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- I. Read the following passage carefully and then try to translate the underlined lines into Chinese. Write your answers in numerical sequence according to the number marked before each question (10% for each question, overall 50%)

Yellowstone, it seemed to me, was the top of the world, a region of deep lakes and dark timber, canyons and waterfalls. (1) But, beautiful as it is, one might have the sense of confinement there. The skyline in all directions is close at hand, the high wall of the woods and deep cleavages of shade. There is a perfect freedom in the mountains, but it belongs to the eagle and the elk, the badger and the bear. The Kiowas reckoned their stature by the distance they could see, and they were bent and blind in the wilderness.

(2) Descending eastward, the highland meadows are a stairway to the plain. In July the inland slope of the Rockies is luxuriant with flax and buckwheat, stoncrop and larkspur. The earth unfolds and the limit of the land recedes. (3) Clusters of trees, and animals grazing far in the distance, cause the vision to reach away and wonder to build upon the mind. The sun follows a longer course in the day, and the sky is immense beyond all comparison. The great billowing clouds that sail upon it are shadows that move upon the grain like water, dividing light. Farther down, in the land of the Crows and Blackfeet, the plain is yellow. Sweet clover takes hold of the hills and bends upon itself to cover and seal the soil. There the Kiowas paused on the way; they had come to the place where they must change their lives. The sun is at home on the plains. Precisely there does it have the certain character of a god. When the Kiowas came to the land of the Crows, they could see the dark lees of the hills at dawn across the Bighorn River, the profusion of light on the grain shelves, the oldest deity ranging after the solstices. (4) Not yet would they veer southward to the caldron of the land that lay below; they must wean their blood from the northern winter and hold the mountains a while longer in their view . . .

A dark mist lay over the Black Hills, and the land was like iron. (5) At the top of a ridge I caught sight of Devils Tower upthrust against the gray sky as if in the birth of time the core of the earth had broken through its crust and the motion of the world was begun.

- II. Reading Comprehension (Overall 20%, 4% for each question). Based on the above passage that describes the Yellowstone region, try to answer the following five questions that test your comprehension of this passage.

1. The writer adopts the point of view of
 - (A) a tourist on an Indian reservation
 - (B) a botanist studying plant life in Yellowstone

(背面仍有題目,請繼續作答)

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- (C) a Native American visiting the land of his ancestors
(D) a student of Indian customs and traditions
(E) a historian returning to a familiar place
2. “Descending eastward” (in the opening phrase of paragraph 2) is a participial phrase modifying
(A) “slope”
(B) “highland”
(C) “meadows”
(D) “stairway”
(E) “plain”
3. The speaker’s tone in the passage can best be described as
(A) earnest and profound
(B) reverent and poetic
(C) sensible and scholarly
(D) exotic and sentimental
(E) sober and philosophic
4. The power of the sun is perceived at its greatest
(A) following the solstices
(B) during spring, when the flowers start to bloom
(C) at early morning, when the sundries the grass for the grazing
(D) just before the solstices
(E) in the season between the summer and winter solstices
5. The style of this passage can best be described as
(A) wordy and pedantic
(B) ornate and flowery
(C) graphic and graceful
(D) terse and didactic
(E) sever and classic

III. Essay Writing 30%. Write in English a well-organized essay in approximately 300-400 words by responding to the statement listed below:

“The greatest griefs are those we cause ourselves”

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Tips: To make your essay specific and clear, you may choose one example from personal experience, current events, or history, literature, or any other discipline and use this example to write an essay in which you agree or disagree with the statement above.