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A Small Change Can Solve the Problems of Many



Listening and Speaking

1 Listen to the recordings and choose the correct replies.

1. _____
A. That's unlikely. B. Brilliant. C. Not at all.
2. _____
A. Very helpful. B. What a pity. C. Thanks a lot.
3. _____
A. I'm busy now. B. No, thanks. C. That's a great idea.
4. _____
A. It doesn't matter. B. Never mind. C. Sounds fun.
5. _____
A. I believe in it. B. Well done! C. Take care.

2 Listen to the dialogues and choose the best answers.

Dialogue 1

1. When did they see each other last time?
A. Two hours ago. B. Two days ago. C. Two weeks ago.
2. What competition is the woman busy with?
A. An architecture design competition.
B. A graphic design competition.
C. A fashion design competition.

Dialogue 2

3. Where did the man go yesterday?

- A. A museum. B. A park. C. A theatre.

4. Which one is the man's favourite?

- A. A 3D metal printing ring.
B. A 3D metal printing necklace.
C. A 3D metal printing bracelet.

5. When will the woman go to the museum?

- A. This afternoon. B. Tomorrow. C. The day after tomorrow.

3 Listen to the passage and fill in the blanks.

The 1. _____ of this work is “Real Boy”—a Pinocchio-inspired pushpin designed and 2. _____ by a young British designer named Duncan Shotton. Shotton's products are 3. _____ to make people smile and feel happy. In this case he used a 4. _____ play on Pinocchio's long nose to create an 5. _____, yet refined pushpin character.



4 Listen to the dialogue and complete the form.

About Joseph Binder	
Born in	1. _____
His concept of design	2. _____
About the poster competitions	
Organised by	3. _____
Posters designed for	4. _____
	5. _____

5 Pair work. Make a dialogue according to the given situation.

Situation:

Two friends are talking about a creative invention.

Useful Language:

- Do you know what it is?
- What is it used for?
- It is used to/for...
- It solves (the problem of)...
- It was invented/designed by...
- What do you think of the invention?
- That's useful/fantastic/convenient/funny.



Vocabulary and Grammar

1 Choose the best answers.

1. If we don't provide a good service, customers will go _____ else.
A. everywhere
B. somewhere
C. nowhere
D. anywhere
2. Thank you for your letter of _____, which we received yesterday.
A. education
B. opinion
C. information
D. application
3. There _____ always a great need for creative talents.
A. would be
B. is
C. are
D. will be
4. I don't know _____ the girl is talking about.
A. that
B. what
C. why
D. whether
5. I want to know _____ she can solve the crossword puzzle.
A. what
B. where
C. whether
D. that

6. She _____ a new idea of increasing sales.
 A. put up with B. caught up with
 C. came up with D. set up
7. Jone is very creative—she _____ poetry and paints.
 A. writes B. wrote
 C. was writing D. had written
8. If you are _____ about something, you are interested in it and want to know more about it.
 A. curious B. worried
 C. anxious D. careful
9. It's _____ that she will arrive here on time in the evening rush hour.
 A. unlikely B. convenient
 C. believable D. hardly
10. —Excuse me, could you tell me _____?
 —Certainly.
 A. when can I get to the station B. I can get to which station
 C. which station can I get to D. how I can get to the station

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the boxes.

luxury

imagine

influence

solve

permit

brilliant

1. You have to ask for _____ before you take the car.
2. His writing has _____ millions of people.
3. She is a(n) _____ girl, for she often thinks of new and interesting ideas.
4. I think that's a(n) _____ idea to cut costs.
5. Attempts are being made to _____ the problem.
6. They led a life of _____, in a huge house in the country.

3 Translate the following sentences.

1. It took him only two games to make his mark.

2. Please fill out the application form and return it.

3. I met her quite by accident at the airport.

4. 他经常编出新的舞步。(make up)

5. 我们应该关注他们的心理健康。(pay attention to)

6. 她生性就是个好奇的人。(by nature)



Reading and Writing

1 Read the passage and fill in the blanks.

“Navigating the street while pulling a suitcase and holding both a walking stick and a smartphone to navigate—all with only two hands—was too much to handle,” Ceylan (a blind man from Turkey) said. “One time I hit a lamppost and blood 1. _____ out of a cut on my head.” That head wound planted the seed for a(n) 2. _____ to help the blind around the globe: WeWalk, a smart cane.

We know the blind have been using canes for years, which are basically just a 3. _____. They are able to detect a lot of obstacles 4. _____ using that simple cane, especially on the ground level like steps. However, they couldn’t detect 5. _____ at

the level of the chest or head like signs. Now, WeWalk 6. _____ this problem by alerting the blind when there is an obstacle ahead by making a sound or vibrating.

7. _____ as one of the best inventions of 2019 by *Time* magazine, WeWalk allows the blind to walk more safely. The 8. _____ weighs 252 grams and measures about 30 cm. It features a touchpad and its interface 9. _____ several languages. With the help of WeWalk, the blind can now go 10. _____ they want, and even learn things like what bus is on its way to the bus stop where they're waiting.

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| 1. A. looked | B. made | C. took | D. poured |
| 2. A. machine | B. invitation | C. invention | D. situation |
| 3. A. match | B. stick | C. post | D. sign |
| 4. A. backwards | B. ahead | C. forward | D. outside |
| 5. A. obstacles | B. steps | C. holes | D. canes |
| 6. A. answers | B. finds | C. solves | D. asks |
| 7. A. List | B. Listing | C. To list | D. Listed |
| 8. A. development | B. code | C. service | D. device |
| 9. A. is equipped with | B. is burdened with | C. is filled with | D. is careful with |
| 10. A. wherever | B. however | C. whenever | D. whatever |

2 Read the passage and choose the best answers.

A new type of bookmark

In order to encourage daily reading, someone is trying to invent a new type of bookmark. If you haven't read for more than one day, it will remind you to read by sending text messages to you. It will be an amazing invention.

