

**X. Read the text then do the tasks.**

**LIFE IN THE PAST VS LIFE IN THE PRESENT**

Over the last century, there have been many significant changes in the way we live. Obviously, it is difficult to compare the life of ancient people and the life of the people living in the twenty-first century because so many changes have occurred. Even the changes that have occurred over the last ten years are amazing.

To start with, in the past people had to work harder as they did not have tools and machines to make their work easier. Today, most of the difficult and dangerous work is done by computers and other powerful machines. In the past living conditions were not as comfortable as they are now. Besides, many people could not afford household appliances like a fridge or a vacuum cleaner because those used to be luxurious goods. Another difference between living now and in the past is the fact that nowadays education is accessible to everyone. In the past men were mainly the only ones educated and women were not allowed into public or private schools. Besides, nowadays it is much easier to find the educational materials and the information you need – thanks to the Internet. We are able to speak to a friend who is on the other corner of the world because we are connected 24/7. Nevertheless, people had better relationships with the neighbors in years gone by.

All things considered, it is an obvious conclusion that life has changed significantly during the course of history. In some ways, it is definitely easier to live in the present. On the other hand, however, life now is much faster and stressful than it used to be in the past. The standard of living has definitely improved but it can be discussed whether the quality of our lives is also better.

**A. Decide whether the following sentences are true (T) or false (F).**

1. Life nowadays is the same as life of our ancestors.
2. Technology has made our lives easier.
3. In the past, household appliances were very expensive.
4. Public schools allowed females and males to be educated in the same schools.
5. We can use the internet to communicate with people around the world.

**B. Answer the questions.**

6. Is life today faster or slower than life in the past?

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7. What has happened to the standard of living?

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8. What makes it easy to access information?

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9. Who or what does some difficult jobs for us?

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10. What makes our lives easier at home?

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**XI. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word in capital.**

1. That house is part of the town's heritage, but the council is demolishing it. (WISH)

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2. I'm not good at English, so I can't become a tour guide. (IF)  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Mary said she would hold an event about skin care the following month. (WILL)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. He gave her the book "The fault in our stars" as a birthday gift. (SHE)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. He feels sorry that he can't come to his brother's wedding. (WISHES)  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. "If I were you, I would no longer spend most of my time chatting on Facebook", he said. (ADVISED)  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. When did you start searching for some facts in the past? (HOW)  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. My mother no longer cooked for me since I married my wife. (USED)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**XII. Write a paragraph about a facility you like in your class that you think it was unavailable in the past. Use the following questions as clues:**

- What is that facility?
- How does it look like?
- How is it functioned?
- Why do people like using it in class?
- Do you think that facility is useful or not? Why?
- How do you feel about its being used in class?

**A. PHONETICS****I. Underline the short words if it is stressed.**

1. A: What are you thinking about?  
B: I'm thinking about how to get to Binh Ba Island.
2. A: Can you tell me where the food is served?  
B: This is the place where the food is served.
3. A: Look! He is a person I'm looking for.  
B: It's not a person, but the person.
4. A: Do you think my essay is good?  
B: In general, you have good writing skill. However, you shouldn't put "and" at the beginning of a paragraph.
5. A: Who are you waiting for?  
B: I'm waiting for my friends.
6. A: Which subject are you good at?  
B: I'm good at Maths.
7. A: What do you want from me?  
B: I want you to talk to me or I will cry.
8. A: Is this educational fair calling by volunteers?  
B: No. It is calling "for" volunteers, not "by" volunteers.

**II. Place a mark over the short words that should be stressed in the following sentences.**

1. A: Does he the one that I can rely on?  
B: Yes, you can rely on him at any time.
2. A: How does the word "and" function?  
B: You can use it to join the two statements.
3. A: Do you need Phillips or George to help you?  
B: I need Phillips and George to help me.
4. A: Who are you smiling at?  
B: I'm smiling at Jim, an old friend of mine.
5. A: Will you pay a trip to Ha Giang this summer?  
B: I want to, but my parents don't.
6. A: Would you like to come to my house this weekend?  
B: Yes, I'd love to.
7. A: I'm interested in reading Beloved Oxford.  
B: Beloved Oxford is not what I'm interested in.



8. A: Was this house made with wood?  
B: No. It was made of wood, not with wood.

## B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

### I. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

|         |            |           |           |
|---------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Citadel | cavern     | fortress  | Cathedral |
| tombs   | sculptures | limestone | pagoda    |

- Every year, Saigon Notre-Dame \_\_\_\_\_ welcomes millions of international tourists.
- The pyramids in Egypt are really the \_\_\_\_\_ of ancient pharaohs.
- The Imperial \_\_\_\_\_ of Thang Long was made a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2010.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ is a large, strong building or group of buildings that can be defended from attack.
- Located in Phong Nha - Ke Bang National Park, Son Doong might be the world's largest subterranean \_\_\_\_\_.
- Phong Nha - Ke Bang National Park is one of the world's two largest \_\_\_\_\_ regions.
- The One Pillar \_\_\_\_\_ is said to represent a lotus flower growing up out of the water.
- The museum has several life-sized \_\_\_\_\_ of people and animals.

