UNIT 4 OUR CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

C. SPEAKING

I. Complete the dialogue with the appropriate phrases or sentences (A - H).

A. What should I do at the dinner table?

B.Try to finish everything on your plate.
C.and do not sit down until the oldest member has seated.
D.Do you mind if I ask you something
E.place your chopsticks, fork or knife on your bowl or plate.
F.You can ask whatever you want.
G. Do I have to wear formal clothes?
H.What should I do when I'm invited to a Vietnamese house for a meal?

Maria: Hi, Mai! I'm going to take a trip to Vietnam next month.
(1)_____ about Vietnamese customs and etiquette?

Mai: Not at all. (2)_____

Marla: (3)_____

Mai: You should bring a small gift, such as flowers, fruits or sweets wrapped in colourful paper.

Maria: What should I wear? (4)_____

Mai: No. Just dress conservatively.

Maria: (5)_____

Mai: Wait to be shown where to sit (6)_____

Maria: What else?

Mai: (7)_____ Leaving food on your plate is considered impolite... When you have finished eating, (8)_____

Maria: Thanks for all.

II. Rearrange the sentences to make a complete conversation.

_____ Thanks for teaching me. How about the customs before a meal? I'm a little nervous...

_____ No. We sit on a mat with foods on a tray in the middle. Everyone has a bowl and a pair of chopsticks.

_____ Let's see if I can follow you!

_____ No, in my parents' house. We'll have a big meal with my family members.

_____ Yes, you can have a spoon, but no fork and knife. I'll teach you to use chopsticks.

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_____ In your parents' house? But I don't know your table manners.

__1__ Hey Jennifer! I would like to invite you to our dinner.

_____ Chopsticks? I don't know how to use them. Is there any fork, knife or spoon?

_____ Don't worry! You're a foreigner, so you don't have to know the manners clearly.

_____ Wow, that's nice. Where? In a restaurant?

_____ It'll be OK, Jennifer! Just follow my directions when we get home.

_____ I should learn something first though. Do you sit around a table?

D. READING

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

simply	bow	given	rather	addressing	usual	*wai*	with

Thais often greet one another with a *wai* – a palms-together gesture accompanied by a (1)_____, slight bend of knees and smile. 'Khun' is used as a prefix, instead of Mr and Ms when (2)_____ people. It can be used for both males and females, For example, a 30-year-old male, Kullawat Chaowanawatee, will (3)_____ be Khun Kullawat. Every Thai has a nickname, and once you are more familiar with people it is(4)_____ for them to encourage you to call them by their nickname instead oftheirfirst name. Most Thai nicknames are single syllable words which are (5)_____ from birth and can be Thai or English words, colours, fruits, or shortenings of their first name.

Thais don't use 'please', 'thank you' and 'hello'. Instead of saving 'thank you', 'hello' or 'good bye', many Thais simply smile or offer a (6)_____ equivalent of'please' in Thai is complex and varies (7)_____ the rank and status one is speakingto. Many Thais ask 'where are you going?' (8)_____ than saying. 'How are you?'

II. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answers.

GIFT-GIVING CUSTOMS IN VIETNAM

Gift giving is important in Vietnam because of the significance of interpersonal relationships in Vietnamese culture.

First and foremost, do not encourage corruption. There is a clear cut between gift-giving and bribery. Nevertheless, it is common in Vietnam for exchanging small gifts on certain occasions such as anniversary, Tet holiday... to express your respect, love, appreciation or gratitude.

Gift-giving customs depend on the context. If it is a private gift for one Vietnamese partner you should give the gift at a private occasion. If you have a gift for the whole officeor company, you should give it after the business meeting with the whole office's employee.

Do not wrap a gift in the black paper because this colour is unlucky and associated with funerals in Vietnam. Gifts that symbolize cutting such as scissors, knives and other sharp objects should be avoided because they mean the cutting of the relationship.

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Vietnamese may or may not open these gifts when they are received; leave the option to them. You will also receive gifts and should defer to your host as to whether youshould open it when received or not. Regardless of when it is opened or what it is, profuse thanks are always appropriate.

1. According to the passage, why is gift giving important in Vietnam?
   a. Because it helps to establish a friendship.
   b. Because it's common in Vietnamese culture.
   c. Because it's the best way to build up a stable relationship.
   d. Because personal relationships play a vital role in Vietnamese culture.
2. Which of the followings should not be a reason for gift giving?
   a. Toshowappreciation
   b. To bribesomebody
   c. To express gratitude
   d. To show affection
3. Whengiving a gift, you should _____.
   a. wrap it in black or white paper
   b. give it in the business meeting
   c.never give sharp objects, such as knives or scissors
   d.avoid giving it at a private occasion
4. When receiving a gift, you should _____.
   a. always say "thank you?
   b. try to find what is it
   c. open it in front of the giver
   d. ask your host to open it
5. Whichofthe following is NOT true about gift giving customs in Vietnam?
   a. Gift giving is a good way of strengthening relationships.
   b. Gifts for your partners should be given at private occasions.
   c. You should avoid giving anything sharp.
   d. It is considered rude not to open the gift in front of the giver.

E. WRITING

I. Put the words in order to make sentences.

1. If/ a/ should/ Vietnamese home/ bring/ invited/ to/ gift/ you/ a/ small

   _____

2. as/ custom/ *ojigi*/ bowing/ in/ Known/ is/ important/ Japan/ an

   _____

3. greeting/ shake hands/ when/ saying/ The Vietnamese/ and/ both/ when/ good-bye

   _____

4. don't/ wear/ a/ You/ tie/ to/ have to/ dinner party/ if/ want to/ you/ don't/ a

   _____

5. taking off/ when/ house/ a/ It's/ entering/ the Japanese/ shoes/ custom/ of

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6. follow/ cleaning/ the tradition/ the house/ Do/ before/ we/ of/ have to/ Tet?

_____

7. We/ together/ on/ have/ dinner/ a/ family/ of/ eating/ New Year's Eve/ tradition.

_____

8. wear/ occasions/ special/ on/ women/ Vietnamese/ *ao dai*/ usually

_____

II. Rewrite the sentence using the word in brackets.

1. It's impolite of them to wear hats in the pagoda. (shouldn't)

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2. Children have to live with their parents until they reach the age of 18. (obliged)

_____

3. Is it necessary for me to tip in a coffee shop? (have to)

_____

4. It's not mandatory for staff to wear vests in their company. (need)

_____

5. It's good for us to keep our traditional customs. (should)

_____

6. It's really important to remove your shoes when entering a temple. (must)

_____

7. Photography is not allowed at some sacred places. (mustn't)

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8. It's Saturday tomorrow, so it's not necessary for Jane to get up early. (have to)

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9. If I were you, I'd ask them about their customs. (should)

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10. Why don't we look for the information on the Internet? (how)

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