



ภาษาอังกฤษ

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Meaning in Context

Use the context to help you determine the meaning of each *italic* word.

1. Your cousin claimed to be late because the doors of his house were frozen shut. Even though I have my doubts, his explanation is *plausible*. It got really cold last night. I'll just have to take his word for it.

If a statement is *plausible*, _____.

- a. you must always believe it
- b. you should never believe it
- c. it's hard to understand because it makes no sense
- d. it's believable enough to possibly be true

2. If you don't *curtail* your spending, you'll be broke in no time at all!

Which word is a synonym of *curtail* ?

- a. reduce
- b. follow
- c. behind
- d. buy

3. Put this medicine on your arm and rub it into your skin until it's invisible. It will *inhibit* the infection's attempt to spread.

What does *inhibit* mean?

- a. live in a certain place
- b. block or slow down
- c. itch or burn
- d. help to do something important

4. The workers stood in front of the factory and wondered what to do next. The doors were locked and the windows were boarded up. They doubted that they would even collect their final pay checks now that the company was *insolvent*.

What does *insolvent* mean?

- a. broke, or out of money
- b. hiring new workers
- c. changing a name
- d. making too much money

5. When they heard the good news about the court's decision, the angry crowd cheered and then began to *disperse*. "It looks like everyone is going home," one reporter stated.

Which would be the **opposite** of *disperse* ?

- a. come together
- b. smile
- c. fly like a bird
- d. sing

6. It's a wonder to me how anyone can still be undecided about this election. These two candidates are certainly **distinct**. Each would lead our nation in opposite directions.

What does **distinct** mean?

- a. needing a bath
- b. dishonest
- c. clearly different
- d. about the same age

7. The news story was based on a letter that was a **fabrication**. Now the reporter who wrote the story is in big trouble. Will anyone believe him again?

What is a **fabrication**?

- a. made of cloth
- b. full of long words
- c. funny
- d. fake

8. When your plan brings us great wealth, you will be rewarded for your **sagacity**.

What does **sagacity** mean?

- a. good looks
- b. mistakes
- c. intelligence
- d. huge appetite for herbs

9. Both sides battled for years. They were very far apart and could find no way to make a lasting peace. When the fighting finally came to an end, everyone was exhausted and **embittered**.

What does **embittered** mean?

- a. very angry, resentful
- b. sour tasting
- c. humorous
- d. annoyed

10. "I am going to **rescind** the permission I gave you to use my toys!" T. J. announced angrily. "I thought you would take good care of them, but I was wrong!"

What does **rescind** mean?

- a. repeat
- b. celebrate
- c. continue
- d. cancel

Choose the best answer to complete the sentence.

1. She is supposed to be here today to give a talk, but _____.
a. no one has seen her yet
b. she showed up on time
c. to sing as well
d. just then she arrived
2. _____ a European car is that spare parts are so expensive.
a. One of the main problem with
b. Some serious obstacles to
c. The only advantage
d. A major benefit for
3. Heated arguments can be avoided if you _____.
a. spread your wings
b. focus on what you want
c. come on strong
d. meet others halfway
4. _____ into thinking that when they are elected, representatives will keep their promises.
a. They have misled
b. We should not be misled
c. They might mislead
d. We should not mislead
5. Add onion to skillet. Cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Add vegetables and water _____ ;
reduce heat to medium.
a. Heat to boiling
b. Remove from skillet
c. Serve over rice
d. Cut onion into thin wedges
6. In the early sixties, Bangkok was a confusing maze of low buildings, _____, and visually not very attractive.
a. some as tall as modern skyscraper
b. the majority of which were well designed
c. few of them taller than three or four storeys
d. all were beautifully painted
7. Drivers do many thing that distract them : talk on cell phones, eat lunch, fiddle with the radio dial and argue with kids. But accurate information _____ are caused by distraction is unavailable.
a. when their activities
b. about how many accidents
c. that they and their family
d. on their regular routes

8. My mother had not been to my apartment in months. When I was first married, _____, until one day I suggested she should call ahead of time. Ever since then, she has refused to come unless I issue official invitation.

- a. we wanted to have a big family
- b. she lived with us
- c. she used to drop by unannounced
- d. we never had any visitors

9. Two key suspects in the seven-billion-baht money laundering scam were arrested yesterday. They are among 62 suspects wanted in connection with illegal transfers of money out of the country _____ 23 of the 62 suspects have been arrested or turned themselves in for police questioning.

- a. Even though
- b. No doubt
- c. So far
- d. Just then

10. A natural bone-building hormone appears to be that the most effective treatment for osteoporosis, _____ that millions of older Americans suffer from.

- a. the brittle bone disease
- b. the government issued a health
- c. one of the favorite pastimes
- d. scientists have long theorized

เทคนิคการทำโจทย์ Reading Comprehension

1. Comprehension : understanding / mentally grasping the meaning

According to this paragraph/ passage/ article, . . .

This means . . .

It is clear from this passage that . . .

2. Detail Questions : specify smaller chunks of information

What / When / Where / How.....

3. Main Idea /Topic / Title Questions : a topic and something specific about that topic

This paragraph / story / article / reading is mostly about

The passage talks mainly about

The text tells as a whole

What is the main topic / idea of this passage?

What is the primary purpose of this passage?

With what topic is the primary concerned?

