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ECONOMIC REFORMS

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PRONUNCIATION

a) Circle the word whose **bold part** is pronounced differently from that of the other three.

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| 1. A. brain | B. blame | C. camp aign | D. any |
| 2. A. equi valent | B. comp ete | C. yield | D. lease |
| 3. A. mech anize | B. enter prise | C. secu rity | D. up set |
| 4. A. slum | B. accu se | C. un employment | D. tough |
| 5. A. gradu ate | B. judge | C. sugg est | D. Ch inese |

b) Circle the word whose **stress pattern** is different from that of the other three.

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| 1. A. accu se | B. comp ete | C. plateau | D. income |
| 2. A. equi valent | B. un employment | C. indus trial | D. secu rity |
| 3. A. mill ennium | B. congrat ulate | C. drast ically | D. promot ional |
| 4. A. tele vision | B. gradu ation | C. comp etition | D. corpo ration |
| 5. A. mech anize | B. con centrate | C. enorm ous | D. central ize |



LISTENING

a) Look at the following pictures and talk about the advantages of city life and the advantages of country life, using the following words or phrases.



interesting
shopping centers
life is more relaxed
not crowded with people

good jobs
air is better
gyms
gorgeous

quieter
movies
theaters
fun

b) Listen to the recording and answer the following questions.

1. Where does Kha live?
2. What does Kim want Kha to do?
3. What are some advantages of city life?
4. What are some advantages of country life?
5. What makes Kha think of going to the city?
6. In the end, has Kha decided to come and live in the city?



SPEAKING

You are at a department store. You want to buy a new computer. Put these questions in the appropriate blanks.

- Good morning / afternoon. Can I help you?
- Is it the latest model?
- How is this computer operated?
- How much is this one?
- What make is it?
- Do you have the latest model?
- Does the price include some pre-installed software?

Salesperson: (1) _____?

You: Well, yes. I'd like to buy a computer.

Salesperson: Certainly. This is a very good one.

You: (2) _____?

Salesperson: It's an ABC.

You: (3) _____?

Salesperson: No. It's not the latest model, but it works very fast.

You: (4) _____?

Salesperson: No. We don't have one. If you want to buy the latest model, you may find one in the XYZ shop in the city center.

You: (5) _____?

Salesperson: You can find all the necessary information in this brochure.

You: (6) _____?

Salesperson: Three million dong.

You: (7) _____?

Salesperson: We include two software programs only. You have to buy others.



READING

a) Complete the paragraphs with the words from the boxes.

nations
work force
major
West
operations

The World Bank is one of the (1) _____ channels through which development aid is passed from the industrial (2) _____ to the poor and developing (3) _____ of the world. Its scale of (4) _____ is vast, and its work force is large.

increased
interest
rates
expansion
figure

Over the last two decades, there has been tremendous (5)_____ of the Bank's loan program. This has (6)_____ from one billion US dollars to over 60 billion. The (7)_____ includes "hard loans," which are made at current rates of (8)_____, and "soft loans," which are allocated to poor countries at concessionary (9)_____.

employment
developing
stimulating
incomes
duty
directed
poverty

One of the Bank's efforts is looking at ways of (10)_____ the growth of small businesses in many (11)_____ countries, since this would create (12)_____ opportunities for people with low (13)_____. However, the Bank's major aim is (14)_____ towards improving conditions in poor countries. The Bank sees it as a moral (15)_____ of developed countries to help those living in conditions of absolute (16)_____.

b) Find the words from the passage that mean

1. a system used to send something somewhere
2. extremely great in size or amount
3. give something to somebody for a particular purpose
4. given to make a situation less difficult
5. rouse somebody to action or effort
6. concerned with principles of right and wrong behavior

c) Discuss the following questions.

1. What is the main function of the World Bank?
2. What are the distinguishing features of
 - a. a developed country?
 - b. a developing country?
 - c. a poor country?



WRITING

Read the following report and choose the correct words to complete the blanks.

Sales Analysis

Sales began the year at 30,000 units in January and increased (1) _____ (*slight / slightly*) to 32,000 units in February. There was a (2) _____ (*sharp / sharply*) rise (3) _____ (*to / by*) 38,000 in March (4) _____ (*due / led*) to the introduction of a new price discounting scheme. This was followed by a (5) _____ (*slight / slightly*) fall in April when sales dropped to 36,000 units.

Our competitors launched a rival product in the spring and this resulted (6) _____ (*in / from*) a (7) _____ (*dramatic / dramatically*) fall to 25,000 in May. But we ran a summer advertising campaign and sales increased (8) _____ (*steady / steadily*) (9) _____ (*to / by*) 2,000 units a month throughout June, July, and August until they stood (10) _____ (*in / at*) 33,000 in September. The (11) _____ (*dramatic / dramatically*) rise to 45,000 in October resulted (12) _____ (*in / from*) the launch of our new Autumn range. But then we experienced problems meeting demand and sales fell (13) _____ (*sharp / sharply*) in November and remained (14) _____ (*steady / steadily*) (15) _____ (*at / by*) 39,000 in December.



