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一、完形填空

1 My father died when I was five. My brother, ___1___ is eight years older than me, began to take my father's place to look after me.

Because of my father's ___2___, my mother had to get a full-time job. My brother took on ___3___ responsibilities than what was expected for him. He did on his own, without ___4___ to do so.

He got up early every morning. He would wake me up for school and make me breakfast. While I was eating, he would lay out my clothes and make my bed. ___5___ we waited for the school bus, he would play games my father ___6___ with me. He did his best to make me ___7___, and he succeeded every time.

When we arrived ___8___ home from school, we were alone for about half an hour, until Mum was home ___9___ work. He would give me three cookies and a glass of milk. Then he would find something for dinner and have everything ready for Mum, so she could start ___10___.

It was a Saturday in June some years later. My mother and I were at the store. The sellers ___11___ for Father's Day cards. I stared at the cards. My mum said, "Honey, I know this is a hard time for you." I said, "No, Mum. That's not it. Why ___12___ they sell Brother's Day cards?"

She smiled and said, "You're right. Your brother has certainly been a father to you. Go ahead and pick out ___13___ card for your brother."

So I did, and on Father's Day, my mother and I made my brother sit down and gave ___14___ the card. As he read it, I saw tears in his eyes. He hugged me and my mother. Mum said, "Son, we love you ___15___ thank you"

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| 1. A. whom | B. who | C. which | D. what |
| 2. A. die | B. dead | C. death | D. dying |
| 3. A. much | B. many | C. most | D. more |

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| 4. A. being told | B. telling | C. being telling | D. was told |
| 5. A. As | B. So | C. Because | D. Though |
| 6. A. used to playing | B. uses to play | C. used to play | D. using to play |
| 7. A. happiness | B. happy | C. happily | D. the happier |
| 8. A. at | B. in | C. to | D. / |
| 9. A. from | B. of | C. with | D. on |
| 10. A. cook | B. cooking | C. to cooking | D. cooked |
| 11. A. are selling | B. sell | C. would sell | D. were selling |
| 12. A. not | B. not do | C. don't | D. aren't |
| 13. A. a | B. an | C. the | D. / |
| 14. A. he | B. him | C. his | D. himself |
| 15. A. and | B. but | C. so | D. or |

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When I was a boy of twelve, I lived in South Carolina with my family. Every morning many 1 would come and rest in the tree and sing. There isn't any sound that can be 2 than the song of the birds. I decided to 3 a young bird and keep it in a cage so that I could have my own musician. I finally caught one and put it in a cage. The bird was 4 and cried loudly, but finally it became quiet in its new home. I felt happy and 5 my little musician carefully, giving it food and water.

The next day, the bird's mother flew to the cage with food in her mouth. The baby bird 6 up everything she brought. But the following morning, I found it lying on the bottom of the cage, dead. I was very 7! What had happened?

Arthur Wayne, a famous scientist, happened to hear me crying over the death of my bird. He told me the 8. "A mother bird, finding her young child in a cage, will sometimes bring it poisonous food. She thinks it's better for her young to 9 than to live in a cage."

Since then, I never catch any birds or put them in a cage. All the birds have the right to 10 in the sky.

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| 1. A. neighbours | B. people | C. birds | D. children |
| 2. A. louder | B. noisier | C. more terrible | D. more beautiful |
| 3. A. buy | B. catch | C. kill | D. draw |
| 4. A. lucky | B. silent | C. frightened | D. strong |
| 5. A. cared for | B. looked at | C. listened to | D. played with |
| 6. A. washed | B. cleaned | C. used | D. ate |
| 7. A. excited | B. useless | C. shocked | D. boring |
| 8. A. story | B. truth | C. way | D. experience |
| 9. A. die | B. play | C. sing | D. stay |

10. A. jump

B. fly

C. dance

D. eat

二、阅读理解

3

A

When I was young, my mom used to give the family a funny special treat from time to time — she would make breakfast food for dinner.

I remember she did so one night. She had been at work all day but wanted to do something special for us all.

On that evening, my mom put a plate of eggs, sausages and very burnt toast in front of my dad. I waited to see if anyone noticed. But my dad just took his toast, smiled at my mom and asked me how my day at school had been. I don't remember what I told him that night. But I do remember watching him put butter and jelly on that toast. He ate it up as usual, every single bite.

After dinner, I remember hearing my mom **apologize** to my dad for burning the toast. I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burnt toast."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night. I asked him if he really liked his toast burnt. He wrapped (抱紧) me in his arms and said: "Your mommy worked very hard today. She's really tired. And besides — a bit of burnt toast never hurts anyone!"

Life is full of imperfect things. Nobody is perfect either. I'm not the best at anything. I forget birthdays and other important events just like everyone else does. But I've learned something important from my father. Understanding is the basis of everything, whether between a husband and wife, a parent and child or just between two friends. Remember, burnt toast never hurts anyone. It's the people with the kind thoughts who make life worth living.

(1) The writer's father _____ during the dinner.

- A. ate up all the burnt toast
- B. liked to eat the burnt toast
- C. threw away the burnt toast
- D. didn't notice the burnt toast

(2) What does the underlined word "apologize" mean?

