

Unit Traffic and Transportation

Part 1 Listening Comprehension

Section A

Directions: *In this section, you will hear a long conversation. At the end of the conversation, four questions will be asked about what was said. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After each question there will be a pause. During the pause, you must read the three choices marked A), B) and C), and decide which is the best answer.*

1. Why does Tracy look funny today?
 - A) Because she caught a cold.
 - B) Because she almost lost her voice because she sang too much.
 - C) Because she wore tight jeans.
2. Why does Tracy wear such a tight pair of jeans?
 - A) Because they are fashionable.
 - B) Because she is required to do so.
 - C) Because she puts on some weight recently, and the trousers don't fit anymore.
3. Does Li like the skinny jeans?
 - A) No, he doesn't like them at all.

- B) Yes, he likes them very much.
 - C) We don't know from the passage.
4. What's worse for Tracy to do at the end of the conversation?
- A) To drink some water.
 - B) To stand while talking.
 - C) To sit down.

Section B

Directions: *In this section, you will hear a passage three times. When the passage is read for the first time, you should listen carefully for its general idea. When the passage is read for the second time, you are required to fill in the blanks numbered from 1 to 10 with the exact words you have just heard. Finally, when the passage is read for the third time, you should check what you have written.*

The British usually expect one or two 1. ____ each year and the amount of snow 2. ____ affects everyday life. However, this week Britain has had the 3. ____ snow it has seen in around 18 years. Some places had more than 30cm in a day. The bad weather 4. ____ severe disruption. More than 5. ____ schools had to close as teachers and pupils were unable to get to school. School children weren't too unhappy about it though as they 6. ____ out to play in the snow, building snowmen, having snowball fights, sledging and some even snowboarding and 7. ____ . In London, bus services were not available for a day and tubes and trains were 8. ____ . Major motorways in the country had to close. Many people were unable to get to work and it is thought the 9. ____ of this lost labor is around £ 1 billion to businesses and the 10. ____ .

Part 2 Reading Comprehension

Directions: *There are 2 passages in this section. Each passage is followed by some*

questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A) ,B) ,C) and D). You should decide on the best choice.

Passage A

To tell you the truth, I'm not interested in owning a cell phone. Except for use in an emergency (紧急情况), for ordinary cell phone service is very expensive. But if I don't own one, how would I get help when I am in trouble or in danger? A good friend recommended a product she thought would settle my problem. It's the SOS phone—a phone designed for emergency use.

With the touch of a button, the SOS phone will connect me to a roadside emergency service, a 911 service or a trained SOS operator, 24 hours a day. If I ever need help, I know it's just a phone call away.

By pressing the "Tow" button, I'll be connected with my emergency roadside service provider. Or if I don't have one, the SOS operator can suggest one to me and get in touch with them immediately.

The "911" button would connect me to 911 emergency service in my area. Best of all, the call is completely free!

If I just want to call home to tell my husband and children something necessary, I can, by pressing the "Call" button, reach an operator. When I ask the operator to call home, I'll be connected automatically. And because the Call Center has my 10 most-used phone numbers, I don't even have to recite the numbers.

Unlike ordinary cell phone plans, the SOS phone doesn't have any minimum usage requirements or other promises that could change the price I expect to pay each month.

Why not try it yourself!

1. The writer enjoys using the SOS phone because _____ .
 - A) she is always in trouble or in danger
 - B) she thinks the cost of its service is reasonable
 - C) she needn't pay for any emergency service
 - D) the ordinary cell phone can't be used in an emergency

2. Press _____ button, and you can get service without paying a fee.
A) 911 B) Tow C) Call D) Tow and 911
3. When you have an SOS phone, _____.
A) you will get help whenever you are in an emergency
B) you will be safe wherever you are
C) you can be connected with anyone
D) you can receive service from any cell phones
4. When you want to call home, _____.
A) you will have to tell the operator your home phone number
B) the operator will suggest one phone number to you
C) the Call Center will pass on your words to your family
D) you'll be connected with your family with the help of an operator
5. The writer wants to _____.
A) tell us an SOS phone is much more expensive than an ordinary phone
B) let us know she dislikes an SOS phone
C) let us know something about the SOS phone
D) tell us she is very safe now

Passage B

When the great library of Alexandria got burned, one book was saved. But it was not a valuable book; and so a poor man, who could read little, bought it for very little money.

