XII. Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition.

1. I really like Pam because she has a really good sense _____ humor.
2. Apart _____ vaccines, there is no known way to protect against meningitis.
3. What conditions can make governments more responsive _____ the public?
4. If you're never content _____ what you have, you can never have enough.
5. The cost of cancer treatment often imposes a high financial burden _____ patients and their families.
6. There's increasing demand _____ part-time jobs from female workers in many countries.
7. Women now play an important role on the labour market and significantly contribute _____ socio-economic development.
8. Since 2012, women have participated _____ every Olympic sport at the Games.
9. These days more fathers stay _____ home and take care _____ their children.
10. Employees will be evaluated _____ their performance, attendance, and team skills.

C. SPEAKING

I. Use one of the expressions (A - H) in the box to respond to the statements (1 - 8).

A. It depends. To some people, marriage is much more important than anything else.
B. It's hard to say, but I hope so. I always treasure every minute I spend with my family.
C. Really? However, I think they can never be as good as teachers.
D. No doubt. I think the price of dosmetic robots will be cheaper so that every household can afford one.
E. Absolutely not! The technology is advancing, but it's not perfect.
F. Yeah. But I think it would take a long time to make it come true.
G. No way! They should focus on their study rather than earn their livings at that age.
H. How come? Nothing can replace conventional education as students need more than knowledge.

1. A: Domestic robots will take over routine household chores.
   B: _____
2. A: People definitely won't work longer hours in the future. They will come back home earlier to spend time with their family.
   B: _____
3. A: You think teenagers should start working part-time once they enter high school?
   B: _____
4. A: There will be more and more males taking charge of housework. Some of them may quit job to take care of their children.
   B: _____
5. A: Is online education going to replace classroom education soon?

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B: _____

6. A: Both males and females won't get married soon as they focus more on personal achievement.

   B: _____

7. A: Some experts predict that within the next ten years robots will be regularly used in classrooms around the world.

   B: _____

8. A: I'm afraid that homeschooling will be dominant and we don't need real schools anymore.

   B: _____

II. Put the dialogue into the correct order.

___ Of course. Once they earn their livings, they can take care of themselves and to some extent, it contributes to create gender equality.

___ Got it. Thank you for your sharing.

___ Definitely yes, but they may hope their husband share the chores with them, especially when they both go to work.

___ You're welcome.

___ It depends, but they can choose to stay single as they wish.

___ I mean when women have more chances to work, they can live independently and happily.

___ Are you sure about that?

_1_ What are you reading?

___ I see. Won't they get married?

___ What do you mean?

___ So, if they have their own family, will they take care of it?

___ Cool. What do you think about it?

___ An article about the change of males and females' roles in society.

___ Well, from my perspectives, it brings more benefits than drawbacks.

D. READING

I. Complete the passage with words from the box.

Breadwinning	trend	responsible	mutual	earning
previously	caregiver	associated	burden	speedy

In the past, fathers were not (1) _____ for taking care of their children, spend time with their children, preparing food for them, and helping them in their homework. This happened because the sole responsibility of (2) _____ was on the shoulder of men. Now, as women are sharing the financial (3) _____ , some fathers take care of their children while their mother is at the workplace. The depression, egoistic behavior, and pride (4) _____ with being the sole

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financial supporter are eventually balanced by the contribution of the female member. Therefore, the responsibility of child care is also showing a changing (5) _____ .

The number of fathers deciding to stay home is rising at a (6) _____ pace. This may happen due to several reasons such as females have strong earning power, and with the (7) _____ decision, they come to the conclusion that one of them should be at home with children. There are many men today who feel like acting as a primary (8) _____ being a father with kids. (9) _____ , you could not imagine that your father would ever do laundry or cleaning. But today in the absence of mothers or even when they are present, fathers share the responsibilities at home as women share the (10) _____ responsibility with fathers. This is how has fatherhood changed over the years.

II. Read the passage carefully, then do the tasks.

With millions of jobs set to be replaced by changes in technology, we may not be able to stop the rise of robots and automation. The robots are coming. We can see the enormous **strides** that technology makes each year and the jobs taken over by automation. Yes, believe it or not, there really are robots performing surgeries on humans. Robot-assisted surgery can give surgeons more precise control over their instruments and an improved view of what they are doing.

