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I. Choose the best answer to complete each sentence. 20%

1. There was no evidence to \_\_\_ her to the crime, even though everyone suspected her.  
(A) link (B) plausible (C) convert (D) fabricate
2. I hate camping because tents are such \_\_\_\_\_ things.  
(A) primary (B) purpose (C) primitive (D) easy
3. I am \_\_\_\_\_ about your chances in graduate school; you have such low grades!  
(A) believable (B) skeptical (C) typical (D) spiral
4. The comedian \_\_\_\_\_ a friend of hers in the audience to laugh at her jokes.  
(A) replaced (B) plastered (C) seeded (D) planted
5. The movie theater was designed to provide \_\_\_\_\_ for people in wheelchairs.  
(A) limitations (B) prevalent (C) whim (D) accessibility
6. The family has no money because he is a \_\_\_\_\_ gambler.  
(A) gratification (B) indulge (C) impulse (D) compulsive
7. I don't want to buy a house here because crime is \_\_\_\_\_ in this area.  
(A) prevalent (B) whim (C) accumulate (D) limitations
8. I know I should lose weight, but I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ in another piece of cake.  
(A) accumulate (B) impulse (C) indulge (D) gratification
9. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ when people die of unnatural causes.  
(A) sadness (B) afterlife (C) explosion (D) tragedy
10. I heard a \_\_\_\_\_ that you've started dating Steve.  
(A) rumor (B) harbinger (C) saying (D) sepulcher

II. Syntax 20%: Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. Some metals are malleable, \_\_\_ others are so brittle that they break easily when bent quickly.  
(A) but (B) like (C) there (D) which
2. Impressionist artists tried \_\_\_ transitory visual impressions of the real world.  
(A) to capture (B) capture it (C) to capture (D) captures
3. An ultrasonic wave has \_\_\_ a high frequency that it is inaudible.  
(A) therefore (B) above (C) such (D) thus
4. \_\_\_ ended traffic on the Mississippi River, Mark Twain left his job as a river pilot and moved west to Carson City.  
(A) During the Civil War (B) Because the Civil War was (C) That the Civil War was (D) When the Civil War
5. Theatrical producer Cheryl Crawford \_\_\_ the establishment of a professional repertory theater in the United States.  
(A) who encouraged (B) encouraged (C) was encouraged (D) who was encouraged
6. The fibrous membranes surrounding organs in the human body are tough \_\_\_ add strength to the parts of the body they cover.  
(A) moreover (B) since (C) and (D) furthermore

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7. The \_\_\_ of the world extend around the equator in tropical and semitropical regions.  
(A) areas that grow cotton (B) growth of cotton areas (C) cotton-growing areas (D) areas that cotton is grown
8. Throughout the state of Maine \_\_\_ summer music camps, where young people and adults may study in beautiful rural settings.  
(A) is where (B) there are (C) located (D) to be found
9. \_\_\_ exerted by tornadoes that they have been known to lift railroad locomotives off their tracks.  
(A) The great force is (B) The force is great (C) How great the force is (D) So great is the Force
10. As an atom absorbs energy, \_\_\_ increases, and the atom is said to be excited.  
(A) its energy level (B) as its energy level (C) it is energy level (D) the energy level of its

III. Cloze 20%: Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence in each passage.

A time capsule is a container filled with things that show what life was like at a particular time. It is (1) for a fixed period—for example, 100 years—and then opened again. Time capsules (2) the walls of new buildings, (3) they may be buried in the ground. They usually contain photos, letters, newspapers, and objects (4) everyday life. A carefully made time capsule (5) a living record of history and gives people a voice into the future.

1. (A) storing (B) stored (C) to store (D) store
2. (A) are often put into (B) are put often into (C) put often into (D) are often into
3. (A) nor (B) but (C) or (D) when
4. (A) among (B) with (C) to (D) from
5. (A) be preserves (B) to preserve (C) preserving (D) preserves

According to the International Time Capsule Society, there are about 10,000 time capsules in the world. (6), many of them have been lost or forgotten. (7), in Blackpool, Lancashire, England, a time capsule was included in the Blackpool Tower when it was built (8) the late 1800s. (9), no one recorded the exact location. (10) people searched for it 100 years later, they were unable to find it. The International Time Capsule Society now keeps an official record of time capsules around the world to avoid problems like this in the future.

