A. Listening (3.6 points)

Part 1. You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1-8, choose the best answer (A, B or C). (1.6 points)

1. You overhear a young man talking about his first job. How did he feel in his first job?
   A. bored  B. confused  C. enthusiastic

2. You hear a radio announcement about a dance company. What are listeners being invited to?
   A. a show  B. a talk  C. a party

3. You overhear a woman talking to a man about something that happened to her. Who was she?
   A. a pedestrian  B. a driver  C. a passenger

4. You hear a woman talking on the radio about her work making wildlife films. What is her main point?
   A. Being in the right place at the right time is a matter of luck.
   B. More time is spent planning than actually filming.
   C. It is worthwhile spending time preparing.

5. You hear part of a travel programme on the radio. Where is the speaker?
   A. outside a café  B. by the sea  C. on the lake

6. You overhear a woman talking about a table-tennis table in a sports shop. What does she want the shop assistant to do about her table-tennis table?
   A. provide her with a new one
   B. have it put together for her
   C. give her the money back

7. You hear part of an interview with a businesswoman. What is her business?
   A. hiring out boats  B. hiring out caravans  C. building boats

8. You hear a man talking on the radio. Who is talking?
   A. an actor  B. a journalist  C. a theatre-goer
Part 2. You will hear an announcement about an evening’s programmes on Radio Pearl. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences. (2.0 points)

7.30 pm ‘Art Review’: Student Art Exhibition
This evening’s programme is taking place at the (9) _______________ in London.
The exhibition is of work by students in the (10) _______________ year of their art course.
At the exhibition, you can see things as different as curtains and (11) _______________.
Some of the works of art have been made using (12) _______________ technology.

8.00 pm Play: ‘The Vanishing Lady’
In the play, a young couple on a train think they hear the sound of someone using a (13) _______________.
A (14) _______________ tells the couple about an old lady whom he has seen.
After writing this play, the author, Porten, became a writer for (15) _______________.

9.30 pm ‘Business Scenes’: Interview with Peter Field
Peter used to work for a (16) _______________.
Peter says the material he uses for his boats is a particular kind of (17) _______________.
Peter collects (18) _______________ as a hobby.

B. Lexico - Grammar (7.4 points)

Part 1. Circle the best answer to complete each sentence. (1.6 points)
1. Linda was full of ______ to achieve her goals.
   A. confidence    B. obligation    C. decision    D. determination
2. I don’t know how we can ______ this problem.
   A. show off    B. deal with    C. do over    D. grow up
3. We are a very ______ family and support each other through any crises.
   A. close-knit    B. hard-up    C. well-to-do    D. old-established
4. Unfortunately, not all candidates can be offered a job, some have to be ______.
   A. resigned    B. remained    C. rejected    D. required
5. You have to ______ the offer before accepting it.
   A. put away    B. take on    C. pick up    D. think over
6. For ______ reasons, passengers are requested not to leave any luggage unattended.
   A. security    B. securing    C. secure    D. securely
7. ______ irritating they are, you shouldn’t lose your temper with your children.
   A. Because of    B. No matter    C. However    D. Despite
8. If I were you, I would ______ early because the traffic now is very bad.
   A. go off    B. set off    C. run into    D. hold up

Part 2. Circle the correct verb tense. (1.0 point)
1. When I got home, I found that water ______ down the kitchen walls.
   A. has run    B. ran    C. was running    D. had been running
2. Hurry up! Our train ______ at eight o’clock. We have just a few minutes.
   A. leaves    B. is leaving    C. will leave    D. is going to leave
3. Bill reassured me that he ______ the invitations well before the wedding.
   A. was sent    B. had sent    C. has sent    D. must send
4. My cousin _______ for a job since he graduated from university.
   A. is looking  B. was looking  C. has been looking  D. look

5. When the old school friends met, a lot of happy memories _____ back.
   A. brought  B. had brought  C. had been brought  D. were brought

Part 3. Circle the underlined word or phrase (A, B, C or D) that needs correcting. (2.0 points)
1. That man ______ an easy recognized figure with his long, white beard and wide brimmed hat.
   A. was  B. is  C. has been  D. been