### II. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

|           |             |          |           |          |
|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| rickshaws | settings    | complex  | reigned   | paradise |
| monument  | recognition | pilgrims | structure | measures |

- The government should take \_\_\_\_\_ to control population growth in the city.
- Queen Victoria \_\_\_\_\_ over Britain from 1837 to 1901.
- He erected a \_\_\_\_\_ on the spot where his daughter was killed.
- Thousands of Christian \_\_\_\_\_ converged on Bethlehem to celebrate Christmas Eve.
- It is suggested that you use \_\_\_\_\_ to get around Hue City for its speed and reasonable price.
- I imagine working in a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ overlooking the bay.
- The station building was a high wooden \_\_\_\_\_ with a curved roof.
- There is general \_\_\_\_\_ that the study techniques of many students are weak.
- Some old buildings were pulled down to make space for a new shopping \_\_\_\_\_.
- His idea of \_\_\_\_\_ is to spend the day lying on the beach.

### III. Write sentences using *suggest + V-ing* or *suggest + clause with should*.

- I/ suggest/ take a course/ photography.

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2. I/ suggest/ the government/ pass/ law on banning deforestation.

3. We/ suggest/ students from universities/ participate more/ social work.

4. My classmates/ suggest/ use bus and bicycle/ go to school.

5. His father/ suggested/ he/ read more books/ environmental issues.

6. They/ suggest/ teachers/ provide students/ knowledge on historical facts.

7. People/ suggest/ exhaust fumes from vehicles/ reduce.

8. My mom/ suggested/ keep the surroundings/ clean and green.

9. I/ suggest/ visitors/ stop littering/ Phong Nha Cave.

10. My friends/ suggest/ visit/ the Royal Citadel/ when being in Hue.

#### IV. Supply the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. You can't expect \_\_\_\_\_ (preserve) the man-made wonders without taking action.

2. She's a good manager because she never avoids \_\_\_\_\_ (deal) with the problems of her staff.

3. Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me about the French Gothic architecture?

4. I imagine \_\_\_\_\_ (go) back to the 20<sup>th</sup> century and \_\_\_\_\_ (witness) the construction of Cu Chi Tunnels.

5. We recommend \_\_\_\_\_ (book) early, as this is a popular event.

6. Youngsters nowadays seem \_\_\_\_\_ (lack) awareness of protecting the public places.

7. A lot of small towns in the area are definitely worth \_\_\_\_\_ (visit).

8. E-mail allows us \_\_\_\_\_ (send) messages all around the world quickly and easily.

9. I suggested \_\_\_\_\_ (put) the matter of restoring Ben Thanh Market to the committee.

10. On the way to Hue, we stopped \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) a visit to a relative in Da Nang.

#### V. Each sentence has a mistake. Underline the mistake and correct it.

1. Tracey suggested to pay a visit to Thien Duong Cave at the end of this month.

2. I suggested him talking about how to preserve the man-made wonders of Vietnam.

3. Hey! Stop to work so hard. It's bad for you.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. I'd advise to buy your tickets well in advance if you want to travel in August.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. I suggest you to stay in Continental Hotel when visiting Ho Chi Minh City.  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. At my school they encourage all students doing some sport.  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Tonight I'd like going out but I have to do my homework.  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Her friend suggested to asking the tour guide for more information about Po Nagar Cham Towers.  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Factory owners made young children to work twelve hours a day.  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. I suggested Mike that we go out for a meal with his colleagues.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**VI. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.**

It (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (say) Cu Chi Tunnels are part of a massive war museum in Ho Chi Minh. Visitors (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) a sneak-peek at the underground life of Vietnamese soldiers back in 1948. The site has over 120km of underground tunnels, with trapdoors, living areas, kitchens, storage facilities, armory, hospitals, and command centers. After the war against the French, it (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (claim) that Vietnamese soldiers expanded the tunnels and included effective air filtration systems, which helps them survive the Cu Chi carpet-bombings.

It (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (consider) that Cu Chi Tunnels are now one of Ho Chi Minh's most iconic attractions. You can enjoy plenty of activities during your visit. A popular option is following the narrow routes of the underground tunnel. Before entering the underground tunnels, a short film of Cu Chi Tunnels (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (show) to visitors so that they understand how the tunnel system works. It (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (expect) that parts of Cu Chi Tunnels (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (cement) and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (widen) so that the crawl is less harrowing than it would have been in the past.

