

Unit 2 - PRACTICE TEST 1

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others.

1. A. video B. exposure C. occasion D. emotion
2. A. local B. casual C. active D. special

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word that has a stress pattern different from the others.

3. A. country B. taboo C. culture D. meeting
4. A. Korean B. Mexican C. African D. Indian

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best option for each of the following questions.

5. Kimchi is a(n) _____ in Korea, and it's very spicy.
A. custom B. attraction C. specialty D. tradition
6. The flowers and colors on that kimono are absolutely _____ I can't stop looking at them.
A. boring B. stunning C. normal D. usual
7. When meeting the elderly, you should bow to show _____.
A. respect B. caution C. embarrassment D. familiarity
8. Japanese people prefer bowing when greeting each other, _____ is different from the Vietnamese.
A. whom B. which C. who D. that
9. There's _____ castle on the hill outside the town.
A. a B. an C. the D. Ø

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the options that best complete the messages.

Hi Dinh,

I've been traveling around Vietnam for two weeks. I've been amazed (10) _____ the diversity of the local dishes. I've eaten some local dishes in (11) _____ Khanh Hoa Province. The locals generally love eating seafood served with a variety of sauces, (12) _____ is quite surprising to me because I prefer dishes with meat. Can you recommend any excellent restaurant that serves meat?

10. A. with B. on C. by D. in
11. A. a B. an C. the D. Ø
12. A. that B. which C. whom D. where

Hi Max,

In Vietnam, each province has at least one specialty, and the locals are generally proud of their (13) _____. You should try some *nem nướng* (Vietnamese grilled pork sausage), (14) _____ is served with different kinds of vegetables and a special kind of sauce. Also, the Vietnamese generally use chopsticks, so it's time you (15) _____ with chopsticks to try different dishes like *bún* and *phở*.

If you get lost, feel free to ask some locals for directions.

13. A. costume B. cuisine C. custom D. belief
14. A. which B. whom C. that D. where
15. A. used to eat B. got used to eating C. were used for eating D. were used to eat

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph in each of the following questions.

16. a. I learned that in a restaurant, you should show the chef you enjoyed the meal by finishing it.

b. Italian people are proud of their diverse cuisine, a crucial aspect of their culture.
c. Then, the waiter asked me if there was a problem with the dish.
d. However, when I was in Italy, sometimes I couldn't finish the food on my plate because I got full.
e. Their daily dishes like pizza and spaghetti have exceptional tastes that vary region by region.

A. b-e-c-a-d B. b-e-d-c-a C. e-c-a-b-d D. e-b-c-d-a

17. a. It's rude to them, and they think you're a very lazy person.
b. The Germans don't like to see people's hands in their pockets during a conversation.
c. Germany is an interesting nation, but there are some rules that tourists need to understand.
d. They're more interested in facts and figures in a casual conversation, which seems weird to foreigners.
e. Besides, the Germans generally don't like small talk, so you might find it hard to gossip.

A. c-b-a-e-d B. b-a-c-e-d C. c-b-e-d-a D. b-a-e-d-c

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the options that best complete the passage.

Vietnamese Tet or *Tết Nguyên Đán* is considered (18) _____ annual celebration in Vietnam. Specifically, the first three days of the Lunar New Year are the most sacred time (19) _____ clearly through different customs, and common taboos (20) _____. Therefore, foreign tourists should remember what to do and not to do in Vietnam.

(21) _____ are closed during the first day of the Lunar New Year. Some foreign tourists whose motorbikes suddenly broke down couldn't get help from any mechanics on the first day of Tet last year. Therefore, you'd better have your motorbike or car serviced carefully before Tet.

When invited over to someone's house during the Tet holidays, put on some nice clothes with bright colors. It's taboo (22) _____ because black is for funerals. After a meal, you can offer to help with the dishes, but it's forbidden to break any dishes or bowls. Moreover, using a broom to sweep up the dirt (23) _____ to be bad luck.

The more you travel, the more you can learn. Enjoy your trip and happy Lunar New Year.

18. A. more important B. the more important C. most important D. the most important
19. A. who honors traditional values B. whom honors traditional values
C. when traditional values are honored D. where traditional values are honored
20. A. will avoid them strictly B. must be strictly avoided
C. need to avoid them strictly D. would be strictly avoided
21. A. Most shops B. Most of shops C. More shops D. The most of the shops
22. A. that wears black clothes B. which is wearing black clothes
C. of wearing black clothes D. to wear black clothes
23. A. that is widely believed B. to be widely believed
C. is widely believed D. being widely believed

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In Japan, it's imperative to be (24) _____, so being late is often considered a serious problem. In greeting, Japanese people bow; the young must bow more deeply to the elderly to show (25) _____. They have to take off their shoes and wear slippers when entering a home, even for guests.

Different from the Japanese, the French often arrive late for parties or even for work. Besides, they greet each other by kissing on the cheek twice or even three times, (26) _____ could be strange to lots of Asians.

