

READING PRACTICE

UNIT 2

I. Reading the following paragraph and complete it with one suitable word in each blank.

My grandmother told me that our village (1) _____ very poor many years ago. The villagers had to work hard in the fields all days but they could not earn enough for their living. Their lives were very simple. Many people had to (2) _____ in houses made of straw and mud. Nowadays my village has (3) _____ a lot. People live in big brick houses. In the evening, they can listen to the (4) _____ on the radio or watch TV for entertainment. All people in my village try their best to make their living better. They raise and resurface the roads (5) _____ the roads will not be muddy and flooded after it rains. They widen the roads so cars and lorries can get to the village easily. They build a medical centre so people's health can be looked (6) _____ at any time. They build a new school so their (7) _____ have better learning conditions. They build a bridge (8) _____ the river so villagers have a shorter way to town. They also build a football ground so their children can (9) _____ sports. And they grow cash crops so people can export the crops and have more money. I would like to become an agricultural engineer in the future so I can apply new technology to our farming and do more for the village (10) _____ our parents did.

III. Choose the correct answer for each gap to complete the following passage.

My parents are farmers. They work very (1) _____ on the paddy fields. They usually get (2) _____ Very early in the morning. After (3) _____ breakfast, they feed the buffaloes, pigs, chickens, ducks and they (4) _____ the eggs. From about eight, they work on the field. They (5) _____ rice but their (6) _____ is vegetables. From eleven thirty to one thirty, they rest and have lunch. They continue to work until five in the afternoon then they come back home. My mother (7) _____ the animals again while my father (8) _____ the buffalo shed and the chicken coop. They usually finish their work at about six thirty. Twice a week, my mother (9) _____ the vegetables and eggs to the town market to sell them then she often buys the things we need for our daily life. She also (10) _____ me a small present each time.

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| 1. A. hard | B. hardly | C. harder | D. hardest |
| 2. A. on | B. off | C. up | D. in |
| 3. A. to have | B. having | C. have | D. had |
| 4. A. take | B. see | C. have | D. collect |
| 5. A. plant | B. water | C. grow | D. cut |
| 6. A. period | B. crop | C. time | D. harvest |
| 7. A. leads | B. feeds | C. gives | D. calls |
| 8. A. cleans | B. washes | C. polishes | D. clears |
| 9. A. makes | B. takes | C. carries | D. brings |
| 10. A. buying | B. buys | C. to buy | D. bought |