World Adventure Series — 英語で巡る世界の名所 —

The Imperial City of Hue

The Imperial City of Hue is a large historical complex in the city of Hue, located in central Vietnam. In the early 1800s, the Nguyen Dynasty unified Vietnam and chose Hue as its capital instead of Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City. The Imperial City was the center of the dynasty, where the emperor lived and ruled the country.

The grounds are very large, looking like a huge castle from the outside. The main gate is called "Ngo Mon Gate." Passing through it, you will see wide paths, grassy fields, ponds, and many buildings stretching further inside. These buildings had different purposes: places for ceremonies, offices for government work, the emperor's residence, and gardens.

The Imperial City was built in the early 19th century, but many parts were damaged during wars and natural disasters. Still, the remaining and restored buildings show beautiful decorations and the atmosphere of the past. The roofs and gates are decorated with dragons, phoenixes, and other symbols, showing both strength and beauty.

In 1993, the "Complex of Hue Monuments" was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, making it a protected cultural treasure of Vietnam. Today, it is a popular tourist attraction where visitors can explore the history and architecture of the Nguyen Dynasty. Walking through the Imperial City feels like taking a step back in time to the days when emperors and court officials once lived and worked there.

True / False Quiz – The Imperial City of Hue

(1) The Imperial City of Hue is located in southern Vietnam.
(2) The Nguyen Dynasty made Hue the capital of Vietnam in the early 1800s.
(3) Ngo Mon Gate is the main entrance to the Imperial City.
(4) All the original buildings of the Imperial City have survived without damage.
(5) The Imperial City became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993.

＜Answers＞

(1) False （It is located in central Vietnam.）

(2) True

(3) True

(4) False （Many parts were damaged during wars and disasters.）

(5) True