

## CULTURAL LITERACY

### Talk show

#### Call 1:

**Listen and decide whether the following statements are TRUE, or FALSE**

1. In Thailand, it's offensive to touch adults' heads, but it is ok to touch a child's.
2. Thai people believe that a person's soul lives in the head.
3. It's impolite to show the bottom of your foot to others.
4. It is impolite for a foreigner to do the *wai* wrong.
5. It's ok if a foreigner doesn't say "Sawatdee- khrab", or "Sawatdee kaa" correctly.

#### Call 2:

**Fill in each blank with one word you can hear**

In Saudi Arabia, women not permitted to go out alone or drive, but in Dubai, as a woman traveler, you will have no (6) ..... getting around, even if you are alone. You can drive, and as long as you dress (7)....., you can wear whatever you like. If you don't speak Arabian, it is no problem. Arabic is the official language of Dubai, but English is commonly used in (8) ..... and commerce. You can take pictures, but you should know that it is considered (9) ..... to take pictures of Muslim women here. If you want to take a picture of a (10) ....., be sure to ask permission.

#### Call 3:

**Choose A, B, C, or D for the correct answers to the questions.**

11. Regarding table manners, which is a taboo in Nepal?
  - A. Eating with your left hand
  - B. Eating with spoons and forks
  - C. Eating beef
  - D. Eating with knives
12. What should a visitor to Hindu temple NOT do?
  - A. Remove your shoes
  - B. Wear open sandals
  - C. Take leather things near the temple
  - D. Ask for permission before taking a picture