**Practice reading skills**

**I. Read the following passage and choose the correct answer for each question.**

Today, walking around Ha Noi or Ho Chi Minh City, you can easily see the image of a Vietnamese kid eating KFC-styled chicken, drinking Coca Cola and watching Disney Channel. On Vietnamese channels **premiere** a lot of Korean, Chinese, American films. English songs appear in iPod or MP3 players of many teenagers. All shows the tremendous effects of globalization on Vietnamese life, especially Vietnamese culture.  
 Globalization does bring convenience and comfort to Vietnamese people. Now we can enjoy goods and services with high quality and competitive prices as many foreign companies join our market. Advances in communication help eradicate geographic borders among countries and therefore connect our world. Especially, globalization shortens the long-standing distance among different cultures. For example, right here in Viet Nam, we can watch latest movies made in Hollywood; we can read famous books written by authors from US, UK, EU, Japan, China… We can see the appearance of restaurants serving Thai, Italian, Japanese, American, Latin American food in the big cities. Moreover, globalization is fast and useful ways to present Vietnamese culture to the whole world.

**However**, that does not mean globalization does no harm to the culture of our country. One of the most concerning problems caused by globalization is the dominance of foreign culture of Vietnamese life. Simply put, people lose their traditional values and begin to identify with the culture of dominant nations. Perhaps, the most apparent and serious effect is language. Our Vietnamese people language is facing “severe competition from other languages, especially English.

1. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as one effect of globalization on Vietnamese life?  
A. traditional cuisine C. English songs B. foreign movies D. local crafts  
2. The word “**premiere**” in the first paragraph probably means…………..  
A. appear on the screen C. become popular and accepted  
B. be shown in an exhibition D. be made for somebody to see  
3. The word **“However”** at the beginning of the last paragraph is used to……….  
A. give an example of the judgment mentioned earlier B. introduce a new but different idea  
C. confirm what has been said above D. present something urgent and significant  
4. According to the writer, the problem that the Vietnamese language is facing is ………..  
A. easily noticed B. hardly existing C. simply linguistic D. rarely problematic  
5. What might be the writer’s attitude in the passage?  
A. Positive B. Negative C. Both positive and negative D. Neither positive nor negative

**II. Choose the best answer to complete the passage.**

Nowadays, transportation in [Vietnam](https://www.alotrip.com/about-vietnam-overview/vietnam-introduction) develops (1) ……………. with various kinds of transports and it is increasingly easier to travel to Vietnam from other countries and vice versa, as well as travel to other [destinations in Vietnam](https://www.alotrip.com/vietnam-news-travel/destinations-vietnam-escape-summer-heat). Travel in Vietnam is(2) ………….. than in the past. Means of transportation are (3)……………….. and convenient. The travel routes in Vietnam between big cities and tourist destinations are comfortable and hassle free as well. To both (4)…………….. and international tourists, they need local knowledge requirement for a decent level of comfort. With beautiful natural landscapes and predominantly rural areas, Vietnam is a beautiful country in Southeast Asia. Being one of the most densely (5)……………. nations in the south East Asia, main mode of transportation at Vietnam are buses, Rickshaw, and bicycles, etc. Besides, axis, cars or motorbikes are popular in Vietnam.

1. A. rapid B. rapidly C. high D. highly

2. A. much more easy B. much easy C. much more easier D. much more easy

3. A. historic B. old C. relaxing D. comfortable

4. A. inside B. within C. domestic D. abroad

5. A. populated B. populate C. population D. popular

**III. Read the passage and choose the correct answer for each question.**

**A World of Sausage**

All over the world, all different cultures created interesting processed meat products, and one of the most popular is undoubtedly sausage.

To begin with, sausage making may be considered disgusting as it deals with using various animal parts. Since meat is ground up, certain cuts and parts of an animal that wouldn’t be served in their original forms can be used. Literally, this means animal parts such as noses, ears, and other less appetizing areas of an animal’s body. Very often, the ground up meat and flesh is mixed with certain percentage of fat, along with spices and other fillers. After being mixed well, this meat mixture is then stuffed into the cleaned intestines of the animal, which are then sealed at both ends. The result is sausage.

