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Comprehension 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 mark the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet with a single line through the center. Passage 1 Questions 1 to 5 are based on the following passage: After a busy day of work and play, the body needs to rest. Sleep is necessary for good health. During this time, the body recovers from the activities of the previous day. (76) The rest that you get while sleeping enables your body to prepare itself for the next day. There are four levels of sleep, each being a little deeper than the one before. As you sleep, your muscles relax little by little. Your heart beats more slowly, and your brain slows down. After you reach the fourth level, your body shifts back and forth from one level of sleep to the other. Although your mind slows down, from time to time you will dream. Scientists who study sleep state that when dreaming occurs, your eyeballs begin to move more quickly (although your eyelids are closed). This stage of sleep is called REM, which stands for rapid eye movement. (77) If you have trouble falling asleep, some people recommend breathing very slowly and very deeply. Other people believed that drinking warm milk will help make you drowsy. There is also an old suggestion that counting sheep will put you to sleep! 1. A good title

for this passage is _____. A. Sleep B. Good Health C. Dreams D. Work and Rest

2. The word drowsy in the last paragraph means _____. A. sick B. stand up C. asleep D. a little sleepy

3. This passage suggests that not getting enough sleep might make you _____. A. dream more often B. have poor health C. nervous D. breathe quickly

4. During REM, _____. A. your eyes move quickly B. you dream C. you are restless D. both A and B

5. The average number of hours of sleep that an adult needs is _____. A. approximately six hours B. around ten hours C. about eight hours D. not stated here

Passage 2 Questions 6 to 10 are based on the following passage:

Obviously television has both advantages and disadvantages. (78) In the first place, television is not only a convenient source of entertainment, but also a comparatively cheap one. With a TV set in the family people don't have to pay for expensive seats at the theatre, the cinema, or the opera. All they have to do is to push a button or turn a knob, and they can see plays, films, operas and shows of every kind. Some people, however, think that this is where the danger lies. The television viewers need do nothing. He does not even have use his legs if he has a remote control. He makes no choice and exercises, no judgment. He is completely passive and has everything presented to him without any effort on his part.

Television, it is often said, keeps one informed about current events and the latest developments in science and politics. The most distant countries and the strangest customs are brought right into one's sitting room. It could be argued that the radio performs this service as well. but on television everything is much more living, much more

real. Yet here again there is a danger. The television screen itself has a terrible, almost physical charm for us. (79) We get so used to looking at the movements on it, so dependent on its pictures, that it begins to control our lives. People are often heard to say that their television sets have broken down and that they have suddenly found that they have far more time to do things and that they have actually begun to talk to each other again. It makes one think, doesn't it? There are many other arguments for and against television. We must realize that television itself is neither good nor bad. It is the uses that it is put to that determine its value to society.

6. What is the major function of paragraph 1? A. To arouse the reader's concern B. To introduce the theme of the whole passage C. To summarize the whole passage D. To state the primary uses of TV

7. Television, as a source of entertainment, is _____. A. not very convenient B. very expensive C. quite dangerous D. relatively cheap

8. Why are some people against TV? A. Because TV programs are not interesting B. Because TV viewers are totally passive C. Because TV prices are very high. D. Because TV has both advantages and disadvantages

9. One of the most obvious advantages of TV is that _____. A. it keeps us informed B. it is very cheap C. it enables us to have a rest D. it controls our lives

10. According to the passage, whether TV is good or not depends on _____. A. its quality B. people's attitude towards it C. how we use it D. when we use it

Passage 3 Questions 11 to 15 are based on the following passage: Too often young people get themselves employed quite by accident, not knowing what lies in the way of opportunity for promotion, happiness and security. As a result, they are

employed doing jobs that afford them little or no satisfaction. (80) Our school leavers face so much competition that they seldom care what they do as long as they can earn a living. Some stay long at a job and learn to like it. others quit from one to another looking for something to suit them. The young graduates who leave the university look for jobs that offer a salary up to their expectation. Very few go out into the world knowing exactly what they want and realizing their own abilities. The reason behind all this confusion is that there never has been a proper vocational guidance in our educational institution. Nearly all grope (摸索) in the dark and their chief concern when they look for a job is to ask what salary is like. They never bother to think whether they are suited for the job or, even more important, whether the job suits them. Having a job is more than merely providing yourself and your dependants with daily bread and some money for leisure and entertainment. It sets a pattern of life and, in many ways, determines social status in life, selection of friends, leisure and interest. In choosing a career you should first consider the type of work which will suit your interest. Nothing is more pathetic than taking on a job in which you have no interest, for it will not only discourage your desire to succeed in life but also ruin your talents and ultimately make you an emotional wreck (受到严重伤害的人) and a bitter person. 11. The reason why some people are unlikely to succeed in life is that they A. have ruined their talents B. have taken on an unsuitable job C. think of nothing but their salary D. are not aware of their own potential 12. The difficulty in choosing a suitable job lies mainly in that_____. A.

much competition has to be faced B. many employees have no working experience C. the young people only care about how much they can earn D. schools fail to offer students appropriate vocational guidance

13. Which of the following statements is most important according to the passage? A. Your job must suit your interest. B. Your job must set a pattern of life. C. Your job must offer you a high salary. D. Your job must not ruin your talents.

14. The best title for this passage would be _____. A. What Can A Good Job Offer B. Earning A Living C. Correct Attitude On Job-hunting D. How To Choose A Job

15. The word “ pathetic ” in Paragraph 2 most probably means _____. A. splendid B. miserable C. disgusted D. touching

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