Computer systems are becoming incredibly good at performing **multi-faceted** tasks. Take autonomous cars which can be classified as robotic vehicles. Driving would fit all the **criteria** for a complicated task that only humans should be able to perform, yet we have autonomous cars increasingly **racking up** the miles collision free. In the game-playing arena, we are seeing machines beat the previously unbeatable professional players and generally **encroaching** on skills that once belonged to humans alone. All these technologies eventually can be **integrated into** robots. Are we close to the tipping point where humans become redundant in many sectors?

According to a recent survey, four million jobs in the British private sector could be replaced by robots in the next decade. That would impact on 15 percent of the current workforce and would have much the same impact in Ireland. Of course, new opportunities will come along, particularly ones which require strong cognitive and social skills, but this really means that people will have to become more human.

A. Match the bold words or phrases in the text with their definitions.

1. having many different aspects _____
2. combined with _____
3. gaining _____
4. relating to the processes of thinking and reasoning _____
5. appear _____
6. standards _____
7. important positive developments _____
8. taking more control _____

B. Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. We cannot put a stop on technology innovation.
2. Robotic systems can help surgeons increase precision.
3. Computer systems are only capable of carrying out multiple simple tasks.

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4. Driving task is so complex that it can't be performed by an autonomous vehicle.
5. Self-driving cars can travel miles without accident.
6. People in many sectors have lost their jobs because of automation.
7. In the next ten years, robots could take over four million jobs in the British private sector.
8. In the future, people will just do the jobs that require strong cognitive and social skills.

C. Answer the questions.

1. Why is robot-assisted surgery used?

_____

2. Can robots defeat human players in games?

_____

3. What percentage of the Ireland workforce could be affected by the use of robots in 10 years' time?

_____

4. Will technology create new job opportunities for the human race?

_____

5. What jobs can human do better than robots?

_____

E. WRITING

I. Reorder the words to make sentences.

1. outside/ and served/ the home/ traditionally,/ men/ for the family/ have worked/ as the sole breadwinner.

_____

2. at home/ raise the children/ in the past,/ to stay/ women/ and take care of/ were expected/ the household.

_____

3. who/ of men/ has doubled/ stay-at-home fathers/ the number/ are/ in the past 20 years.

_____

4. with/ women/ the financial burden/ their partners/ are capable of/ nowadays/ sharing.

_____

5. a significant role/ in helping/ women's time/ technology/ free up/ plays.

_____

6. teachers/ be replaced/ some experts/ would never/ said that/ by educational robots.

_____

7. challenging/ creating robotic teachers/ that/ all job demands/ can meet/ might be.

_____

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8. the students/ important computer skills/ which/ online education/ play/ teaches/ in today's everyday life/ an important part.

_____

9. by 2040/ household chores/ thanks to/ according to futurologists,/ robots, drones and AI/ 90 per cent of/ will be automated.

_____

10. we/ cook/ in the next 20 years/ appear/virtual chefs/ as holograms/ will see/ every step of the way/ to help us.

_____

II. Write the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first.

1. Quality-oriented education cannot fully replace exam-oriented education within a short period of time.

→ Exam-oriented education _____

2. Robert Pattinson visited our school last week. He played Edward in the *Twilight* films.

→ Robert Pattinson _____

3. Many people came to the meeting but some were half an hour late.

→ Many people came to the meeting, some _____

4. I sent you a postcard that was written on the summit of Ben Nevis.

→ The postcard _____

5. The man suddenly realized that the neighbour was watching him.

→ The man suddenly realized that he _____

6. "How about doing online shopping so that we can save time and energy?".

→ Ann suggested we _____

7. You'll lose your work unless you save it before closing the word-processing program.

→ If _____

8. Is Saturday morning school compulsory in your country?

→ Do students _____

9. "Have you seen anyone who fits the description?"

→ The police asked me _____

10. The Kenyan government should now pay more attention to gender inequality.

→ It's time _____

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