UNIT 7 NATURAL WONDERS OF THE WORLD

A. PHONETICS

I. Say the words in brackets. Then choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

1. (slow / snow) The growth of the giant redwood trees is _____ but majestic.
2. (slacks / snacks) Should we buy some _____ and drinks for the field trip?
3. (slip / snip) Tourists try not to _____ on the wet ground near the waterfall.
4. (slapped / snapped) He _____ me on the back and said 'Nice to see you again.'
5. (sleeked / sneaked) I _____ up the stairs, trying not to wake my parents.
6. (sloop / snoop) I think someone had a _____ around my office - I didn't leave that drawer open.
7. (slide / snide) The kids took turns on the _____ at the playground.
8. (slippers / snippers) She was wearing a lime green dress and blue _____.
9. (slicker / snicker) I had to supress a _____ when he stumbled on the steps.
10. (sleaze / sneeze) My friends all said "Bless you" after my unexpected _____.

II. Read the sentences aloud. Then underline the words that have the sounds /sl/ and /sn/.

1. The snowstorm has made the roads extremely slippery.
2. The snake made no sound as it slithered through the leaves.
3. For dessert, we enjoyed some slices of cake and Snickers bars.
4. Amy bought a pair of sneakers with a catchy slogan printed on the side.
5. The cat looked sleepy and started to snore softly as it dozed off.
6. We visited the zoo and saw a sloth snooze peacefully in the tree.
7. The children are observing a snail moving slowly across the garden path.
8. A girl on a sledge is moving down a snow slope at a uniform speed.

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Match the words with their definitions.

1.	sustainable	a. happening or done once every year
2.	paradise	b. very important and needing attention immediately
3.	ecosystem	c. to have or own something
4.	diversity	d. impressive because of size or beauty
5.	annual	e. the pointed top of a mountain
6.	urgent	f. able to continue over a period of time

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7.	majestic	g. to allow something; to make something possible
8.	possess	h. a place that is extremely beautiful and that seems perfect
9.	peak	i. a range of many people or things that are very different from each other
10.	permit	j. all the living things in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

II. Complete the sentences with the words in part I.

1. Tourists can ride the camel and enjoy the _____ view of the Sahara Desert.
2. Mount K2 is best known as the most dangerous mountain _____ in the world.
3. The snowfall in winter and the lush greenery in summer make Kashmir a(n) _____ for nature lovers and photographers.
4. The national park have rules to _____ visitors to camp in designated campsites.
5. The project aims to promote the management, conservation and _____ development of all types of forests.
6. The Great Barrier Reef is a vital _____, providing food and shelter for countless species.
7. The park trails are closed to protect the falcons during their _____ nesting period.
8. Maintaining a wide _____ of species in each ecosystem is very necessary.
9. The coastal countries of Southeast Asia _____ beautiful beaches with dreamy islands.
10. UNESCO has a list of endangered World Heritage sites that require _____ conservation efforts.

III. Underline the correct answer.

1. Australian scientists announced the *discover/ discovery* of a new giant canyon on the seabed in the Antarctic region.
2. On the mountain peak, you can *admire/ admiration* the breathtaking view below.
3. The ranger had no *hesitate/ hesitation* in refusing the hikers' request to enter the forest.
4. With a full day *exploring/ exploration*, visitors can immerse themselves in the park's diverse ecosystem.
5. No one may land in a nature reserve using an aircraft without the *permit/ permission* from the local authority.
6. They have made significant contributions to species *conserving/ conservation* for years.
7. Sustainable tourism helps *preserve/ preservation* biodiversity for future generations.
8. The *destroy/ destruction* of natural wonders caused by human activities is very concerning.
9. Visitors are forbidden to collect any living or dead coral samples for personal *possess/ possession*.
10. Angel Falls are *located/ location* in Canaima National Park in Venezuela.

