

## READING

**IX** Fill in the blank with ONE suitable word from the box to complete the passage.

*fluent    abroad    good    difficulties    at    foreign    came*

As a child, Phong always dreamed of going (1) ..... to study. After he graduated from high school, his parents sent him over to New Zealand to attend college. Phong was very happy that his dream finally (2) ..... true. When he first arrived in the country, Phong's English was not very good, and sometimes he did not understand what other people said. He also had (3) ..... in class because he was not familiar with the new teaching and learning method. He felt lonely in this new place, and missed all his friends in Vietnam. After two years, Phong is now very (4) ..... in English and has achieved the top academic award at his school. He has a lot of friends from different countries. He is even good (5) ..... earning money for his daily needs from his part-time job at a restaurant. Now he realizes that studying abroad is such a good experience.

**X** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below.

The ancient town of Hoi An lies on the Thu Bon River, 30 km south of Da Nang. It was formerly a major trading center in Southeast Asia between the 16th and 17th centuries. Hoi An is famous for its old temples, pagodas, small tile-roofed houses and narrow streets. All the houses were made of wood, and their pillars were carved with ornamental design.

All visitors to Hoi An are commended a visit to the Assembly Hall of Cantonese Chinese Congregation. This house was built in 1855 and still keeps many precious objects that belonged to the Chinese community of Hoi An. Another attractive address to tourists is Tan Ky House, which was conducted nearly two centuries ago as the house of a Vietnamese merchant. The house now looks almost exactly as it did in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

In recent years, Hoi An has become a popular tourist destination in Vietnam. In 1999, it was certified by UNESCO as a World Cultural Heritage Site.

**\*Answer the questions:**

1. Where is the ancient town of Hoi An located?  
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2. What is Hoi An famous for?  
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3. How does Tan Ky House look now?  
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4. When was Hoi An recognized as a world Heritage site?  
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5. Is it one of famous tourist places in Vietnam?  
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## E. LISTENING

**XIII** 1. You are going to hear about different stages in silk making process. Firstly, look at the pictures below, and match the pictures with the phrases that describe them.



A



B



C



D



E



F

1. Twisting silk threads .....
2. Weaving silk threads .....
3. Selecting cocoons .....
4. Boiling cocoons .....
5. Dying silk threads .....
6. Unwinding silk threads .....

2. Can you guess the right order of the stages 1 - 6 in the silk making process?

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**XIV** 1. Listen to the recording about the process of making silk, and decide whether the statements below are true (T) or false (F).

1. In the first stage, cocoons are boiled in vessels. ....
2. Silk threads are unwound in the third stage. ....
3. Dye process is done before twisting silk threads. ....
4. Silk threads can be dyed in only some basic colors. ....
5. Silk should be dyed again for more beautiful colors. ....

2. Listen to the recording again and answer the questions below.

1. How long are cocoons boiled in vessels? ..... minutes
2. After being unwound, how long is each silk thread? ..... meters



## F. WRITING

**XV** Rewrite the following sentences using the given words.

1. We are trying to introduce our handicraft products to foreigner tourists because we want to promote our culture, (in order that)

→ .....

2. Bat Trang village is quite far from my place, but I still want to go there with my friend this weekend. (although)

→ .....

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3. There have been many challenges for the development of traditional handicrafts in Vietnam. (face up to)

→ .....  
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4. He is going to be responsible for his family business because his parents are very old now. (take charge of)

→ .....  
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5. Most people in this village earn their living by making traditional handicrafts. (live on)

→ .....