

THE FIRST SEMESTER TEST (45 MINUTES)

PART A : LISTENING (2.5 P)

I. Listen and choose the correct answers. You will listen TWICE: (1.0 p)

Statements	T/F
1. Five-coloured sticky rice is a traditional dish.	
2. Five-coloured sticky rice is made with chemicals.	
3. The colours represent the elements of life.	
4. These elements create harmony between people.	
5. This rice is only made when there are guests.	

II. Listen to the passage and then complete each blank with one correct word. You will listen TWICE. (1.5 p)

- The *xoe* dance expresses people's working life and wishes for a _____ and wealthy life.
- It is _____ in both public and private gatherings such as celebrations, festivals or _____ reunions.
- The *xoe* dance has more than _____ forms based on the first six ancient forms.
- Old people say they shouldn't break with this tradition _____ it reflects Thai _____ and lifestyle.

PART B: LANGUAGE FOCUS (2.5 P)

I. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to complete the sentences: (1.5 p)

- My dad doesn't mind _____ my mom from work every day.
A. pick up B. picked up C. picking up D. picks up
- Nam helps his parents _____ the rice onto the ox-drawn cart.
A. load B. collect C. dry D. ride
- The sky is _____ here in the countryside because there are no buildings to block the view.
A. tidy B. close C. dense D. vast
- At school, the teachers and students _____ follow the rules.
A. has to B. have to C. need to D. haven't to
- The _____ of *Quan ho* singing has been recognized as a world heritage.
A. preservation B. procession C. song D. performance
- Saint *Giong* was unable to talk, smile, or walk _____ he was three years old.
A. even though B. because C. while D. if

II. Supply the correct tense or form of the verb in parentheses: (1.0 p)

- They detest (see) _____ their son texting his friends all day.
- I (not ride) _____ a horse yet.
- The Buffalo-fighting Festival (hold) _____ in Do Son last Saturday.

4. When I came, they (have) _____ dinner around a big dining table.

PART C: READING (2.5 P)

I. Read the following passage and put a word in the box in each of the numbered blanks: (1.25 p)

popular – the – region – language – groups

Hoang Ngoc Linh is a member of the Tay ethnic group in a mountainous (1) _____ in Bac Giang Province. She was born in 2003, and she goes to Cam Dan Lower Secondary School. In her class there are several students from other ethnic (2) _____ such as the Nung, the Cao Lan (Sanchay) and all of them get on very well. Like her classmates, she prefers to wear (3) _____ Kinh's clothes, and she wears a uniform when she goes to school. Linh loves to watch cartoons on TV and to play with her dolls. She can speak some words of the Tay (4) _____. At school, she is (5) _____ with her teachers and friends as she is a nice girl. She is good at maths and English. Her dream is to become an English teacher when she grows up.

II. Read the following passage and do the tasks below: (1.25 p)

Pizza is a traditional Italian dish. It's popular not only in Italy but around the world.

Naples, a city in southern Italy, is believed to be the birthplace of pizza. It's well-known for the most delicious pizza anywhere. The first pizzeria was built in Naples in 1830 at Port'Alba.

The ancestor of the modern pizza is the simple flat bread. It's the food of the poor. The truly modern pizza we eat today starts with the Margherita pizza. In 1889, Queen Margherita went on a trip to Naples. She heard about pizza and asked to try it. Don Raffaele Esposito, the most famous pizza maker, was asked to prepare it. He prepared two traditional and one new type of pizza, but the Queen liked the new one topped with tomatoes, Mozzarella cheese and fresh basil the best. She thought that the colors of this pizza represented the colors of the Italian flag – red, white, and green. This pizza was then called 'Margherita'.

1. Is Pizza popular in Italy?

2. When was the first pizzeria built?

3. What is the ancestor of the modern pizza?

4. Who went on a trip to Naples in 1889?

5. Why does Margherita pizza represent Italy?

PART D: WRITING (2.5 P)

I. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence.(1.25 p)

1. No one in my group is more intelligent than Mary.

-> Mary is the _____

2. People should use solar energy more.

-> Solar energy _____

3. He uses all his free time to look after his garden.

-> He spends _____

4. The girl worked hard. However, her step mother wasn't happy.

-> Although _____

5. It is not necessary for you to take a thick coat.

-> You don't _____

II. Use the following words or phrases to complete the sentences. (1.25 p)

1. In my opinion, life / the countryside / have / many advantages.

2. Firstly, / people here / be / very / friendly / helpful.

3. Secondly, / the space / the countryside / be / very large for children to play.

4. Finally, the food / be / very / fresh and cheap here, especially vegetables.

5. In short, I / think / it / be / very ideal / live / in / countryside.

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