

THE FIRST UNIVERSITY IN VIET NAM

Week 2

Exercise 1: Listen and decide if each statement is true or false or not given. (Track 11)

No.	Statements	T/F/NG
1.	Van Mieu – Quoc Tu Giam is located in Hanoi.	
2.	Van Mieu and Quoc Tu Giam were built at the same time.	
3.	Van Mieu is considered as the first university of Vietnam.	
4.	10,000 talented people were trained in Quoc Tu Giam between from 1076 to 1779.	
5.	Since 1482, no people have been trained in Van Mieu – Quoc Tu Giam.	
6.	Van Mieu is a place to memorialize the most brilliant scholars of the nation.	
7.	Name of top students in local examinations were engraved on the stone stelae.	
8.	Visitors are attracted by the stelae carried on the backs of giant tortoises.	

Exercise 2: Listen and complete the text. (Track 12)

Van Mieu – Quoc Tu Giam is a historical and cultural (1) of Vietnam, which attracts a great number of (2) every year, Van Mieu – Quoc Tu Giam was originally built by the (3) in 1070 in Hanoi. Quoc Tu Giam was considered the first (4) of Vietnam, which was established on the grounds of Van Mieu. (5) used to take place here and the first comers were honored by having their names carved on the (6) These stelae were carried on the backs of (7) , are still standing today and they attract great interest from visitors.

After more than 900 years of existence, Van Mieu is an example of well-preserved traditional Vietnamese (8) The banyan trees in Van Mieu, which witnessed festivals and examinations during (9) times, continue to flourish. Van Mieu – Quoc Tu Giam is a site of national (10) for Vietnamese people.