**VII. Rewrite the following sentence using the impersonal passive.**

1. They expect more than two million Muslim pilgrims from all over the world head to Mecca this year.  
It \_\_\_\_\_
2. People believe that many more people will die of skin cancer over the next ten years.  
It \_\_\_\_\_
3. People are thinking that drugs are very dangerous.  
It \_\_\_\_\_
4. People have reported that Bitexco Tower is the tallest skyscraper in Vietnam.  
It \_\_\_\_\_



5. They think that the first temple existed during the reign of Le Thanh Tong in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.  
It \_\_\_\_\_
6. People know that Phong Nha Cave was found in the 16<sup>th</sup> century by Cham people.  
It \_\_\_\_\_
7. People claim that the site of the Perfume Pagoda was discovered over 2000 years ago.  
It \_\_\_\_\_
8. They said that the government was conducting a project to investigate the harmful effects of air pollution.  
It \_\_\_\_\_
9. They thought that he went to a local restaurant with his girlfriend.  
It \_\_\_\_\_
10. They have suggested that bright children should take their exams early.  
It \_\_\_\_\_

**VIII. Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition.**

1. A home for the elderly will be built \_\_\_\_\_ the site of the old hospital.
2. Years of fighting have left the area \_\_\_\_\_ ruins.
3. North American literature is the main theme \_\_\_\_\_ this year's festival.
4. Hung King festival is held annually from March 8<sup>th</sup> to March 10<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ lunar calendar.
5. Notre-Dame Cathedral and Ben Thanh Market are \_\_\_\_\_ the center of Ho Chi Minh City.
6. At 3,143 meters \_\_\_\_\_ sea level, Fansipan is proclaimed the roof of the Indochina peninsula.
7. My Son Sanctuary is regarded as one of the main religious centers of Hinduism \_\_\_\_\_ Southeast Asia.
8. Ha Den Mountain is located \_\_\_\_\_ the northeast of Tay Ninh Province.
9. It has been claimed that wine helps protect \_\_\_\_\_ heart disease.
10. It is all the royal palaces \_\_\_\_\_ the Hue Citadel that draws international tourist attention.

**C. SPEAKING**

- I. **Complete the conversation with the sentences from the box. Write the letters of the sentences.**

- A. Have you got any other tips?
  - B. Guess what? I'm on a holiday to Hoi An next weekend.
  - C. What about night activities?
  - D. Well, I've just booked the flight there. I don't know which hotel I should stay in.
  - E. Cool! Can you suggest some famous places there?
  - F. What is the best way to get around?
  - G. Great! You have been in Da Nang before, haven't you?

John: (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Nam: Wow! It must be exciting. What have you prepared for the trip?

John: (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Nam: Oh, if I were you, I would stay in Lavender Riverside Hotel. It offers a very nice sea view from the balcony and refined decoration.

John: (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Nam: Yes, I visited there last month.

John: (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Nam: Sure. You should definitely visit Son Tra Peninsula and Marble Mountain. And don't forget the beaches. They are really clean and beautiful.

John: (5) \_\_\_\_\_

Nam: In the evening, you can see the Dragon Bridge or have an overall view of brilliant panorama Da Nang at night from top of Sun Wheel cabin.

John: (6) \_\_\_\_\_

Nam: It's probably best to hire a motorbike and take a ride around the city. It's cheaper and more convenient than other types of transportation.

John: (7) \_\_\_\_\_

Nam: If you travel there on Saturday, find somewhere near Han River Bridge and wait for its swing at 11pm. It would be a memorable moment.

## II. Put the dialogue into the correct order.

\_\_\_ So, do you have any suggestion on preserving them?

\_\_\_ Okay. I'll wait.

\_\_\_ "Man-made wonders of Vietnam: How to protect and preserve?"

\_\_\_ Do you know what the causes are?

\_\_\_ I totally agree with you. Furthermore, the government doesn't have plans for timely restoration.

\_\_\_ Wow, interesting!

\_\_\_ Well, as you can see, there are too many tourists visiting man-made wonders every day, and not all of them are aware of protecting it.

\_\_\_ Yes. Vietnam has a lot of man-made wonders. However, it is reported that they have been damaged.

\_\_\_ 1. Lan, what are you doing?

\_\_\_ I suggest limit the number of tourists visiting those places on a daily and yearly basis, they should be restored once or twice. Additionally, the media should convey information about this topic to raise awareness of the citizens.

\_\_\_ I'm finding the ideas for the next discussion in speaking class.

\_\_\_ That's a good idea. Let me think more about it, then I will share my ideas with you. Is it ok?

\_\_\_ What's the topic?



## 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 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 the 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 much tourist attraction
  - c. has the tallest mountain in Vietnam
  - d. doesn't have rains all the year round