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Part 1: Vocabulary. *For each question, choose the one answer that is closest in meaning to the underlined word. (5 points per question)*

1. The movie we watched last night was hilarious.
 - A. excellent
 - B. boring
 - C. creative
 - D. funny
 - E. ridiculous

2. The reporter's question placed the mayor in an awkward position.
 - A. difficult
 - B. proud
 - C. hopeless
 - D. comical
 - E. unexpected

3. The politician shows a great deal of cunning in the way he deals with his rivals.
 - A. cleverness
 - B. stupidity
 - C. courage
 - D. ruthlessness
 - E. scrupulousness

4. I was astonished to learn that she had arrived early.
 - A. delighted
 - B. surprised
 - C. frightened
 - D. appalled
 - E. relieved

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5. His response to the questions revealed that his knowledge of the topic is superficial.

- A. not deep
- B. not broad
- C. not reliable
- D. not bad
- E. not narrow

6. This teacher's grading policies are very rigid.

- A. unclear
- B. inflexible
- C. harsh
- D. generous
- E. reasonable

7. The additional evidence bolstered his position considerably.

- A. revealed
- B. reinforced
- C. weakened
- D. clarified
- E. undermined

8. Ever since that incident last March, Mary has borne a grudge against her sister.

- A. distrust
- B. fear
- C. resentment
- D. disillusionment
- E. regret

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9. The two teams have had a friendly rivalry for many years.

- A. alliance
- B. competition
- C. attitude
- D. game
- E. situation

10. Mary has lots of friends because she's so considerate.

- A. thoughtful
- B. hardworking
- C. serious
- D. logical
- E. foolish

Part 2: Cloze. For each of the underlined numbers in the following passage, choose the one answer that best fits in that location in the passage. (5 points per question)

A former Taiwanese president's (11) release from prison has been delayed - because a (12) carrying vital documents got stuck in traffic. Ex-President Chen Shui-bian - in prison for (13) - was expected to be freed on medical parole on New Year's Eve. But heavy holiday traffic meant documents (14) to his release were delivered too late to be processed. The parole request will now be dealt (15) on Monday. (BBC News)

11. A. definite
B. certainty
C. obstinate
D. definitive
E. possible

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12. A. cart
B. carburetor
C. courtesan
D. cabaret
E. courier
13. A. consumption
B. comprehension
C. condescension
D. consequences
E. corruption
14. A. relating
B. relate
C. had related
D. that relating
E. were relating
15. A. with
B. in
C. about
D. to
E. for

Part 3. Reading Comprehension. *Read the passage and then answer the questions that follow. (5 points per question)*

A lot has happened in 2014, many tragedies, natural disasters, political crises and also social turmoil. But if one has to underline a trend in the events of the outgoing year, one will find disruptions recurring over and over.

Even as the reported discovery of the wreckage of AirAsia flight 8501 yesterday seemed to provide clues to the mystery of the plane's disappearance, family members of those onboard Malaysia Airlines flight 370, which has yet to be found after

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disappearing in March, are still waiting to learn the fate of their loved ones. These two airplane tragedies disrupted the long-held illusion of a smoothly-run modern world.... The downing of another passenger plane, Malaysia Airlines flight 17, by missiles fired from a region controlled by pro-Russian separatists in Eastern Ukraine in July shatters another illusion: that war is an outdated affair in the modern world, taking place only in failing states and has no impact on people other than those directly involved in it....

The world also realized this year the weakness of international health authorities. The quick spread of the Ebola pandemic in West Africa reveals mostly not the well-known weak infrastructure of undeveloped countries but the astonishing lack of readiness of top health bodies such as the World Health Organization (WHO). Funding cuts amid global recession and the entrenched bureaucracy of the WHO resulted in a void that allowed Ebola to spread unchecked in the first months of the year.

In Taiwan, the seemingly endless food scandals have basically taken away whatever public trust still existed. Moreover, it represents a disruption of long-held beliefs that Taiwan is a “Food Kingdom” populated with honest people selling inexpensive delicacies. While there are no doubt many honest restaurateurs in Taiwan, the nation now finds itself in a soul searching moment with similarities to what South Korea faced after the sinking of the ferry Sewol: Have we compromised too much for speed and affordability?

Disruptions in 2014, however, were not all bad. The rise of social media and smart devices created many disruptions to long-established orders. Start-ups like Airbnb and Uber are bringing a sea change to the hospitality industry and taxi businesses. More importantly, technologies enable people to quickly organize events and spread information, resulting in “political disruptors” that seem to come from nowhere and suddenly take over. Taiwan’s Sunflower Movement in March and the recent Umbrella Revolution in Hong Kong are the most obvious examples. Thanks to these social media-armed disruptors, Ko Wen-je, a physician running as an independent candidate, made history by becoming the first non-Kuomintang candidate to take over 50 percent of votes in a Taipei mayoral election. Ko wasted no time in his first days as mayor to differentiate himself from traditional politicians. For better or worse, he is presenting himself as a disruptor.

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2014 was the year when the people came to recognize the realities of the world. This loss of innocence started with the 2009 financial meltdown, which revealed the utter incapability of the sociopolitical elites whom people used to trust. In 2014, people learned that the world does not run on autopilot, that the “leaders” alone cannot fix all problems (in fact, they can sometimes be the problem). More importantly, they realized that they have to participate. Efforts to contain Ebola are seeing results recently because of the sacrifices made by brave volunteers. If 2014 was a year of painful reckonings, let us hope it will also be the beginning of an era of actions. (*China Post*, December 31, 2014)

16. Which of these statements best represents the main theme of this article?

- A. 2014 was a year of disruption.
- B. Good things and bad things happened in 2014.
- C. Air tragedies revealed the character of 2014.
- D. 2014 was a crucial year for Taiwan.
- E. 2014 showed that Taiwanese need to wake up to the world’s realities.

17. The author says that “Start-ups like Airbnb and Uber are bringing a sea change to the hospitality industry and taxi businesses”. What does “sea change” mean here?

- A. unexpected change
- B. leadership change
- C. very big change
- D. financial change
- E. unstable change

18. The writer is most clearly negative about which of the following?

- A. the Sunflower Movement
- B. Mayor Ko’s actions
- C. WHO
- D. restaurateurs in Taiwan
- E. the rise of social media

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19. Which of the following claims is made in the article?

- A. The modern world still runs smoothly despite the many problems of 2014.
- B. In the modern world, war is only a problem in undeveloped countries.
- C. We need to place more faith in our elected leaders.
- D. The influence of “smart devices” in 2014 was mainly harmful.
- E. People need to become more active in solving the problems of the world.

20. Which of the following does the article NOT say or imply about Ebola?

- A. No one paid attention to it early in the year.
- B. Its spread was not stopped early in the year.
- C. Lack of money was a major reason for its spread.
- D. Its spread was an example of the disruptions of 2014.
- E. The performance of international health authorities was disappointing.