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IX Read the passage and do the tasks below.

Bessie Smith, an American singer, is known as the Empress of the Blues. She had a beautiful voice. Born in poverty in Chattanooga, Tennessee, she was helped in her career by Ma Rainey, one of the best known of the early women blues singers. After touring in the South, Smith went to New York City in 1923 and recorded with leading jazz musicians, including Louis Armstrong, James P. Johnson, and Benny Goodman. Then she became the most popular blues singer of her time, reportedly earning \$2000 a week at the peak of her career. She died in Clarksdale, Mississippi, after an automobile accident.

A. Choose the best answer.

1. What did Bessie Smith do?
A. a singer B. a dancer C. a teacher D. a worker
2. She was born in afamily.
A. rich B. wealthy C. poor D. bad
3. helped her with her career.
A. her mother B. Louis C. James D. Ma Rainey
4. She became the most popular of her time.
A. blues singer B. rock singer C. pop singer D. red singer
5. She died in
A. New York B. Mississippi C. Tennessee D. England

B. T (True) or F (False).

1. Bessie Smith had a good voice. T/ F
2. She recorded with other musicians. T/ F
3. She didn't earn much money at the peak of her career T/ F

IV Put the following verbs into the correct tense.

1. People in Viet Nam as well as in the world (visit) Huong Pagoda every year.
2. At the end of this month we (go) to the Temple of Literature.
3. HoanKiem lake (be) in the centre of Ha Noi.
4. They (erect) stone tables in the Temple of Literature many years ago.
5. The gardeners always (take) care of trees and flowers in the Temple.
6. Last summer holiday, we (visit) many historical places in Ha Noi.
7. My sister and I often (pray) in the church on Saturday.
8. The Temple of Literature (be) the very first stop-over of any foreign tourists in Ha Noi.

V Supply the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

1. One-pillar pagoda (build) in winter of 1049.
2. The Doctors' stone tablets (erect) by King Le Thanh Tong.
3. My house (surround) by many trees and flowers.
4. Ha Long Bay (consider) as a world heritage.
5. Great Wall (locate) in China.
6. South America (discover) by Cristoforo Colombo.
7. Huong Pagoda (visit) by thousands of tourists every year.
8. The Imperial Academy- the first university in Viet Nam (build) in 1076 under Emperor Ly Nhan Tong.
9. Hue Imperial City (locate) in Hue city in centre of Viet Nam.
10. Many souvenirs (sell) every year.

IX Read the passage and answer the questions below.

The Temple of Literature is about 10 minutes away from Swordlake. It was constructed in 1070 under Ly Thanh Tong's dynasty. In 1076, King Ly Nhan Tong continued the work and built it as the first university of Vietnam.

The temple is divided into five courtyards, each with its own significance and history. There are a total of 82 tombstones, with names and origins of 1307 doctors, corresponding to 82 examination courses from 1442 to 1779. If you visit the temple at the beginning of the year or in May when many important examinations take place, you will catch sights of numerous students who come and rub the tortoise head. Such an action is believed to bring them luck to pass the test.

If you are keen on architecture, Temple of Literature has one of the most typical architecture style for centuries in Vietnam, composed of wood and tiles. Along the pass way are hundred-year-old trees that have witnessed ups and downs of history.

Answer the following questions.

1. When was the Temple of Literature constructed?
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2. Who continued the worked and built it as the first university of Viet Nam?
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3. Is the temple divided into four courtyards?
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4. How many tombstones are there?
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5. When do important examinations take place?
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Find the word which has a different sound in the part underlined.

1. A. ocean B. special C. cenury D. muscian
2. A. guitar B. gallery C. gangster D. general

3. A. naughty B. mop C. caught D. bought
4. A. call B. car C. tall D. walk
5. A. January B. encourage C. ginger D. goodbye