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I. Complete the passage with words from the box.

shift	than	mostly	indicate
held	declines	spans	obese

Today, childhood is spent (1)_____ indoors, watching television, playing video games and surfing the Internet. When children do go outside, it tends to be for scheduled events soccer camp or a fishing derby – (2)_____ under the watch of adults.

The (3)_____ to an indoor childhood has accelerated in the past decade, with huge (4)_____ in spontaneous outdoor activities such as bike riding, swimming and touch football, according to separate studies by the National Sporting Goods Association.

In addition, a child is six times more likely to play a video game on a typical day (5)_____ to ride a bike. The change can be seen in children's bodies. In the 1960s, 4% of kids were (6)_____. Today, 16% are overweight. It can also be seen in their brains. Studies (7)_____ that children who spend lots of time outdoors have longer attention (8)_____ than those who watch lots of television and play video games.

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VIII. Choose the correct answers to complete the passage.

Living in Vietnam today (1)_____ greatly from the lifestyle of 100 years ago. People in the past mainly worked in agriculture (2)_____ today there are significantly less people working in this sector of the economy. These days, (3)_____, people are more likely to be employed in manufacturing and tourism than in the rice fields. Moreover, Vietnam, which was (4)_____ agrarian, is transforming into an entirely different country. While agriculture is still an important component of the Vietnamese economy, other enterprises are (5)_____ an increasing amount of economic activity.

However, along with the differences, similarities also exist. The people of Vietnam have retained many of the characteristics of their (6)_____. The Vietnamese people are as friendly today as they were in the past. This is best exemplified in the way they welcome foreigners (7)_____ their unique country. Moreover, the resilience and determination of the people of Vietnam has not changed. The Vietnamese work (8)_____ and happily towards the development of their country.

1.	a. compares	b. differs	c. becomes	d. offers
2.	a. however	b. therefore	c. whereas	d. when
3.	a. in conclusion	b. on purpose	c. by comparison	d. for once
4.	a. traditionally	b. gradually	c. occasionally	d. presently
5.	a. grasping for	b. holding for	c. making up for	d. accounting for
6.	a. founders	b. forefathers	c. descendants	d. seniors
7.	a. on	b. at	c. to	d. for
8.	a. collectively	b. separably	c. accordingly	d. similarly

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IX. Read the text then do the tasks.

LIFE IN THE PAST VS LIFE IN THE PRESENT

Over the last century, there have been many significant changes in the way we live. Obviously, it is difficult to compare the life of ancient people and the life of the people living in the twenty-first century because so many changes have occurred. Even the changes that have occurred over the last ten years are amazing.

To start with, in the past people had to work harder as they did not have tools and machines to make their work easier. Today, most of the difficult and dangerous work is done by computers and other powerful machines. In the past living conditions were not as comfortable as they are now. Besides, many people could not afford household appliances like a fridge or a vacuum cleaner because those used to be luxurious goods. Another difference between living now and in the past is the fact that nowadays education is accessible to everyone. In the past men were mainly the only ones educated and women were not allowed into public or private schools. Besides, nowadays it is much easier to find the educational materials and the information you need – thanks to the Internet. We are able to speak to a friend who is on the other corner of the world because we are connected 24/7. Nevertheless, people had better relationships with the neighbors in years gone by.

All things considered, it is an obvious conclusion that life has changed significantly during the course of history. In some ways, it is definitely easier to live in the present. On the other hand, however, life now is much faster and stressful than it used to be in the past. The standard of living has definitely improved but it can be discussed whether the quality of our lives is also better.

A. Decide whether the following sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1. Life nowadays is the same as life of our ancestors.
2. Technology has made our lives easier.
3. In the past, household appliances were very expensive.
4. Public schools allowed females and males to be educated in the same schools.
5. We can use the internet to communicate with people around the world.

B. Answer the questions

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