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IV. WRITING: (2pts)

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Theme writing (1pt)

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I. LISTENING: (2.5pts)

Task 1: Listen to the recording twice then choose A, B or C to best answer the questions.

1. What does the man want to do after he graduates?
A. He wants to become a teacher.
B. He hopes to go on to graduate school.
C. He'd like to work at a hotel.
2. What is the woman majoring in?
A. history
B. French
C. computer science
3. How does the woman pay for college?
A. She has a part-time job.
B. She received a scholarship.
C. Her parents are paying for it.
4. Where does the man work part-time?
A. at a bakery
B. in a library
C. at a restaurant
5. What thing did the man NOT say about his job?
A. His co-workers are friendly.
B. He works long hours.
C. The pay is okay.

Task 2: Listen to a talk and decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F)

6. Trang An became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2014.
A. T
B. F
7. The Trang An ecosystem has more than 600 types of plants and 200 types of animals.
A. F
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A. F
B. T
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II. LANGUAGE: (2.5pts)

Part 1: Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

Question 11. A. valley B. complex C. landscape D. restore

Question 12. A. management B. doctorate C. qualification D. confidence

Part 2: Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 13. _____ education is a popular option for school-leavers who don't go to university.

A. Vocational B. Academic C. Secondary D. Formal

Question 14. Students should give _____ to alternative methods for preserving historic sites in their local areas.

A. chance B. voice C. speech D. offer

Question 15. Viet Nam is one of the countries that have _____ preserved many traditional performing art forms.

A. successive B. successful C. successfully D. successively

Question 16. _____ talked with my teacher helped me understand the lesson better.

A. Had B. Having C. Have D. Has

Question 17. Peter created a website _____ more information about local historical sites to visitors.

A. to give B. giving C. give D. gave

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Formal letters asking for information usually have the following structures:

Greeting: *Example: Dear Sir/ Madam,*

Reasons for writing: *Example: I am writing to enquire about*

Enquiries: (one paragraph for each of the things to ask about using linking words or phrases)

Example: First, I would like to know In addition, I wonder if

Closing: *Example: I look forward to hearing from you.*

Signature: *Example: Yours sincerely,*

Tapescript

Task 1:

Maria: Oh, hi Dave. Long time, no see!

Dave: Hi Maria. I was in the neighborhood, so I thought I'd drop by.

Maria: Come on in. [Thanks.] Take a seat. Would you like anything to drink? I have Sprite or orange juice.

Dave: Sprite would be fine. Uh, so, how have you been?

Maria: Oh, not bad. And you?

Dave: Oh, I'm doing okay, but school has been really hectic these days, and I haven't had time to relax.

Maria: By the way, what's your major anyway?

Dave: Hotel management.

Maria: Well, what do you want to do once you graduate?

Dave: Uh... I haven't decided for sure, but I think I'd like to work for a hotel or travel agency in this area. How about you?

Maria: Well, when I first started college, I wanted to major in French, but I realized I might have a hard time finding a job using the language, so I changed majors to computer science. [Oh]. With the right skills, landing a job in the computer industry shouldn't be as difficult.

Dave: So, do you have a part-time job to support yourself through school?

Maria: Well, fortunately for me, I received a four-year academic scholarship [Wow] that pays for all of my tuition and books.

Dave: Wow. That's great.

Maria: Yeah. How about you? Are you working your way through school?

Dave: Yeah. I work three times a week at a restaurant near campus.

Maria: Oh. What do you do there?

Dave: I'm a cook.

Maria: How do you like your job?

Dave: It's okay. The other workers are friendly, and the pay isn't bad.

Task 2: Hello everyone. Welcome to Trang An Scenic Landscape Complex. My name is Thanh and I'm your guide for this tour. First, let me give you some quick facts. Trang An became the first site in Viet Nam to be recognized by UNESCO as a mixed World Heritage Site in 2014. It's famous for its beautiful landscape and long cultural history. The site consists of three protected areas: the Hoa Lu Ancient Capital, the Trang An-Tam Coc-Bich Dong Scenic Area, and the Hoa Lu Special-Use Primary Forest. These areas are linked together by limestone mountains, valleys, and rivers. Trang An ecosystem has more than 600 types of plants and 200 types of animals. Trang An is also a place where nature meets culture. Evidence from the caves that we'll visit today shows how early humans interacted with the natural environment to deal with climate change over a period of 30,000 years. The site also contains hundreds of temples and historic pagodas dating from different historical periods. As you'll see, the site is a place of natural beauty and wild scenery that has not been changed or damaged by human activities. There is a long history of protection of the area and most of the site is still in its natural state. For example, the architecture of the pagodas and temples is kept in its original style. Any work to preserve, protect, and promote the area is planned carefully.