

(NB) Question 9: Which of the following is one ceremony mentioned in the recording?

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| A. Lion dance performance | B. Cleaning the statue of Saint Gióng | C. |
| Water puppet show | D. Fireworks on the lake | |

(TH) Question 10: What deeper purpose does the festival serve?

- A. Selling souvenirs to visiting tourists.
- B. Training people for sports competitions.
- C. Passing on pride and traditions.
- D. Choosing the strongest local warrior.

B. KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGE: (1.6 points)

PART 1: Read the following advertisement/ announcement and mark the letter A, B, C and D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fit each of the numbered blanks (0.8 point)

FAMILY TRADITIONS WEEK

Our school is going to hold *Family Traditions Week* next month. This event aims to (11) _____ students' knowledge of Vietnamese customs and traditions. During the week, there will be exhibitions about traditional clothes, (12) _____ of Tet, and family reunion activities.

The programme also includes folk games and martial arts performances. Families are encouraged to bring food (13) _____ their hometowns to share with everyone. It is (14) _____ wonderful opportunity for students and parents to learn more about each other's cultural practices.

(NB) Question 11:

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| A. celebrate | B. strengthen | C. discover | D. improve |
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(NB) Question 12:

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| A. worship | B. offerings | C. customs | D. ceremony |
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(NB) Question 13:

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PART 2: Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks (0.8 point)

FAMILY TRADITIONS FAIR

Welcome to our annual Family Traditions Fair! This event is a chance to celebrate and (15) ____ the beautiful customs that connect generations. Visitors can join activities such as food (16) ____, folk song performances, and martial arts shows.

One of the highlights is the display of wedding (17) ____, where students can learn about traditional clothes and ceremonies. For many families, traditions are not only important but also a way to show respect for (18) ____ past and to keep cultural values alive for the future.

(NB) Question 15:

- A. forget B. share C. follow D. break

(NB) Question 16:

- A. offerings B. decorations C. celebrations D. beliefs

(NB) Question 17:

- A. reunions B. ceremonies C. festivals D. worships

(TH) Question 18:

- A. a B. an C. the D. Ø

C. READING: (3.0 points)

PART 1. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 19 to 24. (1.2 points) 120 từ.

Family Customs and Traditions

Customs and traditions play an important role in my family. We maintain them to strengthen each member's sense of **belonging**.

Firstly, we have a custom of going on a monthly camping trip. The purpose is to inspire a love of the outdoors in our children. We have found our favourite campsite and keep returning there, building many special memories together.

Secondly, there is the tradition of hunting Easter eggs. Instead of simply leaving baskets by the children's beds, we create a treasure hunt. We write the first clue, and the children follow it from one place to another until they discover their baskets. This tradition has been passed down for generations, making Easter an exciting and memorable holiday.

Finally, we celebrate Thanksgiving with a "Thankful Box." Each family member writes down things they are grateful for and puts them in the box. Later, as we share dessert, the

box is passed around and each note is read aloud. These heartfelt messages bring joy and laughter, reminding us how much we appreciate one another.

Our family loves these customs because they bring us closer together.

(Adapted from Futurelang 8)

(NB) Question 19:

My family has a custom of going on a monthly _____.

- A. picnic
- B. party
- C. camping trip
- D. holiday

(NB) Question 20:

The children search for their Easter baskets by following _____.

- A. songs
- B. clues
- C. letters
- D. pictures

(NB) Question 21:

At Thanksgiving, family members put notes into a _____.

- A. Thankful Box
- B. treasure chest
- C. birthday bag
- D. memory jar

(TH) Question 22:

The word **“belonging”** in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. connection
- B. freedom
- C. tradition
- D. habit

(TH) Question 23:

According to the passage, what makes Easter exciting for the children?

- A. Decorating Easter baskets
- B. Receiving gifts from parents
- C. Taking part in a treasure hunt
- D. Writing thankful notes

(TH) Question 24:

Which of the following is TRUE about the author's family customs?

- A. They are only followed on birthdays.
- B. They help family members become closer
- C. They are mainly about travelling abroad.
- D. They are new and have no history.

PART 2. Read the following conversation and mark the letter A, B, C, D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 25 to 29. (1.0 point)

The Village Festival

Every year, people in my village look forward to the third day of Tet, one of our most important festivals. In the morning, we gather by the riverside to watch exciting competitions. First comes a special boat race. Some team members cook rice on the boat while others row as fast as possible. The team with well-cooked rice and the fastest speed wins. After that, the referee releases a duck into the river, and contestants jump in to catch it. The atmosphere is full of laughter, drumbeats, and cheers from the crowd.

At noon, there is a village party at the communal house for the elders. Families also hold home parties where we cook sticky rice, steamed chicken, and other traditional dishes. Sometimes, we prepare food that children love, such as bun cha or even pizza.

