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Listening Comprehension



► **Task 1** In this section, you will hear five short dialogs. After each dialog, there is a recorded question. The dialogs and questions will be spoken only once. When you hear a question, you should choose the correct answer from the four choices marked A, B, C and D.

1. A. Colleagues. B. Friends.
C. Teacher and student. D. Shop assistant and customer.
2. A. Because she can have more friends in the city.
B. Because she thinks the country life is boring.
C. Because she doesn't have an opportunity to live in the country.
D. Because she thinks there are more job opportunities in the city.
3. A. Yes, she does. B. No, she doesn't.
C. Probably not. D. Not mentioned.
4. A. She likes everything about it. B. She hates it.
C. She likes some part of it. D. She thinks the pay is satisfying.
5. A. Because it has a good outlook. B. Because it has developed very well.
C. Because she is good at it. D. Because she studies it at school.

► **Task 2** In this section, you will hear two long conversations. After each conversation, there are some recorded questions. The conversations and questions will be spoken twice. When you hear a question, you should choose the correct answer from the four choices marked A, B, C and D.

Conversation 1

6. A. Moving to a new house. B. Changing his job.
C. Asking for an increase in his pay. D. Giving up his new job.
7. A. It's the best choice for the man.
B. It's very interesting.
C. It would allow the man to move up.
D. The woman advises the man not to apply for the job.

Conversation 2

8. A. She's a singer.
B. She's a musician.
C. She's a singer and musician.
D. None of the above.
9. A. Guitar. B. Piano. C. Flute. D. Violin.
10. A. Folk music. B. Rock music. C. Country music. D. Pop music.

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► **Task 3** In this section, you will hear a short passage. After that you should fill in the blanks 11–15 with the information you hear. The passage will be spoken three times.

Hobbies are activities that allow us to spend our free time doing something we enjoy and get 11. Having a hobby is important because people have a need to 12 themselves in different ways. For young children and teenagers, it is a way to develop their skills and talents and to keep them away from things like drugs, alcohol and bad people.

Some people are 13 with their jobs because they can do what they want, and their jobs are their hobbies. It's good because their work satisfies them. However, some of them don't know when to stop to do something else. Even 14 say it's not good to be a workaholic, and that people who know how to relax are much 15. They can be more efficient when they start working again after relaxation.

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Words and Structures

► **Task 1** Complete each statement by choosing the appropriate answer from the four choices marked A, B, C and D.

1. _____ the fierce competition (竞争) from large companies, his business went into bankruptcy (破产).
A. As B. Because of C. For D. Given that
2. He was known for his _____ and strange behavior.
A. unconventional B. traditional C. conventional D. intentional
3. The _____ between smoking and disease is widely known.
A. coordination B. cooperation C. correlation D. interaction
4. We should _____ to prevent war.
A. take for B. take care C. take after D. take steps
5. The advantages of this deal largely _____ the disadvantages.
A. outweigh B. outstand C. outlook D. outlet
6. When the children feel unloved or _____, they will feel unsafe.
A. unappreciated B. appreciated C. satisfied D. unconscious
7. Mr. Dennis said he had _____ access to a telephone.
A. conquered B. requested C. questioned D. quested
8. Two old trees _____ their upper branches.
A. covered B. recovered C. discovered D. overlapped
9. My students gave a good _____ at the English contest.
A. action B. performance C. achievement D. contribution
10. Let's make _____ clear that what we have to do is part of our job.
A. it B. that C. / D. as
11. The police have to _____ all the complaints seriously.
A. take B. look C. see D. get
12. All our decisions have to _____ scientific development.
A. be equal to B. be qualified with C. be consistent with D. be ready for
13. He listed a few reasons _____ he was not interested in the project.
A. why B. how C. which D. what
14. The news _____ unexpected; nevertheless, it is true.
A. maybe B. may be C. should be D. must be
15. The number of people who talked about music rose _____.
A. surprising B. surprised C. surprise D. surprisingly

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► **Task 2** Fill in each blank with the proper form of the words given in brackets.