4. Inference : decisions, conclusions or judgments the reader makes from information

. . . probably . . .

We can figure out / tell from this . . .

We can guess / expect that . . .

The writer seems to expect . . .

The reason he did that was probably . . .

You can assume . . . probably . . .

You can conclude from this paragraph/passage that . . .

The author suggests that . . .

Which is more likely to happen . . . ?

6. Reference :

He (line 2) refers to.....

It (line 10) could be replaced by.....

7. Tone of paragraph / Attitude of the writer :

The tone of this passage is.....

The purpose of the writer is to.....

informative, persuasive

indifferent, identify, purposive ...

creative, argumentative, imaginative, comparative

Reading Comprehension

Outside of class, you will want to arrange your study time. Frequent, short, study times should do more effectively for learning than long, tiresome hours all at once. You should devote a certain amount of time to organizing and making the material meaningful. This may best be done while a given lecture is still fresh in your mind. Making a list of questions for the next meeting may also increase your involvement.

When reading, you may want to adopt a method called “Survey Q 3R.” This abbreviation stands for Survey, Question, Read, Recite, and Review ; and it is **an active method of learning**. The first step is to survey the entire unit to be read and pick out salient topics, organization, and structure. Next, proceed to the first section and formulate a question to be answered by reading that section. Read the section and recite as best you can the contents of what you have read. Finally, review to be certain of having hit the major points and that your statements are correct.

1. “An active method of learning” (Line 10) refers to
 - a. increasing your involvement
 - b. wanting to adopt a survey
 - c. making an abbreviation
 - d. using Survey Q 3R

2. “Making a list of questions for the next meeting may also increase your involvement.”

The word “involvement” can be replaced by

 - a. memory
 - b. understanding
 - c. participation
 - d. attention

3. According to the passage, which is NOT suggested for outside-of-class study?
 - a. Studying frequently and in short periods.
 - b. Spending as much time as necessary making materials.
 - c. Organizing the material shortly after the lecture.
 - d. Making a list of questions for the next class meeting.

4. The statements below are the steps in “Survey Q 3R”. You are to arrange them according to the order mentioned in the passage by choosing the number with the right order.

- a. Read the section thoroughly.
- b. Make questions from the read section.
- c. Say out loud what you can remember.
- d. Examine the whole unit.
- e. Go over the reading again.

- a. a, b, c, d, e
- c. b, a, d, e, c

- b. a, d, c, b, e
- d. d, b, a, c, e

5. “This may best be done while a given lecture is still fresh in your mind.”

The modal “may” is used in this sentence to signal

- a. possibility
- b. permission
- c. futurity
- d. intention

Structure and Writing

Read the following statement and choose the underlined part that is grammatically wrong.

1. The passenger had only a twenty-dollars bill with him when he boarded the bus.

- A B C D**

2. The Ministry estimates that the workers who will be covered by the new law is now making less than the minimum wage.

- A B C D**

3. What we must do immediate is inform our customers, even before trying to solve the problem.

- A B C D**

4. The computer program is a detailed set of instruction that tell a computer what to do with the information it is given.

- D**

5. Determined to meet his appointment as agreed, the manager left for catching a flight for Geneva.

A B C D

6. The method they chose was different than the one that was suggested by the director.

A B C D

7. My friend found the life style in Bali as satisfying that he wished he could stay there forever.

A B C D

Choose the best answer to complete the sentence.

1. _____ decreases as the moisture content of the air increases and approaches saturation.

- A. The rate of evaporation which
B. It is the rate of evaporation
C. While the rate of evaporation
D. The rate of evaporation

2. Not until 1607 _____ their first colony at Jamestown, Virginia.

- A. the English founded
B. when the English founded
C. when did the English found
D. did the English found

3. Train robberies _____ in America than anywhere else in the world during the latter half of the nineteenth century.

- A. were more frequent
B. which were more frequent
C. more frequent than
D. they were more frequent than

4. _____ estimated that a forty-percent literacy rate is necessary for steady economic development.

- A. Being
B. Although
C. There were
D. It has been

5. Most species of octopus _____ color quickly.

- A. can change
B. can be changed
C. changing
D. that change

Cloze test

Recycling organic household waste could be bad for you health. Garbage bins containing separated organic leftovers _____1_____ banana skins, potato peeling and apple cores release for _____2_____ number of potentially harmful bacteria and moulds in to the kitchen than _____3_____ containing mixed garbage, Dutch researchers _____4_____.

Dick Henderrik and his colleagues in the environmental and _____5_____ health group at Wageningen University in the Netherlands say that the contaminants include bacteria and moulds _____6_____ to increase common respiratory ailments like asthma. Millions of _____7_____ Europeans could be _____8_____ risk when they dutifully separate organic materials from _____9_____ household waster for collection _____10_____ recycling as compost.

1. a. so that b. that is c. as follows d. such as
 2. a. high b. highly c. higher d. highest
 3. a. that b. those c. which d. these
 4. a. can find b. will find c. were found d. have found
 5. a. occupationally b. occupational c. occupation d. occupied
 6. a. known b. knew c. knowing d. know
 7. a. environmental mind b. environmentally-minded
c. environment mind d. environment-minding
 8. a. on b. of c. at d. in
 9. a. what b. its c. them d. their
 10. a. since b. but c. and d. despite
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