

1. She couldn't afford to buy the car.  
The car is too \_\_\_\_\_
2. I would like you to help me to put the chair away.  
Do you mind \_\_\_\_\_
3. If I were you, I wouldn't sweep the house on the first day of Tet.  
You \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is it really necessary for us to finish the work today?  
Do we \_\_\_\_\_
5. Learning about other cultures is one of my interests.  
I'm \_\_\_\_\_
6. Unless he phones her immediately, he won't get any information.  
If \_\_\_\_\_
7. It's very difficult to leave here after such a long time.  
It isn't \_\_\_\_\_
8. Let's get together and talk about our presentation before we do it in class.  
Why \_\_\_\_\_

# UNIT 5

# FESTIVALS IN VIETNAM

## A. PHONETICS

I. Look at the pictures and write the suffixes *-ion* or *-ian*.



1. music \_\_\_\_\_



2. reun \_\_\_\_\_



3. electric \_\_\_\_\_



4. confus \_\_\_\_\_



5. magic \_\_\_\_\_



6. tradit \_\_\_\_\_



7. compan \_\_\_\_\_



8. fash \_\_\_\_\_



9. pedestr \_\_\_\_\_



10. celebrat \_\_\_\_\_



11. librar \_\_\_\_\_



12. vegetar \_\_\_\_\_

II. Say these words aloud and underline the stressed syllable.

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|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. congratulation | 2. procession   | 3. musician    | 4. vegetarian     |
| 5. magician       | 6. electrician  | 7. companion   | 8. confusion      |
| 9. preservation   | 10. competition | 11. politician | 12. historian     |
| 13. production    | 14. generation  | 15. tradition  | 16. Canadian      |
| 17. physician     | 18. pedestrian  | 19. librarian  | 20. communication |

III. Choose the word which is stressed differently from the rest.

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|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. a. reunion      | b. ceremony    | c. performance | d. procession   |
| 2. a. oriental     | b. politician  | c. celebration | d. questionable |
| 3. a. anniversary  | b. explanation | c. traditional | d. electrician  |
| 4. a. specialities | b. activities  | c. impression  | d. technician   |
| 5. a. lantern      | b. companion   | c. Christian   | d. incense      |

## B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Complete the sentences with the correct words. Use the pictures as a clue.

archway    lantern    reunion    offerings    ceremony    anniversary  
procession    performance    carnival    ritual

1. Their wedding \_\_\_\_\_ was held in the county park.



2. This is the band's first live \_\_\_\_\_ since last year.



3. Buddhist monks perform a prayer \_\_\_\_\_ in the main hall of the pagoda.



4. We went through a stone \_\_\_\_\_ into the garden.



5. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Rio de Janeiro is a festival held every year and considered the biggest in the world.



6. Hoi An \_\_\_\_\_ Festival takes place monthly – on the 14th day of each lunar month.



7. Our grandparents celebrated their 50th wedding \_\_\_\_\_ last week.



8. We have a family \_\_\_\_\_ every New Year's Day.



9. Lots of people poured down the street to watch a colourful \_\_\_\_\_ of dragon dances, lion dances.



10. Many people visit the shrines to make \_\_\_\_\_ of fruit or rice to the gods.



## II. Complete the sentences with the correct form or tense of the verbs from the box.

worship   preserve   cheer   offer   pray   commemorate   perform   float

1. *Quan ho* singing is \_\_\_\_\_ in traditional festivals in Bac Ninh.
2. On Tet holiday, Vietnamese people \_\_\_\_\_ their ancestors a five-fruit tray.
3. I enjoy going to Huong Pagoda and \_\_\_\_\_ Buddha.
4. The book will be published in October to \_\_\_\_\_ the 100th anniversary of Morris's death.



5. The crowds are shouting and \_\_\_\_\_ to encourage their teams.
6. We should \_\_\_\_\_ our tradition and culture for future generations.
7. Lotus lanterns are \_\_\_\_\_ on the small river in the old town.
8. On the first day of the New Year, we visit the temples \_\_\_\_\_ for good fortune and health.

