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一、詞彙與文法（單選題，一題一分，共 16 分）

A. 詞彙：請就 A、B、C、D 四個選項中選出和畫底線部分意思最相近的答案。

1. The man's boorish demeanor irritated others.
(a) loutish (b) delicate (c) polite (d) hostile
2. The professor was sanguine about her prospects for attaining promotion.
(a) hopeless (b) optimistic (c) unclear (d) pessimistic
3. The intellectual promulgated his ideas through the distribution of printed texts.
(a) finished (b) completed (c) refuted (d) spread
4. The collector went to great lengths to obtain exotic works of art.
(a) ordinary (b) domestic (c) unusual (d) expensive
5. Avarice often contributes to a person's downfall.
(a) warning (b) thoughtlessness (c) greed (d) misfortune
6. The conclusion recapitulates the main points of the article.
(a) summarizes (b) introduces (c) confuses (d) undercuts
7. Proximity to public transport is a priority for many urban home buyers.
(a) distance (b) nearness (c) multiple (d) government
8. The impostor was identified by the police officer.
(a) criminal (b) thief (c) official (d) impersonator

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B. 文法：請就 A、B、C、D 四個選項中選出最適合題意的答案。

1. The children in the class all enjoy _____.
(a) to swim (b) swimming (c) swim (d) to swimming
2. These are delicious dumplings, _____?
(a) aren't them (b) aren't they (c) isn't it (d) aren't these
3. My friends sometimes _____ on the weekends.
(a) relax (b) relaxing (c) to relax (d) relaxes
4. The girl has her heart set on attaining _____ university degree.
(a) an (b) the (c) a (d) one of
5. The city _____ the famous artist lives is very beautiful.
(a) in that (b) which (c) into (d) in which
6. The students cannot go outside and play _____ they finish their homework.
(a) meanwhile (b) unless (c) although (d) during
7. I don't think there are _____ problems with your proposal.
(a) any (b) some (c) one (d) every
8. The woman _____ in Chicago since last week.
(a) is (b) went (c) were (d) has been

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二、閱讀測驗（單選題，一題一分，共 16 分）

請就 A、B、C、D 四個選項中選出最適合題意的答案。

A. Orchids

Orchids are unique in having the most highly developed of all blossoms, in which the usual male and female reproductive organs are fused in a single structure called the column. The column is designed so that a single pollination will fertilize hundreds of thousands, and in some cases millions, of seeds, so microscopic and light they are easily carried by the breeze. Surrounding the column are three sepals and three petals, sometimes easily recognizable as such, often distorted into gorgeous, weird, but always functional shapes. The most noticeable of the petals is called the labellum, or lip. It is often dramatically marked as an unmistakable landing strip to attract the specific insect the orchid has chosen as its pollinator.

To lure their pollinators from afar, orchids use appropriately intriguing shapes, colors, and scents. At least 50 different aromatic compounds have been analyzed in the orchid family, each blended to attract one, or at most a few, species of insects or birds. Some orchids even change their scents to interest different insects at different times.

Once the right insect has been attracted, some orchids present all sorts of one-way obstacle courses to make sure it does not leave until pollen has been accurately placed or removed. By such ingenious adaptations to specific pollinators, orchids have avoided the hazards of rampant crossbreeding in the wild, assuring the survival of species as discrete identities. At the same time they have made themselves irresistible to collectors.

1. The orchid is unique because of _____.
(A) the habitat in which it lives (B) the structure of its blossom (C) the variety of products that can be made from it (D) the length of its life

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2. The word “fused” in line 2 is closest in meaning to “_____”.
(A) combined (B) hidden (C) fertilized (D) produced
3. Which of the following is a kind of petal?
(A) The column. (B) The sepal. (C) The stem.
(D) The labellum.
4. The labellum (line 7) is most comparable to _____.
(A) a microscope (B) an obstacle course (C) an airport runway
(D) a racetrack
5. The word “lure” in line 9 is closest in meaning to “_____”.
(A) attract (B) recognize (C) follow (D) help
6. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a means by which an orchid attracts insects?
(A) Size. (B) Shape. (C) Color. (D) Perfume
7. Which of the following statements about orchids’ scents does the passage support?
(A) They are effective only when an insect is near the blossom.
(B) Harmful insects are repelled by them.
(C) They are difficult to tell apart.
(D) They may change at different times.