2. Alexander Calder, who was ______ interested in mechanical engineering, later became a ______.
   A. originally  B. was  C. sculpture  D. sculpture

3. I looked for Christine. Do you know where she is?
   A. look  B. looked  C. do  D. does

4. Alexander Graham Bell was ______ during his basic telephone patent was granted in 1876.
   A. twenty nine  B. twenty-nine  C. was  D. granted

5. In recent years, sulphur dioxide has disfigured much ancient buildings and monuments.
   A. moved  B. moved to  C. could  D. moved to

6. We moved to the front row so as we could hear and see better.
   A. moved  B. moved to  C. heard  D. could

7. The milk of both goats and cows can be used to do dairy products.
   A. can be  B. are  C. use  D. can be used

8. Harvey never pays his bills on time, and his brother does too.
   A. pays  B. pay  C. does  D. his

9. A flammable liquid ______ used to ignite a fire that burned part of the night Nairobi Shopping Center.
   A. was  B. to  C. was used  D. to

10. His professor had him to rewrite his assignment many times.
    A. had  B. to  C. rewrite  D. to rewrite

Part 4. Use the correct form of the word in parentheses. (2.0 points)
1. Some people are ____________ by any form of technology. (TERROR)
2. Please complete and return the enclosed ________________. (QUESTION)
3. At breakfast the aroma of freshly brewed coffee ____________ the kitchen. (PERMEABLE)
4. Vietnam is a country with great _________________. (POTENTIAL)
5. The policy is ________________ and so it will cost the government a lot of money. (ECONOMY)
6. John told everyone that he worked for a large company, but the company is _________________. (EXIST)
7. He is not able to read or write. He is a(n) ________________ child. (LITERACY)
8. The athlete ________________ decided to aim for three gold medals. (AMBITIO)
9. Mr. Brown was deeply ________________ about his late arrival. (APOLOGIZE)
10. These young people are ____________ supporters of the new plan of our city. (ENTHUSIASM)

Part 5. Circle the correct preposition. (0.8 point)
1. We are appreciative ______ his efforts.
   A. in  B. over  C. of  D. for

2. Computers have had a great effect ______ our lives since their appearance.
   A. for  B. to  C. at  D. on
3. This is an experiment. The astronauts will be trying something ___________.
   A. out   B. with   C. on   D. in
4. They turned _______at the party despite the awful weather.
   A. back   B. up   C. in   D. round

C. Reading (4 points)

Part 1. Fill in each numbered space with one suitable word. (2 points)

Man probably could not live without the help of animals. The (1) _____________ of animals in the balance of nature ranks as their most important service to man.

Animals also (2) _____________ man by supplying him with many foods and other useful products. (3) _____________ animals, man would have no meat, milk, eggs, or honey, or wool, fur, or silk.

For thousands of years, man has caused changes in the animal kingdom. He has tamed many kinds of animals and used them for food and clothing. He has killed and driven (4) _____________ animals that once attacked him or interfered with his use of land. Today, he tries to (5) _____________ many kinds of animals that are in danger of dying out. (6) _____________ man, most plants depend on animals for many of their basic needs. Without animals, many plants could not (7) _____________ reproduce. For example, many plants with flowers depend on bees and other insects to (8) _____________ their pollen from plant to plant. Many oak trees grow from acorns that squirrels bury and then forget, or from acorns that deer step on a push deep into the soil. Birds often fly from one place to (9) _____________ with seeds clinging to their feet. The seeds may sprout a great (10) _____________ from the parent plant.

Part 2. Read the passage below and then circle the correct answer A, B, C or D. (1.0 point)

Brown bears are found in Alaska and western of Canada. They are first cousins of the grizzly, belonging to the species Ursus arctos. The chief difference in them is size, as brown bears on the average are slightly larger. A full-grown male may weigh 1,500 pounds and stand 9 to 10 feet tall. Like bears everywhere they are creatures of habit that tread the same trails year after year. Brown bears have three gaits: an even, deliberate one that takes them over rough or boggy ground at a steady clip, a quick shuffle, and a fast gallop. They are not only surprisingly fast, but also, for such huge beasts, amazingly agile. They can charge up and climb down nearly vertical inclines. Fishing the streams in summer, they pounce on swift-moving salmon and snatch them with almost simultaneous movements of their paws and mouths. Brown bears are excellent swimmers and love to loll and wallow in the water on warm days. They are also curious and playful. Most manifest a fear of humans, but Alaskans prefer not to test these creatures and usually carry noisemakers of some kind to warn the bears of their presence.

