

### Reading 1: Right/Wrong/ Doesn't say

It has been a long time since our last meeting. How are you? I am feeling great because I passed all the exams at school. The maths and chemistry tests were a little hard, but the others were easy. I got 5 As and 3A+s . My teacher was surprised at my test results. He said many students couldn't pass the tests because they didn't have a good study plan. He was so pleased that I studied very hard and could manage my time well for my study with regular breaks.

Next Friday, I am going to have a presentation on students' problems in my social studies class. I think the most common problems are exam stress and broken friendship. Some others may have arguments with their parents or could not stop from social media addiction. These are bad things. If there are any other problems that you can point out, please let me know.

By the way, I am going on a field trip to the zoo with my classmate tomorrow. We will learn about the animals' lives in the natural environment and the importance of animals to us. I am really excited about it. How about you, Tommy? Are you going on a school trip too!

Ivan

1. Ivan's parents were pleased about his test results.
2. The maths and chemistry tests were more difficult than the other tests.
3. Ivan's teacher said many students couldn't manage their studying time.
4. Ivan thinks addition to online games is the most common problem among students.
5. Ivan is going on a school trip tomorrow.

**Reading 2: R/W/DS:** Do you love listening to music? Then the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio, California, in the USA is the best cultural event for you! In fact, it is one of the most popular music events in the world! Visitors just call it 'Coachella', and it takes place every year in April over two exciting weekends. There are a lot of fun things to see and do at Coachella. Visitors can see beautiful works of art at art exhibitions all over the festival. They can also eat food from the many food stalls and enjoy all of the delicious dishes. But what people enjoy most are the musical performances! They can listen to live music and watch the dancers and bands perform on stage. It's so great! So, if you are interested in attending an exciting festival with lots of music, art and culture, Coachella has it all! Don't miss it!

- 1 Coachella takes place in California, USA.
- 2 Coachella takes place on the first and second weekend in April.
- 3 Coachella lasts for two weeks.
- 4 Visitors can see art exhibitions at Coachella.

5 There are dance performances and live music at Coachella.

**Reading 3:** It is very difficult to define a culture. Some people say it is the food of a group of people, and others say it is the music they love. These things are important, and they are often very different from culture to culture. But for me, a culture is the normal conversations of people. This is much more important than food and drink.

Before travelling to a new country, most people learn how to say hello and goodbye, and maybe they find out about something like using your right hand to pick up food. But if you get those things wrong, people will just laugh. The first thing to learn is about topics of conversation – what is OK and what is not.

In your own culture, you do not have to worry about someone's meaning most of the time. But in another culture, you must always think, 'What does this person mean?' If a British person says, 'It's lovely to meet you', do they mean, 'I want to meet you again soon and be your friend' or 'I hope we don't meet again'? No. It's just a polite way of ending a conversation.

Never come late for a meeting with a British person unless it's a party. Then you should come ten minutes late. Finally, in some cultures, guests are expected to bring gifts such as flowers, chocolates or even money, but in British culture, hosts of parties do not expect you to bring anything.

1. What is the most important thing in a culture, according to the writer?  
A. The food people eat  
B. The way people talk to each other  
C. Customs  
D. The music people play
2. What should you learn about a culture before you go to another country?  
A. The way to say hello  
B. Table manners  
C. The things you can talk about  
D. The way to say goodbye
3. What does a British person mean by 'It's lovely to meet you'?  
A. I don't like you.  
B. Goodbye.  
C. We must meet again soon.  
D. Let's be friends.
4. When should you arrive for a business appointment in British culture?  
A. At the time on the invitation  
B. Ten minutes early  
C. Ten minutes late  
D. Half an hour late
5. What should you give the host of a party in British culture?  
A. You should give chocolates.  
B. You should give flowers.  
C. You don't need to give them anything.  
D. You should give money.