



## C. READING



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



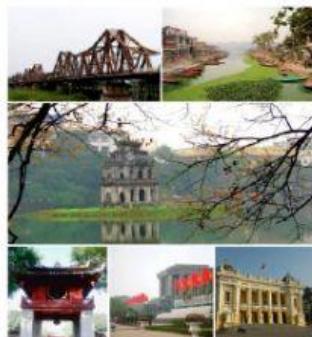
New Orleans is a city in the southern part of the US. It is (1) ..... for its old-fashioned streets and buildings and jazz music. It used to (2) ..... millions of tourists every year. But all of this have changed in August of 2005.

A nasty hurricane named Katrina hit the southern part of the US. New Orleans suffered the most damage (3) ..... the storm. New Orleans is a city but built (4) ..... sea level, so it has levees-walls built to keep sea from flowing into land. However, Katrina destroyed these levees and the city eventually is flooded.

More than 100 people were dead and the city was totally destroyed. Houses were gone, buildings were ruined, and cars were damaged. Experts (5) ..... that it will cost more than 26 billion dollars to rebuild the city.

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| 1. A. good   | B. famous | C. lovely  | D. beautiful |
| 2. A. absord | B. keep   | C. attract | D. call      |
| 3. A. with   | B. at     | C. of      | D. from      |
| 4. A. below  | B. under  | C. on      | D. at        |
| 5. A says    | B. sayed  | C. say     | D. said      |

### X Read the passage and answer the questions below.



I was born in Hanoi, the capital of Viet Nam. Hanoi is famous for its natural beauty, with lots of rivers and lakes. There are many historical places to visit in Hanoi. The Literature Temple (Van Mieu – Quoc Tu Giam) is the country's first ever historical university. Teenagers often come here to **pray for** high results in their upcoming examinations.

As Viet Nam is a Buddhism-oriented nation, its capital has also been the centre of Buddhism for centuries. In Hanoi alone, there are about 600 temples and pagodas. It also has a big church in the city centre, a popular place for the few Christians living here. With a population of nearly eight million, the city is quite crowded. However, the public transportation is not **adequate**, so visitors find it hard to safely cross the roads. The city is packed with universities and enterprises, making it the top

destination for higher education students and labour workers. Many people from rural areas reside in Hanoi so that they can get well-paid jobs. This makes the city become more crowded than ever before.

1. What is the passage about?

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2. What does 'pray for' means?

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3. What is the most popular religion in Hanoi?

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4. What does 'adequate' mean?

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5. What is the city packed with?

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## E. LISTENING



**XIII** Listen to the introduction to the significant features of Seoul, Korea. Answer the following questions.

1. How many districts are there in Seoul?

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2. How many sub-districts are there in Seoul?

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3. What is the population of the metropolitan area?

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4. When did Seoul become the capital city of South Korea?

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5. How many parks are there in Seoul?

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**XIV** Listen again. Fill in the blank with a suitable word or phrase.

1. Seoul is the ..... and ..... capital of South Korea.

2. In terms of the largest urban cities, Seoul is preceded by .....

3. Seoul has become a modern city with only few ..... remaining.

4. The success of ..... culture has made Seoul a favorite city to tourists from China, Japan and Southeast Asia.

5. Among many activities to do in the city, visitors can also gamble on ..... and .....



## F. WRITING

**XV** Rewrite the following sentences based on the given words.

1. The traffic in big cities is horrible. I can't bear it.

→ I can't ..... (put)

2. I think that the new classmate will soon have a good relationship with others.  
→ I think ..... (get)
3. "It took me nearly three days to finish this special ceramic vase.", said the craftsman.  
→ The craftsman said that .....
4. Jenny was the only one in the class who failed the exam, so she was very sad.  
→ Jenny was very .....
5. I have never bought such a beautiful and expensive ancient pottery item before.  
→ This .....

**XVI** Make complete sentences based on the given words below.

1. People/ cities/ busy/ work/ they/ not/ have/ time/ talk/ neighbors.

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2. Although/ parents/ have/ successful/ arts/ crafts business/ he/ not/ want/ follow.

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3. My father/ interested/ marble scriptures/ anything else/ he/ spend/ lot/ money/ them.

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4. It/ much/ densely populated/ big cities/ small cities.

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5. I/ not/ know/ what/ do/ when/ friend/ say/ he/ lose/ my favourite book.

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