READING- U8

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

Located approximately 70 kilometers south of Hanoi, and (1)..... from the town of My Duc on the Yen River in the Huong Tich Mountains, Chua Huong is a riverside complex of Buddhist temples that draws large numbers of pilgrims from throughout Vietnam. Legends claim a Buddhist monk (2)..... the site over 2000 years ago and that the first temples were constructed in the 15th century.

The main pilgrimage season at Chua Huong is during the Huong Pagoda festival, when hundreds of thousands of pilgrims make their way to Huong Tich (3)..... and the other temples. The longest lasting festival in Vietnam, it officially begins on February 15 in the lunar calendar, but the peak in visitors lasts from the middle of January to the middle of March.

The primary temple in the complex is known as the Perfume Pagoda. Also known as Chua Trong (meaning Inner Temple), it is (4)..... inside the Huong Tich Cave, which is a steep 4-kilometer climb uphill from the river. The entrance of the cave has the (5)..... of an open dragon's mouth and Chinese characters are carved in a wall at the mouth of the cave. Inside the cave are many (6)..... of deities, including a large statue of the Buddha, as well as one of the Bodhisattva Quan Am. Among the naturally (7)..... features of the cave are numerous stalactites and stalagmites, many of (8)..... are named, believed to possess special powers, and worn smooth from years of rubbing by visitors. Pilgrims often gather under one particular stalactite, which (9)..... a breast, to catch drops of water in hopes of being blessed with health. Huong Tich cave is also considered a sacred place because legend says that the Bodhisattva Quan Am visited it in order to help save human souls. Important temples at the lower, riverside part of the complex (10) ..... the Den Trinh, Thien Tru and Giai Oan.

1.	A. downstream	B. downtown	C. downthrow	D. downtime
2.	A. covered	B. discovery	C. discoveries	D. discovered
3.	A. mountain	B. cave	C. bay	D. peak
4.	A. sit	B. stood	C. situated	D. laid
5.	A. appear	B. appearance	C. appearing	D. disappear
6.	A. tomes	B. temples	C. statues	D. pagodas
7.	A. occurring	B. coming	C. happening	D. making
8.	A. that	B. whom	C. which	D. who
9.	A. together	B. collects	C. finds	D. resembles
10.	A. consist	B. contain	C. maintain	D. include

II. Read the passage, and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D for each question.

Situated on the central coast of Vietnam, which is famous for many beautiful beaches. Lang Co Beach, since June 2009, has become an official member of the "World's most beautiful bays" club. Today is a popular destination for tourists in Vietnam, especially for those who love beach so much.

With the length of approximately 10 kilometres, Lang Co Beach located in Lang Co town, Phu Loc district, Thua Thien - Hue province is next to the National Highway 1A and near Hai Van Pass.

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Lying on the most beautiful curve of the country, Lang Co has almost everything that the nature can offer: green mountains and tropical forests, smooth white sand, full of sunshine and cool, blue and clear sea as crystal, and the average temperature of 25°C in summer. It is an attractive destination for both domestic and international tourists in Vietnam. It is the third bay of Vietnam, after Ha Long and Nha Trang named in the list 30 most beautiful bays in the globe.

It can be said that nobody can resist a nature beauty like Lang Co town. This small and peaceful town will give you the most relaxing time and many games at the beach. In addition, you will have good time to enjoy the seafood with various kinds of shrimps, lobster, crab, butter-fish, mackerel fish, oysters, etc. and not far from the beach are some attractions such as Lang Co fishing village, Chan May scenery.

Lying on the "Central Heritage Road", Lang Co is very close to other famous attractions such as the Imperial City of Hue, Hoi An Ancient Town, Son Tra Peninsula where the famous Son Tra Natural Reserve and beautiful beaches located, and so many more.

1. Lang Co beach is located .....

   A. 10 kilometres away from Hue

   B. under Hai Van Pass

   C. between Hoi An Ancient Town and Son Tra Peninsula

   D. on the most beautiful curve of Vietnam

2. The most important reason why so many tourists come to Lang Co beach is that .....

   A. it is considered an ideal place for beach lovers

   B. it is the third most beautiful beach in Vietnam

   C. they can enjoy various kinds of seafood

   D. they can come to the famous Son Tara Natural Reserve

3. All of the following are attractions of Lang Co Beach EXCEPT .....

   A. cool, blue and clear sea as crystal

   B. its location on the "Central Heritage Road"

   C. the National Highway 1A next to it

   D. smooth white sand, and full of sunshine

4. We can infer from the passage that Lang Co Beach .....

   A. enjoys the harmony of nature and humans

   B. is very hot during summer

   C. is the most beautiful bay in the world

   D. is the first member of the "World's most beautiful bays" club in Vietnam

5. Coming to Lang Co Beach, you can do all of the following activities EXCEPT .....

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A. visiting the nearby fishing village

B. enjoying seafood

C. relaxing and joining in beach games

D. sunbathing on many beautiful beaches

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