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※ 考生請於答案卷內作答 (答案請橫書，每行五題)

**I. Vocabulary 30%**

- Mr. White came to \_\_\_\_\_ his compliment.  
a. order b. decide c. pay d. play
- The whole city has \_\_\_\_\_ decay  
a. enlightened b. decorated its c. reached up to d. felt into
- John was \_\_\_\_\_ a label as a “trouble maker”.  
a. attached b. arranged c. made d. turned into
- She can't pay attention to the lecture. She is preoccupied \_\_\_\_\_ her thoughts about the wedding.  
a. for b. with c. of d. at
- He has finally decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the tennis tournament.  
a. compete b. contest c. enter d. earn
- It was arrogant of them to expect us to do all the work.  
a. cruel b. insensitive c. ridiculous d. self-important
- It was gratifying that she lived to see the fruits of her labor.  
a. pleasing b. encouraging c. terrifying d. unbelievable
- He refused to live under oppression.  
a. stress b. domination c. poverty d. government
- We were outraged that she had been arrested.  
a. awed b. surprised c. furious d. overjoyed
- You will be kept apprised of the latest development.  
a. away b. calm c. important d. informed
- They were pressing me to agree to the compromise.  
a. pushing b. arranging c. assisting d. accompanying
- The manager refunded the purchase price to the customer.  
a. lowered b. returned c. raised d. discounted
- That day is seared into my memory.  
a. slipped b. flowed c. burned d. retrieved
- They stocked their store with new merchandise.  
a. stole b. changed c. decorated d. filled
- She traced her origins back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century.  
a. discovered b. walked c. remembered d. traveled

## II. Structure 30% locate the part that has mistakes in it

1. You cannot prevent their get married.  
A B C D
2. Our decision was based on the assumption that they will agree.  
A B C D
3. I'm not working for you again. Well, that is to say, not unless you put my wages up to.  
A B C D
4. We took our swimming things in case if we should happen to find a pool.  
A B C D
5. He's from Liverpool, if you can tell from his accent.  
A B C D
6. I'd only just got into the bath as soon as she phoned.  
A B C D
7. According to law, everybody would wear car seat belts.  
A B C D
8. It was a very cold afternoon that we stopped playing.  
A B C D
9. If I had lots of money, I would give some to somebody who would ask for it.  
A B C D
10. This game is able to be played by two or more players.  
A B C D

## III. Reading comprehension 20%

**Reading A.** BENKELMAN, June 7(Nebraska State Journal). – A most remarkable phenomenon occurred about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon at a point thirty-five miles northwest of this place. John W. Ellis, a well-known ranchman, was going out to his herd in company with three of his herders and several other cowboys engaged in the annual roundup. While riding along a draw they heard a terrific rushing, roaring sound overhead, and looking up, saw what appeared to be a blazing meteor of immense size falling at an angle to the earth. A moment later it struck the ground out of sight over the bank. Scrambling up the steep hill they saw the object bounding along half a mile away and disappear in another draw.

Galloping towards it with all their speed, they were astounded to see several fragments of cog-wheels and other pieces of machinery lying on the ground, scattered in the path made by the aerial visitor, glowing with heat so intense as to scorch the grass for a long

distance around each fragment and make it impossible for one to approach it. Coming to the edge of the deep ravine into which the strange object had fallen, they undertook to see what it was. But the heat was so great that the air about it was fairly ablaze and it emitted a light so dazzling that the eye could not rest on it for more than a moment.

An idea of the heat may be gained from the fact that one of the party, a cowboy named Alf Williamson, stood with his head incautiously exposed over the bank, and in less than half a minute he fell senseless. His face was desperately blistered and his hair singed to a crisp. His condition is said to be dangerous. The distance to the aerolite, or whatever it is, was nearly 200 feet. The burned man was taken to Mr. Ellis' house, cared for as well as circumstances would allow and a doctor sent for. His brother, who lives in Denver had just been telegraphed for.

Finding it impossible to approach the mysterious visitor, the party turned back on its trail. Where it first touched the earth the ground was sandy and bare of grass. The sand was fused to an unknown depth over a space about twenty feet wide by eighty feet long, and the melted stuff was still bubbling and hissing. Between this and the final resting place there were several like spots where it had come in contact with the ground, but none so well marked.

Finding it possible to do any investigating, Mr. Ellis returned to his house and sent out messengers to neighboring ranches. When night came the light from the **wonderful** object beamed almost like the sun, and the visitors who went out to see it were entirely powerless to dear the **glow**.

This morning another visit was made to the spot. In the party was E. W. Rawlins, brand inspector for this district, who came into Benkleman tonight, and from whom a full verification of particulars is obtained. The smaller portions of the scattered machinery had cooled so that they could be approached, but not handled. One piece that looked like the blade of a propeller screw of a metal of an appearance like brass, about sixteen inches thick and three and a half feet long, was picked up by a spade. It would not weigh more than five pounds, but appeared as strong and compact as any known metal. A fragment of a wheel with a milled rim, apparently having had a diameter of seven or eight feet, was also picked up. It seemed to be or the same material and had the same remarkable lightness.

