

Journeys of Discovery



Part I Listening Comprehension



Section A

Directions: *There are 5 recorded statements or questions in this section. When you hear a statement or question, you should decide on the correct response from the 4 choices marked A, B, C and D.*

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| 1. A. No, you can't. | B. Yes, you can. | C. You're welcome. | D. Sure, thanks. |
| 2. A. Not very often. | B. Once a year. | C. Very often. | D. By bus. |
| 3. A. OK, thanks. | B. No, I can't. | C. OK, I will. | D. That's all right. |
| 4. A. Why? | B. It's OK. | C. OK, let me try. | D. What a pity! |
| 5. A. Good idea. | B. No, I can't. | C. Sorry, I don't think so. | D. Thank you. |

Section B

Directions: *There are 5 recorded short dialogues in this section. After each dialogue, there is a recorded question. When you hear a question, you should decide on the correct answer from the 4 choices marked A, B, C and D.*

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| 6. A. An apple. | B. An Apple Watch. |
| C. An Apple iPhone. | D. An Apple fan. |
| 7. A. TV programs. | B. TV plays. |
| C. TV channels. | D. TV commercials. |
| 8. A. An apple. | B. A credit card. |
| C. An Apple Watch. | D. A car. |
| 9. A. They want to make more money to improve their lives. | |
| B. They want to settle down in big cities. | |
| C. They want to move to big cities. | |
| D. They want their children to enjoy a better education. | |

10. A. A student and another student. B. A reader and a librarian.
C. A customer and a shop assistant. D. A student and a teacher.

Section C

Directions: *There are 2 recorded conversations in this section. After each conversation, there are 5 recorded questions. When you hear a question, you should decide on the correct answer from the 4 choices marked A, B, C and D.*

Conversation 1

11. A. In Russia. B. In the USA. C. In space. D. In France.
12. A. In 2020. B. In 2016. C. In 2015. D. In 2018.
13. A. 160,000 dollars. B. 260,000 dollars. C. 300,000 dollars. D. 500,000 dollars.

Conversation 2

14. A. Drive a car. B. Take a bus. C. Take a train. D. Take a plane.
15. A. India. B. The USA. C. Australia. D. China.

Section D

Directions: *In this section, there is a recorded short passage with some words or phrases missing. You are required to put down the missing words or phrases in according to what you hear.*

Space Exploration

For many centuries people dreamed of exploring space. However, this dream didn't
16. _____ until 1957, when the Soviet Union sent up the first space satellite. Then
the whole world wanted a piece of the action! The first US space satellite, *Explorer 1*, was
17. _____ in 1958. Eleven years later, in 1969, the American astronaut Neil
Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon.

All this cost a lot of money. Space exploration is undeniably 18. _____, but the
rewards are huge. Many of the high-tech products we use today are by-products of the space race.
19. _____ and satellite televisions are just two modern necessities which have come
from our travels in space.

Holidays in space are fast becoming a reality too—but only for the world's richest people. It
has been reported that British singer Sarah Brightman is planning to sing aboard the International
20. _____ in 2016.



Part II Vocabulary and Structure



Section A

Directions: *There are 10 incomplete statements here. You are required to complete each statement by choosing the appropriate answer from the 4 choices marked A, B, C and D.*

1. A computer is one of the greatest _____ in the 20th century.
A. inventors B. inventor C. invention D. inventions
2. Every year millions of farmers _____ to such big cities as Shenzhen in search of better life.
A. migrate B. migrates C. emigrate D. immigrates
3. In human history, many _____ were made by accident.
A. discovers B. discoveries C. discovery D. discover
4. Only few people _____ from the air crash.
A. survived B. survival C. survivor D. died
5. Nowadays many people can't live _____ a mobile phone.
A. with B. without C. from D. on
6. Money is something, but money doesn't mean _____.
A. something B. anything C. everything D. nothing
7. Although he has looked for his lost dog _____, he hasn't found it yet.
A. everywhere B. nowhere C. anywhere D. somewhere
8. Some millionaires just have _____ but money in their life.
A. something B. anything C. everything D. nothing
9. One can live without money, but _____ can live without air.
A. someone B. anyone C. no one D. no body
10. He who risks _____, gains nothing.
A. everything B. nothing C. something D. anything

Section B

Directions: *There are 10 incomplete statements here. You should fill in each blank with the proper form of the word given in brackets.*

11. You can find (vary) _____ birds migrate to the island to breed every year.
12. Almost all the countries in the world have become tourist (destination) _____ for Chinese people.

