

UNIT 5. CULTURAL IDENTITY

VOCABULARY

Part I. PHONETICS

Exercise 1. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

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| 1. A. intern <u>a</u> tional | B. n <u>a</u> tion | C. n <u>a</u> tional | D. nation <u>a</u> lity |
| 2. A. langu <u>a</u> ge | B. mass <u>a</u> ge | C. marri <u>a</u> ge | D. short <u>a</u> ge |
| 3. A. beca <u>u</u> se | B. nur <u>s</u> e | C. hor <u>s</u> e | D. purpos <u>e</u> |
| 4. A. cultur <u>e</u> s | B. custom <u>s</u> | C. ide <u>a</u> s | D. migran <u>t</u> s |
| 5. A. pass <u>e</u> d | B. realiz <u>e</u> d | C. touch <u>e</u> d | D. wish <u>e</u> d |

Exercise 2. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions.

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| 1. A. anthem | B. appear | C. attire | D. attend |
| 2. A. unify | B. unique | C. uniqueness | D. unite |
| 3. A. assimilate | B. diagnose | C. festival | D. scenery |
| 4. A. diversity | B. endanger | C. geography | D. opposite |
| 5. A. circumstance | B. considerate | C. community | D. identity |

Part II. VOCABULARY

Exercise 1. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

- When it comes to diversity, language can be a bridge for building relationships, or a tool for creating and maintaining divisions across differences.
A. assimilation B. distinction C. uniformity D. variance
- The situation got out of hand when the festival organisers couldn't foresee that the mob would get angry because they were stopped from taking the offerings.
A. hard to complete B. difficult to control
C. impossible to find D. unlikely to happen
- A smiling Princess Anne was attired in an aqua-blue hat and matching jacket, with white top.
A. caught B. dressed C. revealed D. shown
- This is especially important in the age of globalisation, where countries face a daunting challenge to preserve their own cultural identities.
A. intimidating B. delighting C. encouraging D. urging

Exercise 2. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

- They fear that with the enactment event taken off, the festival may fade away in obscurity.
A. darkness B. dimness C. fuzziness D. sharpness
- Launched by the federations and foundations, Group's brands find local expression through the promotion of social solidarity and culture.
A. division B. identity C. teamwork D. unity
- Many ethnic groups find it hard to maintain their own languages.
A. continue B. discontinue C. preserve D. speak

4. The 21st century has witnessed the surprisingly increasing formation of **multicultural** societies where a varying number of ethnic people stay together.

- A. continental B. global C. universal D. worldwide

Exercise 3. Supply the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. Geographical position has given India a chance to develop a _____ culture and this cultural _____ is a big "pull" factor for travelers from different countries. (unique)
2. Most companies show _____ against the obese. (prejudice)
3. Viet Nam's Hung Kings worshipping _____ in Phu Tho Province has become part of the world's intangible cultural heritage. (ritualism) -
4. The best way to preserve your culture is to keep it _____. (live)
5. At the national level, festivals help to _____ the spirit of solidarity and unity of the whole nation. (strong) -
6. People living in a(n) _____ society should learn to respect and understand different cultural values. (culture)
7. Local people believe that the festival is an opportunity to teach younger generations about _____ and bravery. (patrol)
8. Changes in attitudes, family values, generational status can occur in both the majority and minority cultures as the two interact; however, _____ one culture dominates. (typical)
9. Post-migration stresses include culture shock and conflict, both of which may lead to a sense of cultural confusion, feelings of _____ and isolation, and depression. (alien)
10. Modern life is _____ not only by the conveniences made possible by technological advances but also by greater mobility in search of still greater opportunities. (character)

Exercise 4. Choose the best option to finish each of the uncompleted sentences.

1. Culture helps people _____ to the world around them.
A. adapt B. change C. alter D. fit
2. A broad definition of _____ is when two separate items, each with different characteristics, come together and blend.
A. assimilation B. diversity C. preservation D. urbanization
3. Many new immigrants have not yet assimilated fully _____ the new culture.
A. into B. with C. in D. by
4. Some people feel a strong _____ to keep their cultural identities.
A. craving B. pressure C. urge D. wish
5. The latest heritage at risk register revealed that 5,831 listed buildings, monuments, archaeological sites, and landscapes in England are at _____ of being lost.
A. danger B. edge C. ease D. risk
6. The objective is to promote the role of inhabitants and communities in the development of a modern architecture imbued _____ national identity.
A. against B. by C. for D. with
7. Cultural _____ are characteristics shared by individuals belonging to the same group of community.
A. identities B. assimilation C. factors D. aspects

8. Some ethnic have strange _____ such as walking on fire to prevent natural disasters.
A. cultural practices B. costumes C. national prides D. behaviours
9. Many ethnic groups find it important to _____ their own language or _____ their culture.
A. maintain/ create B. maintain/preserve
C. create/protect D. keep/increase
10. The Vietnamese people still follow the _____ of giving lucky money to children during the Tet Holidays.
A. custom B. practice C. costume D. ritual

Exercise 5. Read the passage and choose the option that best fits each of the following blanks.

In the United States and Canada, it is very important to (1) _____ a person directly in the eyes when you are having a conversation (2) _____ him or her. If you look down or to the side when the (3) _____ person is talking, that person will think that you are not interested in (4) _____ he or she is saying. This, (5) _____, is not polite. If you look down or to the side when you are talking, it might (6) _____ that you are not honest. However, people who are speaking will sometimes look away for (7) _____ seconds when they are thinking or (8) _____ to find the right word. But they always turn immediately (9) _____ to look the listener directly in the eyes. These social "rules" are (10) _____ for two men, two women, a man and a woman, or an adult and a child.

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| 1. A. talk | B. notice | C. get | D. look |
| 2. A. with | B. to | C. for | D. about |
| 3. A. others | B. another | C. one | D. other |
| 4. A. which | B. what | C. that | D. where |
| 5. A. yet | B. in addition | C. of course | D. although |
| 6. A. become | B. come | C. seem | D. turn |
| 7. A. a little | B. a few | C. little | D. few |
| 8. A. trying | B. looking | C. achieving | D. managing |
| 9. A. up | B. back | C. down | D. over |
| 10. A. like | B. the same | C. likely | D. such as |

Exercise 6. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.

1. **Jenny:** "You are so patient with us."

Mrs. Green: "_____"

- A. I'm fine, thanks.
B. Thanks, that's nice of you to say so.
C. Thanks. Have a nice trip.
D. I know. I have trouble controlling my temper.

2. **Tom:** "Can I have another cup of tea?"

Mrs. Green: "_____"

- A. Be yourself. B. Do it yourself. C. Help yourself. D. Allow yourself.

3. **Ken:** "Where is your studying group going to meet next weekend?"

Mark: "_____"

A. We are too busy on weekdays.

B. The library could be best.

C. Why don't you look at the atlas?

D. Studying in a group is great fun!

4. **John:** "Do you think that people should protect their cultural identities in the age of globalization?"

Jane: "_____"

A. Of course not, you bet!

B. Well, that's very surprising.

C. There is no doubt about it.

D. Yes, it's an absorb idea.

5. **Amy:** "It was very kind of you to help me out, Paul?"

Paul: "_____"

A. I'm glad you like it.

B. Thanks a million.

C. That was the least I could do.

D. You can say that again.