

I. Reading (15 points)

1) Read the text and answer the questions below. For each question, choose the correct letter A, B, C or D.

Earth Day

We celebrated Earth Day in my city last week. The idea of this special day began in the 1960s when life was very different. Few people talked, or even thought, about the environment. Most people had no idea how dirty our air and water were. This attitude bothered Gaylor Nelson, who was a senator in the US government, and he had an idea. If people around the world knew the planet was in danger, they might work harder to save it, so he just needed to get their attention. The first Earth Day was just in the United States but it led to events every year all around the world on April 22 or the nearest weekend, depending on where you are.

In my town, last Saturday afternoon lots of people rode their bikes from the park, around the town together and back to the park, taking as much time as they possibly could, so that the cars had to wait. Then we talked to all the drivers in cars which just had one person in them, to explain how wasteful that is and how much pollution it causes. The idea was to make people think about how much they use their cars. In other places, people collected plastic bags for a week and then made a pile of them in the town square. You can do anything as long as it makes people of all ages come together for a few hours and talk about the environment. Last year we had a big music event for young people. Some people said it was a waste of time, but there was information for people to read and announcements between the bands about how to help protect the environment.

1. What is the writer trying to do?

- A. encourage people to take part in this year's Earth Day
B. explain why Earth Day happens every year
C. compare the success of different events on Earth Day
D. offer advice to people arranging an Earth Day event

2. Earth Day began because

- A. people had started to worry about damage to the environment.
B. different governments decided it was a good idea.
C. one man wanted people to know about the planet's problems.
D. people were working hard to make the air and water cleaner.

3. What happened on Earth Day this year in the writer's city?

- A. Cars were not allowed in the city centre.
B. People cycled slowly through the streets.

C. There was a talk about the pollution made by cars.

D. Cars had to have more than one person in them.

4. What does the writer think is the most important thing about Earth Day events?

A. that people should become involved in them

B. that they should attract young people

C. that there should be some music

D. that they should last all day

5. Which of the following sentences appeared in a newspaper article about Earth Day?

A. Gaylor Nelson travelled around the world to persuade people to arrange events on the first Earth Day

B. Earth Day events are on the same day in countries around the world.

C. Many more countries take part in Earth Day now than when it first began.

D. The first Earth Day was a disappointment to the organisers.

2) Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

Last night, a bomb (1) exploded (explode) outside the main branch of the Trusty Bank in Barton. The police (2) had received (receive) an anonymous phone call minutes before the explosion. The bomb squad (3) were driving (drive) to the bank when the bomb (4) gone off (go off). There (5) was (be) no one inside the bank, but a security guard (6) was sitting (sit) at the car park entrance. He suffered minor injuries from pieces of broken glass. Late last night, police officers (7) were still searching (search) the scene for evidence and they (8) were questioning (question) the people living in the area. The security guard (9) is recovering (recover) from his injuries in hospital. No one (10) has yet claimed (yet/claim) responsibility for the blast.

II. Use of English (43 points)

1) Choose the correct answer.

1. Excuse me, do you speak English? I \_\_\_\_\_ for a hotel.

- A. look
B. am looking
C. was looking
D. have been looking

2. Last summer we wanted a relaxing holiday, so we \_\_\_\_\_ to stay on a small island.

- A. choose
B. have chosen
C. had chosen
D. chose

3. Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ hard. I don't understand it.

- A. are
B. is
C. was
D. were

4. While we \_\_\_\_\_ for the train, it started to rain.

- A. waited
B. are waiting
C. was waiting
D. were waiting

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- + 5. The police officer said that every house in that street \_\_\_\_\_ already by the police.  
A. search    **C** had been searched  
B. were searched    D. searched
- + 6. There is going to be a big art exhibition. It \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of visitors.  
A. attracts    **B** will attract  
C. has attracted    D. attracted
- + 7. The result of his investigation \_\_\_\_\_ in the newspaper soon.  
A. publish    **C** will be published  
B. be published    D. is published
- + 8. When they arrived home, their children \_\_\_\_\_ outside the door waiting for them.  
A. sit    C. was sitting  
B. are sitting    **D** were sitting
- + 9. We \_\_\_\_\_ a new computer not long ago. Now the job will be done much more quickly.  
A. had bought    **C** bought  
B. was bought    D. have bought
- + 10. He was sorry that he \_\_\_\_\_ to me for so long.  
A. didn't write    **C** hadn't been writing  
B. haven't been writing    D. hasn't been writing
- + 11. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ strawberries for years but she has never had such a good crop before.  
A. grow    **C** has been growing  
B. grew    D. had grown
- + 12. Helen got off the bus and walked into the bank when she realized that she \_\_\_\_\_ her handbag on the bus.  
A. left    **B** had left  
**D** leaves
- 13. You are a great cook! This cake \_\_\_\_\_ wonderful as usual.  
A. taste    C. will taste  
**B** tasted    D. tastes
- 14. I cut my finger when I \_\_\_\_\_ the potatoes.  
**A** am peeling    C. was peeling  
B. have peeled    D. will peel
- + 15. The students \_\_\_\_\_ not to be late for their classes.  
**A** ask    **C** are asked  
B. asked    D. are asking

12.5

2) Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions

- + 1. She blamed him for the murder.
- + 2. They arrived at in London at 7:30.
- + 3. I must apologize to Mary for the delay.

- + 4. I am very annoyed with John for being so careless.
- + 5. He was accused of being a thief.
- + 6. He believes in God.
- + 7. She is brilliant at gymnastics.
- + 8. I was not aware of the problem.
- + 9. I am afraid of snakes.
- + 10. He does not associate with his colleagues.
- + 11. They were ashamed of their children's behavior.
- + 12. He was astonished at the way he spoke to the manager.

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3) Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

- It's not always easy being a (1) \_\_\_\_\_. you spend half your time making (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for your holiday and the other half worrying about sticking to the (3) \_\_\_\_\_. I think it's relaxing sometimes to spend a holiday at home. There are no (4) \_\_\_\_\_ problems, you don't need someone to be the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and you know that the local (6) \_\_\_\_\_ are always friendly!

TOUR tourment  
 ARRANGE arrangements  
 TIME time + table +  
 CULTURE cultural +  
 PHOTOGRAPH Photograph  
 INHABIT inhabitants +  
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4) Cross out the unnecessary word.

- 1 The Oh, let me tell you about our trip. Did you know that Sara is afraid of being cancelled trip
- 2 will flying? We had arranged it with her family to go to France for a few days.
- + 3 I I have always wanted to see Paris and would love to live in there one day.
- + 4 to She was okay and she said she was fine, so we continued on to our way.
- 6 The We went through passport control and I could see so that Sara wasn't
- + 7 it \_\_\_\_\_ keen on going any further. Just then, a voice announced: "We regret it to
- ? 8 \_\_\_\_\_ inform passengers that Flight 114 to France is been cancelled." That was
- + 9 of our flight! Sarah said she was glad because of she was too frightened to
- + 10 to fly anyway! So, we all went to home. That was the end of that trip!

III. Writing task. (20 points)

Some families have an only child; others choose to have two, three or even more children. What is your opinion? Is it good to be an only child in the family? (100 – 150 words)

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46.5