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ENGLISH 9 UNIT 4

YOUR CLASS: _____

READING

I. Read the passage. Choose the most suitable word to fill in the blank.

Designated a UNESCO World Heritage site (1) _____ 2003, the remarkable Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park contains the oldest mountains in Asia, formed approximately 400 (2) _____ years ago. Riddled with hundreds of cave systems - many of extraordinary scale and length - and spectacular (3) _____ rivers, Phong Nha is a speleologists' heaven on the Earth.

The Phong Nha region is changing fast. Son Trach village (population 3000) is the main centre, with an ATM, a growing range (4) _____ accommodation and eating options, and improving transport links with other parts of central Vietnam.

The caves are the region's absolute highlights, but the above-ground (5) _____ of forest trekking, the area's war history, and rural mountain biking mean it deserves a stay of around three days.

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| 1. A. by | B. on | C. in | D. from |
| 2. A. millions | B. million | C. milions | D. milion |
| 3. A. underground | B. under | C. submarine | D. underwater |
| 4. A. of | B. in | C. on | D. under |
| 5. A. attraction | B. attractions | C. seeing | D. seeings |

II. Choose the word or phrase that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

Either boys or girls, usually aged from seven to ten, play the two-person game of "Mandarin's Box". They draw a rectangle on the ground and (1) _____ it into ten small squares called "rice fields" or "fish ponds".

They also draw two additional semi-circular boxes at the two (2) _____ of the rectangle, which are called "mandarin's boxes" – the game's name, each person has 25 small pebbles and a bigger stone.

Each player places the stone in one of the mandarin's boxes and five small pebbles in each of the other squares. Then the game begins. The first player takes up the contents of one square on his or her side of the board, but not a mandarin's box and distributes the pebbles one by one, (3)___ with the text square in (4)_____ direction. Since each square contains five pebbles at the beginning, the first move will distribute five pebbles to the left or right.

After the last pebble is distributed, the player takes the contents of the following square and repeats the distribution (5)_____. But if the following square is one of the mandarin's boxes, the turn ends and passes to the other player.

If the last pebble falls into a square that precedes one empty square, the player wins all the contents of the square following the empty square and (6)_____ these pebbles from the board. However, if there are two or more empty squares in a row, the player (7)___ his or her turn.

Once a player has taken pebbles from the board, the turn is (8)_____ to the other player. If all five squares on one player's side of the board are emptied at any time, that player must place one pebble he or she has aside back in each of the five squares so that the game can resume.

The game (9)___ until the two mandarin's boxes both been (10)_____. At the end of the game, the player with more pebbles wins, with each of the large stones counting as ten points.

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| 1. A. divide | B. share | C. separate | D. leave |
| 2. A. aims | B. ends | C. small points | D. stops |
| 3. A. start | B. starting | C. start | D. having started |
| 4. A. no | B. all | C. either | D. both |
| 5. A. action | B. method | C. change | D. process |
| 6. A. ends | B. disappears | C. leaves | D. removes |
| 7. A. loses | B. succeeds | C. fails | D. wins |
| 8. A. gone | B. made | C. handed | D. rewarded |
| 9. A. starts | B. pauses | C. stops | D. continues |
| 10. A. held | B. taken | C. moved | D. accepted |