1. Learning English is a long and difficult process. _____ to say, you will make many mistakes along the way.
   A. Needful  B. Needing  C. Need  D. Needless

2. Make sure you’re not late because the train will leave at eight o’clock on the _____.
   A. second  B. dot  C. dash  D. instant

3. This tie really goes well with my new suit. What _____ should I buy it?
   A. do you think  B. are you thinking  C. will you think  D. were you thinking

4. I browsed _____ some magazines while I was waiting for boarding.
   A. at  B. to  C. through  D. on

5. As he has no friends in your country, I am taking the _____ of asking you if you can help him to see some people there.
   A. moment  B. liberty  C. time  D. way

6. How much should I _____ in for Mr. Chen’s going-away present?
   A. chink  B. chime  C. chide  D. chip

7. If a big earthquake hits the area, the trains will stop running, communications will be cut off, and there’ll be a big _____.
   A. black draught  B. black light  C. black mark  D. Black out

8. There are millions of AIDS victims around the world who are willing to try anything to _____ that fate -- and pay for it, too.
   A. stave off  B. set off  C. start off  D. snap off

9. Water _____ has prompted many residents in Taipei to thoroughly inspect their water storage facilities.
0. As soon as the President finished his talk, the reporter began _____ with questions.
   A. firing away  B. firing off  C. firing up  D. firing out

1. Cold fusion has proved a most _____ target.
   A. illusive  B. allusive  C. elusive  D. derivative

2. They are so poor. There’s little chance that _____ will ever be erased in India.
   A. property  B. profitably  C. poverty  D. probably

3. He passed his hand over his forehead, as if _____ some strong impression.
   A. distress  B. display  C. disport  D. dispelling

4. How can overlook and oversee be opposites, while quite a lot and _____ are alike?
   A. quite a little  B. less  C. little  D. quite a few

5. While any shark 2 m long or more is potentially dangerous to humans, some species are more _____ than others.
   A. aggressive  B. gentle  C. aggravate  D. attractive

Translate the following passages into Chinese (15%)

1. A number of residents in the Taipei area have fallen ill from drinking contaminated water following the rotational stoppages imposed by officials to fight against the drought.

2. A proposed “market-permit program” would allow businesses that meet emission-reduction targets to sell unused “emission credits” to firms that have failed to do so.

3. The report reviews the threats faced by the world’s 22,000 polar bears and highlights growing evidence that human induced climate change is the number one long term threat to the survival of the world’s largest land based carnivores.

背面有試題
III. Translate the following passages into English (10%)
1. 為達到減少堆積如山的材料浪費，零售商應多加使用可回收的包裝材料。
2. 電腦專家表示，裝設至少兩種防病毒軟體，可以讓你的電腦比較不容易中毒。

IV. Reading Comprehension. Read the following passages; then answer the questions that follows (30%):

When we consider a subject as sweeping as the environment, we often focus on its most tangible aspects—the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we put on the table. Those things are critically important. But to me the environment is also about something less tangible, though no less important. It is about our sense of community—the obligation we have to each other, and to future generations, to safeguard God’s earth. It is about our sense of responsibility, and the realization that natural beauty and resources that took millions of years to develop could be damaged and depleted in a matter of decades.

As a teenager, I learned that such short-term thinking was causing even more serious problems. One of the books that we discussed around our family table was Rachel Carson’s classic Silent Spring, about pesticide abuse. As it did for millions around the world, Carson’s book helped awaken in me an understanding that our planet’s life is too precious to squander. Today, the threats to our environment are even clearer to see—and much greater in scope and number. We live in a world where climate change, deforestation, holes in the ozone layer and air pollution are growing sources of concern. Our challenge is to find new ways to address those problems by reaching back to our oldest values—community and responsibility—by inspiring a greater respect for the land and the resources we share—even as economies and societies advance and develop around the world.

Fortunately, as I have raised a family of my own, I have learned that we have millions of powerful allies in this cause: our children. It is often children who remind their parents to recycle their cans, or to bundle their newspapers. If we are to protect and preserve our environment on a global scale, we all must do our part, as nations, as families and as individuals. The need for awareness has never been greater, and the opportunity for us to make a difference is just as great. If we practice and teach the right kind of care and commitment for our environment, it will continue not only to bring us its natural gifts, but also to bring us together. (Condensed and adapted from “Our precious Planet” in TIME Special Issue by Al Gore)

1. The author says that such things as the sense of community and the sense of responsibility, when compared with air pollution and water pollution, are more
   A. elusive   B. important   C. sweeping   D. focused
2. The word "it" in line 4 refers to
   A. the environment   B. something   C. God's earth   D. sense

3. According to the passage, which of the following would be an example of the “even more serious problems” mentioned in lines 7-8?
   A. Unclean food on the family table
   B. Disappearance of insects as a result of pesticide abuse
   C. Short-term thinking when it comes to land use
   D. A general awakening concerning the preciousness of life

5. According to the passage, such values as community and responsibility
   A. are more clearly evidence today
   B. do not apply to a highly developed society
   C. are traditional values
   D. are found only among farmers

6. Why does the author say that the environment can “bring us together” (line 25)?
   A. We will be forced to work together when the environment collapses.
   B. Our children will be joined by environmental awareness.
   C. Environmentalism demands efforts from everyone.
   D. No one will have any chance to be different.