and looked __(7)__ to serve them. After they left the store, Erica __(8)__ how rude the clerk had been. "Oh, he's always like that," replied Thomas cheerfully. Erica was __(9)__. "So how __(10)__ you're so nice to him?" she asked. "Why should I let that guy decide how I feel?" Thomas replied.

(A) dropped by (B) courtesy (C) talk (D) remarked (E) back (F) reluctant
(G) strolling (H) come (I) keen (J) intrigued

8. Some people choose to run around a track, some choose to run up hills, and more adventurous runners might run up a mountain. Against the __(1)__, Kevin Lin runs across deserts, countries, and continents（大陸）. In fact, unless Kevin decides to go ultra Gump and run continuously around Mother Earth forever, he has pretty much overcome every running __(2)__ this planet has to offer. At 38, he has a long running career behind him, so he will have to be very creative with his future __(3)__.

In the short history of __(4)__ running, Kevin has already set some incredible benchmarks. The __(5)__ one is his run across the Sahara along with Charlie Engle and Ray Zahab in 2007. That's a 6,920 kilometer trek across 6 countries: Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Libya, and Egypt.

As if that wasn't __(6)__, in 2011 Kevin and his support crew succeeded in running the Silk Road. That run was about 10,000 km through some of the most dangerous running areas on earth. Those are just two of many of Kevin's __(7)__. As a runner, this Taiwanese native has been shaping the sport and inspiring other runners to go further, longer, and on __(8)__ routes.

But there is more to Kevin's running than just the need to __(9)__ challenges. He has seen the beauty of our planet and he has also seen the problems of millions of people living in

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places most of us would not __(10)__ suitable to live in. He notes that one of the biggest problems is access to clean water, and raising awareness of this issue has become his next challenge.

(A) goals (B) tougher (C) conquer (D) extreme (E) odds (F) consider (G) enough (H) best-known (I) victories (J) challenge

9. The unlimited possibilities of the Internet have gone way beyond the imagination of most parents. According to a survey conducted by a UK newspaper, the dream of 75 percent of British children is to become a __(1)__ YouTuber. One young YouTuber has annual __(2)__ of more than NTD 300 million. Subscribers and viewers of his __(3)__ see him unboxing the latest toys and reviewing them. The successful YouTuber is Ryan, a 6-year-old boy who __(4)__ the hit YouTube channel *Ryan ToysReview*. Ryan's success has __(5)__ people all over the world and challenged traditional values. However, fifty-eight percent of the people who responded to the survey do not support Ryan's parents' __(6)__ because they think it hurts the child's privacy. Sixty-seven percent do not understand the appeal of the videos either.

Nevertheless, to the __(7)__ natives who have grown up with the Internet, social media like Facebook and YouTube are a part of their lives. As a result, it __(8)__ natural that they want to be YouTubers when they grow up. Parents hold a different view on this phenomenon, __(9)__. They regard being a YouTuber as a(n) __(10)__ with an unstable income. It also has a high failure rate and an unreliable future.

(A) famous (B) content (C) shocked (D) owns (E) occupation (F) earnings (G) however (H) digital (I) seems (J) decision

10. Brad Cohen wrote a book called *Front of the Class*. In it, he __(1)__ how he grew up with Tourette syndrome. The book was later made __(2)__ a movie. During his childhood, his father, not understanding his son's __(3)__, would punish him constantly. Also, the tics and noises caused by Tourette's often __(4)__ him into trouble in school. One teacher even forced him to go to the front of the classroom to __(5)__ for the noises he made. It was for this reason __(6)__ he decided to become the teacher. He wanted to be the kind of teacher he never had, one who would focus __(7)__ students' strengths, not their weaknesses. After __(8)__ his teaching qualification, he was rejected by 24 primary schools in total. __(9)__ he was hired to teach at Mountain View Elementary School in Cobb County, Georgia. In addition to teaching, he has also acted as a spokesman for Tourette's, __(10)__ people about it. Despite his condition, he has led a fulfilling life.

(A) apologize (B) behavior (C) describes (D) educating (E) eventually (F) got (G) into (H) on (I) receiving (J) that

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