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I. Vocabulary (20%)- Choose the answer that is most similar to the underlined word (1-5) or fill the blank with the best answer (6-10)

- We were so impressed by the impeccable service at the new hotel.
a. perfect b. horrible c. hideous d. unforgettable
- The economy has been sluggish since last month due to the political turmoil.
a. blooming b. slow-moving c. rising d. stunning
- I am surprised that the novel turned out to be such a page-turner!
a. something difficult to read b. something desirable to read
c. something hard to understand d. something very boring
- The computer course is ideal for the novices.
a. veterans b. experts c. beginners d. regulars
- It is important to express yourself in an articulate fashion.
a. mumbled b. succinct c. concise d. intelligible
- People who have fear of height are _____.
a. claustrophobic b. acrophobic c. agoraphobic d. aerophobic
- The governor was _____ for his using the state funds improperly.
a. imposed b. impaired c. impeached d. impeded
- A 9.0-_____ earthquake created a tsunami that killed over 250,000 people in Southeast Asia in 2004
a. magnitude b. gratitude c. attitude d. aptitude
- Ms. Cruise was recently _____ to the marketing department
a. transmitted b. transplanted c. transported d. transferred
- We should get _____ to that new journal recommended by Dr. Lin.
a. a subscription b. a prescription c. an inscription d. a conscription

II. Grammar & Usage (20%)- Complete the sentence with the best answer.

- Please sign the last page of the contract and _____ all the other pages.
a. initial b. initiate c. initialize d. initiation
- All his hard work eventually paid _____.
a. out b. off c. by d. in
- After he was presented the award, the actor grinned from _____.
a. head to toe b. eye to eye c. ear to ear d. mouth to mouth
- The applicant has _____ a master's degree nor a bachelor's degree in Business administration.
a. both b. not only c. either d. neither
- _____ could understand his point; it just did not make sense.
a. somebody b. everybody c. anybody d. Nobody
- _____ the attractive offer Dow Industries made him, he decided not to accept the job.
a. Because of b. Although c. Despite d. However
- I am afraid the plane will _____ by the time you get to the airport.
a. leaving b. have left c. left d. be left
- Ms. Robbins has _____ finished preparing the sales report.
a. sooner or later b. little or no c. more and more d. more or less
- I am not used to _____ up late since I work nine to five.
a. stay b. staying c. have stayed d. be staying

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10. Nonprofit corporations are established for purposes of public service and _____ special privileges by the government.

- a. give b. gave c. are given d. are giving

III. Cloze (10%)- Choose the best answer for each blank.

Taiwan voters __ (1) __ elected Nationalist Party candidate Ma Ying-jeou to be president on Saturday, apparently __ (2) __ the promise of economic growth through closer __ (3) __ with China over fears that those ties to the mainland could lead to a __ (4) __ of independence. Ma, __ (5) __ campaign touted the economic benefits of better relations with China, __ (6) __ the Democratic Progressive Party's Frank Hsieh, who __ (7) __ going slower and holding back in some areas. Taiwan's central election commission projected that Ma Ying-jeou __ (8) __ more than 58 percent __ (9) __ Frank Hsieh's 41 percent, with most of the votes counted. His margin of victory was the __ (10) __ in the history of Taiwan's presidential races.

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| 1. a. overwhelmingly | b. surprisingly | c. startlingly | d. astoundingly |
| 2. a. choose | b. chose | c. choosing | d. choice |
| 3. a. lashes | b. ties | c. straps | d. knots |
| 4. a. lose | b. loose | c. loss | d. lost |
| 5. a. who | b. which | c. that | d. whose |
| 6. a. failed | b. eluded | c. deposed | d. defeated |
| 7. a. opposed | b. disputed | c. advocated | d. undermined |
| 8. a. won | b. had won | c. has won | d. winning |
| 9. a. with | b. compared | c. opposed | d. versus |
| 10. a. smallest | b. least | c. largest | d. best |

IV. Reading Comprehension (20%)- Please read the following passages and answer the questions by choosing the best answer

Passage I:

About 60 vehicles slammed into each other Tuesday in heavy snowfall on a motorway in northwestern Austria, killing one person and injuring at least 30 others. Police in the province of Upper Austria said five of the injured people were seriously hurt. A Spanish woman who lived in Switzerland was killed, they said. Further details about her were not immediately available. Some people were believed to be trapped in their vehicles and rescue efforts were hampered by the snow, police said. Police said the accident happened on the westbound A1 autobahn between the towns of Seewalchen and St. Georgen, northeast of Salzburg. That section of the autobahn has been closed in both directions. The speed limit is 80 miles per hour.