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B. The Critic's Corner

This week, I will be writing about a topic near and dear to my heart as well as the heart of my children. Don't underestimate the power or value of children's literature or "kiddie lit" as it is sometimes referred. Many individuals find it surprising that children's literature, even books with little text, frequently encompass social themes that span from environmental studies to psychology or sociology. For example, "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein is a very simple but elegant black and white picture book that tells the story of a boy and a tree that are mutually dependent upon one another. As the story unfolds, the man exploits the tree, while the tree remains gracious and benevolent towards the man. This book makes a powerful statement concerning man's disregard and downright callousness towards the environment.

Judith Viorst, a satirist, has written a charming picture book entitled "The Terrible, Awful, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day." Her work, illustrated with black and white drawings, deals with the frustrations confronting a very young boy. Through the voice of a child, she reveals the emotional issues impacting children including sibling rivalry, parental approval, and unrealistic teacher expectations. This book is invaluable for those wishing to study the psychological makeup of young children, mainly boys but also girls.

Another book with a minimal amount of print worth checking out is "A Chair for My Mother" by Vera Williams. The story of a family who has lost all of their belongings in a fire is told, in part, through brightly colored illustrations accompanied by text. The community pulls together to get the family back on their feet. In addition, the family helps itself reach a goal through hard work and stick-to-itiveness. This book addresses some key sociological support systems, including the extended family and the community.

So the next time you are in the bookstore or library, take a deep breath and a moment to stop and browse the children's book section.

Based on the article, please select the best answer to each question.

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1. How does the writer of the article feel about children's literature?
 - a. The writer believes that it is a frivolous genre that should be dismissed
 - b. The writer believes that it has a great deal of merit.
 - c. It isn't clear.
 - d. The writer feels that it should be rejected from people's hearts.

2. In the first paragraph the words *mutually dependent* are used. In this context, what does *mutually dependent* mean.
 - a. Both sides do NOT need one another.
 - b. One side needs the other.
 - c. Both sides need one another.
 - d. Everyone is dependent upon the environment.

3. Which book deals with issues impacting the environment?
 - a. "The Giving Tree"
 - b. "A Chair for My Mother"
 - c. both a and b
 - d. none of the above

4. Which books are illustrated with black and white drawings?
 - a. "The Giving Tree"
 - b. "The Terrible, Awful, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day."
 - c. "A Chair for My Mother"
 - d. a and b

5. According to the article, what can one assume?
 - a. The writer has some familiarity with children's literature.
 - b. The writer has no familiarity with children's literature.
 - c. The writer doesn't want to read any more children's books.
 - d. The writer checks out a lot of books from the library.

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6. What did Judith Viorst, a mother herself, write?
- a book using a mother's voice
 - a book only suitable for mothers to read
 - a book using the "voice" of a child
 - a book that could never have been written by a satirist
7. What was the psychological pressure, or pressures, mentioned in Judith Viorst's book?
- sibling rivalry
 - parental approval
 - teacher satisfaction
 - a and b but not c
8. What happened to the family in Vera Williams' book?
- They suffered from a fire.
 - They survived the fire.
 - a and b
 - none of the above
9. What does Vera Williams use to tell her story?
- only text to write her story
 - only text to relay her message
 - only illustrations to relay her message
 - text and illustrations to convey her message

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三、翻譯（18分）

An excerpt from Noam Chomsky, "What is the Common Good?" Truthout, January 7, 2014:

Humans are social beings, and the kind of creature that a person becomes depends crucially on the social, cultural and institutional circumstances of his life.

We are therefore led to inquire into the social arrangements that are conducive to people's rights and welfare, and to fulfilling their just aspirations -- in brief, the common good.

For perspective I'd like to invoke what seem to me virtual truisms. They relate to an interesting category of ethical principles: those that are not only universal, in that they are virtually always professed, but also doubly universal, in that at the same time they are almost universally rejected in practice.

These range from very general principles, such as the truism that we should apply to ourselves the same standards we do to others (if not harsher ones), to more specific doctrines, such as a dedication to promoting democracy and human rights, which is proclaimed almost universally, even by the worst monsters -- though the actual record is grim, across the spectrum.