III. Choose the correct answers to complete the passage.

English is a Germanic language that originated (1) _____ England. It is also a (2) _____ language in the other home countries of the United Kingdom, in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, and (3) _____ other countries. 380 million people speak English as their first language.

English has "lingua franca" status in many parts of the world (4) _____ the military, economic, scientific, political and cultural influence of the "British Empire" in the 18th and 19th centuries and (5) _____ of the "United States" from the mid 20th century to the present. The global influence of English comes from cinema, music, airlines, broadcasting, science, and the Internet in recent decades. English is now the most widely learned (6) _____ language in the world.

Many students worldwide need to learn some English and business English is (7) _____ in many fields and occupations. Because people speak and learn English everywhere, the language is considered a "(8) _____ language." It is also, by international (9) _____ , the official language for aircraft/airport communication. Its acceptance as a first or second language is the main indication of its global (10) _____ .

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1. a. in b. to c. from d. for

2. a. fundamental b. essential
   c. native d. natural

3. a. numerical b. numeric
   c. numeral d. numerous

4. a. although b. because of
   c. because d. despite

5. a. what b. which c. this d. that

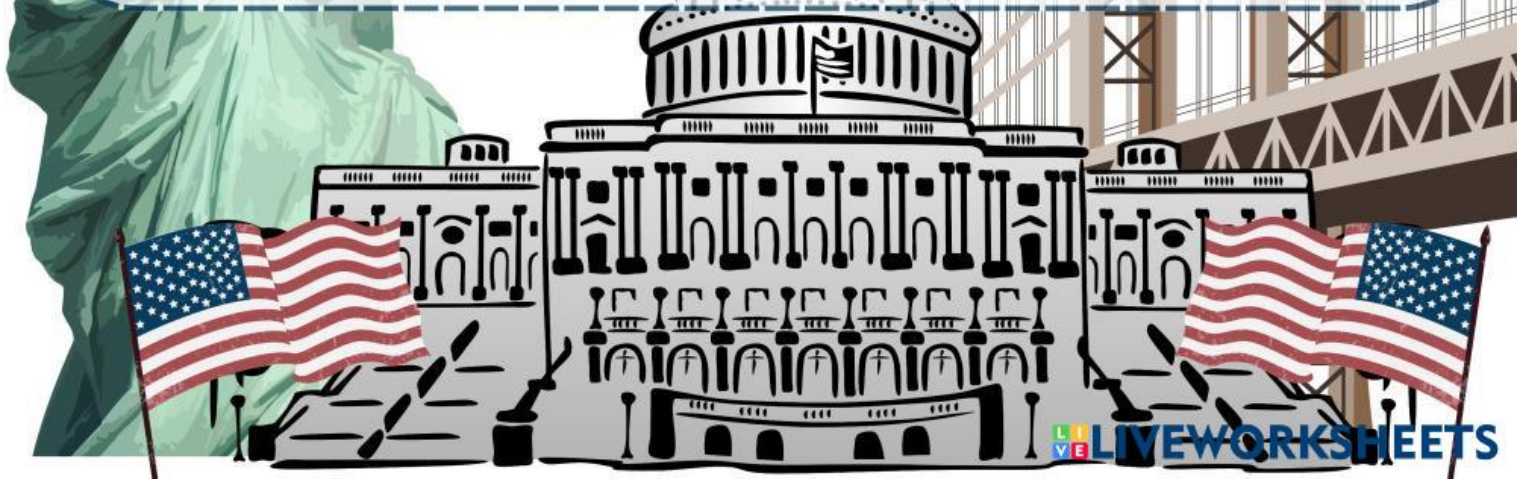
6. a. primary b. official c. first d. second

7. a. required b. confirmed
   c. commanded d. offered

8. a. global b. modern c. national d. regional

9. a. policy b. treaty c. terms d. treatment

10. a. scale b. strategy c. status d. situation



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