

## 英 語 (第 2 回)

I . Questions 1 – 10 are incomplete sentences. Four words or phrases, marked a) – d) are given beneath each sentence. Choose one word or phrase that best complete the sentence and write your answer a) – d) on your answer sheet..

1. No one knows ( ) Jenny left the class without informing her teacher.  
a) who                    b) where                    c) why                    d) witch
2. It has been snowing ( ) since yesterday.  
a) hardly                    b) much                    c) heavily                    d) very
3. The musical was very popular but most critics were not ( ) by it.  
a) impressive                    b) impressed                    c) impression                    d) impressing
4. Did you meet her ( ) person?  
a) with                    b) of                    c) in                    d) for
5. She seems to get ( ) every time I see her.  
a) thin                    b) thinner                    c) thinnest                    d) the thinner
6. Her decision to leave did not have ( ) at all to do with her failure.  
a) nothing                    b) something                    c) anything                    d) everything
7. Last night he had his cellular phone ( ) on a train accidentally.  
a) breaking                    b) broke                    c) broken                    d) to break
8. We ( ) hold a party for new members each year at the beginning of April.  
a) regular                    b) usually                    c) timely                    d) ever
9. Most of the students were ( ) by the dull speeches.  
a) bore                    b) bores                    c) boring                    d) bored
10. We expect ( ) students to attend the annual award presentation ceremony.  
a) entire                    b) all                    c) most of                    d) each

## II. READING 1

Read the following story , and answer the questions (A) & (B).

One sunny day, Abner the Crow was sitting on his usual perch on the highest branch of an ①ancient oak tree overlooking the forest floor. As he gazed idly about, he noticed an unusual sight. Tawb, the old snake who lived in a den at the foot of Abner's tree, had left his hole. He was slithering quietly along the forest floor. Now, this was unusual because Tawb almost never left the comfort of his hole. In fact, he was known far and wide for his extreme laziness. Indeed, Abner could see that Tawb was flabby and out of shape from the sedentary life he led down in his burrow.

While old Tawb moved slowly along the ground, Abner observed a small gray mouse heading toward the tricky old serpent. The snake saw the little rodent, too. He stopped moving and lay very still in the grass. As the mouse made his way along the forest trail, unaware of what was waiting for him, Tawb slithered into view.

"Hello, little mouse," hissed the old snake, in what he hoped was a friendly voice. "I have a ②proposition for you."

The mouse trembled as he replied, "What is it, Mr. Snake?"

"I am hungry, little mouse, and if you don't bring me the egg of a bird, I am going to eat you!" Tawb attempted a smile, but the effort only made his features more frightening.

Shaking from his whiskers to the tip of his tail, the little mouse managed to ③stammer his agreement. "Where shall I bring the egg when I find one?" he asked.

"I live in a hole next to the big oak tree," whispered Tawb. "I will be waiting there for you to bring me an egg. If you don't show up, I shall find you and eat you. And I will eat all of the mice in the forest as well. So mind well and do not fail."

Terrified, the little mouse went straight away to find an egg. Soon he could be seen struggling down the path where he had met old Tawb. He grunted as he hauled a pale blue robin's egg toward the old oak tree. The weight of the egg was heavy for his little body, and he was exhausted as he approached the hole.

"Mr. Snake," called the mouse. "I have kept my promise. Here is your egg."

"Bring it to me," hissed Tawb, "and then you may go on your way."

Screwing up all his courage, the mouse pushed the egg into the dim entryway. Tawb was waiting with his mouth opened wide. In the darkness, the poor mouse stumbled into the trap. The egg and he went down in one gulp.

The next day Abner could see from his perch in the oak tree that the snake was very well pleased with his little trick. The satisfaction on Tawb's face was ④evident as he emerged from his hole. He was clearly delighted at having fooled the hopeless mouse.

"Clever me," hissed Tawb in obvious glee.

"I tricked that silly mouse into walking right into my mouth. And I made him bring me an egg in the ⑤bargain. Clever, Clever me !"

Abner had no doubt at all that Tawb intended to try his trick again. Indeed, before an hour had passed, a chubby gray mouse came scurrying down the forest path. Just as he had done before, Tawb grew still in the tall grass and waited. And just as he had done before, Tawb waylaid the mouse.

"Bring me an egg, or I will eat you," said the snake.

"And heed my words. If you fail, I shall eat you and all the mice in the forest as well!"

Away went the mouse on his fateful errand. Abner, watching from his perch, decided to take action.

Thinking quickly, he came up with a plan. He flew to the riverbank to fetch a small stone. He found a pebble that was just the size and shape of a bird's egg. Picking it up in his beak, he zoomed quickly back to the oak tree. He wanted to be sure that he got back to Tawb's den before the mouse returned.

Within minutes, Abner saw the mouse approaching, stumbling slowly along the path pushing a speckled egg in front of him. Abner wasted no time.

Quickly, he ⑥intercepted the mouse and told him to run for his life. Then, he flew down gently to

the ground and crept ⑦stealthily to the snake's hole.

"Mr. Snake, I've got your egg," said Abner, speaking in his best mouse voice.

