

# 1 Hobbies

## Part I Listening Comprehension



### Section A

**A** Listen to the conversation. Then choose the best answer to each question below.

1. What is the woman asking the man to do?
  - A. Play a game of table tennis with her.
  - B. Join a table tennis club.
  - C. Give her a lift to the table tennis club.
2. Why doesn't the man say "yes" immediately?
  - A. He isn't good at table tennis.
  - B. He'd prefer to play another sport.
  - C. He doesn't have time to join a club.
3. Who will the man play table tennis with if he comes to the club?
  - A. All the other players in the club.
  - B. People who are at his level.
  - C. The best players in the club.
4. When does the club usually meet?
  - A. Monday evenings.
  - B. Tuesday evenings.
  - C. Friday evenings.
5. Why does the man finally agree to come?
  - A. He wants to keep his friend happy.
  - B. He wants to make new friends.
  - C. He wants to get in shape.

**B** Listen to the talk. Then choose the best answer to each question below.

6. What's Wendy's hobby?
  - A. Listening to music.
  - B. Flower arranging.
  - C. Visiting old people's homes.
7. How often does Wendy do this hobby?
  - A. Once a week.
  - B. Once a month.
  - C. Almost every day.

8. What doesn't Wendy say about her hobby?

- A. It can be quite expensive.    B. You can make friends.    C. It's fun and interesting.

**C** Listen to the conversation. Then choose the best answer to each question below.

9. Why does the woman want to find a new interest?

- A. To keep her busy over winter.  
B. To help her save money.  
C. To help her make new friends.

10. What does the man advise her?

- A. She should travel the world.  
B. She should read travel books and learn a language.  
C. She should go to the library to get some ideas.

## Section B

**C** Listen to the following sentences and write down what you hear on the lines.

1. I'm no couch \_\_\_\_\_; I exercise every day.
2. Did you see the \_\_\_\_\_ on TV last night? It was all about the solar system.
3. Getting enough sleep is an important part of a healthy \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Simon is a very \_\_\_\_\_ person. He ran a marathon last year.
5. Long jump and high jump are both kinds of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Part II Vocabulary and Structure



### Section A

**C** Fill in the blanks with the words or expressions from the boxes.

- ironed    exhibition    challenging    hobbies    random
- pass the time    awesome    crew    ticket    set up

1. The security guards carried out \_\_\_\_\_ checks on people entering the building.
2. Crowds of people flocked to see the Picasso \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Her \_\_\_\_\_ include gardening and bird-watching.
4. Education is the \_\_\_\_\_ to a good job.
5. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ my shirt?
6. Planning a wedding reception for over 1,000 guests will be very \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Jane had a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ time at the concert.
8. The movie cast and \_\_\_\_\_ have done a great job.
9. When I'm on the train, I read books to \_\_\_\_\_.
10. They want to \_\_\_\_\_ their own business.

## Section B

➔ Match the words to the definitions.

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|----------------|---|
| 1. inspiration | A. an object of ancient times                                     |
| 2. antique     | B. a public showing   |
| 3. sculpture   | C. an object made out of stone, wood, clay, etc. by an artist     |
| 4. exhibition  | D. happening or chosen without any definite plan, aim, or pattern |
| 5. random      | E. a good idea which you get suddenly                             |

## Section C

➔ Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

1. My best friend, \_\_\_\_\_ is a teacher, lives in Beijing.  
A. who                      B. which                      C. when
2. That's the apartment block \_\_\_\_\_ my cousin lives.  
A. when                      B. that                      C. where
3. These are the shoes \_\_\_\_\_ I bought in the sales.  
A. which                      B. where                      C. when
4. That's the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ class I missed yesterday.  
A. who                      B. whom                      C. whose
5. He's the one \_\_\_\_\_ music we heard on the radio.  
A. whose                      B. which                      C. who
6. I go to a college \_\_\_\_\_ specializes in tourism.  
A. where                      B. that                      C. who

7. The concert hall, \_\_\_\_\_ opened last year, is very popular with locals.  
 A. which                      B. where                      C. whose
8. My teacher, \_\_\_\_\_ comes from Australia, is coming on the trip.  
 A. whose                      B. who                      C. which
9. This park is the place \_\_\_\_\_ I usually come at the weekend.  
 A. when                      B. where                      C. who
10. April is the month \_\_\_\_\_ there are lots of music festivals.  
 A. when                      B. whose                      C. where

## Section D

- ➡ Complete the passage, using appropriate words.

James Naismith was born in Canada in 1861. In 1891, he took a job teaching physical education \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (in / at / on) Massachusetts. That year he \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (have / had / has) a very noisy class who had to play indoors due to the very cold winter. Naismith's boss told him that he had two weeks to \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (come down / come in / come up) with an idea for a game that the students could play indoors. Naismith decided to use a large ball, because he thought it would be safer. He didn't want too \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (much / many / enough) physical contact, so he decided the players should pass the ball a lot. For this goal, he grabbed a basket and put it above the players' heads so that it would be \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (hardest / harder / hardly) to score. In 1891, the first game of basketball was played. Today basketball is one of the most popular sports in the world.

