

## UNIT 5: WONDERS OF VIETNAM

### C. READING

**I. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.**

After an enormous breakfast at a restaurant in Quy Nhon, you will be driven to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Hue, which served as the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ capital of Viet Nam during the 19th and early 20th centuries. You will travel north to Da Nang to visit the Cham Museum, home of the largest collection of Cham sculptures in Viet Nam, then continue on to Hue, stopping (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the sensational Marble Mountain and Non Nuoc Beach. The road begins to wind as you make your way up the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Hai Van Pass, pausing at the top to admire the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ view of Lang Co Beach. When arriving in Hue, you should definitely visit the Imperial Citadel. This royal (6) \_\_\_\_\_ was once badly damaged, but it was later listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and has been undergoing extensive (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in recent years. You can have a wander through the many residences and other buildings within the fascinating citadel, once only accessible to the royal family and officials. In the evening, you can take a pleasant stroll along the Perfume River.

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| 1. A.historical  | B.historic    | C.history     | D. historian  |
| 2. A.emperor     | B.imperial    | C.empire      | D. imperative |
| 3. A.in          | B.on          | C.at          | D. with       |
| 3. A.special     | B.spectacular | C.particular  | D. depressed  |
| 5. A.stun        | B.stunning    | C.stunned     | D. stunning   |
| 6. A.residence   | B.resident    | C.residential | D. reside     |
| 7. A.renovations | B.renovating  | C.renovated   | D. renovates  |

**II. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.**

Being overshadowed by Ha Long Bay to the north, Cat Ba Island is often left out of the itineraries of the majority of travellers coming to Viet Nam. Nevertheless, Cat Ba Island is one of the most underrated destinations in Viet Nam. The massive island of Cat Ba is a fantastic destination for ecotourism and adventure activities in Northern Viet Nam. Cat Ba National Park, which was established on 31st March 1986, is one of the most ecologically diverse national parks in Viet Nam. The park possesses seven different ecosystems, both underwater and inland. It is home to thirty-two types of mammals, along with seventy bird species, and more than a thousand species of plants, hundreds of which can be used as medicines. There are several different hiking and trekking routes through **rugged** and forested mountain within Cat Ba National Park. These routes are also divided by different levels of difficulty, so travellers don't have to be worried if their fitness is not very good. In addition, travellers can take a side visit to explore the **exquisite** Trung Trang cave, or discover the traditional village of Viet Hai.

**1. Many travelers choose not to visit Cat Ba Island because \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. they think Ha Long Bay is much better
- B. it is not a good destination for tourism
- C. there is too much rain there
- D. it is too far from Ha Long Bay

**2. Cat Ba Island is suitable for \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. scientific research and exploration
- B. ecotourism and adventure activities in Northern Viet Nam
- C. experiencing urban life
- D. many indoor activities

**3. Which of the following is NOT true about Cat Ba National Park according to the passage?**

- A. Hiking and trekking in Cat Ba National Park requires a high level of fitness.
- B. It is one of the most diverse national parks in Viet Nam.
- C. There are seven different ecosystems in Cat Ba National Park.
- D. It was established in 1986.

**4. The word "rugged" in the passage is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. even
- B. smooth
- C. flat
- D. uneven

5. The word "exquisite" in the passage is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. quiet

B. ugly

C. plain

D.

beautiful

**II. Read the text and answer the questions that follow.**

Ke Ga Cape, which is about twenty-five kilometers from the city of Phan Thiet, is often overlooked by the majority of travellers coming to Viet Nam. Therefore, the peacefulness of this coastal area has been preserved. If you want to experience the 'real', unspoiled side of Viet Nam, we highly recommend that you add Ke Ga Cape to your 'places to visit' list.

Once you've arrived at Ke Ga Cape, its attractions are immediately obvious. Most travellers are attracted by the sight of its untouched cliffs spreading out along the coast and the sound of the casuarina trees rustling in the breeze.

On sunny days, you will be enthralled by the harmonious tones of the sea and sky, and the sight of clouds embracing the mountain peaks. You can also admire the splendid sunrise, and later go for a walk to enjoy the mesmerising sunset. The red-yellow rays of the sun reflected in the waves paint an enchanting picture of the pristine Ke Ga Cape. Sometimes, it may be hard for you to distinguish where the sky ends and the sea begins. If you want to get to Ke Ga Lighthouse, taking a canoe is highly recommended because it is quick, convenient, and safe. Ke Ga Lighthouse is worth a visit during your Viet Nam tour, if you want to experience daily life in a fishing village. The locals are very friendly, warm-hearted, and sincere. Not surprisingly, they will often invite you to join them for a meal of their freshly caught seafood, which will definitely awaken your taste buds.

**1. Why has the peacefulness of Ke Ga Cape been preserved?**

✎ \_\_\_\_\_

**2. To whom is Ke Ga Cape highly recommended?**

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**3. What attracts most travellers to Ke Ga Cape?**

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**4. Why is taking a canoe highly recommended if you want to get to Ke Ga Lighthouse?**



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5. What are the locals in Ke Ga Lighthouse like?

