

Unit 4. Our Customs and Traditions

A. PHONETICS

I Find the word which has a different sound in the underlined part.

1. A. envelope B. secret C. evening D. key
2. A. bottle B. Scotland C. cotton D. both
3. A. culture B. pure C. picture D. nature
4. A. county B. economy C. ceiling D. cover
5. A. failure B. fairly C. painted D. faithful

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

II Reorder the letters to make a meaningful word.

ORWIPSH
RSCTPEE
AFTIESVL
CSTUOM
DPGAOA
GETIONNERA

III Fill in the blank with a suitable word, based on the given photo.

1. It is a custom that Vietnamese people use to pick food.
2. When you visit pagodas in Vietnam, you shouldn't wear short and tank tops.
3. In most Asian countries, it is a common tradition that youngsters must show to the old people.
4. Vietnamese people often to receive any gifts given to them in the beginning.
5. Family is a long-held tradition for each Vietnamese family during special occasion like Tet holiday.



IV Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D).

1. For members of the Yoruba people, an ethnic group in Nigeria, greeting rituals are quite seriously.
A. taken B. given C. brought D. treated
2. The world has been with thousands of different cultures since the dawn of civilization.
A. rich B. richen C. enrich D. enriched
3. The notice board says that we have to our hats and shoes before going into the main area of the temple.
A. take in B. take off C. take over D. take up
4. In our country, it is to mark a special occasion like this with a toast. Let's join us tonight.
A. custom B. customary C. costume D. customer
5. According to the regulations, people who throw litter at the station will be \$100.
A. fired B. stolen C. charged D. fined
6. In some Vietnamese primary schools, pupils are to write with their left hands. In that case, teachers will ask them to change the hand.
A. not agreed B. not permitted C. not allowed D. both B & C
7. In my school, female students wear Aodai every Monday. If you don't follow it, you will be punished.
A. should B. can C. have to D. have
8. It is a of my family that children mustn't go out after 9 p.m.
A. rule B. law C. regulation D. tradition
9. Linh wear uniforms when she goes to the class.
A. Do – have to B. Do – has to B. Does – has to D. Does – have to
10. I think that I give him a thank – you gift. He doesn't care about it.
A. shouldn't B. mustn't B. don't need D. don't want

V Choose *have to*, *don't have to*, *must*, *mustn't*, *should*, *shouldn't* to fill in the blank.

1. The museum is free of charge. You pay.
2. I don't know whether he will be at home then or not, so you call him before you come.
3. You smoke in public places such as schools, hospitals, cinemas, etc.
4. I have missed the bus. I run now or I will be late for the class.
5. Unluckily, we wear uniforms at school. I don't like uniform, to be honest.
6. People say that we go to pagodas to pray for health and happiness during Tet holiday.
7. The notice on the wall says that visitors touch fragile objects in the museum.

8. Our teacher says that we hand in the assignment to her by 10 a.m. tomorrow.

VI Fill in the blank with the correct form of the given word.

1. It is very interesting to read about the traditions and *usual* customs of different countries.
2. Many people complain with the boy's parents about his bad *behave*
3. In Vietnam, it is a to call the first name of someone older *rude* than you without a title.
4. Family gathering is a common on each special events in *occur* many countries.
5. You may believe it or not, but in Denmark cemeteries are common *social* places for people to

VII Find one mistake in each sentence and correct it.

1. We haven't visited our grandparents for one month, so let's pay them visit this weekend.
..... A B C D
2. Nowadays, children didn't had to live with their parents after they get married.
..... A B C D
3. If you want to have a health check, it is essential booking in advance.
..... A B C D
4. In some foreign countries, it is rather polite to ask someone about age, marriage, salary and so on.
..... A B C D
5. Our father will come home very late today, so we mustn't wait for him.
..... A B C D

C. READING

VII I Read the passage. Answer the question below.

Wedding custom in Vietnam is quite complicated. Before an official wedding, a ceremony of engagement must be held first. In Vietnamese tradition, engagement ceremony is an official occasion for families of fiancé and fiancée to mark their relationship and to arrange the wedding.

