

XII. Fill in each blank with a word from the box.

picturesque rituals goodness among perform spiritual held incense

Together with Bai Dinh and Yen Tu Pagoda Festival, Huong Pagoda Festival is (1) _____ the greatest Buddhist festivals in northern part of Vietnam. Huong Pagoda festival plays an important role in the (2) _____ life of Vietnamese people in general Vietnamese Buddhists in particular.

As other festivals in Vietnam, Huong Pagoda Festival is divided into two parts: the ceremonies and the entertaining activities. Ceremonial (3) _____ consist of incense offering procession and Zen ceremony in which Monks and Buddhists offer (4) _____, flowers, candles and fruits. During the ceremony, two monks (5) _____ beautiful and flexible dances.

There are also entertaining activities include enjoying boat cruise along Yen Stream for watching (6) _____ scenery, climbing mountain and exploring holy caves. In addition, cultural activities and sporting contests are also (7) _____ on the occasion of Huong Pagoda Festival: boat racing, climbing, folk song singing, etc.

The Huong pagoda festival is imbued with national identity in which people are oriented towards Truth, Beauty, and (8) _____.