

Unit 6

VIET NAM: THEN AND NOW

VOCABULARY

Transport systems, family groups, and school life then and now

PRONUNCIATION

Sentences with all the words stressed

GRAMMAR

- Past perfect: review
- Adjective + *to*-infinitive
- Adjective + *that*-clause

SKILLS

- Reading for general and specific information about the tram system in Ha Noi then and now
- Talking about changes in transport in the neighbourhood and expressing opinions about these changes
- Listening for general and specific information about life in an extended family
- Writing about some qualities a person needs to get along in an extended family

COMMUNICATION

Talking about some changes in Viet Nam

I. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) whose stress is different from the others.

1. A. anniversary B. geological C. agricultural D. illiteracy
2. A. astonish B. exporter C. misbehave D. compartment
3. A. underpass B. extended C. fascinate D. privacy
4. A. exhibition B. obedient C. pedestrian D. significant
5. A. noticeable B. industrial C. indicator D. tolerantly

II. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) whose underlined part is pronounced differently.

1. A. noticeable B. cooperate C. financial D. emotional
2. A. urgency B. astonish C. citadel D. contestant
3. A. tolerant B. complicate C. exporter D. monument
4. A. significant B. obedient C. kilometre D. immediate
5. A. pedestrian B. industrial C. destructive D. disproportion

III. Choose the correct form of the words (A, B, C or D) to complete the sentences.

- I live in an _____ family with my grandparents, my parents, my unmarried aunt and my sisters.
A. extending B. extend C. extendible D. extended
- There is an _____ at our school explaining about Viet Nam in the 1970s.
A. exhibit B. exhibition C. exhibited D. exhibiter
- Ho Chi Minh City has to improve its road system to meet the increasing travel _____.
A. demands B. demanding C. demand D. demanded
- Viet Nam had become one of the largest _____ of rice in the world.
A. exporters B. exporter C. exporting D. exportation
- My grandmother _____ that she _____ in this city for about 60 years.
A. says/ has lived B. says/ had been living
C. said/ has lived D. said/ has been living

IV. Choose the best word or phrase (A, B, C or D) to complete each sentence.

- More and more high-rise _____ have been built recently.
A. buildings B. railways C. bridges D. constructions
- _____ don't like the new elevated walkway although it brings safety and convenience for them.
A. Drivers B. Policemen C. Wanderers D. Pedestrians
- This railway station was initially surrounded by paddy _____.
A. lands B. fields C. tracks D. areas
- Nha Trang has _____ changed since I left there at the age of 9. There are more and more modern traffic systems in the city.
A. dramatically B. crazily C. comfortably D. slightly
- _____ facilities and equipments make our life more comfortable.
A. Out of date B. Interesting C. Modern D. Fashionable
- The skyscraper has been _____ construction so many people living in the neighbourhood have to suffer from the noise pollution all day long.
A. in B. on C. into D. under

7. The population _____ has caused a lot of problems such as unemployment, crime, pollution, etc.
- A. bomb B. boom C. decrease D. dominance
8. My 6-year-old sister isn't allowed to go out alone because of the great number of _____ on the roads.
- A. trains B. travellers C. vehicles D. pavements
9. It is brave _____ Khang to come into the abandoned house alone at night.
- A. of B. for C. towards D. to
10. Liz was unhappy because her father was _____ busy _____ her to the art exhibition.
- A. so/that takes B. too/to take
C. so/that not to take D. too/not to take
11. Dan thinks it's _____ to make elevated walkways on busy roads to reduce accidents.
- A. dangerous B. essential C. uncomfortable D. fascinating
12. Houses in the past had a _____ roof which was made of straw.
- A. tiled B. wooden C. brick D. thatched
13. Our parents had to live in _____ conditions without modern facilities for living.
- A. lucky B. exciting C. poor D. frightening
14. Thanks to the increase in _____, their living condition becomes better.
- A. income B. money C. spending D. cash
15. Khang finds it fortunate to work with the _____ teammates who are willing to change differences to get agreement.
- A. tolerant B. sympathized C. friendly D. cooperative

V. Choose the best response (A, B, C or D) to complete each conversation.

1. - _____
- But it's safer for you to go on busy roads.
- A. It's not a great idea to pass across this road.
B. Our city has changed considerably over the last ten years.
C. I really don't like the new elevated walkway. It doesn't look "green" at all.
D. There are a lot of vehicles on the road now.

