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Grade 8

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Class:...

Time allowance: 45 minutes

PART A. PHONETICS

I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others (0.5pt)

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| 1. A. <u>s</u> ound | B. <u>c</u> loud | C. <u>f</u> ound | D. fav <u>o</u> urite | 1..... |
| 2. A. populat <u>e</u> d | B. load <u>e</u> d | C. liv <u>e</u> d | D. harvest <u>e</u> d | 2..... |
| 3. A. <u>cr</u> eamy | B. <u>st</u> eak | C. <u>sne</u> aky | D. sp <u>ea</u> k | 3..... |
| 4. A. disput <u>e</u> | B. sk <u>u</u> ll | C. stud <u>y</u> | D. disrupt | 4..... |
| 5. A. pract <u>i</u> ce | B. crack <u>e</u> r | C. tract <u>o</u> r | D. br <u>a</u> celet | 5..... |

II. Choose the word whose main stress is placed differently from that of the others (0.5pt.)

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| 1. A. ancestor | B. curious | C. heritage | D. tradition | 1..... |
| 2. A. satisfied | B. nomadic | C. generous | D. socialise | 2..... |
| 3. A. harmful | B. slowly | C. cloudy | D. unique | 3..... |
| 4. A. minorities | B. activity | C. populated | D. experience | 4..... |
| 5. A. worship | B. belong | C. enjoy | D. behave | 5..... |

PART B. USE OF ENGLISH

I. Choose the option that best completes each of the following sentences (1pt.)

- Viet Nam is a _____ country with 54 ethnic groups.
A. bilingual B. ethnic C. diversified D. multi-cultural 1.
- My mother enjoys _____ traditional food for our family, especially at Tet holiday.
A. cook B. to cook C. cooking D. cooked 2.
- Nam helped his parents _____ the rice onto the ox-drawn cart.
A. load B. collect C. dry D. ride 3.
- The wind is blowing _____ than it did last night.
A. stronger B. more strongly C. strongly D. more stronger 4.
- Teenagers enjoy _____ to music and _____ out with friends.
A. listen - hang B. to listen - to hang C. listening - hang D. listening - hanging 5.
- The Viet people have many _____ customs and crafts.
A. tradition B. traditional C. culture D. customary 6.
- He seems to be _____ than we thought.
A. more quick B. more quickly C. quicklier D. quicker 7.

8. In the Central Highlands, the biggest and tallest house in the village is the _____ house
 A. communication B. community C. communal D. commune 8.
9. Don't worry! It is _____ to travel to that village even at night.
 A. safe B. unsafe C. difficult D. inconvenient 9.
10. The boys often help their parents to _____ water from the village well.
 A. gather B. collect C. give D. find 10.

II. Use the correct form of the given word to complete each of the following sentences (2 pts.)

1. I like cooking in my free time. It makes me feel (**RELAX**). 1.
2. Thai cloth is famous for being unique, (**COLOUR**) and strong. 2.
3. Y Moan was one of the greatest (**ART**) of the Ede ethnic group. 3.
4. Iceland is considered the most (**PEACE**) country in the world. 4.
5. The baby slept very (**SOUND**) because the bed was really comfortable. 5.
6. The Tay people live mostly in the (**MOUNTAIN**) regions in the north of Viet Nam. 6.
7. I'm sure you will have an (**FORGET**) time when you attend Hoa Ban Festival. 7.
8. Please donate (**GENEROUS**) to that charity to help the homeless after the flood. 8.
9. A (**NOMAD**) lifestyle has its advantages and disadvantages. 9.
10. Having to wait for ten minutes was a minor (**CONVENIENT**). 10.

III. Use the correct form and tense of the verb in brackets to complete the letter (1 pt.)

- Dear Binh,
- I hope everything is going well for you. I am writing this letter to let you know that my family will visit your beautiful country soon. Yesterday, I (**1. search**) the Internet and found some interesting information about your hometown, Hanoi. As far as I know, Ha Noi is the capital of Viet Nam, and it is located in the north. It (**2. be**) smaller than Ho Chi Minh City. There (**3. be**) many beautiful sights and old houses in Ha Noi. People (**4. build**) those houses many years ago.
- My family now lives in the state of Kansas in America. I (**5. study**) in Wellington High School for three years. My parents and I (**6. visit**) Ha Noi next month. We hope we can (**7. spend**) time (**8. visit**) places of interest such as Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the Old Quarter, West and Sword lakes, and so on. When I (**9. come**) back, I (**10. write**) a composition about Ha Noi.
- Sincerely, David
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PART C. READING

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions (1 pt.)