- How many people were dead and seriously injured?
a. 25 b. 26 c. 5 d. 6
- What does "hampered" mean here?
a. enhanced b. hindered c. boosted d. bumped
- Which of the following statements is incorrect?
a. The woman who was killed in the accident was not from Austria
b. The accident was caused by the heavy snowfall
c. Both directions on the autobahn were completely shut down
d. The speed limit is around 130 kilometers per hour

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Passage 2:

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said Tuesday that he cannot rule out the possibility he might boycott the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics if China continues its crackdown in Tibet. Sarkozy has come under increasing pressure to take a stance on the unrest. He said he had not yet made a decision on what to do, but the mere suggestion of a boycott represented a clear threat to Chinese authorities. A French boycott of the August 8 opening ceremony would have added resonance because France will hold the rotating EU presidency during the August 8-24 Olympic Games.

Asked whether he supported a boycott, Sarkozy said he could "not close the door to any possibility." A spokesman for the president confirmed that Sarkozy was referring to a possible snub of the August 8 opening ceremony.

"Our Chinese friends must understand the worldwide concern that there is about the question of Tibet, and I will adapt my response to the evolutions in the situation that will come, I hope, as rapidly as possible," the president said during a visit with a military regiment in Tarbes in southwest France. Violent protests in Tibet, the most serious challenge in almost two decades to China's rule in the region, are forcing human rights campaigners and governments to re-examine their approach to the Olympic Games.

4. What is Sarkozy's attitude toward the boycott?
 - a. He has ruled out the possibility of a boycott
 - b. He might have to do it because of the pressure
 - c. He has received pressure from the Chinese authorities
 - d. He will not do it if China continues to crackdown Tibet
5. How do the Chinese authorities respond to the potential boycott?
 - a. It would not make any difference
 - b. It would not be a threat to them
 - c. It is evidently a menace to them
 - d. None of the above is correct
6. Which of the following statements is incorrect?
 - a. The Olympic Games will open on August 8
 - b. If France did boycott, nobody else would follow
 - c. The Games will last for more than two weeks
 - d. Sarkozy will make his decision based on what will happen in Tibet
7. Which of the following statements about the protests in Tibet is correct?
 - a. Tibetan people will refuse to join the Olympic Games because of the protests
 - b. The protests have been the most challenges in the past 30 years
 - c. The protests have received many supports from human rights groups
 - d. All of the above are correct

Passage 3:

Though she has made no secret of how her life had sunk before her immense success with the *Harry Potter* series, J.K. Rowling has never before detailed that despondent period of her life. That now has changed, with the author, 42, opening up to an Edinburgh University student magazine, the BBC and British newspapers report.

Rowling also admits that she contemplated taking her own life back in the early 1990s, after separating from her first husband, Portuguese journalist Jorge Arantes.

"We're talking suicidal thoughts here, we're not talking 'I'm a little bit miserable,'" Rowling told student Adeel Amini, 22.

"Mid-twenties life circumstances were poor and I really plummeted," Rowling said, recalling friends had to help her pay the security deposit for her apartment rental – where she would eventually begin writing about the boy wizard, which would spawn a \$14 billion industry.

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"The thing that made me go for help was probably my daughter," said Rowling, referring to the then-infant, Jessica, reports the *Telegraph*. "She was something that earthed me, grounded me, and I thought, this isn't right, this can't be right, she cannot grow up with me in this state."

8. Which of the following statements about J.K Rowling in her mid twenties is incorrect?
- She was financially burdened
 - She was divorced by her first husband
 - She thought about suicide because of her relationship with her husband
 - She was despondent about her miserable life at that time
9. Which of the following statements is not true about her solution to her problem?
- She finally sought professional help
 - She believed that her daughter was the key that got her out of her misery
 - She was able to find comfort in the Harry Porter series she wrote
 - She had friends who helped and supported her at that time
10. Which of the following statements is true?
- The Harry Porter series worth \$14 billion dollars
 - J.K. Rowling confessed many details about her gloomy past
 - The *Telegraph* is an Edinburgh University student magazine
 - All of the above are correct

V. Translation (10%)- Please translate the following statements to Chinese

- Financial and construction stocks performed particularly well, and the NT dollar continued to gain against the greenback on post-election optimism.
- Bhutan brought down the curtain on a century of absolute monarchy yesterday, as the king's subjects went to the polls to elect the remote Himalayan nation's first democratic government.

VI. Essay (20%)- Please read the following passage and write down what words of wisdom you would like to share with the young people if you were Dr. Randy Pausch. Please write between 150-200 words

Randy Pausch, a Carnegie Mellon University computer-science professor, was about to give a lecture Tuesday afternoon, but before he said a word, he received a standing ovation from 400 students and colleagues. They had come to see him give what was billed as his "last lecture." The 46-year-old father of three has pancreatic cancer and expects to live for just a few months. His lecture, using images on a giant screen, turned out to be a rollicking and riveting journey through the lessons of his life. For the audience, the question to be mulled is this: What wisdom would we impart to the world if we knew it was our last chance?