**III. State whether the following sentences are simple, complex or compound.**

1. The Elephant Racing Festival is the biggest cultural festival in Tay Nguyen.
2. You can either choose to ride in a cable car up to the pagoda or walk up.
3. We first learned to sing *quan ho* when we were between 15 and 17.
4. The oarsmen are encouraged by the sounds of drums and the cheering crowds while they are racing.
5. Maya doesn't follow the procession, but she supports the dancing team.
6. Hundreds of thousands of people gather on the two banks of the river to watch the Ngo junk race.
7. Ngo junk race is a community sports which enhance unity among Khmer people from villages.
8. Even though many people come to Buon Don to ride the elephants, a lot of them fail to witness the Elephant Racing Festival.
9. Tet is the most important festival in Vietnam; therefore, most Vietnamese return home for Tet.
10. They played together as a team very well; however, they didn't win the race.
11. After taking a boat to the mountain, we can take a cable car up.
12. It was an exciting festival, so I felt very lucky to participate in it.
13. Last year, I went to Huong Pagoda with my family and friends.

**IV. Complete each sentence using the correct conjunction from the parenthesis.**

1. He's overweight, \_\_\_\_\_ he continues to eat lots of cakes and biscuits. (and, so, yet)
2. I've drunk six cups of coffee today, \_\_\_\_\_ I've got a headache. (and, so, but)
3. The lesson finished, \_\_\_\_\_ everyone went home. (and, or, but)
4. We're making good progress, \_\_\_\_\_ we've still got a long way to go. (but, so, or)
5. The climate is getting warmer. Maybe it's natural, \_\_\_\_\_ maybe it's caused by us. (and, but, or)
6. Maria didn't do any revision, \_\_\_\_\_ she didn't pass the exam. (but, so, or)
7. To get to Vancouver, you can fly, \_\_\_\_\_ you can ride the ferry. (and, or, yet)
8. I'm afraid of heights, \_\_\_\_\_ I appreciate the view from the top of this building. (and, yet, so)
9. It isn't in a very nice part of town, \_\_\_\_\_ it's a good restaurant. (but, and, so)
10. I found it hard to follow what the teacher was saying, \_\_\_\_\_ eventually I lost concentration. (yet, and, or)

**V. Join the two sentences using the conjunctive adverbs in the box.**

however      nevertheless      moreover      therefore      otherwise

1. My penpal has lived in the Alps all his life. He has never learnt to ski.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. You need to work harder. You won't get a passing grade.

3. Roberta didn't have all the ingredients to bake a cake. She decided to prepare something else.
4. I was not confident of winning. I decided to give it a try.
5. I had a problem with my bike. I was late for school.
6. Drinking and driving is against the rules. It's dangerous.
7. We were supposed to go dancing after dinner. We went home instead.
8. Milos said his English is terrible. He got a 9.0 on his IELTS Writing test.
10. Remember to use sun cream when you go down to the beach. You'll get sunburnt within half an hour.
10. Diet and exercise will help you lose weight. It is good for your health.

**VI. Complete each sentence with *and, but, so, or, moreover, however, therefore, or otherwise*.**

1. You must do your homework; \_\_\_\_\_, you might get a bad grade.
2. He's seventy-two, \_\_\_\_\_ he still swims, runs and plays football regularly.
3. John studied hard for the math exam; \_\_\_\_\_ he got an A+.
4. Do you want a cup of tea, \_\_\_\_\_ would you prefer coffee?
5. Smoking gives you bad breath. \_\_\_\_\_, it is harmful to your health.
6. There are many learning English websites; \_\_\_\_\_, some of them are not free.
7. I like to read, \_\_\_\_\_ my grammar is always on-point.
8. I hope you are feeling better \_\_\_\_\_ will be back at college soon.
9. Engineering is an interesting career. \_\_\_\_\_, you have to be good at maths.
10. To be a doctor you have to study biology, \_\_\_\_\_ chemistry is also important.

**VII. Combine a clause in column A with a clause in column B to make complex sentences.**

A

1. Before I have breakfast,
2. They were talking
3. Although he worked very hard,
4. Since Joe has high blood pressure,
5. Never look down on anybody
6. After he finished his homework,
7. When he finished his degree,
8. George was obviously in a bad mood,
9. He'll be able to maintain a healthy weight

10. Whenever they eat at this restaurant

B

- a. his parents let him play video games.
- b. Matt got a job in a software company.
- c. because he didn't even say good morning.
- d. unless you're helping him up.
- e. they order a hamburger and fries.
- f. if he keeps exercising.
- g. he has to watch what he eats.
- h. he didn't manage to pass the exam.



- i. I spend half an hour doing exercises. | j. while the teacher was explaining the lesson.