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IV. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. Mount Everest is one of the most _____ of the 7 world wonders. (impress)
2. Human should conserve biological _____ because of its benefit. (diverse)
3. Life in the countryside puts you closer to _____ and away from the hustle and bustle of the city. (natural)
4. The park aims to help _____ otters and other endangered animals. (conservation)
5. Opencast coal mining is among the most environmentally _____ activities. (destroy)
6. Too much customer _____ could bring the project to a halt. (hesitate)
7. Paricutin Volcano, a cinder cone volcano in Mexico, last _____ in 1952. (eruption)
8. Climbing Mount Everest will be one of your most _____ experiences. (wonder)
9. Rich countries must _____ develop a plan to assist countries suffering the ravages of extreme weather. (urgency)
10. Chichester is a _____ town with plenty to fill a weekend break. (charm)

V. Choose the best answer a, b, c or d to complete the sentence.

1. Mr. Connor is attending a seminar on world natural heritages and sustainable _____.
   a. discovery b. diversity c. development d. exploration
2. South America has glaciers, waterfalls, and diverse _____ from desert to jungle.
   a. paradises b. ecosystems c. monuments d. landscapes
3. If you're a nature lover, _____ exploring the caves in Quang Binh Provine.
   a. support b. consider c. hesitate d. mention
4. The best sightings of the northern lights often _____ between 11pm and midnight.
   a. locate b. occur c. measure d. host
5. One interesting _____ of the Great Barrier Reef is that it's bigger than the UK, Switzerland and Holland combined.
   a. feature b. rish c. access d. threat
6. The locals strongly ____ the project to protect the ecosystems in the Amazon Rainforest.
   a.destroyed b. forbade c. found d. supported
7. Tourists couldn't _____ admiring the magnificent view of the Victoria Falls.
   a. think b. encourage c. help d. permit
8. The waters surrounding Komodo island contain rich marine _____.
   a. biodiversity b. destination c. wonder d. landscape
9. Grand Canyon South Rim offers easy _____ to the most beautiful viewpoints of the area.
   a. permission b. access c. location d. possession
10. The trip to explore Son Doong Cave is very _____. It needs a lot of equipment and thorough preparation.
    a. urgent b. charming c. risky d. threatened

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11. The Amazon is home to a variety of _____ such as the Brazil Nut Tree, the Giant Water Lily, or the Kapok Tree.

a. flora b. ecosystem c. fauna d. biodiversity

12. A _____ is characterised by high rainfall, high humidity and a rich diversity of plant and animal life.

a. desert b. canyon c. freshwater d. rainforest

13. Kiwi birds and Hector's dolphins are some of the most signature _____ of New Zealand.

a. destination b. fauna c. flora d. plant

VI. Write these sentences with reported speech.

1. "Will the government pass the law on banning deforestation?" they asked.

_____

2. "Do you want to experience camping overnight inside a cave?" she asked me.

_____

3. "Are you excited about your trip to Iguazu Falls next week?" he wanted to know.

_____

4. "Is the weather good in Shanghai in the summer?" Jane asked me.

_____

5. "Is Anna going to observe the northern lights in Norway this winter?" he asked me.

_____

6. "Can we go snorkelling in the Great Barrier Reef tomorrow?" they asked their mom.

_____

7. "Are the students giving a presentation on the seven natural wonders now?" I wondered.

_____

8. "Will you come back here next year to see the humpback whales?" the tour guide asked us.

_____

9. "May I use your pictures of the Victoria Falls for my project?" Harry asked me.

_____

10. "Is Paricutin Volcano located in Michoacan, Mexico? " Anna wanted to know.

_____

VII. Change the following sentences into reported speech.

1. "Where are you going for your summer holiday?"
   Jimmy asked _____
2. "The hiking trip today allows you to observe some signature birds of the park."
   The tour guide told the hikers that _____

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3. "When can I register for the scuba diving tour?"
   Brian asked the tour operator _____
4. "Is it possible that the Grand Canyon may have formed 5 to 6 million years ago?"
   Joana wondered _____
5. "I hope I can climb Mount Kilimanjaro with other explorers next year."
   Annie said that _____
6. "Do you know that Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world?"
   My sister asked me _____
7. "What activities can we do at Giang Dien Waterfall next week?"
   The students wanted to know _____
8. "These tourists might not follow the trails and get lost yesterday."
   The police explained that _____
9. "Does the Pink Beach on Komodo Island offer snorkelling and diving spots?"
   She wondered _____
10. "Who is responsible for the damage of the ancient tree in front of the village?"
    One tourist asked _____
11. "Will ecotourism help preserve the fauna and flora in the Amazon Rainforest?"
    The locals wanted to know _____
12. "If you take steps to reduce pollution, you will help preserve the Great Barrier Reef."
    A friend told me that _____
13. "How do visitors usually travel to Phu Quy Island?"
    Wendy asked me _____
14. "Is it your first time kayaking and enjoying the beauty of Ha Long Bay?"
    The tour guide asked her _____
15. "This speaker is presenting the negative effects of global warming right now."
    Andy said that _____

