

Territory-wide System Assessment 2010
Secondary 3 English Language

Tapescript Part 2 – (9EL1 / 9EL2)

Narrator: *John and Tina are talking about Vietnam.*

You have 30 seconds to read the questions. *(30 seconds – music)*

The six dialogues will be played once only. Listen to the dialogues and answer each question that follows when you hear a beep. The dialogues will begin now.

Tina: Hi John. I heard you went to Vietnam. Did you enjoy the trip?

John: I sure did. At first, I thought I'd only stay for five days, but I liked it so much that I stayed a little longer. I was there for seven days.

Tina: Only seven days?

John: I know, too short really. But I had a chance to go to Ho Chi Minh City and Mui Ne.

Tina: What did you do in Ho Chi Minh City?

John: Ho Chi Minh... well, I just stayed downtown. I didn't know much about the city. So I just walked around exploring the city, or went jogging early in the morning. That was really good because people were just waking up and the city was almost silent.

Narrator: **Question number 1**
Why did John like to jog in the morning? *(beep)(5 secs)*

Tina: What did you think of Ho Chi Minh City?

John: It was truly an experience. There were crowds everywhere. They all seemed to be in a hurry to get to who knows where. And the roads were jammed with traffic, especially the thousands of motorbikes speeding around. It's such a busy city.

Tina: Yeah, I've heard that motorbikes are really popular there.

John: They're everywhere. Almost 24 hours a day. It seemed like they're always going, never stopping. I couldn't believe it when I saw three or sometimes even four people riding on the same bike with absolutely no fear.

Narrator: Question number 2

What was so surprising to John about Ho Chi Minh City? (*beep*)(5 secs)

Tina: You said you went to Mui Ne as well? How was it?

John: Mui Ne is very different from the city. It's sort of a small beach village - very relaxed and no one in a hurry. Actually I went there to surf. People told me that the huge waves were good for wind surfing, or kite surfing, but I didn't get a chance.

Tina: What do you mean?

John: Well, to begin with there was no wind at all. The water was absolutely calm and people were just on the beaches sunbathing. It was the wrong time of the year for surfing, I guess.

Tina: That's too bad.

Narrator: Question number 3

Why didn't John go surfing? (*beep*)(5 secs)

Tina: What else did you do?

John: I went to see the beautiful sand dunes. I knew they had to be famous since buses and taxis taking tourists to the dunes were everywhere. Well, I must say, I was really impressed. I had no idea there were sand dunes in Vietnam. It was wonderful. You would think you were in a desert.

Tina: Really?

John: Yeah, they're so big, and in some places, when you stand on a dune, all you see is the sand stretching for miles and miles... Wow, it's breathtaking, really stunning, especially at sunset.

Narrator: Question number 4

What did John think of the sand dunes? (*beep*)(5 secs)

Tina: Did you stay in Mui Ne for a few days?

John: Just two days and then I went back to Ho Chi Minh City.

Tina: What did you do this time?

John: This time I met another tourist at my hotel. He told me that I shouldn't leave the city without trying one of the pancake places on Dinh Trang Street.

Tina: Did the two of you give it a try?

John: We did and loved it. We walked down a little street and there were hundreds of people eating outdoors around an open-air kitchen. The menu offered a variety of specialties. However, all we had to do to get our food was look at what other people were eating and point. We just kept ordering one dish at a time until we had had enough.

Tina: Sounds like you really enjoyed eating there.

Narrator: **Question number 5**
How did John order his food? (*beep*)(5 secs)

Tina: So would you like to visit Vietnam again?

John: Of course! You know, visiting Vietnam was really worth it. I love the people and the country. Next time, I will make sure I travel to see other parts of the country. Maybe we could go together.

Tina: Yeah, next time, why not...and you can be my tour guide!

Narrator: **Question number 6**
Why does John want to go back to Vietnam? (*beep*)(5 secs)

Narrator: You have 30 seconds to check your answers. (*30 seconds – music*)

This is the end of Part 2.