

I. Find the word which has different stress pattern from that of the others.

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| 1. A. asleep | B. backdrop | C. valley | D. wildlife |
| 2. A. snowboard | B. travel | C. admire | D. sleepless |
| 3. A. unhappy | B. slippery | C. famously | D. helplessly |
| 4. A. climate | B. snowflake | C. slightly | D. possess |
| 5. A. diversity | B. ecosystem | C. discovery | D. magnificent |

II. Circle the correct word to complete the sentences.

- The Grand Canyon is a famous example of a vast and colorful (**portrait / landscape**).
- The Northern Lights (**explore / possess**) a breathtaking display of dancing colors in the night sky.
- Even a small piece of plastic can (**conserve / harm**) the delicate wildlife in the Amazon rainforest.
- The mountain (**bottom / peak**) is covered in snow year-round, making it a beautiful sight from afar.
- We stood speechless at the top of the mountain and (**admired / criticized**) the breathtaking view of the endless valleys below.
- Sunlight (**contributes / develops**) to the vibrant colors of the Aurora Borealis, a breathtaking light show in the night sky.
- Bioluminescent plankton in the Maldives at night creates a (**majestic / typical**) site that looks like a starry sky beneath the water.
- The oceans are facing threats from pollution and climate change. Scientists are calling for (**hurry / urgent**) action to protect them.
- The Great Barrier Reef is home to so many colorful fish and coral that many tourists are (**crazy / interested**) about seeing it for themselves.
- The extremely hot temperatures in Death Valley (**prevent / permit**) very few plants and animals to survive.

III. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D. (Chọn đáp án đúng nhất A, B, C hoặc D.)**1. Sarah says, "Is Ha Long Bay in Vietnam?"**

- A. Sarah asked if Vietnam has Ha Long Bay. B. Sarah said that Ha Long Bay was in Vietnam.
 C. Sarah asks whether Ha Long Bay is in Vietnam.
 D. Sarah asks whether Ha Long Bay belongs to Vietnam.

2. Sarah wondered, "Can we swim in the Dead Sea?"

- A. Sarah didn't know how deep the Dead Sea was.
 B. Sarah asked if they could swim in the Dead Sea.
 C. Sarah asked if the Dead Sea was a good place for swimming.
 D. Sarah said that swimming wasn't allowed in the Dead Sea.

3. Sarah exclaimed, "Can you swim in the Great Barrier Reef?"

- A. Sarah wondered if the Great Barrier Reef was safe to swim in.
 B. Sarah required me to swim in the Great Barrier Reef.
 C. Sarah asked if I could swim in the Great Barrier Reef.
 D. Sarah wanted to know if she could swim in the Great Barrier Reef.

4. "Are penguins native to the Arctic?" the child asked curiously.

- A. The child asked if penguins were native to the Arctic.
- B. The child wanted to know where penguins lived.
- C. The child asked whether were the penguins native to the Arctic.
- D. The child asked whether the penguins are native to the Arctic.

5. David wants to know, "Are there any active volcanoes in Europe?"

- A. David wondered if there are any active volcanoes in Europe.
- B. David informed me that there are active volcanoes in Europe.
- C. David asked whether there were active volcanoes in Europe.
- D. David wants to know whether there were any active volcanoes in Europe.

6. John said, "Does the Northern Lights appear all year round?"

- A. John asked if the Northern Lights appeared all year round.
- B. John asked if the best time to see the Northern Lights was winter.
- C. John wanted to know if the Northern Lights were dangerous.
- D. John wondered if he knew when the Northern Lights appeared.

7. The teacher said, "Are there any active volcanoes in Hawaii?"

- A. The teacher asked were there any active volcanoes in Hawaii.
- B. The teacher explained that volcanoes could erupt in Hawaii.
- C. The teacher asked if there were any active volcanoes in Hawaii.
- D. The teacher asked to know the location of the volcanoes in Hawaii.

8. David questioned, "Is Victoria Falls the highest waterfall in the world?"

- A. David asked where the highest waterfall Victoria Falls was located.
- B. David asked if Victoria Falls was the highest waterfall in the world.
- C. David wanted to know if they needed a visa to visit Victoria Falls.
- D. David asked that was Victoria Falls the highest waterfall in the world?

9. Maria asked, "Is the Grand Canyon a man-made wonder?"

- A. Maria wanted to know if the Grand Canyon is a man-made wonder.
- B. Maria asked whether the Grand Canyon is the biggest canyon.
- C. Maria wondered if they could see the Grand Canyon that day.
- D. Maria asked whether the Grand Canyon was a man-made wonder.

10. They asked, "Has anyone ever reached the bottom of the Mariana Trench?"

- A. They wondered if someone had reached the bottom of the Mariana Trench.
- B. They asked if anyone had ever reached the bottom of the Mariana Trench.
- C. They asked whether someone ever reached the bottom of the Mariana Trench.
- D. They asked whether anyone has ever reached the bottom of the Mariana Trench.