VIII. Complete the sentences with correct tense of verbs.

1. My friend asked me what I _____ (can) do to keep the campsite clean.
2. Mandy asked me if the boys _____ (read) the book at present.
3. The teacher told us that we _____ (travel) to the Mekong River the following month.
4. They say that they _____ (never/ be) to Scotland before.
5. Jason and Victoria told me they _____ (work) on a project on environmental protection then.
6. I wondered why Nick _____ (go) to Ba Vi National Park every summer.
7. John wondered whether he _____ (may) be able to cycle in the Dolomites.

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8. She asked me if everyone _____ (must) ask for permission before entering Son Doong Cave.
9. My mom said she _____ (be) going to visit a friend of hers in London.
10. Shannon said that she _____ (need) to train every day for her trekking trip.
11. The guests wanted to know what time the jeep tour _____(start) and _____(finish).
12. They all wondered what they _____ (have) to do to restore damaged ecosystems.

IX. Choose the best answer a, b, c or d.

1. Her children _____ whether they would pay a visit to Thien Duong Cave that week.
   a. said b. asked her c. tell her d. questions
2. The hikers wondered if the entrance to the cave _____ at the moment.
   a. blocked b. was blocked c. was blocking d. would be blocked
3. Amy asked the tour guide _____ the best time to see the humpback whale was.
   a. where b. how c. when d. why
4. The students said that they _____ to go on a field trip after the final exam.
   a. wanted b. want c. would want d. could want
5. They told me they _____ some of New Zealand's rarest flora and fauna at Milford Sound.
   a. will see b. are going to see c. have seen d. might see
6. Kevin wanted to know _____ the largest island of Korea.
   a. whether Jeju Island was b. was Jeju Island
   c. if Jeju Island is d. if it is Jeju Island
7. We wondered whether we would experience heavy rainfall in the forest _____.
   a. the next week b. the week after that
   c. the upcoming week d. the following week
8. Mrs. Molly asked us _____ doing during the camp that summer.
   a. whether we enjoyed b. what we enjoyed
   c. did we enjoy d. that we enjoyed
9. "Are Iguazu Falls shared by two countries Argentina and Brazil?" asked Jade.
   a. Jade asked two countries Argentina and Brazil shared Iguazu Falls.
   b. Jade wondered what Iguazu Falls were shared by two countries Argentina and Brazil.
   c. Jade asked whether Iguazu Falls were shared by two countries Argentina and Brazil.
   d. Jade wondered which two countries shared Iguazu Falls, Argentina and Brazil.
10. They said that they were going to see the baobab trees in Madagascar that weekend.
   a. "We are going to see the baobab trees in Madagascar this weekend," said they.
   b. They said, "They were going to see the baobao trees in Madagascar that weekend."
   c. "They were going to see the baobad trees in Madagascar this weekend," we said.
   d. We said, "We are going to see the baobao trees in Madagascar that weekend."

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X. Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition.

1. That explorer is crazy _____ visiting all the natural wonders in the world.
2. The Great Barrier Reef is now facing the risk _____ damage from intense cyclones.
3. Victoria Falls are located on the border _____ Zambia and Zimbabwe.
4. Having amazing landscapes, Kashmir is often called "Paradise _____ Earth".
5. Bryan is very interested _____ learning about how caves were formed.
6. At 3,143 meters _____ sea level, Fansipan is proclaimed the roof of the Indochina peninsula.
7. The students are deciding _____ what their top three natural wonders will be.
8. Ba Den Mountain is located _____ the northeast of Tay Ninh Province.
9. The Namib Sand Sea, located _____ the coast of Namibia, is the only coastal desert in the world.
10. With around 45,000 million tons of salt, the Dead Sea is famous for being rich _____ healing minerals.