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1. What can be inferred about brown bears and the grizzly?
   A. The grizzly lives in Alaska.
   B. They have the same size.
   C. They are biologically related to each other.
   D. Brown bears are usually not as big as the grizzly.

2. Which of the following statements is true?
   A. As big animals, brown bears are slow and awkward.
   B. To avoid brown bears, one should not approach any streams on warm days.
   C. It is impossible for a brown bear to cross a deep river.
   D. Brown bears have different habits from most bears.
3. It can be inferred from the passage that _____.
   A. brown bears usually attack people
   B. Alaskan people have no fear of the brown bears
   C. brown bears like to appear in front of human beings
   D. brown bears are afraid of loud noise

4. It can be inferred from the passage that Alaskans _____.
   A. do not know much about brown bears
   B. are cautious about brown bears
   C. do not care about the existence of brown bears
   D. try to attack brown bears when seeing them

5. The passage implies that brown bears _____.
   A. are big and fast but not dangerous
   B. are unique and have different habits from other bears
   C. usually catch salmon in quiet pools
   D. will try to avoid humans when seeing them

Part 3. Read the following passage and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. Then circle the correct answer. (1.0 point)

Sugar tastes sweet because of thousands of receptors on the tongue which connect the substance with the brain. The taste of sweetness is (1) ______ accepted as the most pleasurable sensation, although it is a fructose. Abundance is the most common occurring sugar, (2) ______ of which include fruit and honey. Sucrose, which supplies glucose to the body, is extracted from the sugar cane plant, and white sugar (pure sucrose) is used by food technologists to (3) ______ sweetness in other substances. Approximately a dozen artificial sweeteners have been discovered; one of the earliest was Sorbitol from France.

Manufacturers add large amounts of sugar to foodstuffs but never more than the (4) ______ required to produce the optimum pleasurable taste. Surprisingly, this amount is similar for different people and in different cultures. No one has yet discovered a way to predict whether a substance will taste sweet, and it was by (5) ______ alone that all the man-made chemical sweeteners were found to be sweet.

1. A. universally    B. wide    C. commonly    D. largely
2. A. origins    B. places    C. sources    D. roots
3. A. detect    B. smell    C. taste    D. measure
4. A. excess    B. maximum    C. limit    D. extremity
5. A. chance    B. ability    C. luck    D. time

D. Writing (5 points)

Part 1. Complete the second sentence so that it has the similar meaning to the first sentence. (1.0 point)

1. Do you have any experience of driving this kind of car?
   - Have you ....................................................................................................................?

2. Peter spoke to his lawyer before signing the contract.
   - Peter didn’t ............................................................................................................... .

3. The heavy snow made it impossible for them to have their picnic.
   - They were ................................................................................................................... .
Part 2. Rewrite each sentence below so that its meaning stays the same. Use the word given in brackets without changing it. (1.0 point)

1. Because he was so proud, he couldn’t admit that he was wrong. (TOO … TO)
   - He had ...................................................................................................................

2. The bank manager said he wouldn’t lend me what I needed. (UNWILLING)
   - The bank manager ...................................................................................................

3. She hadn’t made a speech before, so she was very nervous. (USED)
   - Because she wasn’t .................................................................................................

4. Their flat has been broken into twice this year. (HAD)
   - They ........................................................................................................................

5. It happened so long ago that no one remembers it at all now. (FORGOTTEN)
   - It happened .............................................................................................................

Part 3. Write about the following topic: “Some people think it would be a good idea for schools to teach every young person how to be a good parent”.

Do you agree or disagree with this opinion? Describe the skills a person needs to be a good parent. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge. Write about 160-180 words. (3.0 points)