

Unit 7. CULTURAL DIVERSITY

PART 3: READING

I. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space.

range	cultures	first	added	contributed
benefited	dishes	developed	way	alive

Cultural diversity means a (1) of different societies or people of different origins, religions and traditions all living and interacting together. Britain has (2)from diversity throughout its long history and is currently one of the most culturally diverse countries in the world.

The food they eat, the music they listen to, and the clothes they wear have all been influenced by different (3)coming into Britain. Ethnic food, for example, is part of an average British diet. One of Britain's favourite (4)is Indian curry. Britons have enjoyed curry for a surprisingly long time - the (5)from the languages spoken by Anglo-Saxons, Scandinavian Vikings and Norman French invaders. New words were (7)from the languages of other immigrants over the years.

Valuing the diverse culture is all about understanding and respecting the beliefs of others and their (8)of life, as we would expect someone to respect ours. It is about supporting individuals in keeping their cultural traditions (9)and appreciating the fact that all these different traditions will enrich British life both today and in the future.

People from all over the world have (10)to the Britain and they continue to do so.

II. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

VIETNAMESE WEDDING CUSTOMS

The wedding consists of several (1) ____ including asking permission to receive the bride, the procession to the groom's house, the ancestor ceremony, and the banquet party.

In the morning, the groom's mother and a few close relatives would walk to the bride's house with a present of betel to ask permission to receive the (2) ____ at her house. The date and time of the ceremony is usually determined by a Buddhist monk or fortune teller.

In the procession to receive the bride, the groom and his family often carry decorated lacquer boxes covered in red cloth to represent his (3) ____ and which include various (4) ____ for the bride's family. There are either 6 or 8 boxes, but never 7 because it is bad (5) ____.

After paying their (6) ____ to their ancestors, the bride and groom will serve tea to their parents who will then give them advice regarding (7) ____ and family. During the candle ceremony, the bride and groom's families union is celebrated and the mother-in-law of the bride will open the boxes filled with jewelry and dress her new daughter-in-law in the jewelry.

Finally, the groom officially asks for permission to take his new bride (8) ____ and they make their way back to his house. During the (9) ____, there is usually a 10-course meal and the bride and groom make their (10) ____ to each table to express their gratitude and also get money as presents.

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| 1. A. asks | B. ceremonies | C. requests | D. tells |
| 2. A. bride | B. regulations | C. laws | D. notes |

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| 3. A. condition | B. culture | C. relation | D. wealth |
| 4. A. beans | B. boxes | C. presents | D. wars |
| 5. A. bad | B. fond | C. luck | D. interest |
| 6. A. respects | B. allows | C. stops | D. refuses |
| 7. A. existence | B. dead | C. marriage | D. divorce |
| 8. A. flat | B. home | C. house | D. apartment |
| 9. A. acquaintance | B. contribution | C. difficulty | D. reception |
| 10. A. troubles | B. problems | C. ovals | D. rounds |