The book wasn't very interesting, but between its pages there was something very interesting indeed. It was a thin strip of vellum (牛皮纸) on which the secret of the "Touchstone" was written! The touchstone was a small pebble (卵石) that could turn any common metal into pure gold.

The writing explained that it was lying among thousands and thousands of other pebbles that looked exactly like it. But the secret was this: the real stone would feel warm, while ordinary pebbles were cold.

So the man sold his few belongings, bought some simple supplies, camped on the seashore, and began testing pebbles. He knew that if he picked up ordinary pebbles and threw them down again because they were cold, he might pick up the same pebble hundreds of times. So, when he

felt one that was cold, he threw it into the sea. He spent a whole day doing this but none of them was the touchstone. Yet he went on and on this way. Pick up a pebble. Cold—throw it into the sea. Pick up another. Throw it into the sea. Pick up still another. Throw it into the sea. The days continued over a long period of time.

One day, however, about mid-afternoon, he picked up a pebble and it was warm. He threw it into the sea before he realized what he had done. He had formed such a strong habit of throwing each pebble into the sea that when the one he wanted came along he still threw it away.

So it is with opportunity. Unless we are cautious, it's easy to fail to recognize an opportunity when it is in hand and it's just as easy to throw it away.

- The man bought the book because _____.
A) he wanted to read it
B) it was very interesting
C) The book was old
D) he wanted to find the touchstone
- We can learn from the passage that the touchstone is _____.
A) pure
B) cold
C) magic
D) big
- What did the man do when he found out the secret?
A) He told the secret to his friends.
B) He did nothing because he didn't believe it.
C) He began looking for the touchstone.
D) He sold the secret to a rich man.
- Why did the man throw the pebbles into the sea?
A) Because he didn't want to pick up the same pebbles.
B) Because he didn't want others to pick them up.
C) Because he didn't like their ordinary looks.
D) Because he didn't like the cold feelings.
- What does the writer want to tell us in the passage?
A) We should create opportunities in our life.
B) We should look for opportunities in the world.
C) We may lose opportunities when we are not watchful.
D) We may discover opportunities when forming habits.

Part 3 Vocabulary

1. Directions: Choose the best answer from the following choices marked A), B), C) and D).

- 1) It appears as if China has managed to use its _____ over the issue.
A) affect B) impact C) influence D) effect
- 2) The _____ manufacturer continued to produce minibuses to meet the farmers' demand at low profit.
A) automobile B) airplane C) shoe D) computer
- 3) Unless you _____ your mind, I won't be able to help you.
A) get B) change C) turn D) make
- 4) I'll have to ask the bank to _____ the repayment period on my loan.
A) expand B) enhance C) improve D) extend
- 5) Admittedly, those who _____ to the viewpoint also have their reasons to a certain extent.
A) support B) object C) refuse D) fight
- 6) We're getting better at it all the time, but we also need to be very _____ of its limitations.
A) warn B) alert C) aware D) careful
- 7) Another investigation shows that the children learning a foreign language before the age of three will gain the most _____.
A) benefits B) success C) merits D) grades
- 8) A challenging problem is often only a(n) _____ decision waiting to be made.
A) simple B) tough C) easy D) good
- 9) They did not know how they could _____ the bitterly cold night.
A) live B) stay C) go over D) survive
- 10) Loaning money to someone you don't trust is a _____ business.
A) beneficial B) promising C) risky D) profitable

2. Directions: Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the words given in the bracket.

- 1) At least, flows of Asian immigrants have been _____ (steady) increasing.
- 2) This approach also makes it easy _____ (generate) reports on several projects quickly.
- 3) He tried to _____ (expand) the firm quickly, but his staff did not have enough experience.
- 4) Junk foods _____ (reject) by most parents are most kids' favorite.
- 5) The Department uses information technology _____ (extensive) to provide high quality services to the public.
- 6) A joyful heart is the _____ (inevitable) result of a heart burning with love.
- 7) The _____ (reduce) in coal burning is good news for environmental protection.
- 8) The doctor told him to _____ (cut) on his drinking.
- 9) Such a move would be dramatic in _____ (term) of the Chinese economy.
- 10) He wanted to say no, but _____ (lack) the courage.

