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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. This way, please. | B. No, you can't. | C. You're welcome. | D. Sure, thanks. |
| 2. A. No, thanks. | B. Once a month. | C. I don't want to. | D. By bus. |
| 3. A. OK, thanks. | B. No, I can't. | C. You're welcome. | D. That's all right. |
| 4. A. Why? | B. It's OK. | C. OK, let me try. | D. My pleasure. |
| 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. A match. | B. A watch. |
| C. A wallet. | D. A fan. |
| 7. A. TV programmes. | B. TV plays. |
| C. TV channels. | D. TV commercials. |
| 8. A. A telephone. | B. A laptop. |
| C. A smartwatch. | D. A car. |
| 9. A. To find new habitats. | |
| B. To escape predators. | |
| C. To find warmer climates and more food. | |
| D. To build nests. | |

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 2 to 3 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 according to what you hear.*

Space Exploration

For many centuries, people dreamed of exploring space. However, this dream didn't start to 16. _____ until 1957, when the Soviet Union sent up the first artificial satellite. Then the whole world wanted a piece of the action! The first US artificial satellite, *Explorer 1*, was 17. _____ in 1958. Eleven years later, in 1969, the American astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first person 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 exploration. 19. _____ and satellite televisions are just two modern necessities that have come from our exploration into space.

China has also achieved remarkable achievements in space exploration. From sending astronauts into space to launching successful missions, China is increasingly demonstrating its space capabilities. Its achievements are 20. _____ significantly to scientific and technological advancements in space research.



Part II Vocabulary and Structure



Section A

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

1. The computer is one of the greatest _____ in the 20th century.
A. inventors B. inventor C. invention D. inventions
2. Every year, many people _____ to cities with emerging industries in search of a 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 a few people _____ from the air crash.
A. survived B. survival C. survivor D. is surviving
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. I have _____ but praise for the police.
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. Without effort, you achieve _____.
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 migrating to the island to breed every year.
12. Almost all the countries in the world could become tourist (destination) _____.

13. This country 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 smartphone has been released in many countries.
17. The Internet is changing the human life (dramatic) _____.
18. Rapid (technology) _____ advancements have changed our daily lives.
19. With the development of science and technology, our life is changing (amazing) _____.
20. Some strange (ill) _____ appeared in that forest.

Part III Reading Comprehension

Task 1

Directions: *The following is about bird migration, and you will find 5 questions numbered 1 to 5. For each question 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, 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 maintain these food sources during the winter months, making them ideal destinations for migration.

Avoidance of Predators

Another reason that birds may migrate is to avoid large predators, especially in the egg-laying season. Birds that lay their eggs on the ground particularly prefer migrating to places where the threat to their eggs is much smaller.

Breeding Conditions

Certain species of birds may migrate to areas that have good environments for breeding. For example, some birds migrate to the Arctic in the summer to breed 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 that may 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 altitudes to low altitudes.	D. From low altitudes to high altitudes.
3. What does the underlined 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. Pleasant.	D. Scarce.
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Task 2

Directions: *The following is an advertisement for vacation tours, and 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 and priced per person, based on four travellers, including air & taxes, villa accommodation, and car rental.

Explore the medieval charm and friendly hospitality of southwest Ireland in the vacation arranged

by Great Value Vacations. Stay in a three-bedroom villa at the enchanting Adare Manor Villas, a five-star resort, and immerse yourself in the history and beauty of the Emerald Isle. Step back in time on the grounds of Adare Manor, a picturesque castle that transports you to the magical days of 19th century Ireland. Enjoy modern luxuries such as golfing, fine cuisine, and spa treatments as part of an unforgettable experience.

6. Where does the trip start from?
A. Ireland. B. Chicago. C. Shanghai. D. The Emerald Isle.
7. How long does the vacation last?
A. Six days. B. Seven nights. C. A week. D. Six nights.
8. What does the price not include?
A. Airfare. B. Car rental.
C. Villa accommodation. D. Food.
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: *The following is about the South Pole. After reading it, you are required to complete the information by filling in the blanks numbered 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. It is a place with many interesting facts waiting to be discovered.