C. SPEAKING

I. Choose the best answer to complete the conversations.

1. A: Can I borrow your book on the Galapagos Islands?
   B: _____
   a. Certainly. You can't.
   b. Yes. Why don't you?
   c. Never. I forget.
   d. Sure. Here you are.
2. A: _____
   B: Sure. The more the merrier.
   a. May I bring a friend of mine to your party?
   b. Can you tell me some close friends of yours?
   c. Do we have to go to your party?
   d. How do you feel about your party?
3. A: Would it be okay if we went to the park instead of the pool?
   B: _____
   a. I don't think you can do it.
   b. I don't understand you.
   c. That sounds like a good idea!
   d. Thanks a lot for that.
4. A: Can visitors enter the cave during rainy season?
   B: _____ It's very dangerous during that time.
   a. Why not? Let's go.
   b. No, sorry you can't.
   c. Sure. Hurry up.
   d. No problem.

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5. A: _____

B: Sure, I don't mind at all.

a. You're always welcome to bring dogs here.

b. Could you show me how to carry your dog?

c. I'm really sorry about your dog.

d. Can I bring my dog over to your place?

II. Write questions for the underlined parts to complete the conversation.

Andy: Hi, Lan. (1) _____?

Lan: Hello. I <u>am looking for ideas for the next discussion in speaking class</u>.

Andy: (2) _____?

Lan: The topic is <u>Natural wonders of the world: How to protect and preserve?</u>

Andy: Wow, interesting! (3) _____?

Lan: There are <u>a lot of</u> natural wonders in the world.

Andy: (4) _____?

Lan: <u>Yes</u>, I know what causes harm to those wonders. It's mass tourism.

Andy: (5) _____?

Lan: Mass tourism causes harm to natural wonders <u>because not many tourists are aware of protecting our precious nature</u>.

Andy: (6) _____?

Lan: <u>The local authorities</u> should be responsible for educating the tourists.

Andy: I think you'll do well in your discussion.

Lan: Thanks a lot, Andy.

D. READING

I. Complete the passage with words from the box.

unknown	twice	wonders	regarded
formations	attempt	capacity	measurements

With (1)_____ of over 200 meters (656 feet) wide and 150 meters (492 feet) high as well as a length of 9 kilometers (5.6 miles), Son Doong Cave is the largest cave in the world.

Before 2009, Malaysia's Deer Cave was (2)_____ as the largest cave in the world until a group of scientists from the British Cave Research Association explored and studied the Son Doong Cave finding it was in fact over (3)_____ the size of Deer Cave.

Named by BBC News, the "most beautiful cave on the globe" makes this one of the great natural (4)_____ of Asia. It is a mountain river cave featuring a fast flowing subterranean river. Son Doong Cave is mostly comprised of limestone that has over

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time shaped into some of the tallest stalagmite (5)_____ in the world. Within Son Doong Cave visitors will find it is so big that it contains its own jungle and river and has the (6)_____ to be able to fit a 40-story skyscraper inside. The source of the river still remains (7)_____ to this day with future plans of the British Cave Research Association to return soon and (8)_____ to solve the many mysteries this cave holds.

II. Read the text carefully, then choose the correct answers.

After only 50 minute flying from Ho Chi Minh City, you will set foot on the tropical paradise of Vietnam and the world: Phu Quoc Island.

The island has a roughly triangular shape with a north-south length of 50km and a west-east width of 25km. A great part of the terrain is filled with beautiful sandy beaches, but there is a mountainous region with 99 peaks, among which the Peak of Chua Mountain is the tallest one at 603 meters. Due to Phu Quoc's location in the Gulf of Thailand, its climate is sub-equatorial with a temperate weather all year round, making trips to Phu Quoc possible any time in the year. However, the best time to travel to this island is during the dry season, from November until March, when the sky is blue and clear and the rains are away.

Phu Quoc is most famous for its cuisines and a natural wonderful coastline. The most famous food of Phu Quoc is fish sauce, which has become quite popular all over Vietnam and the world. Besides, another thing worth trying there is the spicy yet interesting black pepper. However, the factor that will definitely **intrigue** you to visit Phu Quoc is its untouched coastline featuring several heavenly beaches. They have yet to be explored to their full ability, but this fact might be actually positive as it gives the shores a romantic beauty that you can find in nowhere else in the world.