13. China is like a (giant) _____ awakening from a heavy sleep.
14. Many animals can (judge) _____ direction by smelling.
15. People can hardly (imagine) _____ how birds migrate from one place to another every year.
16. A new (generate) _____ of Apple iPhone has been released in many countries.
17. The Internet is changing the human life (dramatic) _____.
18. The (percent) _____ of people who own a mobile phone is very high in China.
19. With the development of science and technology, our life is changing (amazing) _____.
20. Nowadays there appear many strange (ill) _____ in the world.

Part III Reading Comprehension

Task 1

Directions: After reading the following passage, you will find 5 questions, numbered 1 to 5. For each question or statement there are 4 choices marked A, B, C and D. You should make the correct choice.

Reasons for Bird Migration

Many different types of birds migrate at some point during the year. Migration patterns may be from north to south, from east to west or from low altitudes to high altitudes, depending on the particular bird species. Why do birds migrate? Scientists have discovered at least three reasons for bird migration.

Seasonal Food Scarcity

One of the main reasons birds migrate is to find food when it becomes scarce in their current location. As the weather gets colder, the food and water sources that birds rely on begin to disappear. Locations with warmer climates will maintain these food sources during the winter months and are therefore reasonable enough to migrate.

Avoiding Predators

One reason that birds may migrate is to avoid large predators, especially in the egg-laying season. Birds who lay their eggs on the ground are particularly fond of migrating to places where the threat to their eggs is far smaller.

Breeding Conditions

Certain species of birds may migrate to areas that have good environments for breeding. For example, some birds migrate north to the Arctic in the summer to breed there when food is plentiful and the daylight hours are abundant. These conditions are ideal for breeding, as birds can maintain high energy levels and avoid predators who will have died out in the harsh winter.

1. According to the passage, which one in the following is NOT a reason for bird migration?

A. Seasonal food scarcity.	B. Favourable breeding conditions.
C. Avoidance of predators.	D. Mating.
2. What migration pattern is NOT mentioned in the passage?

A. From north to south.	B. From east to west.
C. From high altitude to low altitude.	D. From low altitude to high latitude.
3. What does the word “predator” mean in the passage?

A. A person who hunts for animals.	B. A hunter who hunts for a living.
C. An animal that kills and eats other animals.	D. An animal that lives peacefully with other animals.
4. According to the passage, what is the reason that birds who lay eggs on the ground migrate?

A. Seasonal food scarcity.	B. Avoidance of predators.
C. Favourable breeding conditions.	D. Mating.
5. Which of the following words has the same meaning as the word “abundant”?

A. Plentiful.	B. Harsh.	C. Enough.	D. Scarce.
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Task 2

Directions: The following is an ad for vacation tours. You will find 5 questions or unfinished statements, numbered 6 to 10. For each question or statement there are 4 choices marked A, B, C and D. You should make the correct choice.

\$1149 Great Value Vacations

Six-Night Ireland Adare Villa Vacation from Chicago with Airfare and Car Rental.

Vacations are round-trip, per person, based on 4 travellers. Includes air & taxes, villa

accommodation and car rental.

Explore the medieval charm and friendly hospitality of southwest Ireland in a weeklong vacation arranged by Great Value Vacations. A stay in your three-bedroom villa at enchanting Adare Manor Villas, a 5-star luxury resort, is the perfect way to take in the history and beauty of the Emerald Isle. Step back in time on the grounds of Adare Manor, a picturesque castle that will transport you to the magical days of 19th century Ireland, where you can enjoy modern luxuries such as golfing, fine cuisine, and spa treatments as part of an unforgettable experience.

6. How long does the vacation last?
A. Six days. B. Seven nights. C. Five days. D. Six nights.
7. What does the price not include?
A. Airfare. B. Car rental.
C. Villa accommodations. D. Food.
8. Where does the trip start from?
A. Ireland. B. Chicago. C. Shanghai. D. The Emerald Isle.
9. How many bedrooms are there in a villa?
A. Two. B. Four. C. Three. D. Five.
10. According to the advertisement, a traveller can enjoy everything during the vacation except _____.
A. golfing B. fine cuisine C. spa treatments D. surfing

Task 3

Directions: Read the following passage and then complete the information by filling in the blanks marked 11 to 15 in no more than 3 words.

