

Part 2

You should spend about 15 minutes in this part.

Read the text below and correct the underlined errors. For each question, write the correct word in the space provided on your answer sheet.

Customs and Traditions

People around the world live in a society in which there (0) have many cultural traditions and customs that can be uniquely (9) difference. These cultural traditions which are practices and beliefs among them, have been passed (10) up from the older generations to the younger generations. As such, try to find out some cultural traditions of the country you are visiting.

One common tradition that people usually do (11) are to bring a gift for friends or hosts. If you are in Russia, red carnations or flowers in yellow should not be in the list. Although people in the United States (12) using white flowers to symbolise innocence and purity, they do not mean the same to the Chinese. Avoid presenting your Chinese friends with white flowers which they associate (13) in ghosts and death. However, they think red is a lucky colour which can bring good fortune, long life, happiness and success. The Chinese are also superstitious and (14) belief that certain things will bring either good or bad luck. Therefore, do not give (15) they flowers with thorny stems, clocks, handkerchiefs, umbrellas or gifts that come in sets of four. The gifts are either associated with death as in number four, or meant as wanting to end a relationship.

(16) Learn the customs and traditions of other countries would be useful to us so that we would not be disrespectful or rude unknowingly.

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