

Proficiency test 1

Grade 8

PART A: LISTENING

I: Listen and write the missing words.

The average lifespan of the Japanese is 78 for males and 85 for females, the (1) _____ in the world. The main secret lies in their food. The Japanese eat a lot of tofu, which is made from soybeans. Tofu contains a lot of vegetable protein, calcium and Vitamin B. It doesn't contain (2) _____ fat, and it doesn't provide many calories. Seafood like fish and vegetables (3) _____ an important role in their diet, too. They cook the (4) _____ with less cooking oil and less time. For each meal, they have more dishes on the table than us but they eat only little of everything, never stuffing themselves. Japanese people also work very hard and do more exercise. This helps them burn the calories (5) _____ easily.

II. Listen and write True (T) or False (F)

1. UNICEF serves children of all races, nationalities, religions, and political systems .
2. Its purpose is to help provide a better life for all people.
3. Today 80 million humans live in condition of poverty and hopelessness.
4. Four- fifths of these children have no regular health services
5. Unsafe water is one of the reason millions of people die every year.

PART B: LANGUAGE FOCUS

I. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.

1. I adore _____ with my friends at the weekend.
A. to hang out B. hang out C. hanging out D. to hanging out
2. Lang Lieu couldn't buy any special food _____ he was very poor.
A. although B. when C. while D. because
3. A tent can be _____ pulled down and transported than a ger.
A. easier B. more easily C. most easily D. easily
4. I think some one _____ talk to the boss. We can't work extra hours on Saturday.
A. have to B. should C. don't have to D. shouldn't
5. Using computer all day can have a harmful effect _____ your eyes and your back.
A. on B. in C. at D. of

II. Supply the correct tense or form of the verb in parentheses.

1. What _____ you (do) _____ at 3 o'clock yesterday?
2. You should (respect) _____ old people.
3. We were having dinner when the telephone (ring)_____.

4. They (live) in this city 10 years ago.

5. You must (do) the test carefully.

PART C: REDING

I. Read the postcard and put a word in the box in each of the numbered blanks.

popular – than – town – visit – for

HOI AN

The ancient(1) _____ of Hoi An lies on the Thu Bon river, more (2) _____ two kilometers to the South of Da Nang. Occupied by early western traders, Hoi An was one of the major old-time commercial ports of South Asia in the 16th century. Hoi An is famous (3) _____ old temples, pagodas, tiled-roof houses and narrow streets. Tourists can (4) _____ the relics of Sa Huynh and Cham Civilizationa. They can also enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Thu Bon River, Cua Dai Beach, etc. In recent years, Hoi An has become a very (5) _____ tourist denstination in Viet Nam. Importantly, the committee of the World Heritages of UNESCO officially certified Hoi An a World Heritage Site in 1999.

1 , 2 , 3 , 4 , 5

II. Choose the correct word A, B, C or D for each gap to complete the following passage.

Children love playing computer games. Some people say that of them are addicted to games. If you become addicted, all you think about is computer games and you can't spend a day without (1)_____. Of course, playing games (2)_____ the computer is a great way to spend time and have fun. But there are also bad sides to it as well.

First of all, you don't get enough exercise because you don't have to move your body much when playing games. Second, your eyesight becomes (3) _____ because your eyes are fixed on the screen for too long. This is why it isn't hard to find children wearing glasses around these days. Third, you don't get to spend much time with your family because you are spending all of your time in front of the computer. Playing computer games is not such a bad thing. But (4) _____ much playing can cause problems. (5) _____ hours do you spend in front of the computer? Why not take this opportunity to cut down on computer games?

1. A. play	B. to play	C. playing	D. plays
2. A. in	B. on	C. at	D. of
3. A. good	B. well	C. bad	D. badly
4. A. too	B. little	C. few	D. some

5. A. How often B. How much C. How long D. How many

III. Read the following passage and do the tasks below:

Yoko, a Japanese girl, has been an exchange student in the USA for two months. She's now living with the Paul family on a farm 80 kilometers to the north of Las Vegas.

The Pauls are kind and friendly. There are four people in their family. Mr and Mrs Paul are hard-working people. They get up early every day and go to work on the farm right after breakfast. Their two children, Jane and Mike often help them after school.

Since Yoko arrived, she has been learning a lot about life on a farm. In the afternoon, after learning, she helps the Pauls with farm work. She often feeds the animals and waters the vegetables. Sometimes she pumps water into the field.

In the evening, after dinner, the Pauls and Yoko often watch TV in the living room, drinking tea and chatting about their work, their plans for the next crops. Yoko feels as if she was in her family in Tokyo.

A. True (T) or False (F)

Statement	True	False
1. There are 4 people in Paul's family		
2. The Pauls and Yoko often chat about their life, their plans for the next crops		

B. Answer the questions

1. Where does Yoko live?

=> _____

2. Do the Pauls work hard?

=> _____

3. What does Yoko do after learning?

=> _____

PART D: WRITING

I. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the sentence before:

1. The hotel we saw first was rather expensive. We decided to look for another. (so)

=> _____

2. There are more and more cars sold every day. The traffic in the streets is becoming more and more difficult. (because)

=> _____

3. A sports car goes faster than an ordinary car.

=> An ordinary car goes _____

4. I don't like getting up early on cold days.

=> I detest _____

5. The Bedford River Festival is held in Bedford, England, and thousands of European visitors come.

=> When _____

II. Rearrange the sentences using the following words:

1. is/ When/ the/ held?/ Hue/ Festival/

=> _____

2. go out/ You/ play/ should/ to/ instead of/ here./ staying/

=> _____

3. in/ Life/ the city/ that/ in/ is faster/ the countryside./than/

=> _____

4. Vietnamese/plan/activites/families/around/their/children/on/many/their/special/days./

=> _____

5. At/children/have/to/,/Easter/independent/be/and/look/themselves/after./

=> _____

III. Make sentences using the words and phrases given:

1. We / have to / use / knife / fork / dinner.

=> _____

2. What /be/ you/ and/ friends/ do/ at/ 4 p.m/ yesterday/ afternoon/?

=> _____

3. When / spring / come, / many Vietnamese villages / prepare / new festival season.

=> _____

4. He/ detest/ go/ shopping/ his friends./

=> _____

5. She/ drive/ carefully/ than/ her brother./

=> _____

THE END