The South Pole

The South Pole, the southernmost point of the earth, is located on the continent of Antarctica. The South Pole is a place with many interesting facts waiting to be discovered.

Two Seasons

The South Pole only has two seasons: winter and summer. Each season lasts six months of the year. During the winter at the South Pole, the sun never rises. During the summer, the sun never sets.

Temperature and Elevation

The South Pole sits 9,300 feet above sea level, but the actual bedrock of the pole is only about

100 feet above sea level. The average temperature at the South Pole is -58 degrees Fahrenheit annually.

Two Poles

The South Pole actually has two poles: the South Magnetic pole and the South Geomagnetic pole. The Magnetic Pole moves around due to changes in the earth's magnetic field. The South Geomagnetic Pole also moves its positioning and is completely independent from the Magnetic South Pole.

Station

The Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station is named after Roald Amundsen and Robert Falcon Scott. The station was erected by Amundsen, who first arrived at the Pole in December 1911; Scott made several expeditions in which he raced Amundsen to the pole. The station itself began to be built in 1956 and was completed in 1957.

Interesting Facts About the South Pole

Location: The South Pole, the southernmost point of the earth, is located on the continent of 11.

Seasons: The South Pole only has two seasons: winter and 12. Each season lasts six months.

Temperature: The average temperature at the South Pole is 13 Fahrenheit annually.

Poles: The South Pole actually has two poles: the 14 pole and the South Geomagnetic pole.

Station: The Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station is named after 15 and Robert Falcon Scott.

Task 4

Directions: The following are some terms related with inventions. After reading them, you are required to find the items equivalent to (与……等同) those given in Chinese in the table below. Then you should put the corresponding letters in the brackets.

A—patent

B—invention

C—innovation

D—creation

E—discovery

F—gunpowder

G—compass

H—papermaking technology

I—movable-type printing

J—patent applicant	K—patent right	L—trademark
M—intellectual property	N—trademark right	O—registered trademark
P—high technology	Q—inventor	R—technological innovation
S—industrial property	T—registration of patent	

Examples: (B) 发明

(D) 创造

16. () 专利

() 商标

17. () 创新

() 知识产权

18. () 指南针

() 商标权

19. () 高技术

() 注册商标

20. () 技术革新

() 专利权

Task 5

Directions: *The following are some features of Apple Watch. After reading them, you are required to complete the answers that follow the questions numbered 21 to 25. You should write your answers in no more than 3 words.*

The Apple Watch Is Coming

The Apple Watch is due to launch on April 24, 2015 in nine countries including China. As a smart watch created by Apple Inc., Apple Watch will impress the world with its cool features.

Fitness tracking

Apple Watch can read your heart rate from four sensors on the back of the device. The fitness app will encourage you to meet certain goals in different categories like exercising and standing. For example, the watch will remind you to stand and move around if you've been sitting too long. It can keep track of how many calories you have burned every day.

Powerful texting

You can view incoming text messages on your wrist. And you can reply to texts with ready-made responses. Apple also created a new set of animated emoji (表情符号) that you can send instead of text.

Mapping it out

Lost? You can get directions on your wrist. The watch will lightly vibrate when you have to

turn left or right.

Flexible friend

The Apple Watch will come in two sizes, to suit all wrist sizes. It has three distinct styles: Apple Watch Sports, Apple Watch and Apple Watch Edition. The bands are swappable and come in a range of different styles. The watch charges using a magnetic charger, and has to be charged every night.

21. In how many countries is the Apple Watch due to launch on April 24, 2015?
Apple Watch is due to launch in _____ countries on April 24, 2015.
22. What will the Apple Watch remind you to do if you have been sitting too long?
Apple Watch will remind you to stand and _____.
23. What else can Apple Watch send in addition to text?
Apple Watch can send a new set of _____ in addition to text.
24. How will Apple Watch tell you to turn left or right?
Apple Watch will _____ to tell you to make a turn.
25. What kind of charger does Apple Watch use?
Apple Watch uses _____.



Part IV Translation



Directions: There are 3 sentences (No. 1 to No. 3) in this section. Each of the sentences is followed by three choices of suggested translation marked A, B and C. You are required to make the best choice.