The festival is a meaningful time for everyone. It helps us keep our traditions, strengthen family bonds, and connect joyfully with neighbors and friends.

(Adapted from Futurelang 8)

(TH) Question 25. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. The foods children like during Tet
- B. The way villagers decorate their houses
- C. The activities and meaning of a village festival
- D. The history of the village communal house

(NB) Question 26. What do team members do during the boat race?

- A. Row the boat and cook rice at the same time
- B. Catch ducks and sing songs
- C. Watch the races from the riverside
- D. Play drums to cheer for others

(NB) Question 27. Where is the village party for the elders held?

- A. At the riverside
- B. In the communal house
- C. At each family's home
- D. In the marketplace

(NB) Question 28. Which food is mentioned as being loved by children?

- A. Noodles
- B. Pizza
- C. Soup
- D. Fish

(TH) Question 29. What can we infer about the festival?

- A. It helps people preserve traditions and build community spirit
- B. It is only for children to enjoy games and food
- C. It takes place every month in the village
- D. It is mainly a competition between different villages

PART 3. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 30 to 33. (0.8 point)

The Gau Tao Festival

The Gau Tao Festival is a long-standing traditional festival of the Hmong ethnic group in some northern provinces of Viet Nam. It lasts from the 2nd to the 4th day of the first lunar month. The purpose of the festival is to pray to gods and ancestors for health and children. The ceremony usually begins with ritual offerings, (30) _____. After that, people enjoy cultural activities like singing, dancing, and playing folk games.

Visitors love the festival (31) _____. They can watch traditional performances and see beautiful costumes. In addition, they can take part in games and share the joyful atmosphere.

In the evening, boys express their feelings by playing the *khen*, (32) _____ of the Hmong. This moment makes the festival unique and romantic.

The Gau Tao Festival is not only an event (33) _____, but also a chance to preserve traditions and strengthen family ties.

(Adapted from <https://hoclieu.vn/> 8)

(TH) Question 30:

- A. which show respect and gratitude
- B. because people enjoy it
- C. although it is difficult
- D. so that they can sing

(TH) Question 31:

- A. because it helps them feel the culture
- B. which they usually ignore
- C. although it is quite far
- D. if they don't join in

(TH) Question 32:

- A. a special bamboo flute
- B. dancing with friends
- C. preparing the feast
- D. colourful costumes

(TH) Question 33:

- A. in which people gather together
- B. by the traditional leaders
- C. on the festival grounds
- D. for showing respect

D. WRITING: (1.4 point)

PART 1 Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange or text in each of the following questions from 34 to 35. (0.4 point)

(TH) Question 34:

- a. Tom: I'm going to join a Vietnamese family for lunch. Do you have any advice for me?
- b. Mai: You shouldn't stick your chopsticks upright in the bowl of rice.
- c. Mai: Remember to say "thank you" when the host serves you food.
- d. Mai: It's polite to wait until the eldest person starts eating.

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

(TH) Question 35:

- a. Tom: Thanks a lot, Mai. I'll keep that in mind.

- b. Mai: One more thing, don't talk with food in your mouth.
c. Tom: That's good advice.
d. Mai: You're welcome. Enjoy your meal!

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

(VD) PART 2. Write an email (80 – 100 words) to advise Tom about participating in the Huong Pagoda Festival. You might use the following suggestions. (1.0 point)

USEFUL LANGUAGE

- Giving advice: *You should... / You'd better... / Remember to... / Don't forget to... / Try not to...*
- Politeness & respect: *Always show respect to monks / Be careful when... / Please avoid...*
- Email expressions: *Dear..., / I'm glad to hear... / Best regards, / Yours,*

OUTLINE

1. Greeting & Introduction

- Greet Tom and show happiness that he is joining the Huong Pagoda Festival.
- Briefly mention it is a famous spiritual festival in Viet Nam.

2. Body – Giving Advice

- Advise about clothing (polite, comfortable shoes for walking/boating).
- Advise about behavior in pagoda (keep quiet, show respect to monks, don't litter).
- Mention things to enjoy (boat trip on Yen Stream, local vegetarian food).
- Remind of taboos (don't push in the crowd, avoid smoking in sacred areas).

3. Closing

- Offer more help if needed.
- End politely.

WRITING EXAMPLE

New Message

To: handsometom@mymail.com

Subject: Re: Huong Pagoda Festival

Dear Tom,

I'm glad to hear that you are going to visit the Huong Pagoda Festival. It is one of the most famous spiritual festivals in Viet Nam. Here are some tips for you.

First, you should wear polite clothes and comfortable shoes because you will walk and take a boat trip on the Yen Stream. Remember to keep quiet inside the pagoda and always show respect to monks and elderly people. Don't push in the crowd and avoid throwing rubbish around the temple.

Also, don't miss trying local vegetarian dishes, which are delicious and meaningful. I hope you will enjoy a peaceful and memorable trip.

Best regards,

[Your name]

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