TA7 READING EXERCISES-1

UNIT 5: VIETNAMESE FOOD AND DRINKS

Read the text carefully then decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

Once being a basic food of farmers and poor families in Vietnam, com tam or broken rice is now a favourite dish of most Vietnamese. It is said that the best broken rice can be found in Saigon. When you come to Saigon, you should try this dish at least one time and you will not regret it.

Com tam literally means broken rice. Broken rice originally consisted of grains which were broken during the harvesting and cleaning of rice. In the past, as most people preferred to eat the long, whole grain rice, broken rice grains were difficult to sell and usually eaten by the Vietnamese working class because of the cheap price. Nowadays, often favored over long grain rice for its unique flavour and texture, broken rice is one of the best-loved fares in Vietnam.

Local broken rice eateries can practically be found on every street in Saigon. A broken rice dish is served with many beautiful colours from grilled pork chop with multi-flavour to steamed egg, shredded pork skin, pickles, vegetables such as tomatoes, cucumbers ... and especially sweet fish sauce that is the spirit of the dish.

1. Today, com tam is only eaten by poor Vietnamese.

2. Com tam is made from broken rice grains.

3. In the past, most people didn't eat broken rice grains because they were cheap.

4. It is difficult to find a place to eat com tam in Saigon.

5. The most important part of com tam is sweet fish sauce.

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6. Com tam is now a favourite dish of Vietnamese people, especially Saigonese.

UNIT 6: FIRST UNIVERSITY IN VIETNAM

2. Read the letter and decide which statements are true (T) or false (F).

Thanks for your letter. It's very interesting to know about schools in the USA. I think schools in Viet Nam are a little different. Vietnamese students usually wear uniform. Classes start at 7.00 each morning and end at 11.15 in the afternoon. Students have a 30-minute break after three periods. At break time, many students play games. Some go to the canteen and buy something to eat or drink. Others talk together. Our school year lasts for 9 months, from September to May. Then we have a 3-month summer vacation. We feel too much long to come back to school to meet friends. I hope to know more about schools in your country.

Your friend,

Hoa

Question 1. Hoa thinks schools in Viet Nam are different from schools in the USA.

Question 2. Vietnamese students do not usually wear school uniform.

Question 3. Classes start from seven to a quarter past eleven.

Question 4. Students have a 30-minute break after two periods.

Question 5. Most students go to the canteen at break time.

Question 6. The school year begins in September.

Question 7. The summer vacation lasts for two months.

Question 8. Vietnamese students like long holiday vacation.

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