650 – LESSON 6 READING PART 5 & 6

Part 5

I.

Select the best answer to complete the sentence.

1. Several members of the opposition party _____ to the way in which the legislation was drafted.

(A) object
(B) reject
(C) subject
(D) eject

2. The governor says the drop in unemployment is a direct _____ of his recent economic reforms.

(A) consequence
(B) concentration
(C) conciliation
(D) condemnation

3. The Impact Outdoor store in Hermania Mall sells _____ hiking gear and modern camping equipment at affordable prices.

(A) fragile
(B) likable
(C) durable
(D) reasonable

II.

1.

The popularity of low-carbohydrate diets has been declining, so food companies have decided to _____ their production of low-carbohydrate products.

(A) discontinue **(B)** disallow
(C) disband **(D)** disengage

2.

A few bank cash machines can _____ as much as 30,000 dollars, but most carry less than half that amount.

(A) possess **(B)** hold
(C) occupy **(D)** grasp

3.

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Having a large directory of business _____ can be a plus for anyone in the travel industry.
(A) tactics **(B)** combinations
(C) contacts **(D)** indications

4.

One of the _____ of the campaign is to let the elderly know of various services available to them at community centers.
(A) aims **(B)** beliefs
(C) reasons **(D)** foundations

5.

Information technology and computer networks have provided offices and homes with _____ gains in efficiency and productivity.
(A) overpowering **(B)** noble
(C) affected **(D)** impressive

6.

It is clearly stated in the airline's policy that _____ luggage is in no way the responsibility of the company.
(A) wounded **(B)** damaged
(C) spoiled **(D)** injured

7.

All individuals who use their credit card frequently should _____ check their transaction history to verify that no errors have been made
(A) periodically **(B)** precisely
(C) incidentally **(D)** indefinitely

8.

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All vehicles manufactured by Corona Motors are _____ inspected before they are released for sale on the open market.

(A) stringently **(B)** strongly
(C) impartially **(D)** equally

Part 6

I.

Select the best answer to complete the text.

To: Technical Support Staff

From: Glen Holderness, Managing Director

Re: Communication skills

Hi, everyone,

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for your excellent work. You are an essential part of the Vesper Insurance Inc.!

However, a few of your colleagues from around the company **(3)** ------- about the way you interact with other staff. It seems that some of you are impatient when dealing with their problems. I realize it must be hard explaining technical matters to people who lack **(4)** ------- in computers. However, we need to do something about this problem.

Accordingly, I have arranged a **(5)** ------- training session on communication skills for technical support staff. The session will be held tomorrow in the conference room at 8 a.m. sharp. I look forward to seeing you all there, no exceptions. I'm sure you'll find the training very useful.

Thanks,

Glen Holderness

3.

(A) has complained

(B) complains

(C) have complained

(D) complaining

4.

(A) proficiency

(B) capacity

(C) intention

(D) opportunity

5.

(A) voluntary

(B) flexible

(C) mandatory

(D) indifferent

II.

1.

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Workers are reminded to ensure that each workstation is clean, and each machine is running up to code before signing out this evening. The annual inspection, which is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, will be _____ by government-designated inspectors to ensure that factories are operating according to safety standards.

(A) alerted **(B)** conducted
(C) protected **(D)** engaged

2.

Steel Works Inc. has just announced plans to move their operations from the Michigan Steel Mill to a new location near Los Angeles. The company has officially _____ staff that the current plant will be closing at the end of year, but jobs will be available for employees prepared to relocate.

(A) explained **(B)** informed
(C) expressed **(D)** inquired

3.

At only a fraction of the normal registration price, joining has never been easier or more advantageous. Not only will you have access to all of our online services, but as an added _____ of membership, Info-Mate now provides full networking opportunities for other members in all its chapters.

(A) petition **(B)** course
(C) protected **(D)** benefit

4.

Now into her second year as Mayor of Detroit, Francine Menendez outlined pending improvements to the city's infrastructure. First on her list is the urban _____ of the Lakeside Precinct, ' which includes the conversion of an abandoned dock area into recreational parkland, and a two-mile long pedestrian boardwalk with cafes and restaurants.

(A) refreshment **(B)** progress
(C) renewal **(D)** structure

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5.

We have carefully considered each of our valuable and talented employees for this award, but only one could be selected. It took much deliberation, but we have reached consensus that out of the hundreds of ideas to emerge over the past year, Brian Lee's have been the most _____.

(A) respective **(B)** interested
(C) innovative **(D)** attracted

6.

The human resources department is pleased to announce that in an effort to better accommodate all employees' medical welfare needs, a new health care scheme has been devised, taking effect from August 1. After _____ and thorough research, we have put together our most comprehensive package, which includes optical and dental care benefits as well as additional regular health services.

(A) spacious **(B)** distracted
(C) extensive **(D)** occasional

7.

Washington D.C. tourist transit buses regularly depart from the East Side Bus Depot for major monuments, museums, and art galleries. The bus for the Jefferson Memorial leaves hourly from 8:00 a.m., and the one for the Smithsonian Institution shortly _____, from 8:10 a.m.

(A) later **(B)** already
(C) suddenly **(D)** thereafter

8.

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In the past year, Threestar Automotive's automobile exports increased by 12.6 percent, bringing in gross profits of around $500 million. The relatively new company has grown _____ in the five years since its inauguration, and considering the company's planned diversification into the pharmaceutical sector, the future looks bright indeed.

(A) eagerly **(B)** immediately
(C) recently **(D)** rapidly

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