IV. Complete the dialogue with the sentences from the box.

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| A. Exactly! | B. You might have convinced me after all, Vy. |
| C. It's an adventure, but a relaxing one! | D. Swimming in the bay sounds amazing! |
| E. Kayaking tours around Ha Long Bay! | F. But what about paddling for long periods? |

Vy: Hung, look at this! (1) _____ We should totally do it!

Hung: Kayaking? Isn't that a bit adventurous for me? I just want to relax and enjoy the view.

Vy: (2) _____ Imagine paddling through the calm water, getting up close to the limestone formations, and discovering hidden coves.

Hung: Hmm, I do love a good view. And it would be a different way to see the bay compared to a boat tour, right?

Vy: (3) _____ Plus, they offer tours for all skill levels.
We can take a leisurely one that focuses on sightseeing and enjoying the scenery.

Hung: That sounds less intimidating. (4) _____ My arms aren't exactly used to that much exertion.

Vy: No worries! The tours are designed for everyone. We can take breaks whenever we want to swim, relax, and soak up the beautiful surroundings.

Hung: (5) _____ Maybe this kayaking thing isn't such a bad idea after all.

Vy: It'll be a fun way to get some exercise and explore Ha Long Bay from a unique perspective.
Let's call the tour company and inquire about options!

Hung: (6) _____ Kayaking in Ha Long Bay - that has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?

Vy: Absolutely.

V. Read the passage and write True or False after each statement.

The Netherlands, a country in western Europe, is famous for its beautiful tulip fields. Every spring, these fields transform into a breathtaking spectacle of color that attracts tourists from all over the world.

Tulips are not native to the Netherlands. They were originally brought from the Ottoman Empire in the 16th century. However, the Dutch quickly embraced these beautiful flowers, and the Netherlands became a leading producer and exporter of tulips. Today, the country boasts over 1.5 billion tulip bulbs planted each year.

The tulip season in the Netherlands is relatively short, typically lasting from late March to mid-May. During this time, vast fields erupt in a kaleidoscope of colors, including red, yellow, pink, purple, and orange. Some popular spots to see the tulips include Keukenhof Gardens, the world's largest flower garden, and the flower fields near Leiden and Haarlem.

Beyond their beauty, tulips also hold cultural significance in the Netherlands. Historically, tulip bulbs were incredibly valuable, even fetching prices comparable to houses during the 17th-century "Tulip Mania." Today, tulips remain a symbol of spring and Dutch national pride.

1. _____ Tulips have always been a native flower to the Netherlands.
2. _____ The Netherlands is the only country known for its tulip fields.
3. _____ You can see tulip fields in the Netherlands year-round.
4. _____ The tulips in the Netherlands have different colors.
5. _____ Keukenhof Gardens is a popular tourist destination for viewing tulips.
6. _____ Tulip bulbs were once so valuable that people would trade houses for them.

VI. Choose the sentence that best transforms the original one.

1. "This glacier is shrinking," the researcher sadly stated.

- A. The researcher reported the glacier looked beautiful.
- B. The researcher explained how glaciers form on mountains.
- C. The researcher happily announced the glacier's growth.
- D. The researcher expressed sadness about the glacier's reduction.

2. The travellers said, 'We climbed the highest mountain in Europe.'

- A. The travelers announced they had climbed the highest mountain in Europe.
- B. The travelers boasted that we had climbed the highest mountain in Europe.

- C. The travelers admitted they climbed the highest mountain in Europe.
- D. The travelers inquired about climbing the highest mountain in Europe.

3. "The Great Barrier Reef is in danger due to pollution," warned the conservationist.

- A. The conservationist reported that the Great Barrier Reef was thriving.
- B. The conservationist promised the Great Barrier Reef would be safe from pollution.
- C. The conservationist warned that pollution threatened the Great Barrier Reef.
- D. The conservationist explained the Great Barrier Reef is a beautiful underwater world.

4. "Uluru is a sacred site for Aboriginal Australians," the brochure stated.

- A. The brochure offered tips on disrespecting Uluru's sacredness.
- B. The brochure described Uluru as a place of minimal cultural significance.
- C. The brochure stated that Uluru was a sacred site for Aboriginal Australians.
- D. The brochure announced that the Aboriginal Australians' Uluru is a sacred site.

5. "The stalagmites and stalactites in the cave are incredible," she said.

- A. She explained that the stalagmites and stalactites in the cave are incredible.
- B. She remarked that the stalagmites and stalactites in the cave were incredible.
- C. She announced the discovery of stalagmites and stalactites in the cave.
- D. She wanted to know the beauty of the cave's stalagmites and stalactites.

6. "The Grand Canyon was formed millions of years ago," she said.

- A. She mentioned that the Grand Canyon had been formed millions of years before.
- B. She said that the Grand Canyon formed was formed millions of years ago.
- C. She mentioned that the Grand Canyon would be formed in millions of years.
- D. She sated that the Grand Canyon's formation needed millions of years ago to form.