

BÀI ĐỌC UNIT 5

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After only 50- minute flying from Ho Chi Minh City, you will set foot on the tropical paradise of Vietnam and the world: PhuQuoc Island.

The island has a roughly triangular shape with a north-south length of 50km and a west-east width of 25km. A great part of the terrain is filled with beautiful sandy beaches, but there is a mountainous region with 99 peaks, among which the Peak of Chua Mountain is the tallest one at 603 meters. Due to Phu Quoc's location in the Gulf of Thailand, its climate is sub-equatorial with a temperate weather all year round, making trips to Phu Quoc possible any time in the year. However, the best time to travel to this island is during the dry season, from November until March, when the sky is blue and clear, and the rains are away.

Phu Quoc is most famous for its the cuisines and a natural wonderful coastline. The most famous food of Phu Quoc is fish sauce, which has become quite popular all over Vietnam and the world. Besides, another thing worth trying there is the spicy yet interesting black pepper. However, the factor that will definitely **intrigue** you to visit Phu Quoc is its untouched coastline featuring several heavenly beaches. They have yet to be explored to their full ability, but this fact might be actually positive as it gives the shores a romantic beauty that you can find in nowhere else in the world.

1. What is Phu Quoc Island regarded as?
 - a. Pearl of the Orient
 - b. Tropical Paradise
 - c. City of Eternal Spring
 - d. Lanterns Paradise
2. According to the passage, Phu Quoc Island _____.
 - a. has both beaches and mountains
 - b. doesn't have much tourist attraction
 - c. has the tallest mountain in Vietnam
 - d. doesn't have rains all the year round
3. Tourists can visit Phu Quoc anytime in the year thanks to _____.
 - a. its location by the sea
 - b. its friendly local people
 - c. its temperate climate
 - d. its dry season
4. What are Phu Quoc's specialities?
 - a. red pepper and fish sauce
 - b. black pepper and dried fish
 - c. red pepper and soya sauce
 - d. spicy black pepper and fish sauce
5. The word "**intrigue**" has the closest meaning to _____.
 - a. attract
 - b. promote
 - c. inspire
 - d. pay attention to
6. Which of the following statements is **NOT** true?
 - a. Phu Quoc Island is located in the Gulf of Thailand.
 - b. The beaches in Phu Quoc Island have been explored to their full potentials.
 - c. Phu Quoc's dry season begins from November and lasts through March.
 - d. The island is roughly triangular in shape.

II/

The Complex of Hue Monuments is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is located in the city of Hue in central Vietnam. Hue was founded as the Viet Nam capital city by Gia Long, the first king of the Nguyen Dynasty in 1802. It held this position for thirteen Nguyen kings until 1945.

The massive complex features hundreds of monuments and ruins, such as the Forbidden Purple City, once the residence of the royal family and badly damaged during the Vietnam War, the Imperial City, royal tombs, the flag tower, pagodas, temples, a library and museum.

Hue, located on the banks of the Huong River, (also known as the Perfume River) is about a hundred kilometres north of Da Nang. Among the most impressive monuments in this former grand imperial capital are the Ngo Mon Gate of the Imperial City which once was exclusively used by the royal family and their servants and soldiers, the tomb of Emperor Minh Mang as well as the tomb of Emperor Tu Duc. In fact, many of the monuments surrounding the royal buildings were constructed in the early 19th century and were modeled after Beijing's Forbidden City. The wall that surrounds the citadel is six metres high and two and a half kilometres long.

The historical complex is known not only for its rich architecture but also for its beautiful landscape setting. Overall, the site is quite spectacular. Avoid Hue between October and December as it gets most of its rain from the northeast monsoon during that period. This small city is also famous for its Imperial-style cuisine.

Question 1: The Complex of Hue Monuments

- A. has its buildings built during the reign of King Gia Long
- B. is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- C. was built by thirteen Nguyen kings from 1802 to 1945
- D. is located on the left bank of the Perfume River

Question 2: The Hue Citadel needs the work of restoration because of

- A. the northeast monsoon
- B. its rich architecture
- C. the period from 1802 to 1945
- D. the damage during the war

Question 3: All of the following are mentioned as features of the Hue Citadel EXCEPT

- A. the Temple of Literature
- B. the royal tombs
- C. the period from 1802 to 1945
- D. the damage during the war

Question 4: We can infer from the passage that

- A. the royal tombs were built for each emperor in the Imperial City
- B. the Forbidden Purple City might be considered a smaller model of Beijing's Forbidden City
- C. the Imperial City is located in the Forbidden Purple City
- D. the wall that surrounds the citadel is as big as the Great Wall in China

Question 5: All of the following are advantages of Hue EXCEPT

- A. the waterway of the Perfume River
- B. the art of cooking

- C. the last three months of the year
- D. its beauty of natural setting

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Ha Long Bay is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and popular travel (1) _____ in QuangNinh Province, Vietnam. The bay features thousands of limestone karsts and isles in (2) _____ shapes and sizes. Ha Long Bay is a center of a larger zone which (3) _____ BaiTu Long Bay to the northeast, and Cat Ba Island to the southwest.

Ha Long Bay has an area of around 1,553km², including 1,960 - 2,000 islets, most of (4) _____ are limestone. The core of the bay has an area of 334km² with a high density of 775 islets. The limestone in this bay has gone through 500 million years of (5) _____ in different conditions and environments. The evolution of the karst in this bay has taken 20 million years (6) _____ the impact of the tropical wet climate. The geo-diversity of the environment in the area has created (7) _____, including a tropical evergreen biosystem, oceanic and sea shore biosystem. Ha Long Bay is (8) _____ to 14 endemic floral species and 60 endemic faunal species.

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| 1. a. situation | b. destination | c. direction | d. ground |
| 2. a. various | b. complex | c. exciting | d. original |
| 3. a. offers | b. includes | c. consists | d. covers |
| 4. a. them | b. those | c. which | d. whom |
| 5. a. formation | b. foundation | c. establishment | d. contribution |
| 6. a. in | b. of | c. for | d. under |
| 7. a. biochemical | b. biodiversity | c. bioconversion | d. biodefense |
| 8. a. way | b. place | c. home | d. house |