

III. Complete the sentences with the correct form or tense of the verbs in the box.

respect wrap worship pass take reflect reunite break

1. She _____ the present in red paper and tied it with yellow ribbon.
2. All students should _____ their teachers.
3. The culture of *xoe* dancing _____. Thai people's lifestyle and culture.
4. We decided _____ with tradition and go away for Tet holidays.
5. In my family the tradition that has been _____ down is eating together every Sunday.
6. Almost every Vietnamese household sets an altar _____ their ancestors.
7. It is considered very impolite not _____ off your shoes before entering a house in Japan.
8. Lots of people come back _____ their families during Tet holiday.

IV. Match the two halves to make a full sentence.

1. In Vietnam, it is not uncommon	a. everyone will give moon cakes to their parents, relatives or friends.
2. If you are invited to a Swede's home,	b. not having fireworks on New Year's Eve.
3. It's our tradition at Mid-Autumn festival that	c. you should bring a gift such as chocolates, flowers or liquors as the Swedish gift giving custom.
4. It's the custom in Mexico to	d. you take off your shoes before going into a house.
5. My province broke with tradition by	e. for three generations to be living together under one roof.
6. It's an old custom in many birthday parties that	f. <i>Ao dai</i> is most commonly worn by women at school, work and on special occasions.
7. Considered as the symbol of Vietnamese tradition,	g. the birthday cake is decorated with lighted candles.
8. There is a custom in Japan that	h. tip 10% for passable service and 15% for good service
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V. Complete the sentences with **should** or **shouldn't**.

1. In Japan, you _____ point at people or things because it's considered rude.
2. When invited to a Vietnamese home, you _____ bring gifts wrapped in brightly coloured paper.
3. You _____ stand up chopsticks in your food between mouthfuls or when finished – it resembles incense sticks that are burned in memory of the dead.
4. You _____ sweep your house on the first three days of the new year because all your money and success will be swept out too.
5. You _____ smile and say “thank you” when receiving a gift.
6. When travelling on public transport, you _____ avoid loud phone conversations.
7. When visiting Thailand, you _____ mention the King and do anything that's disrespectful.
8. You _____ take your shoes off when entering homes or temples.
9. You _____ use both hands when giving and receiving things.
10. When dining in Thailand, you _____ eat with your fork, but do use it to push food onto your spoon.

**D. READING**

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

simply bow given rather addressing usual wai

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 of their first 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 saying '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 speaking to. 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



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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 office or 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.

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 you should 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. To show appreciation
 - b. To bribe somebody
 - c. To express gratitude
 - d. To show affection



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3. When giving 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. Which of the 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.