Class 9

THE FIRST SEMESTER TEST (45 MINUTES)

PART A. LISTENING (2.5 P)

I. Listen and choose the correct answer. (1.25 p)

1. What is the most serious problem in Bangkok?

A. Pollution B. Bad weather C. Traffic jams

2. How does Suzanne go to work?

A. By car B. By Skytrain C. By metro

3. How long does it take Suzanne to go to work every day?

A. Two hours B. Five hours C. Half an hour

4. In the evening the traffic is _____.

A. better B. worse C. the same

5. Why is traffic so bad in Bangkok?

A. People move around by boat. B. There aren't enough roads.

C. There isn't a Skytrain or metro.

II. Listen and fill in the passage with a suitable word. (1.25 p)

1. I feel like a _____ here.

2. And it seems kind of dangerous, especially at _____.

3. We _____ in an apartment _____.

4. And we can enjoy all kinds of _____: cinemas, museums…

PART B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR (2.5 P)

I. Choose the best answer to complete the following sentences. (1.5 p)

1. **Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others.**

A. talked B. watched C. lived D. stopped

2. **Choose the word whose main stress is placed differently from that of the others.**

A. illiterate B. occasion C. relaxed D. sculpture

3. I think life today is _____ comfortable than it was in the past.

A. about as B. the most C. more and more D. the more

4. Vietnamese prefer riding motorbikes _____ walking to work.

A. to B. for C. than D. rather than

5. I suggest you_____ Ha Long Bay. It's very picturesque.

A. to visit B. visiting C. visited D. should visit

6. Tomatoes _____ before they are completely ripe.

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A. can be picked B. can pick C. needn't pick D. should be picking

II. Supply the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (1.0 p)

1. The house (build)_____ last month.

2. (you/ever/be)_____ to Bat Trang Ceramic Village?

3. The kids (play)_____ in the garden when it suddenly began to rain.

4. Mary wishes she (take)_____ part in the festival at Perfume Pagoda.

PART C. READING (2.5 P)

I. Choose the best answer to complete the passage. (1.25 p)

Tet is a national and (1)_____ festival in Vietnam. It is occasion for every Vietnamese to be reunited to think (2)_____ their past activities and hope for good luck in the new year.

Before Tet all houses are white washed and (3)_____ with colorful lights. Everybody is looking (4)_____ to a better life. In the New Year's Eve, children are smartly dressed. They are hoping to receive money put in small red envelopes as they are wishing longevity to their grandparents and parents. Wrong doings should (5)_____ avoided on these days.

1. A. traditional	B. modern	C. compulsory	D. convenient.
2. A. about	B. with	C. after	D. for
3. A. decorate	B. decorating	C. to decorate	D. decorated
4. A. for	B. forward	C. after	D. at
5. A. take	B. not	C. are	D. be

II. Read the passage and then answer the questions. (1.25 p)

We are Khmer Krom, one of the biggest ethnic groups in the south of Viet Nam. We live by farming – mostly rice – and fishing on the Mekong River. Life is sometimes hard as our work depends heavily on the weather. When it is not harvest time, the men of the village go fishing from early morning and don't return until late afternoon. By the time they return, most of the village women will be waiting for them on the river bank. They wait to buy the fish, which they will later sell at the local market or bring to the nearby town for a higher price. We children will be there too. We love running around the beach and waiting for the boats to come in.

Our most important festival of the year is the Chol Chnam Thmay, which celebrates the New Year. It falls in mid-April. Every family tries to prepare well for the festive activities. The community also visits and helps poor families so that everybody has a happy New Year.

1. Where do the Khmer Krom live?

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2. Why is life hard for the Khmer?

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3. When do the men of the village go fishing?

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4. Do the children love running around the beach and waiting for the boats to come in?

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5. Who tries to prepare well for the festive activities?

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PART D. WRITING (2.5 P)

I. Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown, so that the meaning stays the same.(2.0 p)

1. People say that he designed this tower.

→ It _____

2. They have restored the structure over the years

→ The structure _____

3. Let's go to the festival by bicycle for convenience.

→ I suggest _____

4. Miss Mai began to work in this company three years ago.

→ Miss Mai has _____

5. He said, "I saw a car accident on the way to school two days ago."

-> He said _____

II. Use the following suggested words to complete a paragraph about *Hoi An* . (1.25 p)

The ancient town of Hoi An / lie/ the Thu Bon River, more than 30 kilometers/ the south of Da Nang.

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Hoi An / be/ famous / its old temples, pagodas, tiled-roof houses and narrow streets.

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Tourists /can/ see / the relics of Sa Huynh / Cham Civilizations / here.

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They / can / also enjoy / the beautiful scenery / the Thu Bon River, Cua Dai Beach, etc.

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In recent years, Hoi An / become / very popular tourist destination / Viet Nam.

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