1. It is amazing that the little dolphin finally found its way back to where she was born. (find one's way back)
A. 小海豚最后找到了回自己出生地的路，这真令人惊奇。
B. 小海豚终于找到了回自己出生地的方法，这真令人惊奇。
C. 小海豚最后发现了回自己出生地的方法，这真令人惊奇。

2. No doubt that birds migrate just for nothing but survival. (nothing but)
- A. 无疑鸟类进行迁徙不为了什么，但是要生存。
- B. 无疑鸟类进行迁徙不为了什么，但是为了生存。
- C. 无疑鸟类进行迁徙只为了要生存。
3. Ability is something but diligence is everything. (... is something but... is everything)
- A. 能力是一回事但是勤奋是每件事。
- B. 能力很重要，但勤奋最重要。
- C. 能力只意味着一件事，但勤奋意味着一切。



Writing



Task

Directions: *A notice can be either in form of a brief notice or in form of a letter. Read the following two samples carefully. Then write a notice according to the information given in Chinese.*

Sample 1

The Department Office Notice of a Lecture

Time: 10 a.m.

Date: Wednesday, February 10

Place: the lecture hall of the Library Building

A lecture about how to apply for a scholarship in the USA will be given by Professor Smith from the University of Chicago. All the interested students in our university are welcome to attend the lecture. And if necessary, please prepare some relevant questions before the lecture. Punctuality is requested.

Sample 2

Notice of a Meeting

All the teachers and staff:

There will be a meeting in Room 209 in the Administration Building at 14:00 p.m., on Friday,

February 26. The meeting is about preparation for the new semester. All the teachers and staff in the Department of Foreign Languages are required to attend the meeting on time.

The Department Office

February 25

1. 系学生会将举办新年晚会，迎接新年的到来，欢迎本系感兴趣的师生踊跃参加；
2. 晚会举办地点是学生活动中心，时间是12月31号晚上6点钟；
3. 希望参加者准时到达，不要带食物。

Part VI Speaking

Task 1

Directions: Read the following conversation and act it out.

A: I want to go travelling in the holidays. But I don't know where to go. Can you give me some good advice?

B: No problem. But what kind of trips do you like to take—long or short?

A: I only have one week off. I'd like to visit somewhere I can broaden my mind but relax at the same time.

B: How about going to Xiamen? There are many places of interests as well as beautiful beaches in Xiamen. When you stroll along the beach, you can enjoy the awesome seascape and the exotic architecture.

A: That really is a beautiful city. But I have been there before. What else do you recommend?

B: Have you ever been to Hangzhou? It's really worth seeing and the scenic sites of the West Lake are famous. The local food is well known too.

A: Sounds great! I have dreamed of going there for a long time. The only thing is how to get there. Should I go solo or choose a package tour?

B: Well, the good thing about independent travel is the freedom and flexibility. Going solo means more chances to communicate with local residents and other tourists from all over the world. But the good thing about package tours is that you don't have to worry about time, the route and the accommodation. I think it's safer and less time-consuming too. But you will spend more money that way as you'll have to pay a travel agency.

A: I think independent travel is more suitable for me then. Why don't we go together?

B: That's a good idea!

Sentences and expressions for reference:

Do you have any good ideas?

No problem!

I'd like to do...

How about going to...?

What else do you recommend?

It's really worth seeing.

Sounds great!

Task 2

Directions: *Make conversations based on the situations given below.*

Situation 1: Go to a travel agency and inquire about a package tour.

Situation 2: You are a tour guide. Tell a customer about an itinerary.



Fun Time



There was a man who has two dogs, named “common sense” and “trouble”. He always brought his dogs to the park every evening. One day, he only brought “trouble” to the park, and left

“common sense” at home. While the man was so happy playing “Frisbee” with his friends, “trouble” disappeared. The man was so sad and panicky. He looked for his dog everywhere but could not find it. A lady realised it and asked the man, “What are you looking for?” The man replied, “I’m looking for ‘trouble’.” “Pardon,” said the lady. The man replied in a higher tone, “I am looking for ‘TROUBLE’.” The lady was annoyed and asked, “Where’s your COMMON SENSE?” The man whose mind was only about his dogs, answered, “At home...”

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