

5. Harry: \_\_\_\_\_  
Quang: My favorite destination is Asia Park.

6. Hung: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nhu: I often go to Diamond Plaza with my classmates.

7. Ann: \_\_\_\_\_  
Loan: The best time to visit Nha Trang is in the summer.

8. Lam: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nam: It's nearly 4km from my house to Tan Son Nhat Airport.

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

— There are various choices that you can consider, such as by bike, by coach or even on cruise.  
— Hmm, I think traveling by coach may be the best choice. By the way, do you have any recommendation for local food?  
1 I am planning a day out for my family at the end of this month.  
— Ah, I heard about this beach before. How can we travel there?  
— Well, in my opinion, your family can go to Vung Tau for new fresh air.  
— Oh, cool! Do you need any help?  
— You're welcome! Have a nice trip!  
— Of course. I still don't know which place we should visit.  
— Thank you so much! I think my trip will be great!  
— Well, "banh khot" is a must-try... and don't forget to eat the seafood. I bet its taste will absolutely appeal to you.

**D. READING**

**I. Fill in the gap with one word from the box.**

artisans	skillful	handicraft	completely
long-standing	souvenirs	where	set

I've just been back from my vacation in Hanoi, Vietnam. In this trip, I had a chance to visit some (1) \_\_\_\_\_ villages that produce the finest craft works exported over the world.

The very first place I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ foot on was Van Phuc silk village, the cradle of best silk in Vietnam once. I totally fall in love with many colourful clothes, hats, bags, tie... made of authentic silk. Then, I moved on to Bat Trang ceramic village, the most famous and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ pottery village in Vietnam with a nearly 1,000 years old historic development. Here, I visited a small family factory to see how the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ form, paint and glaze with unique products and have a chance to practice my talent with wet clay and a mould. Afternoon, I continued to visit Dong Ho folk painting village, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the traditional woodblock paintings are preserved. I was completely impressed by the folk paintings made by the local (6) \_\_\_\_\_ artisans with natural materials and colors. Each painting is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ handmade on paper of the Dzo tree and is coloured with other natural materials and its glittery surface is finished with oyster shell dust.

I took home a lot of handmade (8) \_\_\_\_\_ which were later given to my family and friends.

**II. Read the text and decide whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F).**

**Symbolic Meaning of Matryoshka**

Everyone knows that a Matryoshka is a nesting doll. It is a set of typically seven wooden dolls of decreasing sizes that all fit inside of each other, one by one. Each stacking doll splits in half at the midsection and opens to reveal another smaller doll nested within. Each Matryoshka is handmade, for this reason, it is unique: you cannot find two Matryoshka identical.

Matryoshka is made by different dolls. The biggest doll is called “mother”, the smallest one is called seed. Originally, the biggest doll represents a strong female matriarch who is the main symbol of the Russian family. In itself, the doll fits inside little dolls which represent daughters and sons. For this reason, Matryoshka represents fertility and motherhood.

The Matryoshka is also the symbol of Russia: the big doll represents Russia mother, and in itself she hosts children, women, men, but also feelings like pain, happiness, joy. It is a mother who can host all these things. Matryoshka can represent also our life: we are like a big doll with other dolls inside which represent our stories, relationships, experiences. We are one person with different experiences. The seed represents our soul which is innocent and it is the real essence of ourselves.

1. Russian doll matryoshka is composed of dolls of different sizes fitting into each other.
2. It is true that you can find two Matryoshka identical.
3. Matryoshka is a symbol of motherhood and fertility of nature.
4. The biggest doll represents a powerful woman in a family.
5. Matryoshka shows the role of members in a family.
6. Dolls inside the Matryoshka depict different aspects of human life, such as our stories, relationships and experience.
7. The seed, the smallest doll, represents the purity of childhood and our nature.

**E. WRITING**

**I. Write sentences with the cues given.**

1. Lam Yen Drum village/ stand/ between/ Red River/ Tich River

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2. waste pollution/ should/ treat/ properly

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3. life expectancy/ craft village residents/ be/ lower/ rest of Vietnam

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4. many handicraft villages/ Quang Nam Province/ succeed/ combining/ traditional handicraft/ tourism

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5. villagers/ learn/ make/ green sticky rice/ when/ they/ be/ very/ young

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6. craftsmen/ add/ paintings/ Hue poems/ between/ two layers/ leaves/ create/ famous/ poetic/ conical hats

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