The aerolite, or whatever it is, seems to be about fifty or sixty feet long, cylindrical, and about ten or twelve feet in diameter. Great excitement exists in the vicinity and the

round-up is suspended while the cowboys wait for the wonderful find to cool off so they can examine it.

1. The style of this article appears to be
  - a). a government report
  - b). A newspaper report
  - c). an argumentation
  - d). an essay
2. which of the following is the most appropriate title for this article?
  - a). An unexpected visitor
  - b). a killing UFO
  - c). A day tour in a Nebraska ranch
  - d). Dose UFO really exist?
3. The underlined phrase, “or whatever it is”, implies that
  - a). the aerolite is disgusting
  - b). the reporter was not sure what to call this object
  - c). this object was too big to be called an “aerolite”
  - d). the reporter did not care about this aerolite
4. The word “glow” in the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph means
  - a). light
  - b). increase
  - c). excitement
  - d). sadness
5. The word “wonderful” in the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph means
  - a). beautiful
  - b). mysterious
  - c).lovable
  - d). intelligent

**Reading B.** Credit card cash advances can provide consumers with convenient and instant access to “cold cash” in times of financial need, but cash advances should be avoided if at all possible. Informed consumers realize that cash advances are typically accompanied by fees and exorbitant interest rates (there is also no grace period for cash advances). Moreover, cash advances can be a major stumbling block for consumers seeking debt relief. We hope the following tips help consumers avoid the pitfalls associated with cash advances.

\* Fees for cash advances vary, but fees can be very costly. Fees are computed using two calculation methods. Many card issuers calculate fees on a percentage basis, which typically ranges from 1% to 4%. Other issuers charge “flat fees” for advances. “Flat fees” are not based on the amount of the advance and, therefore, are always the same.

An increasing trend is to combine both calculation methods. Combining calculation methods results in higher cash advance fees. An example of this would be an issuer that charges x% for an advance, but charges a minimum of \$10 regardless of the amount of the advance. Another example would be an issuer that charge x% for an advance or \$20, whichever is greater. Read the terms of your card agreement carefully. Fee calculation can get tricky.

A few issuers do not charge any fees at all. This is very rare, though.

Finally, if you must get an advance, avoid using ATM machines. ATMs charge an additional fee for advance. This fee is charged by the financial institution that owns the ATM.

\* Often the greatest potential pitfall for consumers who decide to get a cash advance involves finance or interest charges. The interest rate for cash advances is often several points higher than the normal purchase interest rate (the rate that is associated with everyday card purchases). Cash advance rates normally range from 20% to 25%. In contrast, the average purchase rate for a standard credit card ranges from 15.88% to 17.30% according to. However, a few issuers charge the same rate for both purchases and cash advances “Low Rate Report” for more info.

Other finance charge pitfalls involve grace periods and the payment method that a card issuer utilizes. Cash advances begin accruing interest immediately and, therefore, are not subject to a grace period. Thus, even if you pay your card balance in full when your bill arrives, you will still be assessed a finance charge for any advances.

A similar pitfall involves the manner in which payments are applied to your account. Most issuers apply payments to card purchases before they apply payments to cash advances (i.e. payments are first applied to purchases). **If you carry a balance on your card**, this can result in you a dramatic increase in your finance charges and overall interest rate.

\* Please be aware that any “credit card checks” that you receive in the mail are usually treated as cash advances! Card issuers often tout such checks as an easy way to pay off the bill of your choice or to acquire some extra spending money. While using a check may be convenient, it can be extremely costly. Many balance transfers are also treated as cash advances.

\* Dependency on cash advances can be an outward sign of serious debt problems. Consumers that regularly rely on advances to “make ends meet” urgently need debt counseling. Cash advances are so tempting that some cardholders fall victim to the “cash advance trap” and find themselves caught in a vicious cycle.

6. Which is the most appropriate title for this article:

- a). cash advance advantage   b). how to use cash advance service   c). credit card cash advance pitfalls   d). fees for using cash advance

7. According to the author, which of the following is true:
- a). cash advance attract consumers because the interest rate it offers is lower than regular credit card
  - b). cash advance will help you with your debt relieve
  - c). the credit card checks sent by mail can help you with your bills
  - d). cash advance should be avoided if possible
8. The phrase “if you carry a balance on your card” means
- a). if you pay off all your dues
  - b). if you are capable of paying off you credit balance
  - c). if you pay only part of your due or leave of unpaid
  - d). if you leave it totally unpaid
9. According to this article, combining calculation methods for cash advance fees
- a). helps consumers choose an advantageous way of paying fees
  - b). is fair for both consumers and card issuers
  - c). decreases your cash advance fee
  - d). increases yours cash advance fee
10. If you get an advance by an ATM,
- a). no extra charge is applied
  - b). you get a better interest rate
  - c). extra fee is charged by the credit card issuer
  - d). extra fee is charged by the bank that owns the ATM machine

#### **IV. Short Composition 20%**

The introduction of the digital technologies has made “virtual relationship” possible. What do you think about the idea of “virtual relationship”? What contributes to the popularity of “virtual relationship”? Are there positive or negative effects?