## Part III Reading Comprehension

### Task 1

- ➡ Read the passage. Write T (true) or F (false) for the statements.

#### The invention of basketball

James Naismith was born in Canada in 1861. As a child, he was interested in physical activities, and would often play "duck on a rock", a game in which a

person guards a large stone while other players try to knock it down.

In 1891, Naismith took a job as a physical education teacher in Massachusetts. That year the winter was too cold for the class to play outdoors. Naismith's boss told Naismith that he had two weeks to think of an indoor game that students could play.

For inspiration, Naismith looked at some of the most popular sports of his day such as football and hockey. He decided that using a large ball would be safer, and that players should pass the ball to each other to avoid physical contact. Similar to "duck on a rock", players would have to throw the ball over other players' heads, and into the basket.

The first game of basketball was played in December 1891. By 1893, basketball had become so popular that it was introduced to U.S. colleges. The National Basketball Association (NBA) was founded in 1946 with just 11 teams. Gradually, it has grown to 30 teams. Today, basketball is one of the world's most popular team sports.

- 1. The inventor of basketball came from Canada.
- 2. Basketball was first invented in 1893.
- 3. Naismith chose to use a large ball, for it was easier to see.
- 4. Now there are 11 teams in the NBA.
- 5. Basketball was first played in Massachusetts.

## Task 2

➡ Read the passage. Then choose the best answer.

### Blogging classes for beginners

Do you want to start a blog? If you enjoy writing, taking pictures and videos and interacting with other people, then blogging is an excellent hobby and it's free! In fact, some bloggers can even make money from blogging.

If you need help in getting started with blogging, why not come along to our series of night classes for beginners?

Our six-week course will explore the following themes:

- how to get started (choosing a platform, domain name, etc.)

- the basics of blog design (how to use colors and fonts to get the look you want)
- how to create interesting contents (texts, photos and videos) for your blog
- how to publicize your blog through social media
- the dos and don'ts of blogging

Laptops are provided, but you should bring along a USB with any photos, videos or articles which you want to include in your blog.

This course is suitable for those who are new to blogging and there will be a course for more experienced bloggers later this year.

The first class starts at 6:30 p.m. and finishes at 8:30 p.m. on February 2nd at City Café. Send an email to [jess@bloggingqueen.com](mailto:jess@bloggingqueen.com) for more information and to book your place.

1. What is this passage advertising?
  - A. A series of night classes about blogging.
  - B. A photography night class.
  - C. A book which will teach people how to blog.
  - D. A book by a well-known blogger.
2. Who is the course aimed at?
  - A. People who have lots of experience of blogging.
  - B. People who have some experience of blogging.
  - C. People who have no (or very little) experience of blogging.
  - D. People who have little interest in blogging.
3. How long does the course last?
  - A. Six days.
  - B. Six weeks.
  - C. Six months.
  - D. Sixteen days.
4. Which of the following will the course not explore?
  - A. Creating interesting contents.
  - B. Publicizing one's blog through social media.
  - C. How to deal with rude and unpleasant comments.
  - D. How to get started with blogging.

5. What should learners bring with them?
- A. A laptop.
  - B. A cell phone.
  - C. A camera.
  - D. A USB with photos, videos or articles.

## Task 3

➔ Read the passage. Fill in the blanks with no more than three words.

Hi Adam,

Thanks for getting in touch. It's great that you want to find out more about Open Door Drama Club!

I'm afraid that there isn't any information about our drama club online, because our website is still under maintenance. I'll try to answer your questions as best as I can in this email.

Our group is open to everyone and you don't need to have any acting experience to join. We put on two shows every year—one in the spring and the other in the fall (our show in the fall is usually a musical). At the moment, we're just about to start rehearsing for the musical *Cats*—is this something you'd like to be involved in?

We're also having our annual meeting next week. We plan to go out for pizza and go bowling afterwards. Would you like to come? It might be a good idea for you to meet the group before coming along to a rehearsal.

We're not just looking for actors. We also need people to help out back stage. So if you have any friends who might be interested in doing this, please bring them along!

Let me know what you think. And looking forward to seeing you soon!

Yours sincerely,

Isabel

1. Isabel is writing to Adam to give some information about \_\_\_\_\_ Club.
2. Isabel says that her group is \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone and requires no acting experience for newcomers.
3. The club \_\_\_\_\_ two shows every year.
4. Isabel invites Adam to the \_\_\_\_\_ next week.
5. Besides actors, the club is looking for people to \_\_\_\_\_ back stage.

## Task 4

- ➡ Read the words and expressions about hobbies. Find the items equivalent to (与……等同) those given in Chinese in the box.