1. I'm _____ (honor) to be with you today at your commencement (毕业典礼) from one of the finest universities in the world.
2. Everyone wants to get _____ (satisfy) from his or her job.
3. Expensive restaurants aren't _____ (necessary) the best.
4. I felt bad about not _____ (be) able to come last night.
5. Stay _____ (focus) on the conversation, and you'll save yourself a lot of potential problems.
6. If it does happen, we tend to feel _____ (ignore), overlooked and unappreciated.
7. He could not retreat from his _____ (responsible) for this accident.
8. They were giving an acrobatic (杂技的) _____ (perform) for the children.
9. China will make a greater _____ (contribute) to humanity.
10. By that time I was becoming _____ (disenchant) with the whole idea.

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Reading Comprehension

- **Task 1** Read the following passage and choose the best answer from the four choices marked A, B, C and D.

Robert S. Cassatt, a leading banker of Philadelphia, was very angry when his 20-year-old eldest daughter announced that she wanted to become an artist. In the 19th century, playing at drawing or painting on dishes was all right for a young lady, but serious work in art was not. And when the young lady's family ranked among the best of Philadelphia's social families, such an idea could not even be considered.

That was how Mary Cassatt, born in 1844, began her struggle to become an artist. She did not tremble before her father's anger. Instead, she opposed (抗拒) him with courage and at last made him change his mind. Mary Cassatt gave up her social position and all thoughts of a husband and a family, which in those times was unthinkable for a young lady. In the end, after long years of hard work and perseverance (坚持), she became the most important female artist in America.

- How did Mr. Cassatt react when his daughter made her announcement?
 - He feared for her life.
 - He was very angry.
 - He nearly killed her.
 - He agreed with her.
- What in fact was Mr. Cassatt's main reason for opposing his daughter's wish?
 - Drawing or painting was simply unthinkable among ladies in those days.
 - He did not believe his daughter wanted to work seriously in art.
 - He believed an artist's life would be too hard for his daughter.
 - Ladies from good families simply did not become artists in those times.
- What made Mary Cassatt's "struggle" to become a recognized artist especially hard?
 - She was a woman.
 - Her father opposed her.
 - She had no social position.
 - She did not come from an artist's family.
- What do we know about Mary Cassatt's marriage?
 - Her marriage failed because she never gave a thought to her husband and family.
 - She never married because she did not want to be just a wife and mother.
 - After marriage she decided to give up her husband rather than her career.
 - She did not marry because for a lady of her social position to marry below her was unthinkable.
- What do we know about Robert S. Cassatt's character from the passage?
 - He was cruel.
 - He was conservative (保守的).
 - He was quiet.
 - He was open-minded.

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► **Task 2** Read the following passage and complete the sentences below with the information given in the passage.

Grandma Moses is among the most famous painters of the United States in the 20th century, but she did not start painting until she was in her late 70s. As she once said of herself, “I would never sit back in a rocking chair, waiting for someone to help me.” No one else could have had a more productive old age.

She was born on a farm in New York State in 1860. At 12 she left home and was in domestic (家庭的) service until, at 27, she married Thomas Moses, the hired hand of one of her employers. They farmed most of their lives, first in Virginia and then in New York State, at Eagle Bridge. Her husband died in 1927.

Grandma Moses made embroidery (刺绣) pictures as a hobby, but changed to oils in old age, because her hands had become too stiff (硬的) to sew, and she wanted to keep busy and pass the time. Her pictures were first sold at local stores and markets, and were soon noticed by a businessman who bought everything she painted. Three of the pictures were exhibited in the Museum of Modern Art, and in 1940 she had her first exhibition in New York. Throughout her lifetime, she produced some 2,000 pictures: detailed and lively portrayals (描绘) of the country life she had known for so long, with a wonderful sense of color and form. “I think really hard till I think of something really pretty, and then I paint it,” she said.

6. Grandma Moses didn't begin to paint until _____.
7. Grandma Moses and her husband spent most of their lives _____.
8. Grandma Moses' pictures were first sold _____.
9. Three of the pictures were exhibited in _____.
10. Grandma Moses painted her pictures very well with her _____.

