

Grammar

Identify the error (A, B, C or D) in each sentence and write the correct words/phrases.

1. The (A) Temple of Literature considers (B) one of the most (C) picturesque tourist attractions in (D) Hanoi.
2. Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, a well-known (A) tourist attraction in Hanoi, officially was started (B) building on (C) September 2, 1973 and inaugurated (D) on August 29, 1975.
3. The Great Wall of (A) China is (B) a wall that is covered (C) much of the (D) northern border of China.
4. The Great Wall of China is (A) one of the greatest (B) man-made wonder (C) in the world thanks to (D) its magnificence and significance.
5. Phong Nha Cave has been enchanted (A) visitors with (B) many fascinating rock formations (C) and marvelous stalactite walls for ages (D).
6. The Great Wall has (A) many watchtowers which was constructed (B) for soldiers to (C) watch the surroundings when they were guarding (D).
7. We're (A) standing at (B) the Temple of Literature, and in front of (C) you are (D) the Khue Van Pavilion.
8. In (A) your right are 82 tombstones (B), with (B) names and origins of 1307 doctors, corresponding (C) to 82 examination courses from 1442 to (D) 1779.
9. Which (A) I'd like to do today is to talk (B) about Museum of Ethnology, which is (C) one of the largest and most interesting museums in (D) Vietnam.
10. It is estimated (A) that millions (B) of people worked on (C) the Great Wall of China over the course for (D) more than 1000 years.

LISTENING

Task 1: Listen to the introduction about Phong Nha- Ke Bang National Park and answer the questions with NO MORE THAN FIVE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER.

1. In which part of Vietnam is Phong Nha- Ke Bang National Park located?
2. When was the karst plateau in Phong Nha- Ke Bang formed?
3. What is Phong Nha Cave, the masterpiece of nature, created by?
4. How many kinds of animals are there in the surrounding forest?
5. What is essential to the existence of the flora and fauna at Phong Nha- Ke Bang National Park?

Task 2: Listen to a conversation and choose the correct answer.

1. What is the talk mainly about?

- A. The population of Canada
- B. The design of the city of Toronto
- C. The size of the shopping centers
- D. The province of Ontario

2. What does the speaker say about the weather in Toronto?

- A. It is milder than in the rest of Ontario.
- B. It attracts many visitors.
- C. Its temperatures vary greatly.
- D. It is difficult to forecast accurately.

3. How is Toronto different from other cities?

- A. Construction costs are lower in the city center area.
- B. More tourists have come to visit recently.
- C. Businesses have remained in the city center.
- D. More people live within the city limits than in the suburbs.

READING

Task 1: Read the text and answer the questions WITH NO MORE THAN FOUR WORDS.

TEMPLE OF LITERATURE

The Temple of Literature is about 10 minutes away from HoanKiem lake. It was constructed in 1070 under Ly Thanh Tong's dynasty, first to honor Confucius and nowadays to celebrate the doctorates and high rank scholars of Vietnam. In 1076, King Ly Nhan Tong continued the work and built Quoc Tu Giam as the first university of Vietnam.

Structure

The temple has five courtyards, each with its own significance and history. The first courtyard stretches from the main gate to Dai Trung gate; the second stands out with Khue Van pavilion. If you notice well, you will find the pavilion symbol on all street signs of Hanoi. The third courtyard is where doctor names were listed on tombstones on tortoise backs.

There is a total of 82 tombstones, with names and origins of 1307 doctors, corresponding to 82 examination courses from 1442 to 1779. If you visit the temple at the beginning of the year or in May when many important examinations take place, you will catch sights of numerous students who come and pray for luck in their examinations.

The fourth courtyard is dedicated to Confucius and his 72 honored students, as well as Chu Van An- a famous teachers known for his devotion to teaching. This is also where local authorities choose to cherish brilliant students in Hanoi, like those with top entrance results to university or top graduation outcomes. The last and also furthest courtyard is Thai Hoc house, which used to be Quoc Tu Giam- the first university of Vietnam. Thai Hoc house holds a small collection of old time costumes for students and mandarins, as well as explaining the process of taking and passing the national examination.

If you are keen on architecture, the Temple of Literature has one of the most typical architecture styles for centuries in Vietnam, composed of wood and tiles. Along the pass way are hundred-year-old trees that have witnessed ups and downs of history.

1. What was the Temple of Literature first built for?
2. Where were doctor names engraved?

3. What do students visit the Temple of Literature before their examinations for?
4. Who was honored for his devotion to teaching?
5. Which part of the Temple reserves ancient costumes for students and mandarins?

Task 2: Read the text and choose the correct answers.

The Starfish Water Park is one of the greatest attractions for both the tourists and residents of the sea resort town of Zopot. Before this impressive swimming pool complex was inaugurated last May, it had generated enough public interest for its owners to dispense with expensive advertising campaigns. While new facilities of this kind are often recommended by celebrities on television prior to opening, all that the water park needed was word of mouth for business to take off. Residents of Zopot had known about the construction since it started in October two years ago, and had anxiously awaited the opening day.

But for all the water park's success, its owners had worried that the pool might be situated too close to the beach. And in fact, the complex received fewer visitors last August, when many tourists chose to swim in the nearby sea. But the situation changed completely in December, a record-breaking month, when outdoor temperatures dropped, and entire families waited in half-hour lines to enter the recreational complex. This is understandable given the variety and quality of the facilities, including pools with breathtaking simulated waves and long, roller-coaster-like slides.

Ticket prices range from \$8 to \$20 depending on the time of day; general admission tickets allow access to all sections of the water park except the sauna area, which costs an additional \$5.

Facilities offered at Starfish Water Park:

Jive Section: Two indoor pools with artificial waves: the Lagoon Splash and the Vertigo Falls, each up to 3m deep. In addition, there are three long slides.

Green Section: A glass-roofed saltwater pool, the Bermuda Tide features an astonishingly realistic-looking artificial beach.

Blue Section: The Misty Baths is an open-air pool with heated water.

Sun Section: Seven different sauna rooms.

1. What does the article imply about the opening day of the water park?

- A. It had to be postponed by one month.
- B. It did not generate much interest.
- C. It was not advertised on television.
- D. It was attended by celebrities.

2. What were the owners concerned about regarding the water park?

- A. The choice of location
- B. The cost of construction

- C. The safety code
 - D. The building design
- 3. When did the water park receive the most visitors?**
- A. In December
 - B. In August
 - C. In October
 - D. In May
- 4. Which pool is located outdoors?**
- A. The Lagoon Splash
 - B. The Vertigo Falls
 - C. The Bermuda Tide
 - D. The Misty Baths
- 5. For which section of the water park is there an extra charge?**
- A. The Sun Section
 - B. The Blue Section
 - C. The Wave Section
 - D. The Green Section