2. - Have you ever seen a thatched house?
 - _____
- A. Yes. I can't imagine how people can live there.
 B. No. My house has four floors.
 C. Is it near the bus stations?
 D. What a lovely house!
3. - How is your life in your uncle's extended family?
 - _____
- A. Not at all.
 B. I still cannot get along with all members.
 C. You should be careful when coming there.
 D. I don't know what happened.

VI. Read the passage and choose the correct answers (A, B, C or D) to fill in the blanks.

1. _____ western society, different generations of a family in Asia tend to live together under one roof. Living in an 2. _____ family can be challenging at times. Privacy is a huge concern. It's tough to maintain your privacy when you're sharing common space 3. _____ five or six other people. It also doesn't help that old generation and the younger one have different views towards what should or shouldn't be private. 4. _____ people living together means more conflicts. The sources of these conflicts can be trivial or significant. Family members can argue about what channel to watch or how to best raise a child. Even though conflicts are unavoidable in most families, the generation gap in extended families 5. _____ these conflicts harder to resolve.

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| 1. A. Similar | B. Unlike | C. Different | D. Not like |
| 2. A. extended | B. extending | C. extend | D. extensible |
| 3. A. for | B. with | C. in | D. to |
| 4. A. Less | B. The most | C. The least | D. More |
| 5. A. made | B. was made | C. makes | D. will make |

VII. Read the passage and choose the correct answers.

It has been 15 years since I left my hometown, Vung Tau, to study and live in Ho Chi Minh City. A lot has changed in those 15 years. I don't recognize the neighbourhood I used to live in anymore. The house I grew up in is now a hotel. The nearby area is more populated, multistorey houses and buildings have replaced all the empty fields. A lot of new families have moved in, only a handful of my old neighbours still live here. The beach behind my former house, where I used to hang out after school, was bought by a local wealthy businessman. Some folks I talked to said he was planning to build a resort there. Better roads were built in order to accommodate all construction trucks going in and out of the area. It's nice to see things have changed for the better, but at the same time I selfishly wish it hadn't.

1. How long has the writer leave his or her hometown?
 - A. 15 years.
 - B. 16 years.
 - C. 17 years.
 - D. 18 years.
2. How has the nearby area changed during 15 years?
 - A. It is more polluted, multistorey houses and buildings have replaced all the empty fields.
 - B. It is more populated, multistorey houses and buildings have been replaced by the empty fields.
 - C. It is more polluted, multistorey houses and buildings have been replaced by the empty fields.
 - D. It is more populated, multistorey houses and buildings have replaced all the empty fields.
3. How is the beach behind the writer's former house when he or she comes back the hometown?
 - A. It was more crowded.
 - B. It became more dirty because of a local wealthy businessman.
 - C. It was bought by a local wealthy businessman.
 - D. It no longer belonged to the local wealthy businessman.

4. Why were better roads built?
 - A. To accommodate all public transport going in and out of the area.
 - B. To accommodate all private cars going in and out of the area.
 - C. To accommodate all construction trucks going in and out of the area.
 - D. To accommodate all international transport from going in and out of the area.
5. How does the writer feel about the change?
 - A. It's uncomfortable for him/ her to see things have changed for the better, but at the same time he or she selfishly wishes it hadn't.
 - B. It's nice for him/ her to see things have changed for the better, but at the same time he or she selfishly wishes it hadn't.
 - C. It's unbelievable for him/ her to see things have changed for the better, but at the same time he or she selfishly wishes it hadn't.
 - D. It's uncomfortable for him/ her to see things have changed for the better, but at the same time he or she selfishly wishes it had.

VIII. Choose the underlined word or phrase (marked A, B, C or D) in each sentence that needs correcting.

1. My aunt-in-law is so kind to borrow a hand in my life.
A B C D
2. We got lost but finally came home safely and soundly by the night train.
A B C D
3. Dan was envy of Khang living in a wealthy family.
A B C D
4. I has used my bike for three years before it broke down.
A B C D
5. My father used to wear rubber sandal when he went to work.
A B C D
6. My grandparents' house is surrounding with trenches.
A B C D
7. It is so amazing that the population in this city is higher three times after only 5 years.
A B C D