- A. 辩白
- B. 谢罪
- C. 道歉
- D. 辩护

(3) From what the father said to his son, we know the father _____ .

- A. could understand his wife

- B. always argued with his wife
 - C. was a good cook
 - D. worked hard every day
- (4) Which of the following is **TRUE** according to the passage?
- A. My dad loves to eat burnt toast.
 - B. Burnt toast never hurts anyone except me.
 - C. My dad quite understands that nobody is perfect including my mum, so he loves burnt toast.
 - D. My mum loves to make burnt toast.
- (5) What is the best title of the passage?
- A. Life is imperfect
 - B. The father and the son
 - C. A big dinner
 - D. Burnt toast never hurts anyone

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Paul Walker, the star of the "Fast & Furious" movie series, died on Saturday in a car crash that killed one other person north of Los Angeles. He was 40.

A statement on the actor's Facebook page said he was a passenger in a friend's car and that Walker was in the area to attend a charity event for his organization Reach Out Worldwide. "We are shocked and sad beyond belief by this news," the statement said.

Walker was working on "Fast & Furious 7" at the time of his death. He also starred in the film "Hours", which is set for release this month. "All of us at Universal are heart-broken," Universal Pictures said in a statement, "Paul was truly one of the most beloved and respected members of our studio family for 14 years, and this loss is very big to us, to everyone involved with the "Fast & Furious" film and to countless fans."

Walker grew up in a working class. He's the oldest of five children. Walker's mother began taking him to auditions (试镜) as a child. He was a child model beginning at the age of 2.

Walker has said the early coming into show business wasn't to start him on a career path, but as a way to help support the family.

After a lot of TV roles as a child in the 1980s, Walker played a main role in the 1998 comedy "Meet the Deedles". Supporting roles in the films "Pleasant Ville", "Varsity Blues" and "She is All That" followed.

His performance in "The Skulls" caught the eye of producer Moritz, who made him star in "Fast & Furious", and the film became an unexpected hit.

"Your humble spirit was felt from the start," said Ludacris. "Wherever you went you always left a mark—we were like brothers."

- (1) Paul Walker lost his life because of _____ .
- A. a big fire
 - B. a charity events
 - C. a car accident
 - D. too much work
- (2) When Walker was caught in the car crash, he _____ .
- A. was driving his own car with a friend
 - B. was going to attend a charity event
 - C. was working on the film "Fast & Furious 6"
 - D. was starring in the film, "Hours"
- (3) How did the members of Universal Pictures feel about Walker's death?
- A. Beloved.
 - B. Respected.
 - C. Pitiful.
 - D. Sad.
- (4) The passage mainly wants to tell us _____ .
- A. Walker grew up in a working class
 - B. Walker starred in many films
 - C. Walker's performance was excellent
 - D. it's a pity Walker died in a car crash
- (5) Which of the following is the correct order?
- a. Many people were sorry about Paul's death.
 - b. Paul was born as the oldest of five children.
 - c. Paul became a child model when he was two years old.
 - d. Walker died in a car crash.
 - e. Walker starred in "Fast & Furious" after his performance in "The Skulls" .
- A. b-a-c-e-d
 - B. b-c-e-d-a
 - C. c-b-e-a-d
 - D. e-a-b-d-c

The surface of the Earth is made of many large pieces, or plates, which are moving very slowly. Most earthquakes happen at the edges of these plates, where they grate (摩擦) against one another.

In some place, the plates are moving all the time, so small tremors (小地震) happen almost every day. Many of them are too small to be felt by humans.

In other places, the plates try to move past one another, but they get stuck. The stress builds up for many years until finally the plates break and a powerful earthquake happens.

In 1935, US scientist Charles Richter developed the Richter scale (里氏震级) to measure how strong an earthquake is. Its scale is from 0 to 10. The higher the number, the bigger the earthquake. Most earthquakes are between 3 and 4 on the Richter scale. The biggest earthquake in history was in 1960 in Chile the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.

There are three areas in the world where most earthquake happen: the Ring of Fire, the Alpide belt and the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.

The Ring of Fire, which is also called the circum-Pacific belt, is the world's most active earthquake zone. It's an area circling the Pacific Ocean, where about 90 percent of the world's earthquakes and 81 percent of the world's largest earthquakes happen. Indonesia and Japan are on the Ring of Fire.

(1) Which of the following is **NOT TRUE**?

- A. The Earth's plates are moving slowly every day.
- B. Earthquakes often happen at the edges of the Earth's plates.
- C. Small tremors happen almost every day in some places.
- D. A powerful earthquake happens whenever the plates get stuck.

(2) What is the Richter scale used for?

- A. Predicting whether there is an earthquake.
- B. Measuring how strong an earthquake is.
- C. Recording how fast the plates are moving.
- D. Telling people how to avoid an earthquake.

(3) Where did the biggest earthquake in history happen?

- A. In the US.
- B. In Chile.
- C. In Indonesia.
- D. In Japan.

(4) What is the world's most active earthquake zone?.

