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SECTION A: GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY (50 pts)

I. Choose the best option (A, B, C or D) to complete each of the following sentences. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet. (20 pts)

- Rail travel has many advantages _____ going by car.
A. above B. upon C. beyond D. over
- Two employees asked _____ job in other departments.
A. to give B. to have given C. to be given D. to be giving
- I don't suppose you could make me a sandwich, _____?
A. couldn't you B. could you C. do you D. don't you
- _____ it not been for the intolerable heat in the hall, they would have stayed much longer.
A. If B. But C. Should D. Had
- Why don't you put that money in the bank and save it for a _____ day?
A. rainy B. cold C. tight D. small
- He decided to take a _____ look at the contract before signing it.
A. full B. close C. tight D. small
- It's sad to say, but very few relationships nowadays stand the _____ of time.
A. trial B. judgment C. test D. check
- “Why is Jamie still here?” – “She was on the point _____ when her car broke down.”
A. of leaving B. to leave C. leaving D. to leaving
- The trapped passengers tried to force the open door, but it _____ move an inch.
A. shouldn't B. flinging C. tossing D. casting
- If you are feeling under weather, you should increase your _____ of vitamins.
A. upturn B. intake C. upkeep D. input
- Journalists are supposed to maintain their _____, but the theatre critics often praise their friends.
A. clearance B. ignorance C. objectivity D. dissimilarity
- We'll never manage to move this furniture ourselves. We'd better get a firm _____.
A. to do it B. do it C. done D. be done
- The shipment from overseas _____ help up at Customs, although we think it's unlikely.
A. will have been B. could have been C. must have been D. would have been
- The new school complex cost _____ the city council had budgeted for.
A. just twice as much B. twice more by far
C. twice much more D. almost twice as much as
- When joining a sports team, it is essential that people make a strong _____ to give their all.
A. dedication B. allegiance C. commitment D. assurance
- I wish you would stop sitting on the _____ and decide whose side you're on.
A. fence B. crossroads C. wall D. fork
- During the height of the season, tourists arrive in _____ to see Shakespeare's birthplace.
A. loads B. flocks C. herds D. droves
- Locked up and deserted, the old stadium has been _____ since the last game was played there 10 years ago.

- A. underused B. disused C. overused D. misused

20. It's impossible to anticipate all the questions that you are going to be asked. You're going to have to _____.

- A. get up your nose B. stub your toe C. think on your feet D. grit your teeth

II. Read the text below carefully. There are TEN mistakes in the text. They are either grammatically incorrect or don't fit in with the sense of the text. UNDERLINE each mistake and write the correction in the corresponding line in the box provided on the Answer Sheet. There is an example at the beginning (0). (10 pts)

When you purchase cut flowers from your local florist, do you think **0. on** (*on* → *about*) where they came from? Common senses might tell you that they were grown close by, because cut flowers can't survive a very long trip. The reality, therefore, is that your cut flowers might come from places like the Netherlands, Ecuador, or Kenya!

Flowers can now travel long distances thanks for air freight¹ and high-tech cool systems. Even the most delicate orchid can be shipped to arrive freshly in most places on Earth. This allows Americans, for example, to import some 70 percent of the cut flowers they buy.

The country that exports the most cut flowers are the Netherlands, which dominates the world cut-flower trade. There, seven auction houses⁴ handle about 60 percent of the world's cut-flower exports. Some auction houses are very large indeed - Aalsmeer, near Amsterdam, is an auction house in the sense which Tokyo is a city or Everest a mountain. Its scale is daunting. About 120 soccer fields would fill their main hangar, which holds five auction halls. Nineteen million cut flowers are sold here on an average day.

The Netherlands is also a world leader in developing new flower varieties. Dutch companies and the government invest a considerable amount of money in flower research. Their scientists try to find ways to lengthen a flowers vase life. They also try to strengthen flowers to prevent them from damaging while traveling on rough roads and to strengthen flowers' natural fragrance.