6. (A) Therefore (B) But (C) However (D) In addition
7. (A) That is (B) For example (C) In fact (D) In case
8. (A) in (B) on (C) of (D) at
9. (A) Unfortunately (B) Fortunately (C) Significantly (D) Predictably
10. (A) Before (B) When (C) According to (D) Where

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IV. Reading Comprehension 20%: Read each passage and answer the questions that follow.

The language of William Shakespeare may at times seem difficult to understand. However, once the meaning of the text is understood, *Hamlet* can be enjoyed for numerous reasons. Hamlet looks squarely at the stupidity and lies of everyday life, while trying to find meaningful answers. Hamlet's character exudes

genuineness, thoughtfulness, and sincerity, which make him special.

Hamlet represents much of life as it is today. In modern life, we are often faced with difficult situations that we must seek honest answers to. In this story, Hamlet must face the futility and wrongs in life, and come up with his own honest answers. Hamlet chooses not to compromise with evil. Hamlet's death reaffirms the tragic dignity of a decent person in a bad world. Hamlet gives us the impression that life is worth living, even in an imperfect world.

Shakespeare's *Hamlet* is full of talk about death, dead bodies, skulls and bones, murder, suicide, disease, graves, and so forth. However, the message is ultimately clear; it is one of hope.

1. How do the first two paragraphs characterize Hamlet?
  - (A) As a very evil person
  - (B) As a decent person
  - (C) As a hero to the people
  - (D) As one of the few characters in this story
2. What can you infer from the reading?
  - (A) *Hamlet* is an old story written centuries ago by Shakespeare.
  - (B) Hamlet is a rogue character who answers life with treachery and deceit.
  - (C) Shakespeare enjoyed writing *Hamlet* and made him a vulnerable character.
  - (D) Hamlet is an ordinary person trying to find answers to everyday questions.
3. What does the expression "full of talk" mean?
  - (A) Having few references to
  - (B) Including many references to
  - (C) Not having much action
  - (D) Not able to listen to more talking
4. What is the purpose of the reading?
  - (A) To explain that answers to Hamlet's problems are similar to current everyday life
  - (B) To show how Hamlet lives in a just world
  - (C) To explain that answers to Hamlet's problems are different from everyday life
  - (D) To show that Hamlet was a good character who went bad
5. Which of the following is true according to the passage?
  - (A) *Hamlet* was written in the 1800s.
  - (B) The main character in *Hamlet* is Horatio.
  - (C) *Hamlet* is not a traditional tragedy.
  - (D) Hamlet is a genuine and sincere character.

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In baseball, the term "World Series" is misleading as it only includes American baseball teams. [A] Some people feel the World Wide Web (www) is the same – it really should be called the America Web. [B] Most websites are in English, and it is American Internet companies that are growing the fastest and generating the most profits. Most computer software is American, and most search engines are in English. Although other countries are increasing their Internet usage, America still leads by a large margin. Japan has the second highest rate of Internet hosts; however, America still has ten times more hosts than Japan. [C]

Some people are hopeful that as more non-Americans begin to use the Internet, American domination will diminish. It is estimated that within 15 years, Chinese Internet users will outnumber

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Americans. [D] The increase in non-American usage means more local searches leading to more non-English websites and less focus on American content.

6. What is the best title for this reading?

- (A) The World Series
- (B) The World Wide Web
- (C) America Dominates Cyber Space
- (D) Asia: Quickly Logging On

7. What does "misleading" mean in line 1?

- (A) Giving the wrong idea
- (B) Belonging to the US
- (C) Relating to baseball
- (D) Controlling or dominating

8. In line 5, what does "their" refer to?

- (A) Search engines
- (B) America
- (C) Other countries
- (D) English speakers

9. The following sentence can be added to the passage:

"Created in the US, the Internet can be seen as a tool to further increase American domination over the rest of the world."

Choose the best place for this sentence. (Refer to the brackets [ ] in the passage.)

- (A) Line 2
- (B) Line 3
- (C) Line 8
- (D) Line 11

10. According to the passage, which of the following sentences is true?

- (A) Chinese Internet users outnumber American Internet users.
- (B) Japan has ten times the number of Internet hosts as America.
- (C) Most computer software and search engines are from England.
- (D) The number of non-American Internet users is increasing.

V. Writing 20%: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Most experiences in our lives that seemed difficult at the time become valuable lessons for the future. Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer. Write an essay of 150 to 200 words and of three to five paragraphs.