VIII. READING

PASSAGE 1

Hi Sammy, I'm here in the United States and having a great time! We arrived on Wednesday and visited the Lincoln Memorial and Georgetown. Georgetown is a (1)_____ area in Washington, D.C. The food here is great. I ate a hot dog. It's a traditional (2)_____ street food. I really liked it. Tomorrow, we're going to the White House with a tour guide and taking a (3)_____ trip along the Potomac River. We're going to the National Air and Space Museum on our last day in Washington, D.C. On Friday, we will get a (4)_____ to New York City. I'm looking forward (5)_____ on the Staten Island Ferry to see the Statue of Liberty and going to Yankee Stadium. The (6)_____ here is warm and sunny, and the people are very friendly. I hope you're enjoying your summer holiday back in London. I wish you were here. Jane

1. A. historic | B. quiet | C. noisy | D. boring

2. A. Italian | B. Vietnamese | C. American | D. Japanese

3. A. boat | B. airplane | C. train | D. bike

4. A. island | B. flight | C. photo | D. guide

5. A. go | B. went | C. to going | D. to go

6. A. stadium | B. weather | C. trip | D. ferry

PASSAGE 2

The Edinburgh Festival is the biggest arts festival in the world. In August, thousands of people come to the city to join the festival. It (1) ____ for three weeks and has a lot of activities. People enjoy music and dance (2) ____ in the streets from early morning until late at night. They also see artists (3) ____ pictures in the streets. One of (4) ____ most interesting parts of the festival is "Fringe". Here, people enjoy comedy shows by students in small halls and cafés. At this festival, tourists also have a chance to see new films, plays and listen to famous (5) ____ playing great music. (6) ____ it is the world's largest arts festival, its tickets are quite cheap. This is one of the reasons why it attracts so many people every year.

1. A. lasts | B. enjoys | C. joins | D. has

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2. A. activities | B. race | C. tradition | D. performances

3. A. greeting | B. painting | C. singing | D. listening

4. A. a | B. any | C. the | D. an

5. A. music | B. artists | C. musicians | D. arts

6. A. Because | B. Although | C. So | D. However

PASSAGE 3

Hey Phương, I'm having a really nice vacation in Cambridge. I'm staying at a hotel near King's College. I was (1)_____ about speaking English when I arrived here. But when I checked in to the hotel, I (2)_____ all their questions OK. Later, I went out for dinner. I asked the (3)_____ to explain the menu. He spoke slowly (4)_____ I understood everything! Cambridge is so beautiful. I did have one big problem, though. Yesterday, I left my bag on the bus! I (5)_____ to the bus station to ask for help. It was difficult to explain, but… I got my bag back! I was so happy. It's fun to use English (6)_____ native speakers. I'm taking a ride on a punt tomorrow. It's a special boat that people ride on the river here.

1. A. worried | B. funny | C. interested | D. exciting

2. A. answered | B. explained | C. took | D. spoke

3. A. speaker | B. waiter | C. rider | D. driver

4. A. because | B. so | C. however | D. but

5. A. goes | B. go | C. went | D. am going

6. A. about | B. at | C. for | D. with

PASSAGE 4

The Songkran Water Festival is held annually by the locals in celebration of the Thai New Year. The national holiday of Songkran is officially (1)the 13th of April each year, but the celebrations last for 3 days from April 13 to 15, happening all across Thailand. (2), Phuket, Chiang Mai, (3)_____ Pattaya are popular destinations for Songkran celebrations. This

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vibrant event (4)_____locals and tourists together to splash each other with (5)and pay respects to their elders, but most importantly, to usher in the new year with joy and enthusiasm. In fact, water plays a major role in the (6) and symbolically, it is meant to wash away the previous year to get ready for the next one.

1. A. on | B. at | C. from | D. in

2. A. Kuala Lumpur | B. Bangkok | C. Hà Nội | D. Jakarta

3. A. but | B. and | C. so | D. then

4. A. brings | B. bringing | C. brought | D. bring

5. A. drink | B. food | C. water | D. fruit

6. A. vacation | B. festival | C. holiday | D. year

PASSAGE 5

The Lim Festival takes place in Lim Village, in Bắc Ninh Province, Vietnam. You can see it (1)_____ February every year. The local people (2) _____ their history. The center of the festival is the local temple. During the festival, there is a folk song (3) _____. The best singers from the area sing traditional songs. (4) ____ songs have different parts for men and women. They are very (5) _____. The singers sing all night. At the festival, you can see traditional costumes and dragon boats. There are also bamboo swings, tug of war, wrestling, and lots of other games! You can also (6) _____ the local food. It is a very interesting festival.

1. A. for | B. to | C. in | D. on

2. A. celebrate | B. take place | C. hold | D. happen

3. A. island | B. race | C. competition | D. museum

4. A. no articles | B. An | C. A | D. The

5. A. beautiful | B. beautify | C. beauty | D. beautifully

6. A. try | B. tries | C. will try | D. trying

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