1. What is Phu Quoc Island regarded as?
   a. Pearl of the Orient
   b. Tropical Paradise
   c. City of Eternal Spring
   d. Lanterns Paradise
2. According to the passage, Phu Quoc Island_____.
   a. has both beaches and mountains
   b. doesn't have many tourist attractions
   c. has the tallest mountain in Vietnam
   d. doesn't have rains all the year round
3. Tourists can visit Phu Quoc anytime in the year thanks to _____.
   a. its location by the sea
   b. its friendly local people
   c. its temperate climate
   d. its dry season
4. What are Phu Quoc's specialities?
   a. red pepper and fish sauce
   b. black pepper and dried fish
   c. red pepper and soya sauce
   d. spicy black pepper and fish sauce
5. The word "intrigue" has the closest meaning to _____.
   a. attract
   b. promote
   c. inspire
   d. pay attention to

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6. Which of the following statements is NOT true?

a. Phu Quoc Island is located in the Gulf of Thailand.

b. The beaches in Phu Quoc Island have been explored to their full potentials.

c. Phu Quoc's dry season begins from November and lasts through March.

d. The island is roughly triangular in shape.

E. WRITING

I. Write sentences, using the clues given.

1. The Grand Canyon/ be/ majestic wonder/ carved/ the Colorado River/ the US.

_____

2. They/ said/ they/ climb/ the mountain peak/ to watch/ sunrise/ the morning after.

_____

3. what/ be/ the things/ we/ should/ not miss/ once/ we/ come/ Hue City?

_____

4. I/ suggest/ travel/ motorbike/ as/ you/ can/ see/ lot/ beautiful scenery/ along/ street

_____

5. Crater Lake/ stand/ as/ one/ most iconic/ natural wonders/ the United States.

_____

6. The tour guide/ explained/ Niagara Falls/ harbor/ wide diversity/ wildlife/ its surrounding habitats.

_____

7. it/ be/ claim/ that/ Ma Pi Leng/ be/ one/ most/ dangerous/ pass/ Vietnam

_____

8. locate/ Ninh Binh,/ Trang An Lanndscape Complex/ know/ its scenic landscape/ boat cave tours

_____

9. there/ be/ growing/ recognition/ the ethnic groups/ Central Highlands/ need/ more/ support

_____

10. her teacher/ suggest/ she/ study/ harder/ so/ she/ can/ get into/ good university

_____

II. Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first.

1. He is carrying out a research on people's awareness of protecting natural wonders.

→ A research _____

2. Although Yosemite National Park is open all year, some areas are inaccessible by car.

→ Despite _____

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3. "You will be fined if you litter while walking along the coast", the guard said to us.
→ The guard told _____
4. I haven't gone hiking since my trip to Ta Cu Mountain.
→ The last time _____
5. "Will a camping trip at the end of this semester help students relieve stress?"
→ The teacher wondered _____
6. UNESCO listed Sognefjord in Norway as a World Heritage Site in 2005.
→ Sognefjord in Norway _____
7. You can't hunt in this national park if you don't get permission from the authorities.
→ Unless _____
8. "Can I go scuba diving when I visit the Great Barrier Reef?" Quang said.
→ Quang wanted to know _____
9. No peak in Europe is as high as Mount Elbrus.
→ Mount Elbrus _____
10. Shall we use Ban Gioc Waterfall as a theme of the presentation?
→ She suggests _____

TEST FOR UNIT 7

I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others.

1.	a. paradise	b. destination	c. risk	d. majestic
2.	a. geological	b. imagine	c. agency	d. together
3.	a. wonder	b. complex	c. backdrop	d. proper
4.	a. historic	b. picturesque	c. enter	d. sentence
5.	a. measure	b. sustainable	c. structure	d. support

II. Choose the word that has the main stress placed differently from the others.

1.	a. particular	b. spectacular	c. remarkable	d. picturesque
2.	a. structure	b. commune	c. cavern	d. cement
3.	a. museum	b. monument	c. cathedral	d. contestant
4.	a. contest	b. courage	c. diverse	d. setting
5.	a. religious	b. situate	c. calendar	d. literature

III. Choose the best answer a, b, c or d to complete the sentence.

1. The limestone formation of Thien Duong Cave is more _____ than that of Phong Nha Cave.
   a. spectacular b. probable c. biological d. annual
2. Did the film crew have to ask for _____ to film inside the national park?
   a. admiration b. exploration c. permission d. possession

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