III. Complete each of the following sentences with ONE suitable particle. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet. (10 pts)

1. She's nice, but I don't feel I can confide _____ her.
2. Does everyone know what to do if a fire breaks _____?
3. Your essay's too long - it needs cutting a _____ little.
4. I have to run _____ a few hand-outs on the photocopier.
5. These seedlings are coming _____ well in the green house.
6. Trying to fix that old car would just be throwing good money _____ bad.
7. Could you lend me five euros to tide me _____ until I get my pocket money?
8. She heard the boys shouting to her to stop, but she shut her ears _____ them.
9. Gall's qualified for the job, but her lack of experience will count _____ her.
10. It's a completely new beginning and perhaps things will soon start to look _____.

IV. Use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet. (10 pts)

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

When an old neighbor of mine moved into a nursing home, I decided to visit her one Sunday. I wasn't sure what to expect: Would she feel **(1. PRESS)** _____ at having to leave her own home?

I needn't have worried. An amazing **(2. CHARITABLE)** _____ called Pet Set had taken care of that. Sitting by her side was a big white English Bulldog, Winston. It was Winston's job to offer **(3. COMPANION)** _____ to the elderly residents, and this he did with great success. Apparently, Winston visited three times a week and lifted everyone's **(4. MORAL)** _____. Speaking with his owner, I learned that Pet Set volunteers take their good-natured dogs to places like aged care facilities and hospitals to help improve the wellbeing of residents and patients.

Wanting to take part, but not having a pet, I offered my time as an **(5. ADMINISTER)** _____ officer. Twice a week, I work the phones and organize the volunteers. Knowing that I'm doing something **(6. WORTH)** _____ with my time is important to me. Getting to know the dogs and seeing the joy they bring is an **(7. ADD)** _____ bonus.

I constantly hear heart-warming stories resulting from these visits. For the elderly residents who have experienced the trauma of giving up their own **(8. LOVE)** _____ pets, a regular visit from a friendly dog does **(9. WONDERFUL)** _____ for their morale and gives them something to look forward to. As for the dogs, they love the attention and the treats they get!

Don't think twice about it. I **(10. COURAGE)** _____ anyone who has spare time and a placid pooch to enquire about getting involved. Even if, like me, you don't have a pet, there are ways you can help. Look into it – you won't regret it.

SECTION B: READING (30 pts)

II. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only ONE word in each gap. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet. (10 pts)

HOUSEWORK GETS YOU DOWN

It may come as no surprise to learn that household chores can make you feel depressed. There is evidence to suggest that the more housework men and women do, the more **(1)** _____ they are to suffer from mood swings. 'Any form of repetitive cyclical work is bound to be depressing,' says psychologist Nicholas Emler. 'Domestic chores are open-ended tasks, **(2)** _____ there is no defined endpoint. People prefer tasks they can complete, and **(3)** _____ a satisfactory conclusion they become stressed.'

Work in the home has no job description and family members rarely appreciate just how much work has gone into preparing an evening meal or cleaning the bathroom. Women still take responsibility for the lion's **(4)** _____ of domestic chores, but with many in full-time jobs they can no longer pride **(5)** _____ on having a spotless home. 'The concept of being house-proud is out of fashion,' says Prof Emler, who points out that the vast majority of men continue to **(6)** _____ away from doing the dishes. In other situations, financial reward can go **(7)** _____ way to compensating for dull, repetitive work, but housework is a strenuous job with no pay.

Writer Tracy Kerry believes that many people nowadays just don't know how to do housework. 'There are an **(8)** _____ lot of inexperienced people whose mothers were too busy working to show them. Sweeping a room may seem an easy **(9)** _____ task to a perform, but there's a right way and a wrong way to do it. To make housework easier, she suggests we get rid of possessions that are **(10)** _____ no use anymore. 'Keep clutter under control and you will feel more able to cope.'

II. Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C, or D) best fits each gap. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet. (12 pts)

Shopping for Bugs

Anyone, nowadays, can buy themselves a whole range of sophisticated bugging devices. Stores with names like *Superspy* and *Spies-R-Us* are openly selling the kind of equipment that until recently was more often **(1)** _____ with the likes of James Bond. For little more than the price of a compact disc, you can **(2)** _____ up a microphone and transmitter disguised as a packet of cigarettes. Internet websites that specialize in surveillance equipment will happily sell you bugs hidden in calculators, pens or watches, and ask no questions if you **(3)** _____ an order for a micro-transmitter that looks like a credit card. For those **(4)** _____ about their privacy, the same suppliers also stock bug detectors. The shop Counter Spy, for instance, sells a handy little device **(5)** _____ of locating most bugs within a radius of 30 meters.