USE OF LANGUAGE

a) Prepositions After Verbs

1. This is part of a letter that Minh has received from a pen pal. Put in the correct forms of the verbs in the box and add appropriate prepositions after them. The first one has been done for you.

agree	apply	concentrate	congratulate
impress	pay	rely	

I'm working part-time in a restaurant now. I (a) applied for a waiter's job last June and started work in July. The owner of the restaurant doesn't

pay me much, and I even have to (b)_____ my uniform with my own money. However, every day I can share the tips with other waiters. I have to work this summer so that I can (c)_____ my study in the next school year. My parents are old, and I don't want to (d)_____ them for my tuition and expenses. It's hard work working in a restaurant, but I think it's a worthwhile thing to do, and I'm sure you (e)_____ me. Minh, I am very (f)_____ your academic excellence, and I'd like to (g)_____ you _____ your recent success in your national math contest.

2. Complete the replies using the sequence verb + object + preposition. The first one has been done for you.

accuse	blame	borrow	congratulate
prefer	prevent	thank	

- a. A: I bought my little sister a nice gift, but she wasn't pleased with it. She didn't even thank me.
B: Did you say she didn't thank you for the gift?
- b. A: Everyone knew that Dick cheated at the last exam.
B: Really? Did the teacher _____ cheating?
- c. A: Mark had excellent exam results.
B: Did the teacher _____ his excellent performance?
- d. A: I broke my parents' precious vase last week.
B: Oh? Did they _____ that?
- e. A: You know, cameras are installed at many street corners.
B: I'm glad to hear about that. Cameras will certainly _____ speeding.
- f. A: I was fined for speeding last Monday. I had to ask Lam for some money.
B: Do you mean you had to _____ Lam?
- g. A: Oh! I don't like beer. Please give me some orange juice.
B: You mean you _____ beer?

3. Put in of, to, about, for, or from.

- a. The student over there reminds me _____ someone I know.
- b. I'm going to send this parcel _____ my pen pal in Toronto.
- c. This poster warns young people _____ the dangers of drugs.
- d. Mr. Nam explained _____ his manager that he had some personal problems.
- e. I think the company should inform its customers _____ the improvements in their services.
- f. We should remind Linh _____ her appointment with her new employer.
- g. That player was punished _____ hitting an opponent.
- h. These regulations protect their company _____ being bankrupt.

b) Word Derivation

1. In each blank write the appropriate form of the word in parentheses. The first one has been done for you.

- a. Loans from the World Bank stimulate economic growth. (*grow*)
- b. With the Doi Moi policy, the _____ of Viet Nam has been restructured. (*economic*)
- c. They often travel by plane, on the _____ class. (*economy*)
- d. The World Bank has made great efforts to raise the _____ standards of the people in poor and developing countries. (*live*)
- e. Thanks to the new reforms in the tax and banking systems, more foreign-_____ companies have invested their capitals in our country. (*own*)
- f. Before the implementation of the Doi Moi policy, people in that region had to suffer severe _____. (*employ*)
- g. _____ has facilitated farming in that area. (*machine*)
- h. Consumer goods are highly _____ nowadays. (*competition*)
- i. Many companies know that attractive _____ can persuade customers to buy their goods. (*package*)

- j. The _____ is being discussed by city officials. (*propose*)
- k. I like the _____ atmosphere of bookstores, and I often stay very long there. (*relax*)
- l. We can't trust that man; he is _____. (*rely*)

2. Complete the second sentence of each pair using the nouns corresponding to the verbs given. The first one has been done for you.

- a. He intended to take a course in economics. He had the intention of taking a course in economics.
- b. She decided to further her education. She made _____.
- c. They couldn't hope to improve the situation. They had _____.
- d. My brother was determined to major in business administration.
My brother had _____.
- e. That supermarket offers an on-line shopping service.
There is _____.
- f. What does this word mean?
What is _____?
- g. Have you invited Mr. and Mrs. Smith?
Have you sent _____?
- h. I wrote them a letter to complain about their slow service.
I wrote them a letter to make _____.
- i. She got frustrated yesterday as everything went wrong.
She showed _____.
- j. The faucet is leaking.
There is _____.

VOCABULARY BRAIN SHOWER

Add appropriate prepositions and more verbs to each list.

① look
wave
point

at someone or
something

② wait
pay
ask

___ something

③ talk
think
find out

___ someone
or something

④ rely
concentrate
insist

___ something