

六、閱讀測驗：（每題 2 分，10%）

(a) **Burj Khalifa**

The 828 meter tall Burj Khalifa in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, got the name of "Tallest Building in the World" at its opening on January 4, 2010. It is taller than any other man-made structure now in the world.



(b) **The Empire State Building**

The Empire State Building in New York was the first building to have over 100 floors and was the tallest building in the world from 1931 until 1972.

(c) **Taipei 101**

Taipei 101, with 101 floors in it, was the tallest building in the world from 2004 to 2010. It looks like a large tower. Because of it, Taiwan became famous to the world.



(d) **The Petronas Towers**

The Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, were the tallest buildings in the world from 1998 to 2004 until Taipei 101 surpassed it, but it is still the world's tallest twin buildings.

(e) **The original World Trade Center**

The original World Trade Center had seven office buildings in total. The original 1 World Trade Center (the North Tower) and 2 World Trade Center (the South Tower), were together as the Twin Towers. They were the tallest buildings in the world before The Petronas Towers surpassed it. The Center opened in 1973, but the Twin Towers fell during the September 11 attacks in 2001.



Which building will surpass them all above in the near future? Who knows! But there will be people trying hard to win!

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1. What is the reading talking about?

(A) The tallest buildings now and before in the world.

(B) The opening years of the tallest buildings.

(C) The most expensive offices in the buildings.

(D) The building with the most floors in it.

2. Re-arrange the opening time of the five buildings from the earliest to the latest. Which is correct?
- (A) a → b → c → d → e (B) c → b → a → d → e
(C) b → e → d → c → a (D) e → c → b → d → a
3. What does “**surpass**” mean in the reading?
- (A) Fall down. **(B) Get higher than.**
 (C) Open again. (D) Become famous.
4. Which building does not stay in the world now?
- (A) The Empire State Building in New York.
 (B) Burj Khalifa in Dubai.
 (C) The Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur.
(D) The 1 World Trade Center and 2 World Trade Center in New York.
5. Look at the pictures. Which may be the shape of The Petronas Towers?

(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)



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