

Unit 7. CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Ex1. Match each picture with a suitable word/ phrase.

1.		a. altar
2.		b. fork
3.		c. wrestling
4.		d. wedding
5.		e. magpie

Ex2. Give the English word and Vietnamese meaning to each of the following transcription.

1. _____ /daɪ'vɜ:səti/ (n): _____
2. _____ /prə'pəʊzl/ (n): _____
3. _____ /m'geɪdʒmənt/ (n): _____
4. _____ /braɪd/ (n): _____
5. _____ /gru:m/ (n): _____
6. _____ /rɪ'sepʃn/ (n): _____
7. _____ /'feɪvərəbl/ (adj): _____
8. _____ /,su:pə'stɪʃn/ (n): _____
9. _____ /'rɪtʃuəl/ (n): _____
10. _____ /'prɒspərəs/ (adj): _____

Ex3. Gap-filling: Choose the suitable words from the box to complete the sentences.

<i>similarities</i>	<i>properly</i>	<i>favourable</i>	<i>reception</i>	<i>crossing</i>
<i>ancestors</i>	<i>grooms</i>	<i>scattered</i>	<i>sweep</i>	<i>souls</i>

1. In order to meet the requirement, you have to point out both _____ and differences between two cultures.
2. In some cases, brides and _____ are provided with most of the necessary things for their big day.
3. The board of directors have decided to hold a _____ in a luxurious restaurant.
4. As a rule of thumb, several superstitious people choose a _____ date before starting something.
5. My parents lay food on the altar for my _____ on a regular basis because they perceive that they will enjoy the meal with my family.
6. Traditionally, Vietnamese people do not _____ the floor during the first three days of Tet (Lunar New Year).
7. Some people try to avoid _____ the path of a woman, as this may not bring good luck to them.
8. He holds a belief that the altar is the place where ancestors' _____ live.
9. Before travelling to England, you have to learn to use knives, forks and spoons _____.
10. They leave coins _____ on the ground as a ritual of their culture.

Ex4. Match each word/phrase on the left with its description on the right.

1. self-reliance	a. a business project or activity, especially one that involves taking risks
2. ancestor	b. something that is difficult to understand or to
3. mystery	c. the ability to do or decide things by yourself
4. prestigious	d. a person in your family who lived a long time ago
5. venture	e. respected and admired as very important or of very high quality

Your answer:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

Ex5. Word formation: Give the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. The _____ ceremony is one of the three stages of a Vietnamese traditional wedding. (propose)
2. Before a wedding ceremony, there must be an _____ ceremony. (engage)
3. As a rule of thumb, a number of superstitious people choose a _____ date before starting something. (favour)
4. It is believed that meeting a black cat is lucky, but it is _____ to walk under a ladder or break a mirror. (luck)
5. Working as a volunteer provides you with opportunities to know more about cultural _____. (diverse)
6. If you want to get on well with your colleagues, you should pay _____ to some common features of their cultures. (attend)
7. He is trying to work hard so that he is promoted to a higher and more _____ position. (prosper)
8. After he had flirted her for a long time, they _____ fell in love. (gradual)
9. It cannot be denied that superstitious _____ exist many cultures. (believe)
10. After the wedding day, the _____ of couples leave on honeymoon in very romantic places. (major)

FUN CORNER

1. The gesture “thumb-up” does not mean “Ok” in ____.

A. in US

B. In UK

C. In Australia

D. in Northern Greece

2. Is this true or false?

The border between Mexico and the United States is the second largest border in the world.

3. Is this true or false?

In Bulgaria, people nod to mean “no” and shake their heads to mean “yes”.

4. Where, by whom and when was the boomerang invented?