READING UNIT 1

Exercise 1. Read the text, and choose the correct answers.

What are Your Favourite Hobbies and Why?

Dean: I've tried a lot of different hobbies over the past few years. I was really into playing all kinds of video games, but after a while I didn't find them much fun anymore. I was also into painting for a couple of years, but I wasn't very good at it. I wanted to be creative, and I hated that I couldn't find the right hobby. One day, I went to the museum, where I saw a photography exhibition. I loved looking at all of the interesting photos. After that, I got a new camera. I take it everywhere with me now. Photography is a great way for me to be creative, and I'm actually good at taking pictures.

Lisa: I'm fond of watching films with my friends. At weekends, we spend hours watching all different kinds
of films, like horror and dramas. But, my favourite films to watch involve a lot of action. I think action films are more exciting than any other type of film. When I'm not watching films, I like to be outdoors. I guess I would say my other hobby is camping. I never get bored when I'm outside in nature. I'm also into camping because we sit around the fire at night and tell each other ghost stories. But, what I don't like about camping are the insects. I can't stand it when I find bugs in my tent at night.

1. What's a great way for Dean to be creative?
   A. playing video games B. painting C. photography
2. Dean was really into painting for _____.
   A. a couple of years B. a while C. many years
3. What types of films does Lisa find the most exciting to watch?
   A. drama films B. horror films C. action films
4. What is one thing Lisa doesn't like about camping?
   A. ghost stories B. bugs C. nature

Exercise 2. Read the passage, and then choose the correct answer.

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Stamp collecting is an interesting hobby. You can learn many things, such as the geography of a country from stamps. Postal stamps are a source of interesting facts and important dates about every country in the world. It makes stamp collecting become very popular.

As you look at the pages of a stamp album, you can learn interesting details of foreign customs, arts, literature, history and culture. Their colours can make you feel relaxed and happy.

Collecting stamps can become a business. If you are lucky in finding a special stamp, it will bring you some money besides knowledge and pleasure.

1. Stamp collecting is an interesting hobby because _____.
   A. you can learn many things such as the geography of a country from stamps
   B. stamps give you interesting facts and important dates about a country
   C. it is very important to collect stamps
   D. A and B are correct
2. All of the following are true EXCEPT _____.
   A. stamps can make you relaxed and happy
   B. stamps can make you know more
   C. stamp collecting can make you famous
   D. you can earn money from your collection if you are lucky
3. According to the passage, it is true to say that _____.
   A. stamp collecting helps you become rich and famous
   B. stamp collecting is a very popular hobby
   C. stamp collectors can earn a lot of money from stamp collecting
   D. stamp collecting is a hobby that costs you a lot of money
4. The word "business" in the last paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.
   A. the activity of collecting stamps
   B. the activity of selling stamps from other countries
   C. the activity of buying stamps from other countries
   D. the activity of buying or selling something
5. The main idea of the passage is _____.
   A. the history of stamp collecting B. good things from stamp collecting

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C. the ways of stamp collecting D. famous stamp collectors

Exercise 3. Read the passage and complete the sentences

One of my favorite hobbies is fishing. Fishing is a great way to relax on weekends. It is relaxing to sit on the shore of the lake or on a river bank. If you have never experienced it, I think you are really missing something. You can watch the ripples on the water and hear the soothing sounds of the waves. On a nice day, the warmth of the sun and a breeze off the water feels great. Fishing is inexpensive. All you need is a fishing pole and some bait. If you can't afford bait, go outside at night and look for earthworms, or night crawlers. Fishing is exciting. Some fish pull hard on the fishing line. They can put up quite a fight! It's exciting to catch a lot of fish in one spot.

1. Fishing is _____.

A. relaxing B. exciting C. inexpensive D. A, B and C

2. The best time to go fishing is _____.

A. at night B. the weekends. C. at noon D. in the early morning

3. The word breeze means _____.

A. gentle wind B. moving C. light rain D. A and C

4. Fishing bait may be _____.

A. earthworms B. A and C C. night crawlers D. fishing line

5. The word spot means_____.

A. river B. sea C. place D. lake

Exercise 4. Read the text and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to each question.

A hobby is an activity people love doing in their free time. There are many types of hobbies.

One of the easiest hobbies is collecting things such as stamps, letters, stones, photos, clothes, CDs, and so on. There are indoor and outdoor hobbies. Many teenagers like indoor activities such as playing computer games, surfing the Internet, watching movies, or listening to music. Some indoor activities such as reading, playing a musical instrument, and learning aren't as popular as they were in

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the 20th century. Gardening, walking, horse riding, cycling, skateboarding, mountain climbing are outdoor hobbies. Riding a bicycle is the most popular among them because many children have a bike. There are other types of hobbies as well: visiting museums or travelling. These hobbies are quite expensive, so just a few people can do them.

1. When do people do their hobbies?
   A. In their free time B. In their working time
   C. In their busy time D. All are correct
2. Which of the following is the easiest hobby?
   A. Playing computer games B. Skateboarding
   C. Collecting items D. Cooking
3. What hobbies were more popular in the 20th century?
   A. Reading and learning B. Horse riding and cycling
   C. Playing computer games and cycling D. Watching TV
4. Which is NOT an outdoor hobby?
   A. Gardening
   B. Watching movies
   C. Mountaining
   D. Skiiing
5. Why don't many people visit museums or travel?
   A. Because it is difficult
   B. Because it is expensive
   C. Because it takes a lot of time
   D. Because it is cheap.

Exercise 5. Read the text and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

I am teaching at Binh Minh Lower Secondary School. My students are at grade 6, 7, and 8, and they have different hobbies. Lan is studying at class 7A1. She is 13 years old. She likes writing poems and drawing. Tung is 14 years old, and he has very interesting hobbies. He likes doing puzzles, designing websites, and playing the guitar. Long is 12 years old, and he is at class 6T1. His hobbies are playing football and making models. My students do many interesting things, and they are often busy. They also love different subjects. Tung is the best student in math. Lan is good at literature and arts,

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and Long is one of the best students in science. Their hobbies help them study well.

Statements	True	False
1. The writer is teaching students from grade 6 to 9.		
2. Lan, Tung, and Long have some similar hobbies.		
3. Lan's hobbies are writing poems and drawing.		
4. Doing puzzles, designing websites, and playing the guitar help Tung study well.		
5. Long is the best student in math		

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