The meats used in sausages come from a variety of animals. Although beef and pork are by far the favourites. In some cultures, sausage made from the meat of horses is considered a delicacy. When sausages are cooked, the cooking process sometimes adds to the flavor. While boiling is probably the simplest method, smoking sausages will add a lot of smoky.

Next time you bite into a sausage, it is probably best not to think too much about how it became the tasty thing you are eating. After all, you don’t want to ruin a good snack.

1. Where is the mixture of meat placed?

A. inside a plastic package B. inside a cleaned intestine

C. inside a refrigerator D. inside a metal container

2. What won’t be served in their original forms?

A. certain cuts and parts of animals B. spices and fillers

C. sausages of all types D. intestines of an animal

3. What are by far the favourite meats for making sausages?

A. chicken B. horse meat C. cuts of lamb D. beef and pork

4. What is the simplest method of cooking sausages?

A. grilling B. smoking C. boiling D. baking

5. What advice is given in the passage?

A. Be careful when making sausages.

B. Don’t think too much about what you are eating when eating sausages.

C. Try not to use too much fat in the meat mixture when making sausages.

D. Make sure intestines are cleaned before packing with meat.

**IV. Choose the word or phrase that best fits the blank space in the following passage**

**A Healthy Life?**

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ health experts believe that children and young people today are more (2) \_\_\_\_\_ than they used to be. So why has this happened?

One reason is bad eating habits. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of young people don’t have a healthy diet. They eat too much fast food (4) \_\_\_\_\_ hamburgers and pizza and not enough fruit and vegetables. In the US, many children (5) \_\_\_\_\_ fast food regularly since they were very young. In fact, almost one-third of American children aged four to nineteen have been eating fast food (6) \_\_\_\_\_ all the time. They also don’t (7) \_\_\_\_\_ exercise and spend too (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of their time watching TV, surfing the Internet or playing computer games.

So how can you change your habits if you have been following an unhealthy lifestyle for a long time? First, change your (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and eat more fruit and vegetables. Next, find an activity you enjoy. Why not try something different like rock climbing, surfing or hiking? Many young people have found that (10) \_\_\_\_\_ fit and healthy can be a lot of fun.

1. A. Many B. Much C. A lot D. Plenty

2. A. healthy B. healthily C. unhealthy D. unhealthily

3. A. Many B. Much C. Lots D. Very few

4. A. such B. includes C. like D. as

5. A. eat B. are eating C. have been eating D. ate

6. A. nearly B. most C. most of D. for

7. A. play B. make C. do D. bring

8. A. many B. much C. mostly D. most

9. A. menu B. ingredients C. recipes D. diet

10. A. become B. becoming C. became D. to be become

**V. Read the following passage and decide which answer best fits each numbered blank.**

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ the widespread use of modern means of transport, people have more choice of holiday (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and can now visit even the remotest parts of the world. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ has certainly become an important factor in the development of many countries.

An obvious (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of tourism is that it plays a key role in economic growth. It (5) \_\_\_\_\_ greatly to income of a region or country. It also (6) \_\_\_\_\_ job opportunities to all kinds of people, and therefore it promotes prosperity in diverse fields. Another positive (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of tourism is that it helps promote international understanding and cooperation among nations. In addition, tourism can improve the standard of living of local or rural communities, so young people (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to stay in their hometown to build a good life rather than moving to big cities. (9) \_\_\_\_\_, tourism brings cultural benefits, as travelers learn about the history and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of a place and spread them around the world.

1. A. Thanks to B. According to C. Due to D. Addition to

2. A. place B. region C. area D. destination

3. A. Tourist B. Tourism C. Tour D. Touring

4. A. advantage B. disadvantage C. benefit D. loan

5. A. communicates B. contributes C. adds D. regrets

6. A. makes B. creates C. brings D. does

7. A. aspect B. side C. problem D. matter

8. A. encourages B. encouraging C. are encouraged D. courage

9. A. Moreover B. Therefore C. Meanwhile D. Finally

10. A. diversity B. custom C. history D. culture