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|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| A—spare time  | B—passionate          | C—classical music            |
| D—keen golfer | E—jogging             | F—relaxing                   |
| G—swimming    | H—hiking              | I—collection                 |
| J—calligraphy | K—martial arts        | L—recreation                 |
| M—play chess  | N—play the guitar     | O—be fond of doing something |
| P—aerobics    | Q—play computer games |                              |

Examples: (N) 弹吉他 (G) 游泳

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|--------------|-----------|
| 1. ( ) 慢跑    | ( ) 徒步旅行  |
| 2. ( ) 书法    | ( ) 消遣    |
| 3. ( ) 下国际象棋 | ( ) 喜欢做某事 |
| 4. ( ) 有氧健身操 | ( ) 玩电脑游戏 |
| 5. ( ) 酷爱的   | ( ) 使人放松的 |

## Task 5

- ➡ Read the passage. Fill in the blanks with no more than three words.

### Geocaching

Geocaching is an outdoor treasure-hunting game in which people look for buried caches with the help of a navigational device on their cell phones.

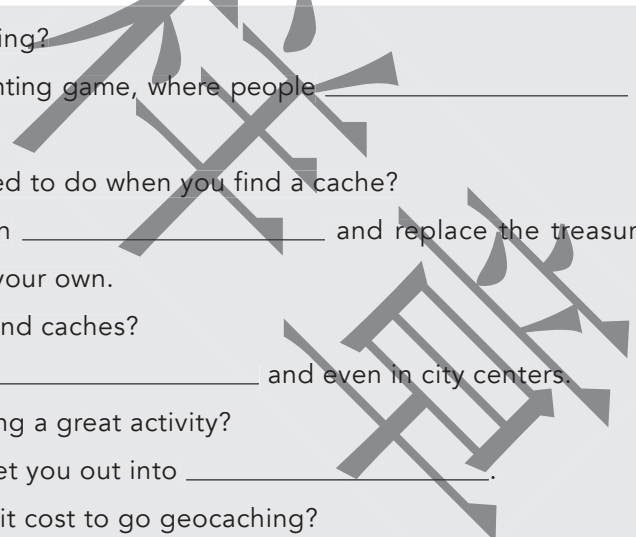
A typical cache is a small waterproof container, which contains a log book



and treasure, usually toys or trinkets of little value. Caches can be found on beaches, in forests and even in city centers. When you find the cache you are looking for, you need to sign the log book and replace the treasure with something of your own.


Currently, geocaching is being played in over 100 countries around the world. Geocaching is a great activity because it will get you out into the great outdoors. It's an ideal way of getting kids away from their video games, as it involves walking and finding caches. It's great fun for all ages and it doesn't cost any money.

The best thing about geocaching is that you will be taken to places of interest and beauty on your doorstep which you never even knew existed before.



1. What is geocaching?  
It's a treasure-hunting game, where people \_\_\_\_\_ buried treasure.
2. What do you need to do when you find a cache?  
You need to sign \_\_\_\_\_ and replace the treasure with another item of your own.
3. Where can you find caches?  
On beaches, \_\_\_\_\_ and even in city centers.
4. Why is geocaching a great activity?  
Because it will get you out into \_\_\_\_\_.
5. How much does it cost to go geocaching?  
\_\_\_\_\_ no money.

## Part IV Speak Now

-  **Directions:** Work with a partner. You feel a little bored and would like to take up a new hobby. Your friend offers some suggestions for you. Create a conversation based on the clues.



**Student A**

1. Greet B. Tell him / her you need a new hobby.
2. Say that you usually prefer indoor activities.
3. Explain that you have tried drama but that you didn't really like it.
4. Say that you might try going to a night class. Ask B if he / she goes to a night class.



**Student B**

1. Ask A if he / she prefers outdoor activities.
2. Suggest A join a drama club. Ask A if he / she has ever tried drama before.
3. Ask A if he / she would like to learn a new skill. Tell him / her that there are lots of good night classes.
4. Say that you're going to a calligraphy class. Ask A if he / she would like to come along.

### Useful Language

- *I need a new hobby. Have you got any ideas?*
- *Have you ever tried drama before?*
- *I tried it once, but it wasn't my cup of tea.*
- *What about learning a new skill? There are lots of good night classes available.*
- *I might give it a go. Do you go to a night class?*
- *Actually, I'm going to a calligraphy class at the moment. I really enjoy it.*
- *Why don't you come along?*

## Part V Writing

- ➔ **Directions:** You have just moved to a new house, and you want to throw a house-warming party. Write an invitation letter to your friend. Remember to mention the time, date and venue and provide any other important information.

## Part VI Relax Now

### Joke 1

- What did the sea say to the swimmer?  
—Nothing. It just waved.

### Joke 2

- Why don't fish play tennis?  
—Because they're afraid of the net.

### Joke 3

- Why are basketball players messy eaters?  
—Because they're always dribbling!