

A. LISTENING: (1pt). Listen and complete the passage.

Hi, I'm from Ha Noi. I'm in my last year of high school. I'm feeling a bit (1)_____ about my situation. I've been studying really hard to satisfy my (2)_____ and have always had good grades. But last week they said that they didn't want me to go to Arts School to be a (3)_____. They want me to be a (4)_____. I feel confused... I don't know what to say to my parents.

B. LANGUAGE FOCUS: (4pts)**I. PRONUNCIATION: (1pt)**

Choose a word in each line that has different stress pattern. (0,5pt)

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| 1. A. medicine | B. graduate | C. confident | D. encourage |
| 2. A. cognitive | B. abandon | C. emotion | D. important |

Choose a word whose underline part is pronounced differently from the others. (0,5pt)

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| 3. A. wander <u>e</u> d | B. embroide <u>r</u> ed | C. embarras <u>s</u> ed | D. preserv <u>e</u> d |
| 4. A. sculpt <u>u</u> re | B. fail <u>u</u> re | C. clos <u>u</u> re | D. structur <u>e</u> |

II. GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY: Choose the best answer. (2pts)

- Have you ever _____ to Tay Ho village in Hue? It's the place where people make the famous Bai tho conical hats.
A. go B. went C. gone D. been
- _____ he's spent a lot of money to redecorate his shop, he cannot make any more profit.
A. In order to B. Although C. So that D. Because
- My parents once took me to Bat Trang village. I could make my own _____ there. I really enjoyed it.
A. pottery B. lacquer C. painting D. sculpture
- This company has gone bankrupt. Do you know who will _____?
A. take care of it B. look after it C. take it over D. turn it up

5. The people in my village cannot earn enough money for their daily life. They can't _____ this traditional handicrafts. They have to find other jobs.
A. help out B. live on C. work on D. set up
6. Osaka has become one of _____ "liveable" cities in Asia.
A. more B. better C. much D. most
7. I've been studying very hard for my final exams but I always feel _____.
A. tired B. calm C. worried D. frustrated
8. Huy got a bad mark for his English test. He must have been really _____.
A. disappointed B. relaxing C. interested D. happy

III. Give the correct form of the word in CAPITALS to complete each of the following sentences. (1pt)

1. My grandfather has devoted himself to many _____ events in our community CULTURE
2. You should spend at least one week to visit the tourist _____ in this city. ATTRACT

C. READING

Read the following text about Bill Gate, the co-founder of Microsoft, and choose the best answer. (2pts)

Bill Gates is the co-founder of Microsoft, the world's largest PC software company. He is among the richest people in the world. Bill Gates' interest in computers started when he was a teenager. After high school, he was accepted to several top colleges in the USA: Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. He chose to go to Harvard to study law. At Harvard, he focused more on his interest in computer than on coursework. He often relaxed by playing video games in Harvard's computer lab. He left Harvard before graduating because he wanted to open a software company with his friend Paul Allen. However, he later said, "I don't think dropping out is a good idea." In 2007, he received an honorary degree from Harvard. He began his speech by saying this to his father in the audience. "I've been waiting more than 30 years to say this: Dad, I always told you I'd come back and get my degree." Bill Gates is no longer working full time for Microsoft. He is now, with his wife, running The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation which aims to improve healthcare, reduce poverty, and promote education around the world.

1. When did Bill Gates first develop his interest in computers?
A. during his teenage years B. when he went to university C. when he was at nursery school
2. What did he study at Harvard University?
A. computer science B. business C. law

3. What did he often do to relax while at Harvard?
 A. play sports B. play video games C. go to parties
4. Why did he drop out of Harvard?
 A. because he was ill B. because he wanted to study at another university
 C. because he wanted to start a software company
5. What did he receive from Harvard in 2007?
 A. an honorary degree B. a job C. a company

D. WRITING: (3pts)

I. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the words given.

(2pts)

1. I think Da Nang is not so exciting as Ho Chi Minh City. **MORE**
 → I think Ho Chi Minh City.....Da Nang.
2. I'll consider it carefully and give you an answer next week. **OVER**
 → I'll and give you an answer next week.
3. His parents raised him very strictly. **UP**
 → His parents very strictly.
4. "Should I tell this to her?" he asked himself. **WHETHER**
 → He wondered to her.

II. Make complex sentences using the subordinators in bracket. (1pt)

1. We decided to go for a walk in the park. It was very cold out. **(even though)**
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2. Mai could have good marks. She studied hard for the exam. **(so that)**
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