

PART I: READING COMPREHENSION (40 POINTS)

Read the following text

All About Plastic

1. Walk around your home and you will find something made of plastic. Your delicious snacks are packaged in plastic, your favorite toys and many other everyday items are made of plastic too. Plastic seems to be a very big part of our lives and it is everywhere.
2. Plastic is one of the most useful¹ inventions. It can be flexible² or hard, depending on how people make it, and is now used in a lot of everyday items. A useful thing about plastic is that it can be in different shapes, sizes, and strengths. Plastic toothpaste holders are easy to squeeze, while hard plastic storage containers³ help preserve⁴ food and keep liquids from spilling. Plastic also lasts hundreds of years.
3. It took a while for scientists to discover plastic and realize its usefulness. Before we had plastic, people had fewer things. If those things broke, they would get them fixed instead of throwing them away. Most toys were made of wood or metal⁵ instead of plastic. Food was also wrapped⁶ in paper and spoiled⁷ quickly, instead of staying fresh for a long time.
4. While plastic is great because it lasts a long time and people can easily use it in different shapes, it's a problem for our environment. Because we make so much plastic every year, and much of the plastic is only used once, the plastic waste people create is more than our environment can handle⁸. Much of the plastic waste enters the oceans, which hurts sea creatures and the oceans. Plastic makes a lot of things easier, but there is a cost to that ease.

1. useful - مفيد	5. metal - معدن
2. flexible - مرن	6. wrapped - مغطى
3. containers - حاويات	7. spoiled - فسد
4. preserve - يحفظ	8. handle - تتحمل

In paragraph 1, we learn that (-).

- A. plastic is only used to make toys
- B. plastic is popular in making delicious snacks
- C. plastic is used in many daily items
- D. plastic can be found in some homes

(7 points)

1. In paragraph 2, we learn that plastic is useful because (-).

- A. it can be shaped in one way
- B. it lasts for a long time
- C. it makes food and liquids spill easily
- D. it is the hardest

(6 points)

2. According to paragraph 3, wood and metal are examples of (-).

- A. things that were used to make toys in the past
- B. things that are used to make toys nowadays
- C. things that make toys break easily
- D. things that cannot be fixed

(7 points)

3. According to paragraph 3, paper (-).

- A. is better for keeping food fresh
- B. is as good as plastic in keeping food fresh
- C. is the worst for keeping food fresh?
- D. is not as good as plastic in keeping food fresh

(7 points)

4. According to paragraph 4, we learn that (-).

- A. plastic can help our environment
- B. plastic's cost is cheap
- C. plastic is dangerous for our environment
- D. plastic use has no problems

(6 points)

5. According to paragraph 4, what does the writer mean when he says, "but there is a **cost** to that ease"?

He means that the cost of using plastic (-).

- A. is very expensive
- B. makes our lives very easy
- C. is very cheap
- D. is hurting the environment

(7 points)

PART II: GRAMMAR (20 POINTS)

Circle the correct answer: (each item is worth 2 points)

1. A: "Why did you turn off the TV?" B: "Because I _____. I'm very tired."

- a) go to sleep
- b) am sleeping
- c) am going to sleep
- d) am asleep

2. We _____ India when we _____ the sad news.

- a) were touring, heard
- b) toured, heard
- c) were touring, were hearing
- d) toured, were hearing

3. When _____?

- a) did you arrive
- b) did you arrived
- c) were you arrive
- d) were you arriving

4. I didn't see _____ strange when I went into the room.

- a) something
- b) nothing
- c) anything
- d) everything

5. I am going to celebrate my birthday with only _____ friends this year.
- many
 - any
 - few
 - a few
6. Do you ever listen to _____ news on the radio?
- many
 - the
 - a
 - no
7. My birthday is _____ August.
- at
 - on
 - of
 - in
8. Look at these flowers. They are dying. Someone _____ water them.
- have to
 - is able
 - can
 - has to



9. Look over there! I think someone is trying to steal ____ car!
- a) you
 - b) you're
 - c) your
 - d) yours
10. A: You look very _____ in this dress. B: Thank you. You are very _____.
- a) the nicest / kindly
 - b) nice / kinder
 - c) nicer / the kindest
 - d) nice / kind

PART III: Vocabulary (20 POINTS)

Circle the correct answer: (each item is worth 2 points)

1. Razi found a colorful umbrella for his mom in a shop, but it _____ too much.
 - a. price
 - b. paid
 - c. costs
 - d. money
2. They liked the hotel which they stayed on because they saw lots of _____ flowers in the garden.
 - a. awful
 - b. boring
 - c. horrible
 - d. wonderful
3. We went hiking _____ the bad weather.
 - a. however
 - b. in spite of
 - c. because
 - d. in addition
4. Did you _____ in yesterday's discussion?
 - a. listened
 - b. involve
 - c. take part
 - d. talked

5. I do not know why her brother won't give her a _____ with her homework.
- work
 - help
 - hand
 - copy
6. Exercising is the best way to _____ of stress.
- get rid
 - manage
 - predict
 - feel
7. When you do something at once, you do it _____.
- once in a while
 - after a while
 - immediately
 - only once
8. There is no school tomorrow because the teachers are _____.
- teaching
 - on strike
 - studying
 - vacation
9. It took me _____ three hours to get to the village.
- more
 - less
 - more then
 - more or less

10. My mom _____ that I go to university next year.
- a. told
 - b. said
 - c. suggested
 - d. made

PART IV: Writing (20 POINTS)

Describe your favorite app. You can write about:

- why you like it
- when you use it
- what it does

Write up to 70 words.

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