**VIII. Combine each pair of sentences using the conjunction in brackets.**

1. The world is getting warmer. Polar bears are in danger of becoming extinct. (because)  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. There weren't enough students. They closed the village school. (as)  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. I really enjoyed the concert. The music was too loud. (although)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. He got a creampie smashed in his face. Everyone laughed. (when)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Paul was walking to the bus stop. He found somebody's wallet on the ground. (while)  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Jackie will take out the trash. She is done with her chores. (after)  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. You study for the test. You will do much better. (if)  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Rex practiced his guitar. He could play the song perfectly. (until)  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. We could get back to shore. It started to rain hard. (before)  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. I saw him. He was always carrying a plastic shopping bag. (whenever)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IX. Choose the best answer to complete the sentences.**

1. Mid-Autumn Festival not only recalls the family love, \_\_\_\_\_ is also a festival for both children and adults in Vietnam.  
a. and                      b. but                      c. yet                      d. therefore
2. Tran Temple Festival lasts from the 15th-20th of lunar August. \_\_\_\_\_, visitors all over the country eagerly go on a pilgrimage far prior to the day.  
a. Nevertheless              b. Otherwise              c. Therefore              d. Moreover
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the main worship event is taking place at Hung Temple, 100 lanterns are released into the sky.  
a. Because                      b. Even though              c. While                      d. If
4. Lim Festival is among the most impressive festivals, ceremonies \_\_\_\_\_ singing events.  
a. or                      b. but                      c. yet                      d. and
5. The navigation of the boat, called *ghe ngo*, requires great skills \_\_\_\_\_ it can easily be flipped.  
a. therefore                      b. because                      c. when                      d. although
6. \_\_\_\_\_ you consider yourself a culture enthusiast, Hue Arts Festival is a must.  
a. If                      b. Though                      c. Because                      d. As
7. The festival only lasted for three days; \_\_\_\_\_ they spent nearly a month preparing for it.  
a. when                      b. moreover                      c. otherwise                      d. however

8. In Quang Ninh, you can go to Yen Tu Mountain to attend the Yen Tu Festival, \_\_\_\_\_ you can visit Ha Long Bay.  
a. so                      b. yet                      c. or                      d. otherwise
9. \_\_\_\_\_ there are loads of festivals in Vietnam, Tet or Tet Nguyen Dan is the most important one.  
a. Since                      b. Although                      c. When                      d. As long as
10. Festival visitors can take part in cultural activities, such as visiting art galleries, historical places and parks. \_\_\_\_\_, they can taste exotic food and dishes.  
a. Moreover                      b. Therefore                      c. However                      d. Otherwise

**X. Complete each sentence with an appropriate preposition.**

- The Lim Festival takes place every year \_\_\_\_\_ the 13th day of the first lunar month.
- Elephant Race Festival is held \_\_\_\_\_ Don Village, Dak Lak Province.
- Fishermen pray \_\_\_\_\_ the good fortune at Whale Festival.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the Mid-Autumn Festival, children carry beautiful lanterns.
- They decorate their homes \_\_\_\_\_ kumquat trees and peach branches.
- The Hung King Temple Festival has become a public holiday \_\_\_\_\_ 2007.
- The Buddhist Festival lasts \_\_\_\_\_ three months from the first to the third lunar month.
- Foreigners are always keen \_\_\_\_\_ watching Vietnamese families prepare \_\_\_\_\_ Tet.
- At the Kate festival, Cham people take part \_\_\_\_\_ a procession to the nearby temple.
- The Lunar New Year typically takes place \_\_\_\_\_ late January or early February.

**C. SPEAKING**

**I. Make questions for the underlined words.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ The Elephant Race Festival is usually held in Don Village or in forests near the Sevepoi River.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Thirteen elephants joined the elephant race on March 12 in Lak District.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Lim festival takes place on the 13th day of the first lunar month.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The spring festival of Bai Dinh Pagoda lasts for three months.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saint Giong Festival was recognized by UNESCO as world intangible cultural heritage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vu Lan Festival is so-called "Xa toi vong nhan" festival because this is the day for the death's souls.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Kate Festival is celebrated by the Cham ethnic group.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Perfume Pagoda is about 70 kilometers away from Hanoi.
- \_\_\_\_\_

Tran Temple Festival is held to commemorate the Kings of the Tran dynasty.

10. \_\_\_\_\_  
To celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, children commonly join street parades, carrying lanterns and wearing masks.

