# UNIT 1. LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

## G. READING

### I. Fill in the blank with ONE suitable word from the box to complete the passage.

*fluent abroad good difficulties at foreign came*

As a child, Phong always dreamed of going (**1**) _____ to study. After he graduated from high school, his parents sent him over to New Zealand to attend college. Phong was very happy that his dream finally (**2**) _____true. When he first arrived in the country, Phong's English was not very good, and sometimes he did not understand what other people said. He also had (**3**) _____ in class because he was not familiar with the new teaching and learning method. He felt lonely in this new place, and missed all his friends in Vietnam. After two years, Phong is now very (**4**) _____ in English and has achieved the top academic award at his school. He has a lot of friends from different countries. He is even good (**5**)_____ earning money for his daily needs from his part-time job at a restaurant. Now he realizes that studying abroad is such a good experience.

### II. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below.

The ancient town of Hoi An lies on the Thu Bon River, 30 km south of Da Nang. It was formerly a major trading center in Southeast Asia between the 16th and 17th centuries. Hoi An is famous for its old temples, pagodas, small tile-roofed houses and narrow streets. All the houses were made of wood, and their pillars were carved with ornamental design.

All visitors to Hoi An are commended a visit to the Assembly Hall of Cantonese Chinese Congregation. This house was built in 1855 and still keeps many precious objects that belonged to the Chinese community of Hoi An. Another attractive address to tourists is Tan Ky House, which was conducted

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nearly two centuries ago as the house of a Vietnamese merchant. The house now looks almost exactly as it did in the early 19th century.

In recent years, Hoi An has become a popular tourist destination in Vietnam. In1999, it was certified by UNESCO as a World Cultural Heritage Site.

***Questions:**

1. Where is the ancient town of Hoi An located?

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2. What is Hoi An famous for?

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3. How does Tan Ky House look now?

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4. When was Hoi An recognized as a world Heritage site?

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5. Is it one of famous tourist places in Vietnam?

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## III. Read the following and choose the best answer.

There are many (1)_____ villages in Viet Nam, but Quat Dong village in Ha Noi is widely known (2)_____ its products of high (3)_____.

Embroidery has been developing around here (4)_____ the 17th century. In the past, local skilled artisans were chosen to make sophisticated embroidered (5)_____ for the Vietnamese King, Queen and other Royal family members. The first man who taught the local people how to embroider was Dr. Le Cong Hanh, who lived during the Le dynasty. He learned how to embroider while on a trip to China (6)_____ an envoy, and taught the villagers of Quat Dong upon his (7)_____.

Although these ***skills*** eventually spread (8)_____ the country, the Quat Dong's artisans' creations are still the most appreciated. In (9)_____ to create beautiful embroideries, an artisan must be patient, careful and have an eye for ***design***, along with clever hands. Nowadays, Quat Dong products may range from clothes, bags, pillowcases, to paintings and decorations, which are (10)_____ to many countries.

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| **1. A**. number | **B**. exist | **C**. embroidery | **D**. population |
| **2. A**. for | **B**. border | **C**. region | **D**. place |
| **3. A**. includes | **B**. insists | **C.** quality | **D**. consists |
| **4. A**. around | **B**. over | **C**. on | **D**. since |
| **5. A**. costumes | **B**. tell | **C**. name | **D**. separate |
| **6. A.** good | **B.** as | **C**. better | **D**. well |
| **7. A.** another | **B**. others | **C**. return | **D.** anothers |
| **8. A**. across | **B**. hill | **C**. village | **D**. downtown |
| **9. A**. quarter | **B**. effort | **C**. order | **D**. notice |
| **10.A**. wonder | **B**. cause | **C**. true | **D**. exported |

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