► **Task 3** Read the following passage and answer the questions.

Begin doing the work you love as soon as possible, even if you don't get paid for it, or you can only work on it part-time. Albert Einstein was unable to get a job as a physics professor. He could have said to himself, “Well, I just don't have the work relative to physics. I should settle for something else.” Instead, he wrote the two most famous papers while employed as a patent (专利) clerk.

If you want to work as an artist and you are making a living as a waiter, don't think of yourself as a waiter who hopes one day to become an artist. That puts off the work you love somewhere in the distant future. Rather, think of yourself as an artist supporting yourself by waiting at table, and paint or draw as much as you can. It is possible to earn a living wage as a waiter working 24 hours a week. That leaves plenty of time to be devoted to developing your craft (工艺) in the off-hours.

Seeking the work you love helps expand your awareness (意识) into the universe of all possibilities, and you don't have to be limited to the ideas of what you should do or what you have done before. Having been open to all possibilities, you can make a final decision and select the work you love as your own.

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Doing the work you love requires that you be equally comfortable with the imaginative and the practical. It requires the ability to dream big dreams, and the ability to face and master all the little details that make dreams come true.

11. If you can't get paid for the work you love or you can only work on it part-time, what should you do?

12. What did Albert Einstein achieve when working as a patent clerk?

13. What can the pursuit of the work you love help you?

14. What can you do when you are open to all possibilities?

15. What abilities do you need to do the work you love?

- **Task 4** Read the following passage and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

My First Job—Floor Mopper

“Be proud of what you do,” my father always told me, “whether you’re a boss or a floor mopper.”

When I was 17, I got a summer job at Waterbury Hospital Health Center, where I was told my duties would include mopping floors. I smiled and remembered my father’s advice.

I was thrilled to work as a floor mopper. I didn’t see it as a barrier but as a challenge, because it was my first job. I learned to be punctual and to meet certain standards. In return, I was respected by the hospital staff and patients. Each morning I imagined that the plates coated with oatmeal would only make patients feel worse, if I were not there to wash them clean. Once breakfast was done, I pitched in (投入) by mopping the floors of all patient wards, and cleaning toilets. Though I was exhausted, I wanted the job to be done well. People would beam (笑容满面) and say, “That young guy does a good job.” That gave me an overwhelming sense of pride.

Working at the hospital taught me that being proud of your job is part of the commitment to your work. It doesn’t matter whether the commitment is mopping floors clean or managing a large business well. Through every job I have ever held, my father’s advice has always stayed with me. I have mopped floors, and I have been promoted to be a manager of a large business. I think my father would be proud of me.

16. () The writer’s father gave the advice when his son took his first job.
17. () The writer’s only work at the hospital was to mop the floor.
18. () The writer did his work with a strong sense of responsibility.

19. () The writer's work was well appreciated at the hospital.
20. () The writer thought one should be proud of his work.

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Translation

► **Task 1** Translate the following sentences into English, making sure the translations are faithful to the original sentences.

1. 他以前的工作没有让他感到受赏识和重视。(unappreciated)

2. 怀特先生只不过是这家跨国银行里的小人物。(a cog in the wheel)

3. 所有这类图样和说明都必须与合同文件一致。(be consistent with)

4. 在商界，善于跟别人相处是可贵的优点。(get along with)

5. 这家医院承诺要提供最好的医疗服务。(commitment)

► **Task 2** Translate the following sentences into Chinese, making sure the translations are faithful to the original sentences.

1. The tourism of the country is booming.

2. Do you think your English is good enough to work as a live-in caregiver?

3. I have expressed my deep gratitude to him.

4. Bridges are used to avoid the intersection of railroads and highways.

5. He stubbornly refused to tell her how he had come to be in such a state.

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Writing

► **Task 1** This part is to test your ability to state your own opinions. Write an essay entitled “Why Should We Love Our Jobs?”.

► **Task 2** This part is to test your ability to do practical writing.

You want to become an accountant in a network company. Write an application letter to Ms. Zhang, the chief human resources officer, to:

1. show your interest;
2. describe yourself;
3. explain why you would be suitable for the job.

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