

# UNIT 1

## 4. Precious Traditions and Ways of Life

**Part A: Choose the correct answer.**

1. What is the Sanskrit meaning of "Songkran"?
  - a) Water festival
  - b) Stepping up or moving into
  - c) New beginning
  - d) Summer celebration
2. The traditional Songkran festival is celebrated for how many days?
  - a) 2 days
  - b) 3 days
  - c) 4 days
  - d) 5 days
3. What is "Wan Nao"?
  - a) The first day of Songkran
  - b) The day of living that bridges the old and new year
  - c) The last day of celebration
  - d) The day of water splashing

**Part B: Choose the correct answer.**

4. The Songkran celebration dates are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of April.
5. In Northern Thailand, Songkran is also called "\_\_\_\_\_".
6. Water is used as a symbol during Songkran because it helps relieve the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

### Part C: True or False

7. Songkran tradition is unique to Thailand and isn't celebrated in any other countries. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Forming sand pagodas during Songkran is only for decoration purposes. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The Southern region believes Songkran is a time for changing guardian angels. \_\_\_\_\_

### Part D: Short Answer

10. List three activities that people do to prepare for the New Year during Songkran.

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11. Explain the significance of water pouring to elderly family members during Songkran.

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12. Name three countries that share the Songkran tradition with Thailand.

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**Part A: Choose the correct answer.**

13. What is the main purpose of the Loy Krathong festival?

- a) To celebrate the new year
- b) To apologize to rivers and show reverence to streams
- c) To worship the return of Lord Buddha
- d) To expel misfortune

14. Which of the following countries shares the same Loy Krathong tradition with Thailand?

- a) Lao People's Democratic Republic
- b) Kingdom of Cambodia
- c) Republic of the Union of Myanmar
- d) All of the above

15. What is the name of the Loy Krathong festival in Northern Thailand?

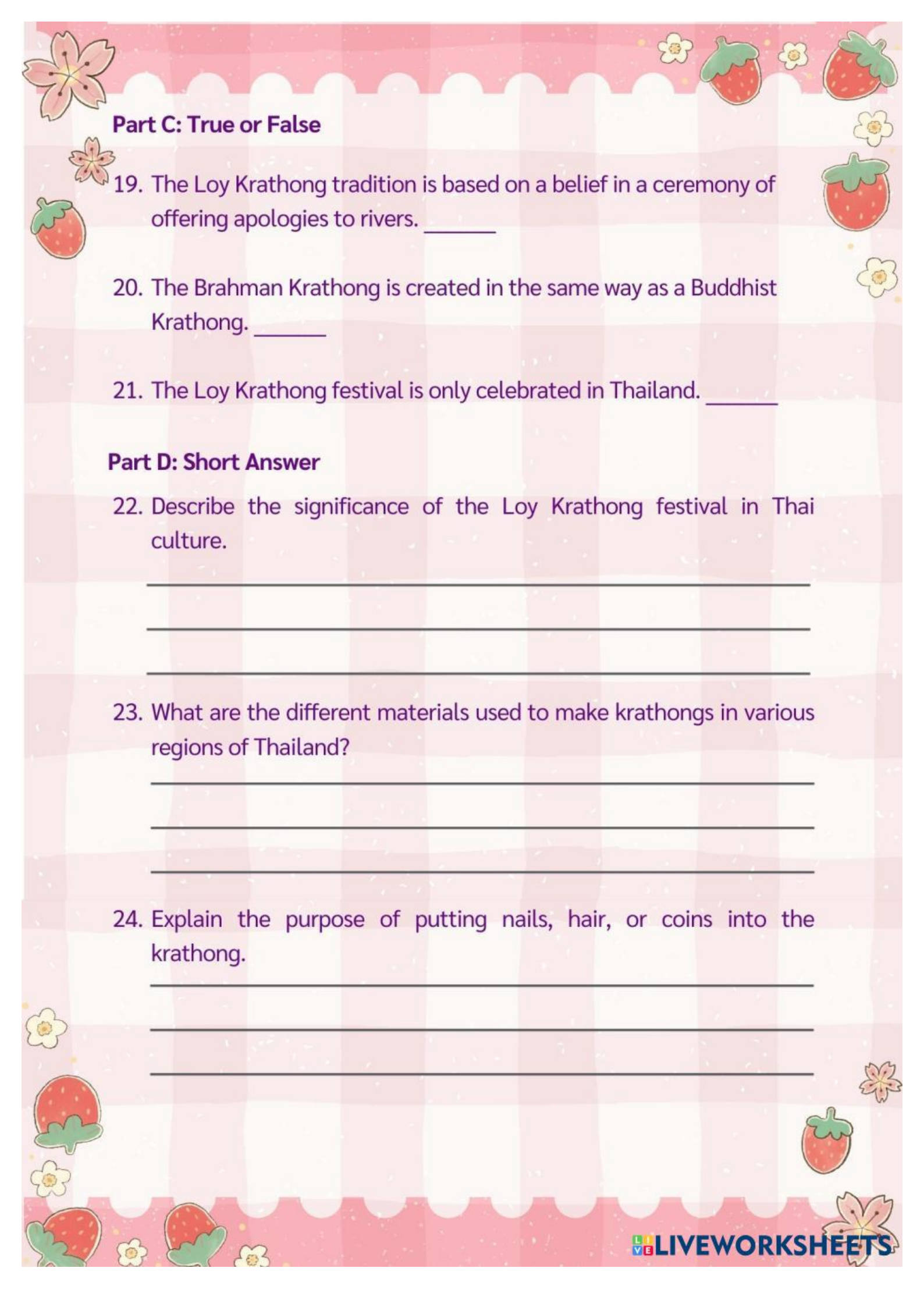
- a) Yi Peng Festival
- b) Loy Krathong Festival
- c) Long Sa Pao Festival
- d) Loy Krathong and Candle Festival