Part 4 Structure

1. Directions: Choose the best answer from the following choices marked A), B), C) and D).

- 1) She was so upset that she couldn't help _____.
A) cry B) to cry C) cried D) crying
- 2) He failed _____ the task given by his boss a week ago.
A) finish B) to finish C) finished D) finishing
- 3) I don't mind _____ by bus if it's not the rush hour.
A) travel B) to travel C) traveled D) traveling
- 4) He was lucky to escape _____ to prison.
A) sending B) being sent C) to be sent D) sent

- 5) When _____ at the door, she was given a warm welcome.
A) appears B) to appear C) appeared D) appearing
- 6) The picture _____ on the wall was painted by my daughter.
A) hangs B) hanged C) hung D) hanging
- 7) When _____, the museum will be open to the public next month.
A) completed B) completing C) being completed D) to be completed
- 8) Most of the people _____ to the party were famous scientists.
A) invite B) to invite C) invited D) inviting
- 9) Would you allow me _____ an interview with you to discuss my qualifications?
A) have B) to have C) had D) having had
- 10) His trick made the crying girl _____ immediately.
A) laugh B) to laugh C) laughed D) laughing

2. Directions: *Correct the errors in the following sentences.*

- 1) Losing in thought, he almost ran into the car in front of him.
- 2) The purpose of new technologies is to make life easier, not making it more difficult.
- 3) He sent me an e-mail, hoped to gain further information.
- 4) Her mom wouldn't allow her eat candies before going to bed.
- 5) The missed boy was last seen playing near the park.
- 6) I can't seem to get used to wear glasses.
- 7) My wife suggested to go to Scotland for a holiday.
- 8) I sometimes find it difficult making others to understand me.
- 9) When asking to give some comments, he refused to speak any more.
- 10) John is on his way over here, so you had better getting ready.

Part 5 Translation

Directions: *Translate the following sentences into English.*

1. 他会拉丁文和希腊文,更不用说英语了。(not to mention)
2. 我尚不知道他是否会采用我的建议。(adopt)
3. 即使你不能理解这个道理,你也没有理由拒绝它。(reject)
4. 马克昨天感冒了,而且晚上发高烧。(in addition)
5. 她在会议上发表了关于空气污染的讲话。(pollution)

Part 6 Cloze

Directions: *There are ten blanks in the following passage. For each blank there are four choices marked A), B), C) and D). You should choose the ONE that best fits into the passage.*

Media both at home and 1 reported Beijing government's latest proposals to reduce the traffic jam.

Measures include 2 parking fees for city-center areas and plans for "congestion charges" (拥堵费) on vehicles. City officials and experts have promoted the plans as a highly 3 way to discourage drivers 4 traveling to the city center and reduce the number of cars on the road.

Some people say that the 5 of owning a car and driving in Beijing is too low, and too many people own too many cars. If all these people drove to work, Beijing's traffic would be a 6. It makes 7 to keep some of these drivers off the road at certain times. The government could use the extra income from higher charges for drivers to improve public transport. This trend would improve traffic conditions gradually.

Many car owners, however, 8 the plans, saying they are unfair and could hurt a lot of ordinary people who have no choice but 9 to work. Many people have to drive to work in the city because public transport is too time-wasting.

So what is your opinion? Will higher parking fees and congestion charges be effective 10 reducing Beijing's traffic jams?

1. A) aboard B) abroad C) foreign D) broad
2. A) rising B) wanting C) raising D) asking
3. A) effective B) efficient C) expensive D) economic
4. A) on B) off C) in D) from
5. A) cost B) price C) value D) money
6. A) dream B) terrible C) nightmare D) imagine
7. A) sense B) meaning C) good D) reason
8. A) agree B) disagree C) oppose D) welcome
9. A) to drive B) driving C) driven D) being driving
10. A) to B) in C) for D) on

Part 7 Writing

Directions: Write a name card according to the information below.

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