Each family need to prepare a representative who is a family member having a happy life and high-ranking position in the family. In the day of engagement, the representatives of two families will have some announcement about the wedding and exchange gifts. The time of wedding is chosen suitably based on lunar calendar. Gifts which are put in trays are prepared by the family of fiancé a few days before the engagement ceremony. The number of trays must be an odd number. In Vietnamese habits, odd numbers are thought to bring luck to the couple. In the trays, there are betel leaves, areca nut fruits, wine, tea, husband-wife and sticky rice. In the wedding day, the couple has to stay apart to avoid unlucky things. The wedding ceremony starts in front of the ancestor altar. The master of the wedding ceremony will declare the couple becomes a new family.

1. What ceremony occurs before the official wedding?
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2. Who is selected to be the representative of each family?
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3. Who prepares gift trays for the engagement ceremony?
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4. Why must the number of trays be an odd number?
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5. Where does the wedding ceremony occur?
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IX Read the passage. Tipping in the U.S

Another odd (1) associated with the United States is its tipping culture. Unlike many other countries who don't tip at all or who only tip in small amounts when the food was particularly (2), tipping is rather (3) at most restaurants in the U.S. In fact, it is (4) that patrons leave between 10-20 percent of the bill in tips. Wait staff rely (5) this gratuity for a living because legal wages for waiters are (6) You may be surprised to know that waiters at the restaurants typically get only \$ 2.13/ hour. Further, there are (7) for tipping bartenders, delivery people and other service personnel. You can either include the tip in the credit card slip itself or you can pay separately by cash. While some criticize this practice as irrational, there's no doubt that tipping culture in the U.S. gives an incentive for waiters and waitresses to (8) better service.

1. Choose the most suitable word/ phrase to fill in the blank.

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| 1. A. tradition | B. costume | C. custom | D. rule |
| 2. A. bad | B. good | C. cooked | D. served |
| 3. A. mandatory | B. optional | C. unnecessary | D. uncommon |
| 4. A. needed | B. thought | C. expected | D. said |
| 5. A. in | B. on | C. from | D. over |
| 6. A. high | B. tall | C. low | D. short |
| 7. A. laws | B. regulations | C. ways | D. rules |
| 8. A. propose | B. provide | C. produce | D. promote |

2. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

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| 1. Tipping is not very popular in many other countries. | A. True | B. False |
| 2. In the US, it is almost obliged to leave a tip after being served. | A. True | B. False |
| 3. It is not satisfactory if you tip 15% of the bill. | A. True | B. False |
| 4. Salaries of waiters in the US are quite high. | A. True | B. False |
| 5. Waiters don't rely much on customers' tips. | A. True | B. False |

D. LISTENING

X 1. Listen to a man talking about the traditional dance shown in the pictures. Fill in the banks with the missing words.

- For the Khmer, dance plays an important part in their cultural and (1) lives. It reflects the Khmer (2), painting, and culture. Dances are often performed at (3)
- The Khmer have three main forms of dance: (4), dance, religious dance, and (5), dance.

2. Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. In the Khmer's culture, the dances appeared before the pagodas.

- A. True B. False

2. The Khmer's folk dances depict the people's working life.

- A. True B. False

3. The Khmer's folk dance is not really fun.

- A. True B. False

4. The Khmer's religious dance serves as an entertainment form after work.

- A. True B. False

5. The Khmer's religious dance has always been widely popular up to now.

- A. True B. False

D. WRITING

XI Rewrite the following sentences based on the given words.

1. In my family, all of the children have to get up before 6 a.m. and do exercises.

→ (obliged)

2. Students have to book in advance to use computers at the school library.

→ (necessary)

3. In most of the temples and pagodas in Vietnam, you have to take off your shoes when going inside the main worship areas.

→
..... (allowed)

4. To visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, people must hand in their identity cards.

→ (obliged)

5. In Vietnam, people must drive on the right of the road.

→ (can't)

The end