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Section I

Task 1

Vocabulary

freezing /'fri:zɪŋ/ *n.* 冰点

rescue /'reskjʊ:/ *n.* 救援

Cultural Notes

Mount Qomolangma

Mount Qomolangma, a section of Himalayas, is the highest mountain on Earth measuring at 8,844.43 meters.

Listening Comprehension

Listen to the news report about an accident near Mount Qomolangma. Then answer the following questions briefly.

1. Who is Surya Pandey?

2. What happened yesterday near Mount Qomolangma?

3. What was the weather like in the area yesterday?

4. Why didn't anyone try to stop the tour group before their departure?

5. What is the result of the rescuing effort so far?

Task 2

Vocabulary

incredible /ɪn'kredəbl/ *adj.* 令人难以置信的 fire fighter 消防员
scary /'skeəri/ *adj.* 可怕的

Listening Comprehension

Listen to the news report about a forest fire in southern California. Are the following statements true or false? Write T (True) or F (False) in front of each statement.

- () 1. The fire started two weeks ago in a forest near southern California.
- () 2. The fire spread quickly because the wind was very strong.
- () 3. There was a great danger that all the houses in Topanga might be burnt down.
- () 4. Topangans refused to leave because they were not informed of the danger by the police.
- () 5. The people in Topanga worked day and night to save their homes.

Task 3

Vocabulary

pollution /pə'ljʊ:ʃən/ *n.* 污染 recycling /,ri:'saɪklɪŋ/ *n.* 回收利用

Cultural Notes

Environment Day

“Environment Day” refers to the World Environment Day, WED for short, which was established by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1972. It is celebrated on June 5 annually to raise the awareness of the entire global population to protect the environment.

 **Listening Comprehension**

Listen to the conversation about the “Environment Day.” Then choose the best answer (a, b, or c) to complete each of the following statements.

1. Si is organizing _____.
 - a. a special team to protect the environment
 - b. a meeting to discuss the problem of pollution
 - c. an event named “Environment Day”
2. Si needs Bess’ help because _____.
 - a. he can’t pick up Mark Barnard at the train station
 - b. too many speakers will arrive at 8:30
 - c. Mark Barnard’s lecture is in the morning
3. Mark Barnard is going to lecture on _____.
 - a. climate change
 - b. pollution
 - c. recycling
4. At the end of the conversation, Si invites Bess to _____.
 - a. come to his home for dinner
 - b. join them for dinner
 - c. go to the event

Section II

Task 1

 **Vocabulary**

ideally /aɪ'diəli/ *adv.* 理想地 entrance /'entrəns/ *n.* (某场所的) 进入权
 available /ə'veɪləbl/ *adj.* 可利用的, 可获得的

Cultural Notes

1. Bus tour

Bus tours refer to the sightseeing tours created around a carefully designed route that takes the tourists to the key places of interests such as a historical site or a museum. Some of the bus tours offer what is called “hop-on and hop-off facility,” which means that a tourist can get on and off the touring bus at any point.

2. Pass

A pass is a ticket that allows people to ride either on the buses or subway trains free in a limited time. For example, a single-day pass allows the ticket holders to take the above mentioned public transportation free for 24 hours while a three-day pass is good for three days.

3. Student ID card

Student ID card refers to the student’s identification card issued by the colleges or universities that the student is currently attending. The card will show the status of the student, which will allow the student to get discounts at some museums and tourist sites.

Listening Comprehension

▶ Step 1: Listening for Main Ideas

Listen to the interview about New York City. Then answer the following questions briefly.

1. What is the first question the interviewer asks?

2. Where can you find information about the tours and special events in New York City, according to the woman?

3. What does the woman say to the listeners at the end of the interview?

▶ Step 2: Listening for Details

Listen to the interview once again and this time pay more attention to what the woman says in her answers. Then fill in the details about tours of New York City.

1. One important thing to remember is _____ in a short time. Ideally, you should _____ before you get here. You ought to decide _____ which sights you _____.
2. Several companies offer _____ that stop at all the major _____. It's a good idea to _____ so you can _____ wherever you like.
3. It's safer than many cities in the world. But just like in any big city, you should _____. For example, don't _____, especially at night. And don't be afraid to _____. Even _____ have to ask for help when they come here. You'll find that New Yorkers are _____. They like _____ their city and don't mind _____.
4. It can be, but there are plenty of _____ in the city where you don't have to _____. If you're a student, you should bring your _____ with you. That way, you can get _____ on _____ museums and galleries. Oh! And never carry _____ on you.