- A. The circum-Pacific belt.
- B. The Alpide belt.
- C. The Mid-Atlantic Ridge.
- D. What damages an earthquake causes.

(5) What does the story mainly talk about?

- A. How to predict an earthquake.
- B. What to do in an earthquake.

- C. How an earthquake happens.
D. What damages an earthquake causes.

6

Some Children's Festivals in America

Kansas City Jiggle Jam	It is the largest family music festival in the Midwest. There are two music stages (舞台). Children and parents can also enjoy different activities, like playing musical instruments, painting pictures and cooking.
Houston Children's Festival	This festival started in 1988. It is the largest children's festival in the USA. Every year, about fifty thousand people from all over the country would come to join it. There are six music stages in the festival. Children and their parents can enjoy different music shows there.
Seattle International Children's Festival	This music festival started in 1986. It is held in Seattle every year. This festival brings music from different countries all over the world together, like China, England and many other countries.
Greater Good Music, Art & Children's Festival	This festival brings many children's music and art activities together. It is open for three days. And it is different from other music festivals because it raises money for some children's organizations.

- (1) There are _____ music stages at Kansas City Jiggle Jam.
A. two
B. three
C. five
D. six
- (2) Kids can _____ at the Houston Children's Festival.
A. paint pictures
B. cook
C. enjoy different music shows
D. play musical instruments
- (3) _____ brings music from different countries all over the world together.

- A. Houston Children's Festival
 - B. Kansas City Jiggle Jamk
 - C. Greater Good Music
 - D. Seattle International Children's Festival
- (4) Which of the following is **NOT TRUE** about Greater Good Music, Art & Children's Festival?
- A. It is open for three days.
 - B. It brings some art activities.
 - C. It's not the same as other music festivals.
 - D. It raises money for some kids in poor areas.
- (5) What do you think the passage is?
- A. A poster for some children's festivals.
 - B. An introduction to some children's festivals.
 - C. A report about some children's festivals.
 - D. Advice on attending some children's festivals.

三、任务型阅读

7 A 90-year-old Kenyan grandmother has become the world's oldest elementary school student. Priscilla Sitienei is from a small village in Kenya. 1

Ms.Sitienei has spent most of her life working as a nurse. She wanted to be able to read and write so she could do well in her work. Sitienei said she never had a chance to go to school when she was young.

2 She wants all the children in her village to study.

When Ms. Sitienei first tried to go to school, the head teacher David did not think it was a good idea. 3 David said, "I'm very proud of her. She is loved by every pupil. They all want to learn and play with her." He also said, "She is doing well at her age. 4 "

Sitienei had a message for children everywhere, saying, "5 " She added. "With education, you can be whatever you want—a doctor or a pilot."

- A. Now he is very happy that Sitienei is at school.
- B. She is studying at the local elementary school to learn to read and write.
- C. I can say I have seen a big difference in this school since she came.
- D. I want to say to the children of the world, especially girls, that education will be your wealth (财富) .
- E. She said she knows she is old but she hopes she will set an example to children.

四、单词拼写

8 单词拼写。

- (1) Helen was sent to p _____ for attacking a man with a knife.
- (2) Please don't t _____ him. He always tells lies.
- (3) In recent years, many parents would like to send their children to study a _____ .
- (4) Lily is too fat to be a model, so she is always on a d _____ .
- (5) All parents e _____ their children to be healthy and happy.
- (6) It wasn't p _____ of you to shout at others.

五、完成句子

9 根据所给的汉语内容，用英语完成下列句子。（每空限填一词）

- (1) 你应该为说这些谎话而感到羞耻。
You should _____ yourself for telling such lies.
- (2) 这道物理题太容易，以至于Tom毫不费力就算出来了。
The physical question is _____ easy _____ Tom can work it out _____ .
- (3) 天气真好！我们去散步吧！
_____ weather it is! Let's go for a walk.
- (4) 除非明天下雨，否则我们就召开运动会。
We _____ have a sports meeting _____ tomorrow.
- (5) 一个有礼貌的人从不嘲笑处在困境中的人。
A person with good manners never _____ people who are _____ .
- (6) 昨晚，他花了半个小时来解决那个问题。
_____ him half an hour _____ the problem last night.
- (7) 通常，艾玛对别人的私事毫无兴趣。
Emma usually _____ others' personal things.

六、书面表达

- 10 你叫李华，你的美国朋友Tim下学期将以交换生的身份来广州生活学习，为了帮助他更好地了解广州的文化，你打算邀请他暑假来广州并寄宿到你家。请根据以下内容提示写一封信向他介

绍一下你的家庭生活，可进行适当发挥。（注意：字数80词左右，信的开头已给出，不计入总词数。）

your family members	爸爸、妈妈和我
your family rules	1. 周一至周五晚上不许看电视 2. 下午6点前必须回到家 3. 每次玩电脑游戏不能超过半小时
your family activities (1-2点即可)
your feelings	相亲相爱、互相支持

Dear Tim,

I am so glad that you will visit Guangzhou as an exchange student next term. To help you get used to the life in Guangzhou, I...

Yours,
Li Hua