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| 1. A. limit | B. associated | C. famous | D. typical |
| 2. A. pull | B. hold | C. draw | D. pick |
| 3. A. put | B. set | C. place | D. arrange |

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| 4. A. concerned | B. keen | C. obsessed | D. dissatisfied |
| 5. A. probable | B. possible | C. suitable | D. capable |

What makes an outstanding school?

You may think that's easy to answer: surely a good school is one which delivers good exam results. After all, it is these results which will (6) _____ students to get into good universities. However, schools are about much more than exams. They are about education for all, from the most academic to the least. A good school has three (7) _____ ingredients: good leadership from the head, dedicated teachers with high (8) _____ for all students, and students who want to be there and are willing to (9) _____ rules and respect one another. It isn't easy to transform around a failing school, but research has shown that a strong and (10) _____ leader is often the key to success. A good head or principal of a school will motivate teachers and students alike, will not tolerate bullying or bad behavior and will command the respect of all. He or she will make sure teachers are encouraged and assisted in their work, and that they receive the training they need to do their job (11) _____; once this is in place, teachers are happier and more fulfilled and students (12) _____ the benefits. Some will go on to get brilliant academic results, others may not do so well in their exams, but provided they have reached their potential and they have passed with acceptable grades, the school will not have failed them.

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| 6. A. require | B. agree | C. admit | D. enable |
| 7. A. critical | B. acute | C. crucial | D. burning |
| 8. A. expectations | B. ideals | C. opportunities | D. potentials |
| 9. A. accept | B. understand | C. grasp | D. follow |
| 10. A. inspirational | B. moving | C. promising | D. uplifting |
| 11. A. actually | B. effectively | C. accurately | D. convincingly |
| 12. A. earn | B. obtain | C. reap | D. realise |

III. Read this article about text messaging. Eight paragraphs have been taken out of the article. Choose from the paragraphs A-I the one which fits each gap (1-8). Write your answers on the Answer Sheet. (8 pts)

Stars could be invisible within 20 years as light pollution brightens night skies

The Herefordshire hills basked in brilliant sunshine last weekend. Summer had arrived and the skies were cloudless, conditions that would once have heralded succeeding nights of coal-dark heavens sprinkled with brilliant stars, meteorites and planets.

(1) _____

The increased use of light-emitting diodes (LED) and other forms of lighting are now brightening the night sky at a dramatic rate, scientists have found. Indiscriminate use of external lighting, street illumination, advertising, and illuminated sporting venues is now blinding our view of the stars.

(2) _____

"The night sky is part of our environment and it would be a major deprivation if the next generation never got to see it, just as it would be if they never saw a bird's nest," said Martin Rees, the astronomer royal. "You don't need to be an astronomer to care about this. I am not an ornithologist but if there were no songbirds in my garden, I'd feel impoverished."

(3) _____

The introduction of a carefully selected package of planning rules to control obtrusive light – backed by legal clout and penalties for non-compliance – could make major differences, the committee stressed. The alternative would be to lose sight of night skies "painted with unnumbered sparks," to quote Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.

(4) _____

Gazing at a night sky crossed by a glittering Milky Way has become a splendour of another age, Kyba told the Observer. "A couple of generations ago, people would have been confronted regularly with this glittering

vision of the cosmos – but what was formerly universal is now extremely rare. Only the world’s richest people, and some of the poorest, experience that any more. For everybody else, it’s more or less gone.”

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“Measures like that would have an enormous impact,” he added.

(6) _____

Yet action is now urgently needed. Apart from its astronomical and cultural impact, light pollution is having serious ecological consequences. Sea turtles and migrating birds are guided by moonlight. Light pollution causes them to get confused and lose their way. Insects, a key source of food for birds and other animals, get drawn to artificial lights and are immediately killed upon contact with the source.