My village was never a big village, nor was it particularly successful or well-known. It was a place where simple people worked on their land, tending citrus groves and running poultry farms. The most exotic plantation grew avocados, and a palm tree nursery was something of an attraction. The village was established by a group of Greek immigrants in 1937 in what was then known as British-controlled Palestine. When we first moved here, one could still hear some Greek in the street, the local store sold original Greek delicacies and from time to time we were invited to sit on a neighbour's porch and share some ouzo at the end of a working day. In the last few years, my village has changed dramatically. Very few people work in agriculture now, they can no longer support their families growing oranges and chickens. As a result, they must find their income outside the village and rent out their land or sell their little family farms altogether. Some of the land is still used for agriculture, but no longer for family farms. Now it is the agriculture of luxuries.

1. What was true about the writer's village?

- A. It was a big village B. It was successful C. It was famous D. It was established by the Greek. 1.....
2. According to the passage, what did the people in the village NOT do?
- A. Worked on their land B. Tended citrus groves C. Grew avocados D. Raised cows & pigs on the farms. 2.....
3. The founders of the village were immigrants from
- A. Palestine B. Greece C. Britain D. family farms 3.....
4. What can best describe the change of the village recently?
- A. The change is very fast. B. The change is very slow
- C. The change is normal. D. There is not much change. 4.....
5. How do the villagers earn their living now?
- A. They grow oranges and chicken. B. They run family farms.
- C. They work in the village factories. D. They hire out their land or sell their farms. 5.....

II. Fill in each blank with ONE suitable word to complete the following passage (2 pts.)

The number of people running has decreased (1) t_____. Running provides many benefits for health. The following advantages will help you decide if you want to try. (2) F_____, running helps to improve physical body. For (3) i_____, it builds a good condition of lungs, promotes bone health, reduces stress levels. In addition, running reduces blood (4) p_____ while boosts blood flows. Secondly, it is a good choice for weight (5) l_____. A medium level of running can help you keep fit and stay in (6) s_____. Thirdly, running is a low cost activity. You only need a quality pair of athletic (7) s_____. You can run outdoors, in your neighbourhood or at local parks. Therefore, you can meet your exercise goals (8) w_____ going to expensive gym centre. In short, it's worth running whether in every morning or in any free time. You don't need a big start, but 15 minutes (9) e_____ day. Then add 5 minutes every week until it reaches 60 minutes. You will never see the fantastic outcome if you don't give it a (10) t_____.

1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....
6.....	7.....	8.....	9.....	10.....

PART D. WRITING

I. Complete the second sentence using the word given so that it has a similar meaning to the first one. Do not change the word given. (1 pt.)

1. Sarah found it difficult to learn Japanese. (DIFFICULTY)
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2. The book was too complicated for us to understand. (SUCH)
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3. Sandy now doesn't study so diligently as she did in the past. (THAN)
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4. Although the villagers are quite poor, they live a happy and healthy way. (SPITE)
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5. I have not done voluntary work for three years. (AGO)
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II. Rearrange the given words to make complete sentences (1 pt.)

1. Thai/ beautifully/ minority/ ethnic/ for/ its/ is/ well-known/ woven/ garments. (10 words)
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2. Every/ between/ many/ traditional/ boys/ and/ year/ the/ ceremonies/ with/ and/ song/ girls, / and/ alternating/ Thai/ hold/ festivals/games. (19 words)
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3. Many/ in/ is/ more/ exciting/ people/ enjoy/ living/ they/ think/ life/ a/ big/ city/ because/ there. (16 words)
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4. For/ some/ sitting/ in/ front/ young/ of/ a/ computer/ people,/ enjoyment/ involves/ playing/ games. (14 words)

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5. The/ often/ use/ solar/ energy/ nomads/ to/ sets/ and/ mobile/ power/ television/ phone. (13 words)

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