Unit 6 THE FIRST UNIVERSITY IN VIET NAM





C. READING

IX Read the passage and answer the questions below.

The Temple of Literature is about 10 minutes away from Swordlake. It was constructed in 1070 under Ly Thanh Tong's dynasty. In 1076, King Ly Nhan Tong continued the work and built it as the first university of Vietnam.

The temple is divided into five courtyards, each with its own significance and history. There are a total of 82 tombstones, with names and origins of 1307 doctors, corresponding to 82 examination courses from 1442 to 1779. Ifyou 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 rub the tortoise head. Such an action is believed to bring them luck to pass the test.

If you are keen on architecture, Temple of Literature has one of the most typical architecture style 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.

Answer the following questions.

1. When was the Temple of Literature constructed?

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2. Who continued the worked and built it as the first university of Viet Nam?

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3. Is the temple divided into four courtyards?

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4. How many tombstones are there?

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5. When do important examinations take place?

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