

For example, during Tet (Lunar New Year), we clean our houses and cook traditional food like Banh Chung. Children are very happy to get "lucky money" in red envelopes. It's a time (2) _____ visiting our grandparents and (3) _____ people. Our traditional ao dai dress is also very (4) _____ symbol of our country. Come and see our traditions! They are very interesting!

1. A. Mix B. table C. car D. tree
2. A. Under B. without C. along D. for
3. A. respect B. respected C. respectful D. respecting
4. A. a B. an C. the D. X

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🌸 Visit Sa Dec Flower Village! 🌸

Welcome to Sa Dec Flower Village in Dong Thap! It is (1) _____ very famous place in the Mekong Delta.

Every year, especially before Tet (Lunar New Year), the village becomes very (2) _____. You can see thousands of colourful flowers, like roses, marigolds, and chrysanthemums. Farmers grow the flowers on high wooden (3) _____ because of the water below. It is a beautiful sight!

If you like nature and taking photos, you must visit here. You can enjoy (4) _____ the unique atmosphere and buy some beautiful flowers. Don't miss this amazing experience!

1. A. a B. an C. the D. X
2. A. colour B. colourful C. colourfully D. coloured
3. A. Cars B. bridges C. beds D. desks
4. A. seeing B. to see C. see D. sees

Exercise 3: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

❶ Tet is the biggest festival in Vietnam. To (1) _____ Tet, Vietnamese people make many tasty (2) _____ foods. The most important food includes Chung cakes, sausages, boiled chicken, spring rolls, and sticky rice. Chung cake is made of sticky rice, pork, green beans, and other spices, wrapped in green leaves; (3) _____, this cake needs a lot of preparation. This cake can be kept for a long time, even though the weather is often humid during Tet. Other significant foods that cannot be missed to worship the ancestors are sausages, spring rolls, and sticky rice. Because sausages are difficult (4) _____, people often buy them from famous suppliers. However, sticky rice and spring rolls are easier to prepare and must be (5) _____ immediately after they are cooked, so they are often made (6) _____ home.

1. A. celebrate B. join C. take part in D. participate
2. A. delicious B. traditional C. spicy D. tradition
3. A. because B. while C. therefore D. however
4. A. to make B. making C. make D. makes
5. A. touched B. smelled C. looked D. served
6. A. to B. for C. at D. in

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A lovely custom from France comes in the form of a two handled cup called the "coup de marriage". The cup was saved to be used from one (1) _____ to another, of course, (2) _____ custom has long been established of drinking a toast to one another, but the two handled cup adds a special touch to the weddings of today. Until recently, these cups (3) _____ very difficult to find. Drinking from the same cup denotes "togetherness".

At a wedding in Germany, the bride and groom hold candles trimmed with flowers and ribbons. This beautiful old (4) _____ could be included in a wedding of today, with the couple placing candles they have carried to the altar beside their unity candle. These candles could then be used (5) _____ the unity candle at the end of the ceremony.

Flowers have always played a very (6) _____ part in Indian weddings. A lasting tradition passed along from generation to generation is that of the brother of the groom sprinkling flower petals over the heads of the couple following the wedding vows and at the end of the ceremony.

1. A. generation B. ancestor C. ceremony D. worshiper
2. A. Some B. the C. a D. an
3. A. have been B. were C. had been D. are
4. A. reunion B. festival C. tradition D. worship
5. A. to light B. lighting C. light D. lighted
6. A. import B. important C. importance D. importantly

Exercise 4: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

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SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

Although there various wedding styles in America, most weddings still follow certain traditions. One of those is an old saying that dates back to 19th century England about what a bride should wear or carry: "Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue."

A bride wears **something old** to remind her of her family and the past. Some brides wear their mother's wedding dress or a piece of her jewelry. **Something new** means good luck and hope for a happy future with her new husband. Again, this item may be the dress, but often it is a pair of new shoes. **Something borrowed** such as a friend's handkerchief a married friend's bridal veil means the bride has friends and family who are willing to help her. **Something blue** is a symbol of trust and faith between the couple. These days, some brides are creative with this item by painting their fingernails a light blue color or wearing a garter on their leg. Another tradition says that the groom should take the garter after the ceremony and throw it to the single men. The man who catches it will be the next one to get married.

(Source: Adapted from Power Content Reading 1)

1. Which of the following is a good title for the text?
 - A. Various types of weddings.
 - B. A wedding tradition and its meaning.
 - C. What should be worn on your wedding day.
 - D. How to plan a traditional wedding.
2. To remind her of the past, the bride might _____.
 - A. wear a pair of new shoes.
 - B. carry a friend's handkerchief.

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 Viet Nam?

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.

Exercise 5: Four phrases/sentences have been removed from the text below. Choose the correct answer to complete the text. Write only the letter A-D in each blank.

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The Tet holiday is celebrated on the first day of the Lunar New Year in Viet Nam. Several weeks before the New Year, the Vietnamese clean their houses and paint the walls. (1) _____. One or two days before the festival, people make Banh Chung, which is the traditional cake, and kinds of jam. On New Year's Eve, (2) _____. Every member of the family should be present during the dinner in which many different kinds of dishes are served. On New Year morning, the young members of the family pay their respects to the elders. (3) _____. Then people go to visit their neighbours, friends and relatives. (4) _____

A. They often buy new things to decorate their homes

B. They also like to visit their grandparents and relatives

C. And the children receive lucky money wrapped in red tiny envelopes

D. the whole family gets together for a reunion dinner

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In some parts of Europe, they have a birthday tree planted when the new child is born. (1) _____. The tradition of birthday parties began in Europe centuries ago. (2) _____. To protect the birthday person from harm, friends and family would gather around them and bring good thoughts and wishes. (3) _____. At first, only kings and royalty were recognized as important enough to have a birthday celebration. (4) _____

A. They believed that trees contained special protective powers.

B. Giving gifts brought even more good cheer to ward off the evil spirits.

C. This was done as they believed that if the tree grew to be healthy and strong, the child would also.

D. It was feared that evil spirits searched out people on their birthdays.

• **WRITING**

Exercise 1: Reorder the words to make correct sentences.

1. Vietnamese / at / tradition / It's / with / reunite / to / Tet. / families

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2. time. / as / in / Custom / is / and / from / tradition / some / aspects / such / scale / different

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3. fork / table / at / manners / to / to / According / dinner. / and / knife / use / in / the / have