

**Reading 3: Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C or D) that best fits the blank space in the following passage.**

I have always wondered how life was twenty years ago. I presumed that life in the past was boring and inconvenient (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the lack of modern facilities. However, I changed my opinion after I heard my grandfather talk about his childhood, in the past, although modern and convenient gadgets were not available, everyone really enjoyed the simple and peaceful life. In the family, the father used to be the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ while the mother used to just stay home and take care of the house. The saying “Men make houses, women make homes” used to be very popular that day. The children (3) \_\_\_\_\_ play video games or go on extra classes after school as we do today. Instead, they could enjoy a variety of outdoor activities with others such as kite flying, rope skipping, so on. In the past many unique customs of Vietnamese people were seen more vividly than today. (4) \_\_\_\_\_, Vietnamese women used to dye their teeth black and people used to chew betel nut. It is such a pity that I rarely see those customs today.

1. A. because                      B. despite                      C. due to                      D. as
2. A. breadwinner                      B. pillar                      C. strongest                      D. most important
3. A. didn't used to                      B. didn't use to                      C. used to                      D. use to
4. A. Likewise                      B. For example                      C. Therefore                      D. Although

**Reading 6: Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C or D) that best fits the blank space in the following passage.**

Ha Long Bay is one of the most famous tourist (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Viet Nam. It (2) \_\_\_\_\_ among the Seven Wonders of the World. In the old Vietnamese, “Ha Long” literally means “descending dragons”, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ its popularity, not many people know about the legend behind its name. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ has it that at the early time of the country, Vietnamese people had to fight against aggressive invaders from the North through the sea. The Jade Emperor then sent the Mother Dragon and her children to help Vietnamese defeat the enemy and protect their homeland.

1. A. appeals                      B. attentions                      C. attractions                      D. attachments
2. A. is listed                      B. is listing                      C. lists                      D. listed
3. A. But                      B. yet                      C. Despite                      D. In spite
4. A. Story                      B. Tale                      C. Fable                      D. Legend

**Reading 8: Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C or D) that best fits the blank space in the following passage.**

Two years ago, I attended a cooking class. My teacher- a well- known Vietnamese cook (1) \_\_\_\_\_ me how to make different Vietnamese and foreign dishes such as spring rolls, pho, crispy shrimp pastry, steak, pizza, spaghetti, lasagne, sushi, curry, vegetable soup and some (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of salad. I was really impressed (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the Russian salad. The salad is made from potatoes, carrots, peas, chopped parsley, vinegar, mayonnaise and boiled eggs. Last year, I won the first prize for the Russian salad in the cooking competition organized on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March in my school. My parents are very (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of my cooking and they say I will be a good cook in the near future.

1. A. teach      B. teaches      C. teaching      D. taught
2. A. ways      B. kinds      C. methods      D. cooks
3. A. by      B. in      C. on      D. at
4. A. proud      B. glad      C. happy      D. excited