UNIT 5 NATURAL WONDERS OF THE WORLD

D. READING

I. Complete the passages with the words from the box.

means	limestone	as	width	found	largest	much

Son Doong cave is world's (1) _____ cave, located in QuangBinh province, Vietnam. It was (2) _____ by a local man named Ho Khanh in 1991 and was recently discovered in 2009 by British cavers, led by Howard Limbert. The name "SonDoong" cave (3) _____ "mountain river cave". The cave was created 2-5 million years ago by river water eroding away the (4) _____ underneath the mountain.

At about 9 kilometers in length, 200 meters in (5) _____ and 150 meters in height, Son Doong Cave is (6) _____ larger than Deer Cave in Malaysia and has replaced Deer Cave to take pole position (7) _____ the world's largest cave.

II. Read the text carefully, then choose the correct answers.

Where are you going for your next holiday? How about Australia?

Australia has got 37,000km of coastline and the best beaches in the world! The Great Barrier Reef is off the north-east coast of Australia. It's the largest coral reef in the sea! You can take a boat to it and dive there. It's a fantastic undersea world.

Inland Australia is called 'the outback'. There are lot of wild camels, and there are some you can ride, too! There are fantastic national parks, where you can camp under the stars. In the Uluru National Park, there's a very big sandstone rock, called Ayers Rock. It looks amazing in the evening sun.

Do you like adventure? Then you can take a canoe trip along the Murray River. It's Australia's longest river. Another good trip for adventurous people is to the Blue Mountains. These are west Sydney in New South Wales. The mountains look blue and they contain lots of unusual animals and plants.

Australia has got its own rainforest. It's along the coast of North Queensland. It's only 900,000 hectares today, but it once covered all of Australia. You can see lots of interesting animals in the rainforest, but be careful of the crocodiles!

Do you like wildlife? Australia has got a unique type of animal - marsupials. These include kangaroos, koalas and platypuses. You can see them in the Yanchep National Park, near Perth in Western Australia. Remember the koalas aren't teddy bears. They can be dangerous!

-coral reef (n): *rạn san hô* - marsupial (n): *thú có túi*

-platypus (n): *thú mỏ vịt*

1. _____ is off the coast of Australia.

a. Ayers Rock b. The Yanchep National Park

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c. The rainforest

d. The Great Barrier Reef

2. Ayer Rock is_____.

a. in the Yanchep National Park

b. a huge sandstone rock

c. a coral reef in the sea

d. also called Uluru National Park

3. _____ is a marsupial.

a. 

b. 

c. 

d. 

4. Australia is famous for_____.

a. its largest rainforest

b. the longest river in the world

c. its unique animals

d. beautiful national parks

5. Which sentence is not true?

a. Australia was once mostly covered in rainforest

b. The Blue Mountains are situated not far from Sydney.

c. You can see platypuses in the wild in Australia.

d. Australian crocodiles live in the outback.

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