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I. Reading Comprehension: Choose the single best answer to each question. 30%

The Lanyu Eco-tours we took part in emphasize the indigenous culture and the kindness of the primitive people there more than the beauty of the landscape and the amenities of the trip. In doing so, they create an experience that I find to be truly unique. In previous days I often got the sense that tourists were well received at indigenous villages primarily because the tourists contribute significantly to the village's income. But the Dawu people in Lanyu are different. They are extremely gracious hosts, mainly because they were genuinely excited to share their culture and learn about us.

1. The eco-tour puts emphasis on
- a. aesthetic value of the place
 - b. indigenous people and their culture
 - c. supreme amenities of the hotels on the island
 - d. medicinal plants and herbs on the island

Doctors tell us that exercising regularly is good for health. However, doctors have found proof that exercising too much can have damaging effects on our body. They believe that when we exercise, the brain secretes endorphins, which have a pain-relieving effect and give us a lift or high. It is because of this lift that people become addicted to excessive exercise. Although experiencing this lift regularly is good, too much of it is damaging. People who are addicted to exercise should not quit altogether. Doctors advise them just to stop exercising too much.

2. What advice does the doctor give to people?
- a. People should exercise at set times and in a normal way.
 - b. People should become an exercise addict.
 - c. People should experience a "lift" as much as possible.
 - d. People should give up exercising altogether.

Fortunetellers believe that certain numbers are lucky or unlucky and that we can use numbers to understand our personalities, or predict what will happen to us in the future. Among them numerologists are those who especially tend to use numbers to describe a person's character, and to make predictions about future life events. They usually use the numbers 1 to 9, 11 to 22—also known as the key numbers—to help people understand their life goals and destiny.

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3 Which one of the following is correct?

- a. Numerologists are those who spend time to predict the past.
- b. Numerologists use number 10 as the most important number to predict a person's destiny.
- c. Numerologists can do calculations more quickly than mathematicians.
- d. Numerologists study the meaning of numbers because they want to use them to predict what will happen to people in the future.

Local educational reformers argue that standardized testing alone is limited and can only measure some of a student's ability. They believe that such a multiple-choice style of test as TOFEL Test to evaluate students' abilities cannot always tell us what they have learned or how they may do in the future. Therefore they suggest that students should take fewer standardized tests. The tests students take should be able to tell us what they really know, and how they can use that knowledge in real life.

4. Which is correct according to local educational reformers?

- a. Standardized tests are useless and therefore should be abolished.
- b. Standardized tests are not good ways of remembering information.
- c. A good test should tell us how students can use their knowledge in real life.
- d. Standardized testing alone can fully measure a student's ability.

Ecologists argue that international organizations must work together with different communities and countries all over the world to find solutions to such serious environmental problems as pollution, overpopulation, social injustice, and depletion of natural resources. As citizens of the Earth, we all have a responsibility to protect and sustain the environment we have for the future generations.

5. Which of the following is correct?

- a. Environmental protection is not for us ourselves but for the future generations.
- b. Environmental protection can be most effective through global cooperation.
- c. Local autonomy can be sacrificed in order to protect the environment of the planet.
- d. Sustaining the planet involves a ban on international trade.

II. Read the following text and then identify the bold-faced words listed below with their definitions by putting down a letter (a, b, c, d, etc.) for the correct definition for each blank. 20%

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In my search for **precedents** to the interiorized sky of the Silver Legacy, I thought of domes in architecture and painting of the Italian renaissance. I like the extensive use of **ziggurats**, towers, and other pointed architectural elements in other kinds of buildings, too, for they all are built to **invoke** the vital connection between the Earth and heaven with human beings. These elements also remind me of our Chinese **cosmology**, which exhibits a **spontaneously self-generating life process** of three basic motifs: continuity, wholeness, and **dynamism**. All **modalities of being**, from a rock to Heaven, are **integral** parts of a continuum, which is often referred to as the Great Transformation. The assumption of this cosmology is not a **figment** of our imagination but a solid foundation upon which the cosmos and our lived world therein are constructed.

Words

Definition

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| 1. precedent | _____ | a. a temple tower |
| 2. ziggurat | _____ | b. something merely imagined |
| 3. invoke | _____ | c. form |
| 4. cosmology | _____ | d. cause / call forth |
| 5. spontaneous | _____ | e. study of the universe |
| 6. motif | _____ | f. necessary / essential |
| 7. dynamism | _____ | g. main feature or idea |
| 8. modality | _____ | h. quality of being vigorous |
| 9. integral | _____ | i. an example for a later one |
| 10. figment | _____ | j. growing naturally |
| | | k. mysterious |
| | | l. model |

III. Translate the following sentences into Chinese 20%

1. Postmodern space is characterized by our loss of the means to conceptualize it.
2. Its chaotic diversity yields a kind of interpretive vertigo.
3. Buildings were severed from each other, let alone from wild and free nature.
4. Walking alone in such a city, you will be shocked by its overgrown, yet decaying monstrosity.
5. This flower of evil is resulted from the coalescing of capitalistic technological and social forces.

IV. English Writing: Write on the following in 100-200 words 30%

Describe any of your own experiences substantiating the assumption that haste makes less speed.