Task 2

Vocabulary

homesick /'həʊmsɪk/ *adj.* 想家的

laundry /'lɔːndrɪ/ *n.* 待洗的衣物

antique /æ'n'tiːk/ *n.* 古玩

explore /ɪk'splɔː(r)/ *v.* 探险, 考察

Listening Comprehension

► Step 1: Listening for Main Ideas

Listen to the conversation between Frances and the man. Then choose the best answer (a, b, or c) to complete each of the following statements.

1. Frances is busy right now because _____.
a. her parents make her do too many things

- b. of her classes and college work
 - c. she has spent too much time with her parents
2. Frances believes that her parents are really homesick because _____.
- a. she is already planning her holidays
 - b. she is away from her parents
 - c. they are away from home
3. One of the things Frances misses about home is _____.
- a. her mother's cooking
 - b. driving to Lake City with her brother
 - c. she does not have to do her own laundry

▶ **Step 2: Listening for Details**

Listen to the conversation once again and this time try to learn more details. Then answer the following questions as accurately as possible.

1. How does Frances communicate with her parents now?

2. What does Frances miss most about her mother?

3. What does Frances miss most about her father?

4. What does Frances miss most about her brother?

Section III

Vocabulary

crisp /krisp/ *n.* 薯片
blatantly /'bleɪtəntli/ *adv.* 极明显地
bite the bullet 勇敢地行动

turtle /'tɜ:tl/ *n.* 龟
whack /hwæk/ *v.* 猛击
germ /dʒɜ:m/ *n.* 病菌

intimate /'ɪntɪmət/ *adj.* 亲密的
 massive /'mæsɪv/ *adj.* 大而重的
 rucksack /'rʌksæk/ *n.* 背包
 oblivious /ə'blɪvɪəs/ *adj.* 未觉察到的

disdain /dɪs'teɪn/ *n.* 蔑视
 drone /drəʊn/ *n.* 嗡嗡声
 bug /bʌg/ *v.* 烦扰, 使厌烦
 hypocrite /'hɪpəkraɪt/ *n.* 伪君子

Cultural Notes

1. Bug hate

“Bug hate” in the context refers to someone who is carelessly throwing away litter without making an effort to put the trash into the garbage can. Please note that this is not a common expression in British English. Rather, it is a casual term used mainly by young people. In British English, there is an expression “litter bug,” which means someone who throws away trash randomly.

2. Godzilla films

Godzilla is a Japanese film series which features the main character named Godzilla. Godzilla is a science fiction monster that first appeared in 1954 in Japan, which was adapted by an American company into *Godzilla, King of the Monsters!*.

3. Starter

A starter here refers to what Americans call “appetizer,” food or drink that one orders prior to ordering the main courses on a menu.

Listening Comprehension

▶ Step 1: Listening for Main Ideas

Listen to the conversation among Katie, Vince and Emily about modern manners. Then choose the best answer (a, b, or c) to complete each of the following statements.

- The first most annoying thing Katie talks about is that _____.
 - she met a rude guy when she was walking to work
 - a guy dropped a crisp packet that he had finished
 - a guy refused to pick up the crisp packet
- The second annoying thing Vince mentions is that _____.
 - a guy stood too close to him on the tube
 - he did not get the flowers or chocolates he had expected
 - someone was carrying a massive rucksack on the train

3. Vince admits that sometimes he does something that might annoy some people: _____.
 - a. He coughs when he has a cold
 - b. He reads someone else's newspaper over his or her shoulder
 - c. He plays his music very loudly
4. The last annoying thing they discuss is that _____.
 - a. people always share restaurant bills
 - b. people only pay exactly what they've had
 - c. they had a starter and coffee

► **Step 2: Listening for Details**

Listen to the conversation once again and this time try to learn more details. Then fill in the blanks in the following statements.

1. So anyway I just thought right, I'm going to _____ here and go and pick it up. So I picked it up and _____ wondering if this is _____. Um, but I actually went up to him and _____ and I said um... "You might _____?" And he just looked at me. And I said, "What? Shall I _____ then?" 'Cause he didn't _____.
2. I hate that, or that thing when you know, when you're on the tube or something and somebody has _____ on their back and they're just _____. And they just _____ like a turtle that's just been hit...
3. I'm a bit of _____ when it comes to that 'cause I, sometimes I get on the tube and people are _____ and whatever and I _____... And I just kind of like...