Listening (Remedial work)

Pre-Listening Vocabulary Exercise: The Spice Routes

A. Match the Words with Their Definitions

1. **Spice**	_____ – A way or path taken to reach a place
2. **Trade**	_____ – A person who travels to unknown places for discovery
3. **Explorer**	_____ – The act of trying to succeed over others in business
4. **Demand**	_____ – A substance like pepper or cinnamon used in cooking
5. **Wealth**	_____ – The act of exchanging goods and services
6. **Route**	_____ – Feeling sick due to motion while on a boat
7. **Globalisation**	_____ – Containing people from different backgrounds
8. **Multicultural**	_____ – A strong desire or need for something
9. **Competition**	_____ – Becoming more connected globally through trade and culture
10. **Seasickness**	_____ – Large amount of money or valuable possessions.

B. Use the Words in Context

Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the list above. Use the correct form.

1. Cinnamon and cardamom are examples of _____ used in many cuisines.
2. Vasco de Gama was a famous _____ who found a sea path to India.
3. There was a high _____ for spices in Europe during the Middle Ages.
4. The Silk Road was an important _____ between Asia and Europe.
5. Many port cities today are very _____ because of their trade history.

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PART 1

Listen to the first part of the recording and choose the correct answer:

1. What is one of the reasons spices were highly valued in the past?
   A) They were easy to grow
   B) They cured all diseases
   C) They showed social status
   D) They were used in religious rituals

2. Where does the word “spice” come from?
   A) Arabic B) Greek C) Latin D) Indian

3. What did early travelers do with spices?
   A) Kept them for themselves
   B) Burned them in ceremonies
   C) Used them only for cooking
   D) Introduced them to new countries

4. How did the spice routes begin?
   A) Through overland trade from Africa
   B) As sea routes from Asia to Europe
   C) From Roman conquests
   D) Via American explorers

5. What was one difficulty early explorers faced when sailing?
   A) Attacks from pirates
   B) Lack of fresh water
   C) Poor maps and dangerous seas
   D) Engine failure

PART 2

*Listen to the second part of the recording and complete the notes using no more than **three words** for each gap:*

6. Vasco de Gama reached India by sailing around the _____.

7. Christopher Columbus ended up in the _____ instead of finding a spice route.

8. Many local inhabitants of port towns are _____of traders.

9. Today, many spice farms are run by _____ businesses.

10. Black pepper prices are falling due to global _____.

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