

UNIT 7: CULTURAL DIVERSITY – FURTHER PRACTICE



Exercise 1. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. Mary is planning to tie the knot with her German boyfriend next June.
A. get married B. say goodbye C. get together D. fall in love
2. In some Asian countries like Viet Nam or China, money is given to the newly-married couple as a wedding present.
A. gift B. donation C. souvenir D. contribution
3. In Viet Nam, it is customary to choose a favourable day for occasions such as wedding, funerals, or house-moving days.
A. suitable B. favourite C. beautiful D. whole
4. Americans value freedom and do not like to be dependent on other people.
A. addicted B. supportive C. reliant D. responsible
5. In most American families, parents have less influence on their children than those in other parts of the world.
A. power B. effect C. attention D. care

Exercise 2. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

6. Being practical, Americans avoid taking jobs which are beyond their ability.
A. out of B. far from C. within D. inside
7. In many countries, it is customary for the bride to throw her bouquet of flowers into a crowd of well-wishers.
A. uncommon B. inadvisable C. usual D. normal
8. To an American, success is the result of hard work and self-reliance.
A. devotion B. industry C. laziness D. enthusiasm
9. Success has always meant providing their families with a decent standard of living.
A. high B. good C. acceptable D. low
10. Stores everywhere compete to sell their distinctive versions of Christmas cake before the holiday.
A. different B. various C. similar D. special

Exercise 3. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

11. People believe that if they borrow money at a beginning of the year, they will have to be in debt for the rest of that year.
A B C D
12. In traditional Indian families, the parents used to arranging the marriage for their children.
A B C D
13. It is common for Japanese to adapt foreign customs and make them their own.
A B C D
14. In Viet Nam, at the dinner table, you should serve the adults the first and then the children.

15. If you make the wish, then blow out all the candles on your birthday cake in one breath, your wish will be granted.
16. No one is the happiest than the bride and groom on the day of their wedding.
17. On first day of the Lunar New Year, Vietnamese people go to the pagoda to pray for the best luck of the year.
18. For American people, success means ending their career in the highest and more prosperous position than when they began it.
19. Superstitions exist everywhere on this planet; however, Viet Nam and Asia alike can be the more superstitious than other continents.
20. In Viet Nam, gifts for brides and grooms are usually in pairs; for example, two less expensive blankets are more desired than the nicer one.

Exercise 4. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.

21. A: "Have you heard? Martin and Lisa have just got engaged!"
B: "____"
A. Really? That's fantastic! B. Congratulations!
C. Let's celebrate! D. Good luck!
22. A: "What a beautiful wedding dress you are wearing today, Daisy!"
B: "____"
A. I'm sorry to hear that. B. Thanks, it's nice of you to say so.
C. Don't mention it. D. Thanks for your gift!
23. A: "____"
B: "You'd better shake hands firmly."
A. What topics should I talk about when I first meet a Turkish?
B. What gifts should I give to a Turkish?
C. What should I do when I first meet a Turkish?
D. What about asking a Turkish about their age?
24. A: "Thank you very much for coming to our wedding!"
B: "____"
A. Our pleasure! Happy wedding! B. Our pleasure! Good success!
C. Don't mention it. Go ahead! D. Don't mention it. Just my luck!
25. A: "Well, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have just decided to divorce! Don't you know?"
B: "____"
A. I couldn't agree more. B. Oh, thanks!
C. Really? Are you kidding? D. No, not right now.