A new chair

If you sit in a chair for too long or in a bad position, your back may begin to hurt. Now there is a new chair that could help you avoid this problem. It was developed by German scientists. It makes noises to warn users when they need to move.

A cartrider

A South Korean designer, Jaebeom Jeong, has invented a cartrider. The idea is putting a shopping cart and a bicycle together. This adds some fun to weekly shopping!

A new light bulb

The UK has a new light bulb that can last 25 years or more. It is green and environment-friendly, and as bright as the old light bulb, but costs £30.

1. Which of the following has not been invented yet?
 - A. The new light bulb.
 - B. The new type of bookmark.
 - C. The new chair.
 - D. The cartrider.
2. The new light bulb _____.
 - A. is good for the environment
 - B. costs only £25
 - C. is brighter than the old light bulb
 - D. can last at least 30 years
3. The cartrider can make your shopping more _____.
 - A. difficult
 - B. boring
 - C. interesting
 - D. necessary
4. What will happen if you sit long in the new chair?
 - A. Your head will hurt.
 - B. You will be very nervous.
 - C. The chair will move.
 - D. The chair will make noises.

3 Read the passage and choose the best answers.

Here are some ways you can inspire, refresh and enhance your creativity.

First, try to keep things fresh. A new environment is the most stimulating environment. Think of babies. Everything around them is new. They are filled with curiosity and they love to explore everything! See the area around you as a tourist would see it. You might see something new and it might spark a new idea!

Second, "What if" questions can take you on a creative journey. Who knows what crazy ideas you might come up with? What if skateboards could fly? What if toasters could make cheeseburgers? What if...? Writing something daily will exercise your brain and help develop the ability to produce new thoughts.

Last, take care of your body, and your mind will stay sharp! Exercise to keep the blood flowing to your brain. Get enough sleep. Sometimes dreams bring creative ideas. Many creative thinkers claim to have come up with their best ideas because they were inspired by a dream! Creativity has helped the society develop. Strengthening your creative muscles can help you in all aspects of your life.

1. The most stimulating environment is _____.
A. a safe environment
B. a clean environment
C. a creative environment
D. a new environment
2. _____, you could exercise your brain and come up with new ideas.
A. By writing something daily
B. By reading books
C. By studying
D. By walking
3. _____ has played a role in developing the society.
A. Trust
B. Faith
C. Curiosity
D. Creativity

4. The underlined word “claim” means “_____” in the passage.

A. state

B. demand

C. admire

D. allow

4 Read the passage and finish the tasks.

Creativity is a phenomenon where something new and hopefully valuable is formed. The created item may be intangible (e.g. an idea, a scientific theory, a musical composition, or a joke) or a physical object (e.g. an invention, a literary work, or a painting).

Most people associate creativity with the fields of arts. In these fields, originality is considered to be a sufficient condition for creativity, unlike most other fields where both originality and functionality are necessary. Here are two examples.

The plaster *Reclining Figure* (1951) is typical of Henry Moore’s later sculptures, with an abstract female figure intercut with voids.



An electric wire reel reused as a centre table appeared at a Rio de Janeiro interior design fair. The creativity of the designer in reusing such waste products was then used with good effects on the environment.



Task 1 Choose the best answers.

1. _____ is/are needed for creativity in the fields of arts.

A. Originality

B. Functionality

C. Originality and functionality

D. Elegance

2. The creative centre table made of the electric wire reel could _____.
- A. be more practical B. benefit the environment
C. be folded D. hold a larger group of people

Task 2 Decide true (T) or false (F).

3. Creativity is a kind of activity that only creates physical objects. ()
4. A new scientific theory is one of the created items. ()

5 Complete the dialogue. Only five choices are useful.

Mike: Hi, Lily. 1. _____

Lily: Oh, I'm going to a fashion show at the Beijing Grand Theatre. It will start at 7 pm.

Mike: Wow! 2. _____

Lily: I love to see the amazing design on stage.

Mike: I'm also interested in that. 3. _____

Lily: The latest spring fashions by a world-famous designer. It's said that it took him about three months to design all the clothing last year.

Mike: 4. _____

Lily: About one and a half hours.

Mike: That's great! Tell me more when you get back.

Lily: 5. _____

- A. What kind of clothing will be shown tonight?
B. No problem.
C. How long will the show last?
D. How much is the entrance fee?
E. What a pity!
F. That's wonderful!
G. Where are you going tonight?

6 Write a composition according to the given information.

假设你是班长李华，你们班将在本周五举办纸张创意竞赛。请你根据以下内容拟一份书面通知。

比赛主题	纸张创意竞赛
比赛时间	本周五（4月24日）下午两点
比赛地点	在教室内
比赛方式	1. 四人一组，各小组需要在一个小时内用纸张设计出一个物件； 2. 可使用剪刀、彩笔、胶水等工具； 3. 完成设计后每组成员选出代表向全班展示作品。
比赛评选	全班投票选出最有创意的设计。

- 注意：1) 内容要点齐全；
2) 80—100 词；
3) 参考词汇：创意竞赛 **creativity competition**；展示作品 **present the work**；投票支持 **vote for**

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