

UNIT 5: NATURAL WONDERS

Lesson 4: Skills 1

Exercise 1: Give the correct form of the word given to complete the sentences.

1. A trip to Fansipan is an _____ experience. (FORGET)
2. Many visitors think that the greatest _____ in Hue is temples. (ATTRACT)
3. You must take an umbrella because it's _____ in Mui Ne at this time of year. (RAIN)
4. Hue is near Da Nang, but it's more _____ than Da Nang. (INTEREST)
5. A group of _____ people set up camp in the field. (TRAVEL)
6. The Great Wall of China is the world's _____ structure. (LONG)
7. Is Quang Ninh a _____ province? (MOUNTAIN)

Exercise 2: Read and answer the questions.

Da Nang has a population of nearly 800,000 people. The Han River flows through the city. The city part on the east bank is the newest and more spacious. The city part on the west bank is more crowded. There are five bridges across the river. The Han River Bridge is the newest one now. The cost of living in Da Nang is the lowest in Central Viet Nam. Da Nang has many beaches. Among them, Non Nuoc Beach is one of the beautiful beaches in the world. But walking in the street on a summer afternoon is not a good idea in Da Nang. There are not many trees so there are not many shadows. It is often very hot at noon.

1. What is the population of Da Nang?

2. Which part of the city is more spacious?

3. Which part of the city is more crowded?

4. Which bridge is the newest?

5. What is Non Nuoc Beach like?

Exercise 3: Read the following text and use the words given in the box to fill in the blanks.

means	limestones	as	width
found	largest	much	

Son Doong cave is world's (1) _____ cave, located in Quang Binh 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 "Son Doong" 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.

Exercise 4: Choose the correct answer for each of the sentences.

Tra Co Beach in Quang Ninh province is 9 kilometers from Mong Cai. It has the (1) _____ and the most romantic beach in Viet Nam. Tourists can enjoy the (2) _____ of white sand beaches and green sea water all year (3) _____. Visitors can (4) _____ enjoy the sunset or sunrise in Con Mang island. You can visit Tra Co Communal House, Linh Khanh Pagoda, and Tra Co Church. If tourists want some fresh (5) _____. they can find it from fishing boats. They can take part in 'Tra Co Festival' from May 30 to June 6.

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| 1. a. long | b. longer | c. longest | d. much longer |
| 2. a. beauty | b. beautiful | c. of beauty | d. pretty |
| 3. a. over | b. long | d. round | d. longer |
| 4. a. be | b. be able | c. than | d. also |
| 5. a. seafood | b. menu | c. air | d. water |

Exercise 5: Read the text and choose the correct answer.

Vietnamese food culture varies by regions from the north to the south. In Northern Vietnam, food is characterized by balanced. Northern Vietnam is seen to be the cradle of Vietnamese cuisine with many notable dishes like Pho, Bun Rieu, Bun Thang, Bun Cha, Banh Cuon, etc. Then, food culture in Northern Vietnam became popular in Central and Southern Vietnam with suitable flavors in each regions.

The regional cuisine of Central Vietnam is famous for its spicy food. Hue cuisine is typical Central Vietnam's food culture. Food in the region is often cooked with chili, peppers and shrimp sauces, namely, Bun Bo Hue, Banh Khoai, Banh Xeo, etc.

In Southern Vietnam, the warm weather and fertile soil create an ideal condition for planting a variety of fruit, vegetables and livestock. Thus, food in the region is often added with garlic, shallots and fresh herbs. Particularly, Southerners are favored of sugar; they add sugar in almost dishes. Some signature dishes from Southern Vietnam include Banh Khot and Bun Mam.

1. It is considered that Vietnamese cuisine

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| A. originated from the North | B. become more and more popular |
| C. always combines taste and colour | D. can be found only in Northern Vietnam |

2. In Southern Vietnam,

- A. the warm weather makes it hard to plant fruit and vegetables
- B. fresh herbs are always used in cooking
- C. people love sweet food
- D. sugar is often added to dishes

3. What are the features of Northern Vietnamese food?

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| A. It's delicious and healthy. | B. It's sweet and sour. |
| C. It's light and balanced. | D. It's a bit fatty and salty. |

4. Hue cuisine is notable for its

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| A. colorful food | B. spicy taste | C. bitter taste | D. light flavor |
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5. Which of the followings is NOT true?

- A. Food in Vietnam changes region to region.
- B. Southerners do not like northern food due to its light flavor.
- C. Chill peppers and shrimp sauces are among the frequently used ingredients.
- D. Bun Bo Hue is a typical dish of the Central Vietnam cuisine