"Bring it down the hole to me, and then you may go on your way," hissed Tawb. He opened his mouth wide in anticipation of a great feast. Abner waited a few seconds, just long enough to be sure that Tawb had opened his jaws nice and wide. Then, he dropped the pebble.

Tawb knew immediately that something was amiss. This egg did not have a ⑧pleasant taste or a slick, smooth shell. It was not followed by the wonderful ⑨sensation of soft fur sliding down his ⑩gullet.

Instead, this was a harsh and painful meal to swallow. It seemed to grate at him all the way down his esophagus. Just as he was beginning to realize that something was terribly wrong indeed, Tawb heard a voice just outside his burrow's entrance.

"I saw what you did to that mouse yesterday, Tawb, and I didn't think it was nice."

"Why, it's that meddling crow!" thought Tawb. "What have you done to me?" cried the snake angrily.

"I have tried to teach you a lesson, Tawb," Abner explained. "Normally, I am not the type to get involved in the affairs of others. But when I see such dastardly actions as yours, I feel compelled to put a stop to them. I hope this is the last we'll see of such tricky and dishonest doings on your part. And just remember this: the next stone I drop will be a good deal bigger!"

With that Abner flapped his strong black wings and rose gracefully to the top of the oak tree. And Tawb slithered miserably down into the deepest part of his den where he passed a long and rather uncomfortable afternoon.

**Question (A):** Choose the phrase that best answers each question.

1. Which characteristic was Tawb the Snake known for?
  - a) his generosity
  - b) his laziness
  - c) his courage
  - d) his energy
  
2. Why was Tawb out of shape?
  - a) He ate too much.
  - b) He was an old snake.
  - c) He didn't get any exercise.
  - d) His den was comfortable.
  
3. Why did Abner speak "in his best mouse voice"?
  - a) So that Tawb would fall for the trick.
  - b) He wanted to be sure the snake heard him.
  - c) He had a pebble in his beak.
  - d) The snake was hard of hearing.
  
4. What did Abner do in response to Tawb's trickery?
  - a) He fed the snake a pebble in place of a bird's egg.
  - b) He rolled a stone over the opening of Tawb's den.
  - c) He warned all the mice to stay away from the area.
  - d) He pecked Tawb with his strong yellow beak.
  
5. Abner tricked Tawb because
  - a) he disliked snakes
  - b) the mice asked him to
  - c) he enjoyed being cruel
  - d) he wanted to teach Tawb a lesson

Question (B): Find these numbered words ① – ⑩ in the story. Read the sentence in which each word is found. Choose the correct meaning.

1. The word ①ancient means extremely \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) old
  - b) pretty
  - c) worried
  - d) dangerous
2. The word ②proposition means \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) complaint
  - b) order
  - c) proposal
  - d) demand
3. The word ③stammer means to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) cough and choke
  - b) shout or speak loudly
  - c) stutter or speak haltingly
  - d) whisper or speak quietly
4. The word ④evident means \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) strange
  - b) obvious
  - c) confusing
  - d) mysterious
5. The word ⑤bargain means \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) pen
  - b) deal
  - c) catalog
  - d) wheelbarrow
6. The word ⑥intercepted means \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) punished
  - b) stopped on the way
  - c) sneaked up on
  - d) pretended to be interested
7. The word ⑦stealthily means \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) shyly
  - b) carefully
  - c) anxiously
  - d) secretly
8. The word ⑧pleasant means \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) enjoyable
  - b) painful
  - c) nasty
  - d) dark
9. The word ⑨sensation means \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) fur
  - b) view
  - c) belief
  - d) feeling
10. The word ⑩gullet means \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) throat
  - b) tunnel
  - c) tongue
  - d) cheek

III. Read each situation, and answer the question.

1. Five children want a snack.

There is : an orange, a muffin, an apple, chocolate bread and raisin bread.  
What will the five children have for a snack?

- Hints:
- Michelle hates chocolate and oranges.
  - Irene wants nothing but raisins.
  - Pierre and Sarah don't want chocolate bread.
  - Pierre and Jean are the only ones who like apples.



2. Roland, Marc, and Jamie are in the same family.  
How old are the children?

- Hints:
- Jamie is three times Marc's age.
  - In two years, Jamie will be twice the age Roland will be at that time.
  - Roland is a year older than Marc.



IV. READING 2

Read the following story , and answer the question.

One day, when I was a young accountant, I visited a client at his farm near Higley, Arizona. While we were talking, we heard something scratching on the screen door, and he said, "Watch this." He went to the door and opened it to let in a rather large bobcat. He had found this bobcat in a field just after it was born, and the animal had been part of the family ever since. When he opened the door, the cat ran into the bathroom, jumped up onto the toilet, and squatted over it to "do his job." When the bobcat had finished, he leaped down to the floor, stood on his hind legs, reached up, and \_\_\_\_\_ (A) \_\_\_\_\_.

Question: Read the story above. To fill in the blank (A), choose the right phrase which most appropriately finishes the story.

- a) washed his paw
- b) flushed the toilet
- c) went out of the toilet
- d) meowed loudly

