

I)-What kinds of behavior are acceptable in Viet Nam? Fill in the blanks with “You should” or “You shouldn’t”.

1. introduce yourself to newcomers in your class.
2. arrive on time when you’re invited to someone’s house.
3. blow your nose in public.
4. chew gum while talking to someone.
5. call a teacher by his or her first name.
6. stand up when the teacher enters the classroom.
7. place the chopsticks on your bowl when you finish the meal.
8. visit your classmates without calling first.

C. SPEAKING

I)-Rearrange the sentences to make a conversation by writing the correct number (2-8) in each blank. The conversation starts with number 1.

1 A. Nick: Guess what! I just got invited to my English teacher’s house for dinner!

B. Mai: Well, it’s also the custom in Viet Nam to bring a small gift.

C. Nick: And is it alright to bring a friend along?

D. Nick: Yes, but what do you do when you’re invited to someone’s here?

E. Mai: Well, if you want to bring someone along, you should call first and ask if it’s OK.

D. Mai: Oh, how nice!

G. Nick: Really? Like what?

H. Mai: Oh, maybe some fruit or a box of candy or biscuits.

II)-Read the interview between the reporter (R) and Tobey Maguire (TM), the actor who plays Spiderman, and complete it with the correct past form of “have to”. Practise the conversation with your partner.

R: Was Spiderman is a difficult part to play?

TM: Yes, I (1. be) _____ fit so I (2. train) _____ for six months before the film started.

R: What time _____ (3. you/ be) at the film studio in the morning?

TM: I (4. start) _____ at six o'clock. Too early!

R: _____ (5. you/ wear) the Spiderman costume all day?

TM: Almost all day! But I (6. not wear) _____ it when I was playing Peter Parker, of course. Then I had normal clothes.

R: Was it scary to climb all those buildings?

TM: Well, I (7. not climb) _____ the really tall building. They use computer effects for that.

R: Have you ever seen the film at the cinema yet?

TM: Yes, I took my daughter to see it. It was cool because the cashier recognized me and we (8. not pay) _____ !

III)-Complete the conversation between Nick and Mai about Vietnamese family traditions and customs with the sentences given (A-H). Practise the conversation with your partner.

- A. In the Vietnamese culture, strong members in a family have to help me the weaker and less fortunate members of the family.
- B. I think the woman follows her career and she also supports the family.
- C. The man, or husband, serves as the head of the family. He takes care of money matters and is responsible for providing for the family.
- D. The same in Viet Nam, Nick. We try to get every achievement for our family.
- E. The husband and children share the housework, and they have a happy relationship in their home, I think.
- F. It is an extended family, including three generations living in the same house, typically including parents, children, grandparents, and sometimes, unmarried uncles and aunts.
- G. From a very young age, children are taught to take care of their parents when they become old.
- H. The woman is in charge of the home and raising the children.

Nick: Can you tell me about the typical kind of family in Viet Nam? A nuclear family or an extended one, Mai?

Mai: (1)

Nick: Yeah, I see. What is the role of the man or the father in the family?

Mai: (2)

Nick: How about the role of the woman?

Mai: (3)

Nick: I think the society in Vietnam has changed a lot. Is there any change in family life?

Mai: (4)

Nick: How to deal with the housework?

Mai: (5)

Nick: Yeah, the same situation in England now, Mai. Are there any family traditions in Viet Nam?

Mai: (6)

Nick: In other Asian countries, every member of family tries to do good actions so that their family will have good fame, and the parents feel happier.

Mai: (7)

Nick: Are there any traditions or customs for children in Viet Nam?

Mai: (8)

Nick: They are lucky, because in England many parents have to go to a nursing home when they get very old.

Mai: We think we owe our parents so much. One of the most well-known Vietnamese proverbs is, “The debt we owe our father is as great as Mount Thai Son; the debt we owe our mother is as inexhaustible as water flowing from its source.”