

Exercise 6: Read the passage. Circle the best answer A, B, C or D to each of the questions.

The Tay live mainly in the Northeastern part of Viet Nam. They live in large and crowded villages with hundreds of houses. They live in houses built on stilts. They are mainly farmers, and they grow rice on terraced fields. They also raise cattles and poultry. Tay traditional dress is made from homegrown cotton. There is usually not much embroidery or other decorations. Women wear skirts or trousers, with short shirts inside and long one on the outside.

They have many festivals and holidays in a year. The Lunar New Year and the mid-July festivals are the most lavishly organized. During festivals, people in many places play con throwing, badminton, tug-of-war, dragon dancing, or chess.

The Tay eat mainly sticky rice. On festival occasions, they make many kinds of cakes, such as banh chung (sticky rice square cakes), banh day (sticky rice round cakes) or banh khao (cakes made of white rice flour).

1. Which of the following best describes the main idea of the passage?

- A. The Tay live in the Northeastern part of Viet Nam.
- B. The life of the Tay in Viet Nam.
- C. The Tay have many festivals and holidays in a year.
- D. How the Tay earn their living.

2. What do the Tay mainly eat?

- A. sticky rice B. sticky rice and round cakes
- C. sticky rice and square cakes D. square cakes

3. Which is NOT true of the Tay?

- A. They live in stilt houses. B. They grow rice on terraced fields.
- C. They wear clothes with much embroidery.
- D. They raise cattles and poultry.

4. Which is TRUE of the Tay's life.

- A. They mainly work in agriculture. B. They work in industry.
- C. They have one very important festival a year.
- D. They don't eat sticky rice.

5. The word "lavishly" is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. seriously B. carefully C. luxuriously D happily

Exercise 7: Read the passage and then decide whether the sentences are True (T) or False (F)

A hobby is a regular activity that is done for enjoyment, typically during one's leisure time. Hobbies can include collecting themed items and objects, engaging in creative and artistic pursuits, playing sports, or pursuing other amusements. By continually participating in a particular hobby, one can acquire substantial skill and knowledge in that area. Hobby is something that a person develops from childhood, more specifically during primary school, to late life. We can never predict when we develop interests in new things and have a likeness towards it.

In this busy daily schedule, we all get so busy in our life routine that sometime we forget to give out time for our hobbies. Indulging in a hobby is actually good for a sound health. We all need a time of leisure for ourselves and that particular time is when we like to do something that gives us immense happiness.

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1. A hobby is often done in one's free time.
2. People can gain skills and knowledge through taking up a hobby.
3. A hobby is mostly developed from the age of two to three.
4. It's difficult to predict one's new hobby development.
5. Involving in a hobby negatively affects one's health.