
Passage 1

Get to Know Chiangklang

Amphoe Chianklang is a small district. It is approximately 277.15 square kilometers in size. Geography of Chianklang is a wide area valley surrounded by mountains. The neighboring districts of Chiangklang are Thung Chang in the north, Songkware on the northwest, Tha Wang Pha on the southwest and Pua on the south. The former capital of Nan was Pua and the old name of Nan was “Woara-Naknorn”. Surrounding towns are Puer, Ngob, and Pond. The city was invaded by Thai-Yai or Ngeaw. Nan capital was moved to the Nan river, which was Sobkorn and later changed to Chianklang.

Current governance of Chiangklang is separated into six sub-districts. They are Chiangklang, Praputtabath, Puer, Pratat, Payakeaw and Chiangkarn. 15% of the populations are hill-tribes and 85% of the populations are low land people 80% of them are involved in the agriculture industry, 5% of the employments are in the public sector. 15% are in miscellaneous. 88.61% are Buddhist and the rest are Christians and other religions.

Amphoe Chiangklang is located approximately 76 kilometers away from Amphoe Muang – the capital of Nan province. The Chiangklang village provides its population with public water and electricity surrounded by natural environment (highly dense tropical rain-forest).

Nan River plays an important part in the local agriculture industry and the people's everyday life. There are many people from other parts of Thailand who moved to Nan due to its natural surroundings. Nan people welcome these migrants with open arms so long as they do not cause any trouble.

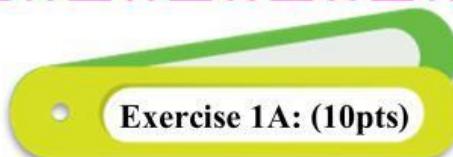
Vocabulary

| Word | Part of Speech | Meaning |
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| approximately | adj., vt., vi. | ประมาณ, ใกล้เคียง, จำนวนใกล้เคียง |
| Neighbor | n. | เพื่อนบ้าน |
| Invaded | vt. | บุกรุก, รุกราน |
| governance | vt. | ปกครอง, ครอบงำ, ควบคุมดูแล |
| population | n. | ประชากร, ประชาชน, พลเมือง |
| hill-tribes | n. | ชาวยา |
| public | n. | สาธารณะ, ชุมชน |
| Sector | vt. | แบ่งออกเป็น ส่วนๆ |
| miscellaneous | adj. | ต่างๆ นานา, เป็นเล้น |
| Dense | adj. | แน่น, หนาแน่น, หนาทึบ |
| Tropical | adj. | เกี่ยวกับเขตร้อน |
| migrants | adj. | ชีงอพยพ เกี่ยวกับการ ย้ายถิ่น |

Vocabulary

Meaning

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|---------------|-------------|
| Amphoe | อำเภอ |
| Woara-Naknorn | เมืองวรนคร |
| Thai-Yai | ไทยใหญ่ |
| Ngeaw | กอุ่มชนเผ่า |



Exercise 1A: (10pts)

Direction: Match the terms in Column A to the their meaning in Column B by writing the letter before the number.

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| _____ 1. Woara-Naknorn | a. the former capital of Nan |
| _____ 2. Hill-tribes | b. are 85% of the population |
| _____ 3. Thai-Yai | c. are 5% of the population |
| _____ 4. Native | d. the capital of Nan province |
| _____ 5. Pua | e. is 277.15 sq.km in size |
| _____ 6. Public sector employees | f. are 88.61% of the population |
| _____ 7. Amphoe Muang | g. were the ones who invaded the city |
| _____ 8. Buddhist | h. is the southeast neighboring district |
| _____ 9. Tha Wang Pha | i. are 15% of the population |
| _____ 10. Chiangklang | j. the old name of Nan |

Exercise 1B: (5pts)

Direction: Choose the correct answer for the questions by encircling the letter.

1. What is the neighboring district of Chiangklang in the north?

- a. Pua
- b. Songkware
- c. Tha Wang Pha
- d. Thung Chang

2. What are the 80% of the population in Chiangklang involved in?

- a. Music Industry
- b. Public Sector
- c. Agriculture Industry
- d. Education Industry

3. How far is Amphoe Chiangklang from Amphoe Muang?

- a. 72 kilometers away
- b. 74 kilometers away
- c. 76 kilometers away
- d. 78 kilometers away

4. What is the neighboring district of Chiangklang in the northwest?

- a. Thung Chang
- b. Songkware
- c. Tha Wang Pha
- d. Pua

5. How many percent of the people in Chiangklang are employed in the Public Sector?

- a. 5%
- b. 10%
- c. 15%
- d. 20%

Exercise 1C: (5pts)

Direction: Encircle the letter “T” if the statement is true and “F” if otherwise.

1. People from other parts of Thailand moved to Nan because of its natural surroundings.

T F

2. Nan river plays an important role in the local agriculture industry.

T F

3. Chiangklang is a wide valley surrounded by mountains.

T F

4. Thung chang is the former capital of Nan.

T F

5. Chiangklang has beautiful beaches.

T F

