

Unit 10. ECOTOURISM

PART 3: READING

I. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space.

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Depart from Ha Noi and head for Highland of Ha Giang, it would be a long but fantastic trip. It is the zigzag mountain path that will make your journey unforgettable.

Meo Vac is exactly the next (1) that will take your breath (2) You will totally be in the feeling of adventure, feeling of peace and feeling of full discovery. Starting your way of exploration, Meo Vac is the right place for you to check out some of 23 minority groups in Ha Giang, which (3) Hmong, Tay, Nung tribes. The Nho Que River seems to be so tiny among big mountains. You can see here and there the locals in their colorful dresses, (4) on the terraced fields.

Making the way north, you will arrive in Dong Van. The minibus creeps in the layers of (5) again, overwhelming you with loads of beautiful sceneries. Passing Heaven's Gate, Rock Plateau, which was (6) by the UNESCO as a geological park, seems to appear before your eyes like a masterpiece of nature. Like other sites in Ha Giang, Dong Van is (7) all year around, particularly, on Lunar New Year holiday when various cultures of minority groups are strongly and widely exposed. Besides, you will be able to witness the brilliant yellow paddy fields around August and September, which is in the (8) of the harvest season.

Up to Lung Cu, the (9) beauty of rocky area will continue to captivate your soul. The Highest Flagpole of the North Viet Nam, Old Palace of Hmong King, Pho Bang Old Town are of your good choices here. They (10) the harmony between culture and history of the highland. Let's join in the local market, and we guarantee that you will have what you are looking for!

II. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

Come "fly" over the Rainforest - We'll take your breath away!

Located in Cairns, Australia, Rainforest Flyway is a world leader in (1) _____. We take our guests on a breathtaking "flight over rainforest trees and straight into the heart of the rainforest for an unforgettable experience.

On the Flyway, you'll experience over 7.5 kilometers of living rainforests while learning about this spectacular place. Did you know that Australia's rainforests are home to over 3,000 different plant species? And (2) _____ of the trees here are more than 3,000 years old! After this visit you'll understand why it's so important to (3) _____ the rainforests. And you'll see that environmentally responsible travel can be fun, educational, and breathtaking.

Even if you're a world traveler, you've never experienced anything like the Rainforest Flyway. You'll start your unique journey above the (4) _____, as you "fly" in a comfortable gondola only a few meters above the trees. Sit back and enjoy the extraordinary (5) _____. You will be amazed at the breathtakingly rich and lush foliage. And rest assured, there was no damage done to the rainforest (6) _____ during the construction of your gondola. That's why the development of the Flyway took over 40 months to complete.

Your gondola will bring you down into the rainforest itself, where you follow a path to see, hear, and smell the rainforest environment from the ground. Free tours are available several times a day. (7) ____ guides can point out some unusual plants, provide you with interesting facts about rainforest ecology, and answer your questions.

Your Rainforest Flyway experience lasts 90 minutes and ends in the small town of Kuranda, just 25 kilometers northwest of Cairns. Here, you can continue your eco-tour with a visit to the protected areas that 2,000 tropical butterflies call home. You can also buy (8) ____ arts and crafts made by the people of Kuranda. And if that isn't enough, you can continue on to the (9) ____ reserve located a short 9 kilometers west of Kuranda to see animals from all parts of the world.

Rainforest Flyway has won numerous awards, including *Travel Planet* magazine's "Best Ecotourism Destination" Call or visit us online to make your (10) ____ reservations.

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| 1. A. difference | B. range | C. ecotourism | D. quality |
| 2. A. some | B. part | C. type | D. any |
| 3. A. exist | B. accommodate | C. store | D. preserve |
| 4. A. flood | B. rainforest | C. forest | D. jungle |
| 5. A. appearance | B. scenery | C. photo | D. present |
| 6. A. ecology | B. biology | C. geography | D. ecotourism |
| 7. A. Tourism | B. Tour | C. Tourist | D. Touring |
| 8. A. beneficial | B. right | C. original | D. negative |
| 9. A. ecology | B. ecotour | C. ecotourist | D. wildlife |
| 10. A. protections | B. reservations | C. guides | D. organizations |