(7) _____

“We are becoming starved of red and infra-red light and that has serious implications,” he said. “When reddish light shines on our bodies, it stimulates mechanisms including those that break down high levels of sugar in the blood or boost melatonin production. Since the introduction of fluorescent lighting and later LEDs, that part of the spectrum has been removed from artificial light and I think it is playing a part in the waves of obesity and rises in diabetes cases we see today.”

(8) _____

“It’s going to take a huge effort to change the face of the planet and turn LEDs into more friendly lighting,” said Fosbury. It’s going to be a big job but we need to do it because it is having a very damaging effect on human health.”

A. Rees is a founder of the all-party parliamentary group for dark skies which recently produced a report calling for a host of measures to counter the curse of light pollution. These include proposals to appoint a minister for dark skies, create a commission for dark skies and set strict standards for the density and direction of lighting.

B. The increased use of light-emitting diodes is obscuring our view of the Milky Way as well as taking a toll on human and wildlife health.

C. The problem is that light pollution is still not perceived by the public to be a threat. As Professor Oscar Corcho, of Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, has put it: “The negative consequences of light pollution are as unknown by the population as those of smoking in the 80s.”

D. In 2016, astronomers reported that the Milky Way was no longer visible to a third of humanity and light pollution has worsened considerably since then. At its current rate most of the major constellations will be indecipherable in 20 years, it is estimated. The loss, culturally and scientifically, will be intense.

E. UCL researchers are preparing to install additional infrared lamps in hospitals and intensive care units to see if they have an effect on the recovery of patients who would otherwise be starved of light from this part of the spectrum.

F. Nevertheless, the introduction of only a modest number of changes to lighting could make a considerable improvement, Kyba argued. These moves would include ensuring outdoor lights are carefully shielded, point downwards, have limits placed on their brightness, and are not predominantly blue-white but have red and orange components.

G. The case against light pollution goes further. Bluish emissions of LEDs are almost entirely lacking any red or near infrared light, said Prof Robert Fosbury, of the Institute of Ophthalmology at University College London (UCL).

H. It was not to be. The night sky was not so much black as dark grey with only a handful of stars glimmering against this backdrop. The Milky Way – which would once have glittered across the heavens – was absent. Summer’s advent had again revealed a curse of modern times: light pollution.

I. Research by physicist Christopher Kyba, of the German Centre for Geosciences has revealed that light pollution is now causing the night sky to brighten at a rate of around 10% a year, an increase that threatens to obliterate the sight of all but the most brilliant stars in a generation. A child born where 250 stars are visible at night today would only be able to see about 100 by the time they reach 18.

SECTION C: WRITING (20 pts)

I. Complete each of the following sentences in such a way that it is closest in meaning to the one printed before it, using the word given in CAPITALS. (10 pts)

1. Very few tickets are left, so book now. (**HARDLY**)

Book now, because _____ left.

2. The headmaster was determined to stop all bullying at the school. (**END**)

The headmaster was determined to _____ to all bullying at the school.

3. Excuse me making a suggestion, but we really ought to include Jack in our plans. (**THINK**)

If I might _____ should keep Jack in the loop.

4. How could I possibly refuse to help all those children who need medical aid? (**BACK**)

How could I possibly _____ all those children needing medical aid?

5. That child wants to be the centre of attention all the time. (**SPOTLIGHT**)

That child wants _____ all the time.

6. Erica has asked for a transfer but there's little chance that it'll be granted. (**STANDS**)

Erica's request for a transfer _____ granted.

7. We sometimes wonder if Marina lives here at all, she is so seldom around. (**RARELY**)

So _____ that we sometimes wonder if she lives here at all.

8. We are willing but unable to help you because we simply haven't got the funds. (**LIKE**)

Much _____, we can't because we simply haven't got the funds.

9. The coral is going to die if we don't take immediate steps to protect it from pollution. (**OTHERWISE**)

We must take immediate steps to protect the coral, _____ off by pollution.

10. "Could we reschedule the meeting for next Thursday?" the lawyer asked her client. (**RESCHEDULED**)

The lawyer asked her client if _____ next Thursday.

II. Write a paragraph to answer the question below. (10 pts)

How important and necessary is it for family members to have meals together?

You should write about 150 words on the Answer Sheet.

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