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Comprehension (30%) Directions: There are three passages in this part. Each passage is followed by some questions or unfinished statements. For each of them there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. You should decide on the best choice and blacken the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet. Passage 1 Questions 1 to 5 are based on the following passage: In the United States elementary education begins at the age of six. At this stage nearly all the teachers are women, mostly married. (76) The atmosphere is usually very friendly, and the teachers have now accepted the idea that the important thing is to make the children happy and interested. The old authoritarian (要绝对服从的) methods of education were discredited (不被认可) rather a long time ago - so much so that many people now think that they have gone too far in the direction of trying to make children happy and interested rather than giving them actual instruction. The social education of young children tries to make them accept the idea that human beings in a society need to work together for their common good. So the emphasis is on co-operation rather than competition throughout most of this process. This may seem curious, in view of the fact that American society is highly competitive. However, the need for making people sociable in this sense has come to be regarded as one of the functions of education. Most Americans do grow up with competitive ideas,

and obviously quite a few as criminals, but it is not fair to say that the educational system fails. It probably does succeed in making most people sociable and ready to help one another both in material ways and through kindness and friendliness.

1. According to the passage, the U.S. elementary education is supposed to make children_____. A. sensible and sensitive B. competitive and interested C. curious and friendly D. happy and co-operative

2. Some Americans complain about elementary schools because they think_____. A. children are reluctant to help each other B. schools lay too much emphasis on co-operation C. children should grow up with competitive ideas D. schools give little actual instruction to children

3. The authors attitude towards American education can be best described as_____. A. favorable B. negative C. tolerant D. unfriendly

4. The American educational system emphasizes_____. A. material wealth B. competition C. co-operation D. personal benefit

5. The word "sociable" (Line 8, Paragraph 2) most probably means_____. A. fond of talking freely B. friendly with other people C. concerned about social welfare D. happy at school

Passage 2 Questions 6 to 10 are based on the following passage: Nonverbal (非语言的) communication has to do with gestures, movements and closeness of two people when they are talking. (77) The scientists say that those gestures, movements and so on have meaning which words do not carry. For example, the body distance between two speakers can be important. North Americans often complain that South Americans are unfriendly because they tend to stand close to the North American when speaking, while the

South American often considers the North American to be "cold" or "distant" because he keeps a greater distance between himself and the person he is speaking to. The "eye contact" provides another example of what we are calling nonverbal communication. Scientists have observed that there is more eye contact between people who like each other than there is between people who don't like each other. (78) The length of time that the person whom you are speaking to looks at your eyes indicates the amount of interest he has in the things you are talking about. On the other hand, too long a gaze can make people uncomfortable. The eyes apparently play a great part in nonverbal communication. Genuine warmth or interest, shyness or confidence can often be seen in the eyes. We do not always consider a smile to be a sign of friendliness. Someone who is always smiling, and with little apparent reasons, often makes us uneasy.

6. According to the passage, nonverbal communication _____.

A. is a method often used by people who cannot speak
B. can tell something that words cannot
C. can be used to talk with people who cannot hear
D. is less used than words

7. The South American _____. A. tends to keep a distance between himself and the person he is speaking to
B. usually stands close to the person he is talking to
C. is often unfriendly when spoken to
D. is often cold and distant when speaking

8. Which of the following is NOT true?
A. Less eye contact suggests distance in relation.
B. The longer one looks at you, the more interest he has in you.
C. There is more eye contact between people who like each other.
D. Shorter eye contact shows more interest in what one is

talking about 9. Too long a gaze_____. A. may upset people being looked at B. shows ones great confidence C. indicates ones interest in the talk D. tells you how friendly one is 10. Constant smiling without apparent reason_____. A. is a sign of ones friendliness B. is a sign of ones unfriendliness C. makes people feel happy D. makes people feel uncomfortable 100Test 下载频道开通, 各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www.100test.com