**II. Complete the dialogue with the appropriate sentences (A - H).**

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| A. Well, I had a lot of fun there.  | B. It's a unique attraction of Hoi An. |
| C. That sounds great!               | D. Is it Hoi An speciality?            |
| E. You should try it sometime.      | F. When did you go?                    |
| G. I've just come back from Hoi An. | H. Yeah, very impressive.              |

- Tung: Hello, Nhan! Long time no see.  
Nhan: Tung! Hi! (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Tung: Really? I've never been to Hoi An. (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Nhan: I arrived in Hoi An last Friday, and stayed there for 3 nights.  
Tung: Then you spent the weekends there. It must be fun.  
Nhan: (3) \_\_\_\_\_ I visited traditional houses, pagodas and bridges, tried special foods, walked around the old town...  
Tung: But what do you like most in Hoi An?  
Nhan: The Lantern Festival (4) \_\_\_\_\_ I wandered down to the riverfront during the evening when all of the electric lights were turned off, and thousands of lanterns lit up the narrow streets.  
Tung: Wow! It's a picturesque scene, isn't it?  
Nhan: (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Then I took part in the folk game *Bai Choi* and stopped by an old restaurant to try *cao lau*.  
Tung: Cao lau? (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
Nhan: Yes. It's very delicious. (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
Tung: I wish I could visit Hoi An one day.  
Nhan: Why don't we go together this summer holiday?  
Tung: (8) \_\_\_\_\_

**D. READING**

**I. Fill in each blank with a word from the box.**

picturesque rituals goodness among perform spiritual held incense

Together with Bai Dinh and Yen Tu Pagoda Festival, Huong Pagoda Festival is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the greatest Buddhist festivals in northern part of Vietnam. Huong Pagoda festival plays an important role in the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ life of Vietnamese people in general. Vietnamese Buddhists in particular.

As other festivals in Vietnam, Huong Pagoda Festival is divided into two parts: the ceremonies and the entertaining activities. Ceremonial (3) \_\_\_\_\_ consist of incense offering procession and Zen ceremony in which Monks and Buddhists offer (4) \_\_\_\_\_, flowers, candles and fruits. During the ceremony, two monks (5) \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful and flexible dances.



There are also entertaining activities include enjoying boat cruise along Yen Stream for watching (6)\_\_\_\_\_ scenery, climbing mountain and exploring holy caves. In addition, cultural activities and sporting contests are also (7)\_\_\_\_\_ on the occasion of Huong Pagoda Festival: boat racing, climbing, folk song singing, etc.

The Huong pagoda festival is imbued with national identity in which people are oriented towards Truth, Beauty, and (8)\_\_\_\_\_.

## **II. Read the text carefully, then do the tasks.**

Ok Om Bok is a traditional festival of Khmer people in Mekong Delta. Ok Om Bok Festival takes place on the Full Moon day of the tenth month in Vietnamese Lunar Calendar, aiming at worshipping the Moon.

At the night of the Full Moon day, Khmer people set up a table of offerings; new sticky rice, yam, coconuts, bananas, sweets, etc and bow their head to show their thanks to the Moon. After that, there is a colorful and sparkling lanterns ceremony on Ba Om Lake. Khmer people not only drop these lanterns on the lake but also fly them to the sky. Dozens of great lantern light the night sky in bustling music and the joy of Khmer people. Khmer people believe that these lanterns will bring bad luck and risk far away.

The most attractive and exciting activity of Ok Om Bok Festival is Ngo race (a special kind of boat of Khmer people in shape of Nagar snake). Ngo race is a traditional sport of Khmer in Ok Om Bok Festival. Ngo is a long boat with 25 - 30 meters in length and 1 - 1.4 meter in width. There are about 40 to 60 boatmen in every "Ngo" with a leader at the top to guide the whole team. Before the race, people gather along the riverbanks making an exciting atmosphere. During the race, the boisterous sound of drum, trumpet, cheers and applause urge boatmen row as fast as possible to the end.

Overall, Ok Om Bok is an important festival in Khmer people's life. Ok Om Bok Festival has sacred meaning in spiritual life of these people, making a cultural characteristic of this ethnic community.

### **A. Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).**

1. Ok Om Bok Festival is celebrated in October in the Western Calendar.
2. At the night of the festival, Khmer people drop lanterns on the lake and fly lanterns to the sky.
3. Ngo is a snake-shaped boat of Khmer people.
4. Ngo boat race takes place right after Ok Om Bok Festival.
5. The boatmen are encouraged by the people gathering along the riverbanks.
6. Ok Om Bok Festival promote traditional cultural identity of Khmer community.

### **B. Answer the questions.**

1. When does Ok Om Bok Festival take place?

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2. What is Ok Om Bok Festival celebrated for?

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3. Where do Khmer people float their lanterns?

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4. How long is a Ngo boat?

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5. How many boatmen are there in every Ngo boat?