



**Exercise 1:** Choose the correct word for each blank in the following passage.

Spring is a time when there are many festivals in our country. Among them, Hoa Ban Festival is the most beautiful and interesting, and it takes place in Lai Chau. It is typical of the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ life of the Thai people. In the second lunar month of the year, when it (2) \_\_\_\_\_ warmer and hoa ban - a kind of beautiful flower in the northwest mountainous area - blossoms, Hoa Ban Festival is (3) \_\_\_\_\_. This is a great time for everyone, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for boys and girls. The boy picks the most beautiful flower and gives it to his girlfriend. This is not only a time for love but also for the Thai people to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for good crops, for happiness, and express their special thanks to the Gods and Ancestors. The festival is always full of songs and prayers.

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| 1. A. minor   | B. cultural   | C. custom    | D. festival   |
| 2. A. gets    | B. goes       | C. comes     | D. runs       |
| 3. A. seen    | B. arranged   | C. observed  | D. celebrated |
| 4. A. largely | B. especially | C. generally | D. typically  |
| 5. A. ask     | B. look       | C. pray      | D. call       |



**Exercise 2:** Read the passage and fill the blanks.

We do honestly have a little more (1) ..... time in summer than we do in spring. We have some weekend getaways planned over the summer. A couple of fun things for the kid away from home. This blogging and social media thing has me wrangled into about a week's worth of travel and meetings, and I wouldn't be surprised if something or things pops up soon. And for me personally I have more free time (and a great (2) ..... less stress) than I did when I (3) ..... in town. I go to work around 8a.m. most days on the farm. I used to be at work at 6:30a.m., and it (4) ..... me 35 minutes to get there. When it's not time to plant or harvest, we usually work a few (5) ..... on Saturday morning and never on Sundays. And for those farmers that also have livestock? We used to raise hogs you know. Well those animals want to eat and be healthy.

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| 1. A. free   | B. spare  | C. open       | D. both A & B |
| 2. A. number | B. amount | C. deal       | D. of         |
| 3. A. work   | B. worked | C. had worked | D. has worked |
| 4. A. got    | B. spent  | C. took       | D. cost       |
| 5. A. days   | B. time   | C. seconds    | D. hours      |