**Part B: Choose the correct answer.**

16. The Loy Krathong festival is celebrated on the full moon day of the \_\_\_\_\_ month.

17. In the Northeastern region, Loy Krathong is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

18. The Southern people believe in floating krathongs to \_\_\_\_\_.



**Part C: True or False**

19. The Loy Krathong tradition is based on a belief in a ceremony of offering apologies to rivers. \_\_\_\_\_

20. The Brahman Krathong is created in the same way as a Buddhist Krathong. \_\_\_\_\_

21. The Loy Krathong festival is only celebrated in Thailand. \_\_\_\_\_

**Part D: Short Answer**

22. Describe the significance of the Loy Krathong festival in Thai culture.

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23. What are the different materials used to make krathongs in various regions of Thailand?

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24. Explain the purpose of putting nails, hair, or coins into the krathong.

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**Part A: Choose the correct answer.**

25. According to Hindu-Brahman beliefs, which day is considered the teacher's day?

- a) Monday
- b) Wednesday
- c) Thursday
- d) Friday

26. What is the main purpose of the Wai Khru Ceremony?

- a) To celebrate the new year
- b) To pay homage to teachers and accept them as virtuous teachers
- c) To mark the end of academic year
- d) To celebrate student achievements

27. In Khon artists' Wai Khru, how many levels of mask covering ceremony are there?

- a) Two levels
- b) Three levels
- c) Four levels
- d) Five levels

**Part B: Match each offering with its symbolic meaning:**

28. \_\_\_\_\_ Dok Ma Kuea

29. \_\_\_\_\_ Yah Praek

30. \_\_\_\_\_ Kao Tok

31. \_\_\_\_\_ Dok Kem

a. Sharp minds and intelligence

b. Respect and modesty

c. Discipline and controllability

d. Durability and patience

**Part C: True or False**

32. The Wai Khru ceremony is only performed for academic teachers.

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33. In the past, students had to bring flowers, incense sticks, and candles to salute the teacher. \_\_\_\_\_

34. The Kan Kamnon is the offering set used specifically in dance Wai Khru Ceremony. \_\_\_\_\_

**Part D: Short Answer**

35. List three different types of Wai Khru ceremonies mentioned in the text.

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36. Explain the significance of the mask covering ceremony in Khon artists' Wai Khru.

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37. What are the essential items included in a traditional Wai Khru offering set?

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**Part A: Choose the correct answer.**

38. Who is Mae Phosop?
- a) The Earth Goddess
  - b) The Rice Goddess
  - c) The Harvest Goddess
  - d) The Rain Goddess
39. During which rice farming can the Tham Khwan Khao ceremony be performed?
- a) Any time of rice farming
  - b) Only during rainy season
  - c) Only for in-season rice farming
  - d) Multiple times a year
40. What is "Khao Khad Hang Platoo"?
- a) The harvesting period
  - b) When rice panicles form and swell like a pregnant woman
  - c) The planting period
  - d) When rice is stored in barns

**Part B: Choose the correct answer.**

41. The rice rituals in Thailand are divided into \_\_\_\_ stages: before cultivation, during cultivation, and \_\_\_\_.
42. When rice is pregnant, farmers build a \_\_\_\_ shrine and prepare a \_\_\_\_ angle sign made from bamboo.
43. Before selling the rice, farmers must perform the ceremony called \_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_.

### Part C: True or False

44. The Tham Khwan Khao ceremony is performed exactly the same way in all regions of Thailand. \_\_\_\_\_
45. Mae Phosop is believed to be a young woman, so offerings include items like comb, powder, and Phasin. \_\_\_\_\_
46. The ceremony can only be performed by male farmers. \_\_\_\_\_

### Part D: Short Answer

47. List three items that are typically offered to Mae Phosop during the pregnancy period of rice.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
48. Explain why the Tham Khwan Khao tradition is more than just a ritual for worshipping Mae Phosop.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
49. What changes have occurred in modern times regarding the Tham Khwan Khao ceremony?
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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**Part A: Choose the correct answer.**

50. What is the main purpose of the Sart Duan Sib Festival?
- a) To celebrate the harvest season
  - b) To make merit dedicated to ancestors who passed away
  - c) To welcome the new year
  - d) To honor living elders
51. When are hungry ghosts (Pret/Preta) released to the human world?
- a) Every full moon
  - b) During Songkran
  - c) On the first day of the 10th lunar month
  - d) During the rainy season
52. Which ceremony is performed after the Hmrub ceremony?
- a) Tang Pret-Ching Pret
  - b) Khwan Khao
  - c) Hmrub Yai
  - d) Hmrub Lek

**Part B: Match each traditional sweet with its symbolic meaning:**

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| 53. _____ Kanom Kong    | a. A raft to cross the great ocean         |
| 54. _____ Kanom La      | b. Jewelry for body accessories            |
| 55. _____ Kanom Pong    | c. Money                                   |
| 56. _____ Kanom Dee Sum | d. Clothing/nets for small-mouthed spirits |



**Part C: True or False**

57. The Hmrub ceremony must be arranged individually by each person. \_\_\_\_\_
58. The top floor of the Hmrub container is considered the most important part. \_\_\_\_\_
59. Making merit during the festival is optional and can be done any other time of the year. \_\_\_\_\_

**Part D: Short Answer**

60. Describe the four layers of a traditional Hmrub container and what goes in each layer.

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61. Why is the tenth lunar month considered a significant time for this festival?

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62. What are the two important ceremonial days during the festival and what happens on each day?

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