In India, when entering homes or temples, people take off their shoes. However, there's a unique belief that (27) _____ left hand is considered dirty. So, using the left hand for eating or socializing is (28) _____

Read the passage and circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best answer to each of the questions.

Taboos vary culture by culture and reflect the diverse values and belief systems in different nations. It is essential to understand taboos to create cross-cultural understanding and avoid unintentional offense.

In many Asian cultures, there are some taboos related to the feet. In countries like Thailand or Japan, exposing the soles of one's feet is considered disrespectful because the feet, the lowest part of the body, are considered dirty. On the contrary, the head is regarded as the most sacred part, and touching someone's head, especially elders, is taboo.

In the Middle East, it's offensive to discuss the subjects of sexuality or religious beliefs. Openly expressing your viewpoints on religious matters could cause serious trouble. Moreover, physically touching the opposite gender intentionally or unintentionally is forbidden.

In Western societies, it's taboo to ask about other people's incomes. How much a person earns is a secret that he's not willing to discuss. In addition, body shaming which is to give a negative comment on a person's appearance and health is extremely rude. In some European countries, it is considered illegal.

In general, African cultures often have taboos related to ancestral practices and social harmony. Disrespecting the old or breaking traditional customs might be disapproved or legally punished.

As the world has become more and more interconnected, the ability to comprehend diverse cultural norms becomes an essential skill. By being highly aware of different taboos, people can engage in a cross-cultural workplace effectively.

29. Which of the following could be the best title for the passage?

- A. The Diversity of Worldwide Taboos
- B. The Importance of Understanding Worldwide Taboos
- C. The Origin of Worldwide Taboos
- D. The Ways to Understand Worldwide Taboos

30. The word *vary* in paragraph 1 is opposite in meaning to

A. come from B. be different C. remain the same D. develop with

31 The word **it** in paragraph 4 refers to

32 The word **ancestral** in paragraph 5 is closest in meaning to

A, relating to old traditions; B, relating to past family members

C, relating to a community; **D**, relating to a behavior.

Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage?

33. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage?

- A. It's taboo to touch someone's head in many Asian cultures.
- B. People of the same gender are not allowed to touch each other in the Middle East.
- C. Breaking some traditional customs could be illegal in Africa.
- D. Understanding different taboos helps people work in a cross-cultural environment.

Read the passage and circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best answer to each of the questions.

For many businesses, the first working day of the Lunar New Year means the hope for prosperity and success. However, traditionally, certain taboos should be avoided on this day to ensure good luck and fortune.

One of the most **common** taboos is connected with cleanliness and hygiene. It is believed that sweeping the trash out of the store or office on the first day of opening can bring bad luck and push away a fortune for the entire year. Instead, it is advised to clean up the trash and dust, bag the rubbish, and leave it inside the office on the first day. This practice is believed to keep the store clean and attract positive energy and prosperity.

Another taboo to be mindful of is the use of tools or gadgets. Breaking tools and equipment on the first working day is considered unlucky and may lead to **unfortunate** incidents. Therefore, business owners and employees should be careful when using tools and equipment to avoid any accidents or mishaps.

When it comes to selling products, business owners or shopkeepers should be mindful of their actions and gestures. Turning their back to the entrance while selling products is seen as a symbol of turning away from good fortune and potential customers. To avoid this taboo, business owners should maintain an open and welcoming posture, facing toward the entrance of the store to invite prosperity and abundance.

Additionally, it is imperative to avoid returning goods on the opening day. This principle ensures smooth and successful transactions throughout the year. By **keeping this taboo in mind**, customers can show their respect for the local customs and traditions in the Lunar New Year.

In conclusion, the first working day of the Lunar New Year has special value for lots of businesses in Vietnam. By being mindful of traditional customs and taboos, businesses can set the stage for a prosperous year ahead.

34. Which of the following could be the best title for the passage?

A. The Origin of The First Working Day Taboos B. The Effects of The First Working Day Taboos
C. The Causes of The First Working Day Taboos D. The Importance of The First Working Day Taboos

35. The word **common** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____

A. shared B. wonderful C. negative D. traditional

36. The word **unfortunate** in paragraph 3 is opposite in meaning to _____

A. sacred B. miserable C. lucky D. evil

37. The phrase **keeping this taboo in mind** in paragraph 5 mostly means _____

A. considering this taboo carefully B. remembering this taboo before making a decision
C. spending time thinking about this taboo D. trying to learn more about this taboo

38. According to paragraph 2, employees shouldn't take the rubbish out because _____

A. it removes bad luck B. it can't keep the workplace clean
C. it brings bad luck D. it pushes away positive energy

39. Which of the following is considered taboo according to paragraph 4?

A. Keeping a welcoming posture B. Facing toward the door of the store
C. Turning their back to the entrance D. Refusing to serve a potential customer

40. Which of the following could be inferred from the passage?

A. It could be acceptable to return goods after the first working day.
B. Employees who have broken a gadget are likely to be punished severely on the first working day.
C. Employees have to clean up their workplace regularly.
D. Understanding different taboos is the most important for a company's success.