

Practise sheet

A. Pronunciation

Find the word which has a different sound in the part underlined.

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| 1. A. <u>c</u> ooking | B. <u>c</u> elebrate | C. <u>c</u> ity | D. <u>c</u> enter |
| 2. A. <u>s</u> ister | B. <u>s</u> ocial | C. <u>s</u> ure | D. <u>s</u> ummer |
| 3. A. e <u>s</u> timate | B. stop <u>s</u> | C. cook <u>s</u> | D. lei <u>s</u> ure |
| 4. A. <u>s</u> pring | B. <u>i</u> s | C. <u>s</u> tar | D. <u>i</u> sland |
| 5. A. <u>c</u> inema | B. arti <u>f</u> icial | C. so <u>c</u> ial | D. spe <u>c</u> ial |
| 6. A. an <u>c</u> ient | B. effi <u>c</u> ient | C. <u>c</u> onscience | D. o <u>c</u> ean |
| 7. A. in <u>s</u> ure | B. man <u>s</u> ion | C. <u>s</u> inging | D. en <u>s</u> ure |
| 8. A. pote <u>n</u> tial | B. con <u>t</u> ent | C. ambi <u>t</u> ious | D. na <u>t</u> ion |
| 9. A. <u>s</u> orry | B. <u>s</u> ocial | C. <u>s</u> pecial | D. <u>u</u> sually |

B. Vocabulary

1. Circle the odd one out.

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| A. behave | B. Monday | C. Tuesday | D. Thursday |
| A. January | B. April | C. October | D. shake |
| A. calendar | B. cheer | C. decorate | D. get wet |
| A. temple | B. taboo | C. firework | D. throw |
| A. kitchen God day | B. New Year's Day | C. Christmas | D. understand |

2. Give the correct word form of these words in brackets.

1. His in school is beginning to improve. (*behave*)
2. The show is a of new young talent. (*celebrate*)
3. The building was very plain with hardly any at all. (*decorate*)
4. the old wallpaper and fill any holes in the walls. (*move*)
5. Her boyfriend is a distant of mine. (*relation*)
6. I was tremendously that I didn't die in the accident. (*luck*)

C. Reading

I. Read the passages and answer the questions

Russ – America

I often go to Times Square with my parents to welcome the New Year. When the clock strikes midnight, colourful fireworks light up the sky. Everybody cheers and sings.

Wu – China

On New Year's Day, we dress beautifully and go to our grandparents' houses. We wish them Happy New Year and they give us lucky money. Then we go out and have a day full of fun.

Mai – Viet Nam

I learn some customs about Tet from my parents. People give rice to wish for enough food and buy salt to wish for good luck. Dogs are lucky animals but cats are not. A cat's cry sounds like "poor" in Vietnamese.

I.2. Tick (✓) the things which appear in the passages, and cross (X) the ones which don't.

lucky money	✓	a day full of fun	
a cat's cry		decorating the house	
fireworks		saying wishes	
cheering and singing		visiting relatives	

I.1. Decide who says the sentences

Statement	Who
1. Dogs are lucky animals.	Mai
2. We welcome the New Year at Times Square.	
3. Children get lucky money.	
4. We give rice to wish for enough food.	

2. Read the passage and choose the correct answer for each question.

Hari Raya Puasa is an important celebration in the Muslim calendar. The word “Hari Raya” means “a day of celebration”. Many people mistake Hari Raya Puasa for the Muslim New Year but it is not. In fact, Hari Raya Puasa is a festival celebrated by the Muslims to mark the end of the one-month fasting.

Prior to Hari Raya Puasa, the Muslims fast for a one-month period. This is known as Ramadan. The fasting time begins at sunrise and ends at sunset. Everyone, including young children, has to fast. Only the sick are excused from fasting.

For this special occasion, the Muslims buy new clothes, give their homes a new coat of paint and buy new furniture. On the morning of Hari Raya Puasa, the Muslims wear their new clothes to the mosque to pray and offer thanks to their God. Then they will seek forgiveness from their elders before visiting friends and relatives.

Unmarried children will receive money placed in green packets from their elders. Many delicious dishes will also be served for this special occasion.

1. Hari Raya Puasa is celebrated by the Muslims so as to _____.

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| A. fast for a month | C. welcome the Muslim New Year |
| B. mark the end of fasting for a month | D. wait for the sunrise |

2. Muslims eat _____ during Ramadan.

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| A. when they are hungry | C. before sunrise and after sunset |
| B. after sunrise and before sunset | D. only one meal |

3. Only _____ are excused from fasting.

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| A. ill people | C. young children |
| B. elderly people | D. pregnant women |

4. The children are the happiest lot during Hari Raya Puasa probably because they _____.

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| A. can seek forgiveness for being naughty | C. get a new home |
| B. have food to eat | D. receive money from their elders |

5. Muslims go to the mosque to _____ on the morning of Hari Raya Puasa before visiting their relatives and friends.

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| A. pray to their parents | C. buy clothes for themselves and family members |
| B. purchase food and drinks | D. pray and offer thanks to their God |

3. Fill in each blank with a suitable word in the box.

return festive celebration symbolising reunions spring

Tet Nguyen Dan, shortened to Tet, is Viet Nam's Lunar New Year and is the most important annual (1) _____ and public holiday in Viet Nam.

Tet celebrates the beginning of a new year as well the coming of (2) _____. Exciting festivities are held such as making traditional food and shopping. During this time there is a real sense of celebration in the air, making it an unforgettable (3) _____ time.

Celebrated as a time of renewal, Tet serves as an opportunity for Vietnamese people to pay homage to their ancestors and have family (4) _____.

Preparations usually begin a week before Tet, as people start to (5) _____ home, clean their family graves, worship at their family altars and decorate their homes with apricot blossoms, peach blossoms and kumquat trees, (6) _____ the hope of prosperity and well-being.

D. Writing

1. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one.

1. Why don't you join a sports club at your school?

You should join a sports club at your school.

2. There is no bank service during Tet.

There isn't _____

3. Don't talk too loud because my sister is sleeping.

We shouldn't _____

4. Drinking too much wine is not good for your father.

Your father shouldn't _____

5. They have no five-fruit tray on the ancestral altar.

They don't _____

2. Write an e-mail to a friend about your Tet holiday. The e-mail should include:

- 2 things you will do;
- 2 things you won't do;
- 2 things people should do;
- 2 things people shouldn't do.

New Message

To _____@mail.com

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Subject My Tet holiday

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