Two Seasons

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

Elevation and Temperature

The South Pole sits 9,300 feet above sea level, but the actual bedrock is only about 100 feet above sea level. The average annual temperature at the South Pole is -56 degrees Fahrenheit.

Two Poles

The South Pole actually has two poles: the South Magnetic Pole and the South Geomagnetic Pole. The South 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 of the South Magnetic Pole.

Station

The Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station is named after Roald Amundsen and Robert Falcon Scott. Amundsen first arrived at the Pole in December 1911 and Scott made several expeditions racing 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 annual temperature at the South Pole is 13. _____ Fahrenheit.

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 is a list of words and expressions related to inventions. After reading it, you are required to find the items equivalent to those given in Chinese in the table below. Then you should put the corresponding letters in brackets.*

A—patent	B—invention	C—technological 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—inventor	Q—industrial property	R—registration of patent

Examples: (B) 发明

(D) 创造

16. () 专利

() 商标

17. () 造纸术

() 知识产权

18. () 指南针

() 商标权

19. () 活字印刷

() 注册商标

20. () 技术革新

() 专利权

Task 5

Directions: *The following is a passage about a new smartwatch. After reading it, you are required to complete the answers that follow the questions numbered 21 to 25. You should write each answer in no more than 3 words.*

A New Smartwatch Is Coming

A new smartwatch is set to launch soon in nine countries, bringing innovative features to users. This advanced device is expected to impress with its cutting-edge technology and user-friendly design.

Fitness Tracking

The smartwatch can read your heart rate using four sensors on the back of the device. Its fitness app will encourage you to meet certain goals in different categories such as exercising and standing. For example, the smartwatch will remind you to stand and move around if you've been sitting too long. It can also keep track of how many calories you burn every day.

Powerful Texting

You can view incoming text messages on your wrist and reply with ready-made responses. The smartwatch also creates a new set of animated emojis (表情符号) that you can send instead of text.

Mapping It Out

Lost? You can get directions on your wrist. The smartwatch will lightly vibrate when you have to turn left or right.

Customisable Design

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

21. In how many countries is the smartwatch set to launch soon?

The smartwatch is set to launch soon in _____ countries.

22. What will the smartwatch remind you to do if you have been sitting too long?

The smartwatch will remind you to stand and _____.

23. What else can the smartwatch send in addition to text?

The smartwatch can send a new set of _____ in addition to text.

24. How will the smartwatch tell you to turn left or right?

The smartwatch will _____ to tell you to make a turn.

25. What kind of charger does the smartwatch use?

The smartwatch uses a _____.



Part IV Translation



Directions: There are 3 sentences (No. 1 to No. 3) in this section. Each of the sentences is followed by 3 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.

- 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 for nothing but just survival.

- 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，鸟类迁徙只为了要生存。

3. Ability is something but diligence 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。

Part V Writing



Directions: *A notice can be either in form of a brief notice or in form of a letter. Read the following 2 samples carefully. Then write a notice according to the information given in Chinese.*

Sample 1

The Department Office Notice of a Lecture

Time: 10 am

Date: Wednesday, 10 February

Place: the lecture hall of the Library Building

A lecture on how to apply for a scholarship in the USA will be given by Professor Smith from the University of Chicago. Students who are interested are welcome to attend. Please prepare some questions in advance. Punctuality is requested.

Sample 2

Notice of a Meeting

All teachers and staff,

There will be a meeting in Room 209 in the Administration Building at 2 pm, on Friday, 26 February. The meeting is about preparation for the new semester. All teachers and staff in Department of Foreign Languages are required to attend on time.

Department Office

25 February

1. 系学生会将举办新年晚会，以迎接新年的到来，欢迎本系师生踊跃参加；
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 during the holidays, but I don't know where to go. Do you have any good ideas?

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

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

B: How about going to Xiamen? There are many places of interest as well as beautiful beaches there. 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, routes, or accommodation. I think it's also safer and less time-consuming. But you will spend more money 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...

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.



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