

UNIT 6_VIET NAM THEN AND NOW

C. READING I

I. Read the passage about the train system in Viet Nam and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D for each blank.

The railway system in Viet Nam was first built in 1899, when Viet Nam was still a French colony. The total (1) _____ of the railroad is over 3,000 km, with the main route being the North-South (2) _____, which is 1,726 km long. This track was considered the backbone of Indochina at the time. Now, the rail system (3) _____ 35 out of the 63 cities and provinces of Viet Nam.

However, the system was (4) _____ damaged by bombings during the war. In 1975, after the reunification of the north and the south, the Vietnamese government decided to (5) _____ the system. In the space of a year, hundreds of bridges, tunnels, and stations were restored, along with 660 km of tracks. The new and improved system was (6) _____ the Thong Nhat Express. Thanks to the rail system, travelling from north to south has become much more (7) _____ for tens of thousands of people.

In the past, in order to be able to buy train tickets people had to wait in long lines. Now, (8) _____ can buy tickets online, or at the central station, without having to wait that long.

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| 1. A. long | B. length | C. wide | D. width |
| 2. A. Railway | B. Road | C. Route | D. Way |
| 3. A. uncovers | B. discovers | C. covers | D. stretches |
| 4. A. seriously | B. importantly | C. serious | D. very |
| 5. A. build | B. restore | C. grow | D. upgrade |
| 6. A. recalled | B. known | C. considered | D. renamed |
| 7. A. convenient | B. uncomfortable | C. harder | D. modern |
| 8. A. buyers | B. visitors | C. passengers | D. attendants |