

UNIT 6

THE FIRST UNIVERSITY IN VIET NAM

C. SPEAKING

I. Make questions for the underlined parts.

Mai: (1) _____

Huan: Yes, I've been to the Temple of Literature twice.

Mai: (2) _____

Huan: I last went to the Temple of Literature in 2017.

Mai: (3) _____

Huan: The Temple of Literature is located on Van Mieu Street.

Mai: (4) _____

Huan: The Temple was founded by Emperor Ly Thanh Tong.

Mai: (5) _____

Huan: No, not in 1076. It was built in 1070.

Mai: (6) _____

Huan: The Imperial Academy was established in 1076.

Mai: (7) _____

Huan: Chu Van An was the first principal of the Imperial Academy.

Mai: (8) _____

Huan: There are 82 Doctors' Stone Tablets in the Temple of Literature.

II. Put the dialogue into the correct order.

___ I'm going to the Temple of Literature and the Imperial Academy first.

___ The mausoleum might be closed for maintenance sometimes so check before you go.

___ It sounds very interesting! Have a good trip.

1 Hi, you look quite busy. What are you doing?

___ Ok, I will. In the evening, I'll walk round Hoan Kiem Lake and enjoy Trang Ten ice cream.

___ Wow! What is your plan?

___ I'm making a plan for my trip to Hanoi.

___ Then I'm going to visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Ba Dinh Square.

___ Oh, I see. It's a famous historic and cultural place in Hanoi.

___ Yes, sure. Thank you.

D. READING

I. Fill in each blank with a word from the box.

destroyed

temples

statues

worship

as

located

about until

(1) _____ in the mountainous border DuyXuyenDistrict of Quang Nam Province, My Son Sanctuary is Viet Nam's most important site of the ancient kingdom of Champa.

My Son is a complex of Hindu (2) _____ that were constructed by the Champakingdom, which ruled the Central and Southern part of Vietnam, from the 3rd century (3) _____ 1832. The first temples of My Son were constructed with wood during the 4th century. After they were (4) _____ by fire, the kings of the Champa kingdom decided to build the next structures with red bricks. The Cham people used the temples as a (5) _____ place, and also buried some of their kings there. Although the majority of the ruins were destroyed, and some (6) _____ of the gods are missing, there are still some impressive ancient decorations that survived the bombing: snakes, elephants, scenes of battles, and priests.

Recognized (7) _____ a Cultural Heritage site by UNESCO in 1999, My Son is an attractive destination for tourists to visit and learn (8) _____ the culture, history, and architecture of Champa Ancient Kingdom.

II. Read the text carefully, then do the tasks.

The Temple of Literature (Van Mieu) was constructed in 1070 under the reign of King Ly Thanh Tong. The temple was originally dedicated to Confucius as well as other scholars and sages. Six years later, the Imperial Academy (QuocTuGiam), Vietnam's first university, was founded by King Ly Nhan Tong on the grounds of the temple. Initially, the Imperial Academy was the school for princes and sons from royal families and then expanded to admit brilliant students from all over the country. In 1484 Emperor Le Thanh Tong ordered the erection of the first stone tablets that were carved with the names, places of birth and achievements of doctors. The university operated for more than 700 years, from 1076 to 1779.

Nowadays, the Temple of Literature – Imperial Academy (Van Mieu - QuocTuGiam) is one of the most famous historic and cultural heritages of Vietnam. And the Doctors' stone tablets were recognised by UNESCO as World Documentary Heritage in 2010.

* Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. The Temple of Literature was built to honour Confucius.
2. The Imperial Academy was founded in 1070.
3. The Imperial Academy was established within the Temple of Literature.
4. The Imperial Academy was originally established to educate students from all over the country.
5. The first Doctors' stone tablets were erected under the Le Dynasty.
6. The Temple of Literature was recognised by UNESCO as World Heritage.

* Answer the questions.

7. When was the Imperial Academy founded?

8. How long did the Imperial Academy operate as a university?
