

## READING

### I. Read the following passage and write T (True) or F (False) for each statement

#### THE BEATLES

In the 1960s, the Beatles were probably the most famous pop group in the whole world. Since then, there have been a great many groups that have achieved enormous fame, so it is perhaps difficult now to imagine how sensational The Beatles were at that time. They were four boys from the north of England and none of them had any training in music. They started by performing and recording songs by black Americans and they had some success with these songs. Then they started writing their own songs and that was when they became really popular. The Beatles changed pop music. They were the first pop group to achieve great success from songs they had written themselves. After that it became common for groups and singers to write their own songs. The Beatles did not have a long career. Their first hit record was in 1963 and they split up in 1970. They stopped doing live performances in 1966 because it had become too dangerous for them - their fans were so excited that they surrounded them and tried to take their clothes as souvenirs! However, today some of their songs remain as famous as they were when they first came out. Throughout the world many people can sing part of a Beatles song if you ask them.

#### Vocabulary

+ achieve (v) đạt được	+ enormous (adj) very big
+ imagine (v) tưởng tượng	+ sensational (adj) kinh ngạc
+ north (n) phía bắc	+ training (n) đào tạo
+ perform (v) trình diễn	+ popular = famous = common (adj) nổi tiếng
+ success (n) thành công	+ remain (v) tồn tại

1. *The Beatles were the most famous pop group in the 1960s*
2. *Some members of The Beatles studied music at school*
3. *The Beatles did not succeed with the songs by black Americans*
4. *The Beatles achieved great success with the song they had written*
5. *Prior to The Beatles, it was usual for groups to write their own songs*

#### Question 1. The passage is mainly about

- A. How the Beatles became more successful than other groups
- B. Why the Beatles split up after 7 years
- C. The Beatles' fame and success
- D. Many people's ability to sing a Beatles song

#### Question 2. The four boys of the Beatles

- A. Came from the same family
- B. Were at the same age
- C. Came from a town in the north of England
- D. Received good training in music

#### Question 3. The word "sensational" is closest in meaning to

- A. Notorious
- B. Bad
- C. Shocking
- D. Popular

**Question 4.** The first songs of the Beatles were

- A. Written by themselves
- B. Broadcast on the radio
- C. Paid a lot of money
- D. Written by black American

**Question 5.** What is not true about the Beatles?

- A. The members had no training in music
- B. They had a long stable career
- C. They became famous when they wrote their own songs
- D. They were afraid of being hurt by fans

**Question 6.** The Beatles stopped their live performances because \_\_\_\_\_

- A. they had earned enough money
- B. they did not want to work with each other
- C. they spent more time writing their own songs
- D. they were afraid of being hurt by fans.

**Question 7.** The year 1970 was the time when \_\_\_\_\_

- A. they split up
- B. they changed pop music
- C. they started their career
- D. they stopped doing live performance

**Question 8.** What the fans of the Beatles often did was \_\_\_\_\_

- A. sing together with them
- B. take their clothes as souvenirs

## II. Read the following passage choose the best answer.

Long time ago, there were no universities in Viet Nam. Until 1076, Emperor Ly Nhan Tong decided to build one – the Imperial Academy. It is considered the first university in Viet Nam. The university was a great success and thousands of Vietnamese scholars graduated from this university.

In modern time, the Imperial Academy continues to grow and receive recognition. Many old buildings were reconstructed in 1999. In 2003, four sates (Ly Thanh Tong, Ly Nhan Tong, Le Thanh Tong, and Chu Van An) were built. In 2010, the 82 Doctors' stone stables were recognized by UNESCO.

### VOCABULARY

Emperor (n) triều đại	graduate (v) tốt nghiệp
Recognition (n) nhận biết	reconstruct (v) xây dựng lại

1. Until 1076, Emperor Ly Nhan Tong.....a university – the Imperial Academy.

- A. decided build
- B. decided to build
- C. was decided to build

2. The Imperial Academy ..... the first university in Viet Nam.

- A. is considered
- B. was considered
- C. considered

3. The university was ..... and thousands of Vietnamese scholars graduated from this university.

- A. great success
- B. a great successful
- C. a great success

4. Many old buildings of the Imperial Academy .....in 1999.

- A. were reconstructed
- B. are reconstructed
- C. reconstructed

5. In 2010, the 82 Doctors' stone stables .....by UNESCO.

- A. recognized
- B. were recognized
- C. are recognized

**III. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks:**

People in my city love good food and they often eat three (23) \_\_\_\_\_ a day- breakfast, lunch and dinner. At about 7.00 in the morning, they usually have a light (24) \_\_\_\_\_ with a bowl of Pho or eel soup with some slices of toast. Sometimes they have a bowl of instant noodles or a plate of xoi (sticky rice) (25) \_\_\_\_\_ going to work. Lunch often starts at about 11.30, and most of them have lunch at home. They often have rice, fish, meat, and vegetables (26) \_\_\_\_\_ lunch. Dinner often starts at about 8.00 in the evening. It is the (27) \_\_\_\_\_ meal of the day. People in my city often have rice with lots of fresh vegetables and a lot of seafood or various kinds of meat. Then, they often have some fruit and a glass of green tea. I think food in my city is wonderful, healthy and very tasty.

1. A. bowl	B. meal	C. bowls	D. meals
2. A. lunch	B. breakfast	C. snack	D. dinner
3. A. after	B. before	C. when	D. while
4. A. of	B. during	C. for	D. in
5. A. main	B. light	C. unhealthy	D. healthy

**IV. Read the passage then answer the following questions (1.5 points):**

If Pho cannot be missed when you visit Ha Noi, then you cannot miss Soup Porridge (Cháo bánh canh) when visiting Quang Trị province. This dish is the most favourite breakfast for the local people. Soup Porridge is not presented everywhere but only trusted restaurants rated by sophisticated food lovers.

The noodles are quite simple, big and thick while the broth has a golden colour from crab meat but not as thick as Clear Rice Spaghetti Soup with Crab (Bánh Canh Cua). The ingredients are quite familiar included: Snakehead fish, shrimps, pork, spring onions, coriander and green cabbage. However, the flavour is truly amazing and definitely one of our Best Vietnamese Food.

1. What dish cannot you miss when visiting Quang Trị province?

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2. How are the noodles of the dish?

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3. What are the ingredients of Soup Porridge (Cháo bánh canh) ?

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