

UNIT 9

CITIES OF THE WORLD

A. PHONETICS

I. Put the words into the correct column.

design	photo	light	cold	exciting
phone	lion	snow	radio	playwright
postcard	time	road	describe	most

/əu/	/aɪ/

II. Single-underline the words with the /əu/ sound and double-underline the words with the /aɪ/ sound.

1. Olivia likes to see street lights at night.
2. This is one of the most exciting days of my life.
3. The room is cold, but it has a fine view of the old city.
4. A lot of skyscrapers are rising up to the sky.
5. That village road is full of stones and huge holes.

B. VOCABULARY

I. Choose the correct answer.

1. Hue is an old city. It has *historic/ modern* sites and cultural attractions.
2. Tokyo is a very *cheap/ expensive* place to live. Prices are high there.
3. The market is always crowded and *quiet/ noisy* in the morning.
4. The children are too *old/ young* to travel alone or go out at night.
5. In summer, the streets are really *cold/ hot* at noon. You should stay inside.
6. Unlike Ha Noi, Ho Chi Minh City has two seasons, rainy and *dry/ wet*.
7. You will see the whole city from the top of that *short/ tall* building.
8. With more than 24 million, Shanghai is a very *big/ small* city in population.
9. The journey to Paris was *boring/ exciting*, so he wants to go there again.
10. We were late this morning because there was *light/ heavy* traffic.

II. Choose the best answer to complete the sentences.

1. Big Ben is the most famous _____ in England.
A. house B. station C. skyscraper D. tower
2. Do you know the _____ of Sydney? – Sydney Opera House.
A. symbol B. image C. icon D. sign
3. Merlion is a _____ with the head of a lion and the body of a fish.
A. bird B. spot C. creature D. person
4. Danish architect Jorn Utzon _____ the Big Ben.
A. painted B. designed C. worked D. made
5. Quoc Tu Giam is regarded as the first national _____ of Viet Nam.
A. capital B. university C. temple D. school
6. Asia is Earth's largest and most populous _____.
A. island B. country C. ocean D. continent
7. Canada is one of 23 _____ in North America.
A. countries B. landmarks C. capitals D. cities
8. Watching TV is the most common _____ activity in Britain.
A. physical B. group C. sports D. leisure
9. The Sydney Opera House was the youngest building to achieve UNESCO World _____ listing.
A. Town B. Property C. Heritage D. Tower
10. Ben Thanh Market is a famous _____ of Ho Chi Minh City.
A. museum B. monument C. landmark D. square

C. GRAMMAR

I. Put the verbs in brackets into the Present Perfect to complete the sentences.

1. Tokyo _____ (serve) as the Japanese capital since 1869.
2. Seoul, the capital of South Korea, _____ (become) a wealthy city recently.
3. Many tourists _____ (visit) the country in the past three years.
4. London _____ (be) one of the world's most important global cities.
5. Changi Airport in Singapore _____ (ever, win) the title of "Best Airport".
6. They _____ (already, take) many photos of Da Lat City.
7. I _____ (not, eat) spaghetti yet. Is it a kind of bread?
8. They _____ (build) the subway systems for a long time.
9. _____ (you, ever, be) to one of the cities in this picture?
10. James _____ (cycle) around the town twice in this month.

II. Write the correct superlative form of the words in brackets to complete the sentences.

1. Big cities are _____ places for young people to study and work. (attractive)
2. Montreal is one of _____ cities in the world. (liveable)
3. Bangkok was _____ city in the world in 2018. (visited)
4. Singapore is one of _____ cities to live in. (expensive)
5. The bell of Big Ben Tower is _____ bell in England. (large)
6. The city centre is always _____ area of many cities in the world. (noisy)
7. Stockholm is one of _____ capitals in the world. (beautiful)
8. The government encouraged the development of _____ mobile networks. (modern)
9. The Great Storm of 1987 was _____ storm to hit London. (bad)
10. What is _____ (famous) place of interest in your country?

III. Choose the best answer to complete the sentences.

1. The _____ continent in the world is Antarctica.
A. most coldest B. colder C. coldest D. most cold
2. I _____ him for three months, and now we are best friends.
A. have known B. am knowing C. knew D. know
3. She _____ to South America before, so she wants to visit it.
A. has ever been B. wasn't C. has never been D. was
4. They are among _____ people I have ever met.
A. more friendly B. most friendly C. friendliest D. the most friendly
5. How many cities in Viet Nam _____ up to now?
A. do you visit B. have you visited C. were you visited D. did you visit
6. Cities can provide _____ health and education services.
A. most the convenient B. the most convenient
C. most convenient D. the best convenient
7. It's not coffee, but tea is _____ drink in Britain.
A. more popular B. most popular
C. more popular than D. the most popular
8. What is _____ time for tourists to visit your city?
A. the least B. the worst C. the good D. the best
9. I _____ to Paris, but I've seen a picture of the Eiffel Tower.
A. weren't B. wasn't C. haven't been D. hasn't been
10. Ho Chi Minh City is _____ place I have ever lived in.
A. the most modern B. the more modern
C. most modern D. more modern