

I. LISTENING (2.0 pts)

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The tiny Tortoise Pagoda, topped with a red star, is (26) _____ a small island in the middle of the lake; it is often used as an emblem of Ha Noi. Every morning around 6 am, local residents can be seen around Hoan Kiem Lake (27) _____ their morning exercise jogging or playing badminton.

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Part 1:

Ha Long Bay, located in Quang Ninh Province, Viet Nam, was recognised as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1994. Over the years, Ha Long Bay has attracted numerous visitors who come to enjoy its breathtaking views and experience other activities.

Ha Long Bay is well-known for its beautiful scenery. With its thousands of rocks and caves emerging out of the water, Ha Long Bay has won international recognition. As visitors explore this magnificent place, there are always new surprises for them.

Cruise tours are very popular in Ha Long Bay. There are different cruise itineraries so tourists can visit many different caves, and experience the local culture and life on the water. Thus, a tour may last from several hours to a day, or even a night on board, which gives the visitors a truly superb experience.

Ha Long Bay cuisine presents another attraction for tourists. It is famous for its fresh seafood, such as crabs, prawns, and sea clams. A trip to Ha Long Bay is not complete without tasting the authentic local food served in many restaurants in the area.

Tourists can also do and see a lot in Ha Long Bay at a reasonable price. They can save money thanks to the availability of low-cost hotels and cruise tours. For those with more abundant travel budgets, there are also many options. They can enjoy the comfort and elegance of five-star hotels and luxury cruise ships.

Part 2:

Tour guide: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen and welcome to this fantastic tour of London by bus. My name's Greg and I'm your guide this afternoon on our tour of London. As you can see, we're on an open-top bus, so you can see all the attractions from your seat and you don't need to walk anywhere. And please don't worry about the rain, I'm sure it'll stop soon. A-a-and please ask any questions at any time.

Tourist 1: I have a question.

Tour guide: Yes?

Tourist 1: Do you have extra umbrellas? I mean, if it rains a lot.

Tour guide: Err, no, we don't have any extra umbrellas, but don't worry, I'm sure the rain will stop soon. Right, OK, so where are we going on our wonderful tour? Well, the tour takes two hours and we are going to visit all the famous sites. First we'll see Madame Tussauds, the museum with wax models

of famous people and celebrities, then we'll drive along the most famous shopping street in the world, Oxford Street. After that we'll see the famous clock Big Ben and The Houses of Parliament. As we drive along the river you'll see the popular attraction, the London Eye, from which you can see the whole city on a sunny day. Then we'll see Tower Bridge and the famous Tower of London before arriving at Buckingham Palace, just in time for a cup of tea with the Queen.

Tourist 2: Is that included in the tour? A cup of tea with the Queen?

Tour guide: Err, well, no, not exactly, but there's a lovely café near the palace where you can get a cup of tea. (*Sound of a storm right overhead, loud thunder and very heavy downpour*)

Tourist 1: I have another question.

Tour guide: Yes?

Tourist 1: Can we have our money back? We're getting off the bus.

Tour guide: Err, well, you see ... Quick! Run! Everyone off the bus! ...