

SKILLS

READING

I Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 1 to 5.

The most important holiday in Viet Nam is Tet. We (1) _____ Tet on the first day of the first month in lunar calendar. It is the longest holiday which can last up to seven to nine days.

In the afternoon of the last old lunar year's day, families usually prepare big meals with full of (2) _____ dishes. The last meal (3) _____ family bonds while members share all their feelings for the whole year and hopes for the new year.

Vietnamese often give children lucky money. The custom not only makes children feel happier but also educates them about the value of money and how to save it (4) _____ good purposes. On the following days of Tet, we visit pagodas and temples to pray for a happy new year. Visiting pagodas is also a good way to enjoy Tet's atmosphere (5) _____ forget about all the worries of the previous year.

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| 1. A. celebrate | B. are celebrating | C. celebrated | D. are celebrated |
| 2. A. tradition | B. traditionally | C. traditional | D. traditions |
| 3. A. weakens | B. strengthens | C. increases | D. defends |
| 4. A. for | B. to | C. on | D. at |
| 5. A. but | B. or | C. and | D. so |

II Read the following web article and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

There are over 300 million people in the United States.

- 6% of children live in households run by one or both grandparents.
- 68% of children live with two parents.
- 16% of males 25-34 live at home with one or both parents.
- 9% of females 25-34 live at home with one or both parents.
- 27% of Americans live alone (Compare this figure to the percentage in 1940 - 8%.)
- 39% of households have a dog.
- 67% of American families own their homes.
- The price of homes depends on the city where you live. Some cities such as San Francisco, Boston and New York have very expensive homes.
- The average American moves a lot. In a five-year period, 46% of Americans change their addresses. Renters move more than owners. Young people move more than older people.

1. Most American children live with their grandparents. _____
2. More Americans live alone now than in 1940. _____
3. The prices of homes rely on where you live. _____
4. Houses in Boston are low-priced. _____
5. Americans stay in the same place for their entire life. _____



III Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

I have a fear of Thanksgiving. I am a single woman and my nuclear family has just two other people: my father and my sister. Our Thanksgiving dinners most often consist of us three, and a relative or a family friend. That's all. When I hear people talking about the crowds coming to their houses for Thanksgiving and having to get extra tables and chairs to fit everyone, I am jealous. I don't like the fact that we don't have enough people to celebrate Thanksgiving. Aside from Thanksgiving, I worry about having such a small family. It makes me feel tiny and lonely.

In today world, more and more of us need and have close relationships with non-family members that fulfill the roles of our family. Perhaps, I should invite my friends to the New Year party. At some point during the meals, we can share an important and meaningful moment from the past year, or a wish for the upcoming year. By having such an occasion, I will familiarise my family and friends with each other and set the stage to join us next year. And gradually, I will have more people who care about me and stay in my life not because of genetics, marriage or duty but because of love.

1. The reason the author thinks that Thanksgiving is frightening is because _____.
 - A. there is always a big crowd in her house
 - B. she has to cook Thanksgiving dinners for many people
 - C. there is not enough family members to celebrate the holiday with
 - D. her father and sister don't like her nuclear family
2. The underlined word jealous in the first paragraph is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.
 - A. upset because you want something that you don't have
 - B. feeling pleasant and happy because you have done something
 - C. tired because you have to work hard
 - D. worried because you think something is happening
3. The underlined word it in the first paragraph refers to _____.
 - A. Thanksgiving
 - B. a small family
 - C. the fact
 - D. today world
4. Why does the author want to invite her friends over for New Year party?
 - A. She wants to know some important information.
 - B. She has so many relationships with non-family members.
 - C. She wants to have bigger holiday celebrations.
 - D. She wants to find someone to get married.



5. Which of the following is the most suitable title for the passage?
- A. How to celebrate Thanksgiving
 - B. Families are becoming smaller
 - C. What are the ways to familiarise family with friends?
 - D. When there's not enough family members to celebrate holidays

SPEAKING

IV Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.

1. "Who is your English teacher?" – " _____ "
- A. Her name is Hannah.
 - B. Yes, I like her very much.
 - C. She is about 30 years old.
 - D. We have classes in the evening.
2. "Is the bus coming?" – " _____ "
- A. Never mind.
 - B. I don't see it.
 - C. It's their job.
 - D. You are here.

V Complete the conversation with the expressions in the box.

- A. What does he do
B. He never wears suits
C. Is he wearing a black suit

- A: Where is your brother?
B: He is over there, standing next to Kate.
A: (1) _____?
B: No, he isn't. (2) _____. He is wearing jeans and T-shirt.
A: Ah, I can see him. (3) _____?
B: He is a computer engineer.



WRITING

VI Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

1. We are not practising. It's raining.
- A. It is raining because we are not practising.
 - B. We are not practising because it is raining.
 - C. While we are practising, it is raining.
 - D. We are not practising but it is raining.



2. *I am really unhappy with her being always late.*
 - A. I am really unhappy because she is always late.
 - B. As long as she is always late, I will be happy.
 - C. She is late because I am always unhappy.
 - D. Being late makes me and her unhappy.
3. *You can turn off the TV as nobody is watching.*
 - A. Nobody is watching the TV because you turn it off.
 - B. If you turn off the TV, nobody is watching it.
 - C. Because nobody is watching TV, you can turn it off.
 - D. While I am turning off the TV, nobody is watching it.
4. *Cigarette smoking causes millions of deaths every year.*
 - A. Cigarette causes millions of people smoke every year.
 - B. Millions of deaths are caused by cigarette smoking every year.
 - C. Millions of cigarettes cause deaths every year.
 - D. Cigarette smokers are dying every year.
5. *I am completely crazy about football.*
 - A. I love football very much.
 - B. I don't like football at all.
 - C. Football is very crazy.
 - D. I am mad at football.
6. *No doubt I am not good at cooking, but I always try to prepare good food for my family.*
 - A. Because I am not good at cooking, I always try to prepare good food for my family.
 - B. I doubt my ability of cooking so I always have to try when preparing food for my family.
 - C. It is true that I am not good at cooking but I always try to prepare good food for my family.
 - D. Everybody doubts my ability to cook so I don't even try to prepare food for my family.
7. *This manner of the kids looks bad to the teacher.*
 - A. The teacher is looking for the kids' bad manner.
 - B. This manner of the kids makes the teacher look bad.
 - C. The kids behave in bad manner to their teacher.
 - D. The teacher believes this manner of the kids is bad.



VII Write a paragraph of about 120 words about your family activities on the birthday of your mother or father. You should include:

- when the birthday was/ is
- where the activities took place/ usually take place
- who participated in the activities/ usually participates in the activities
- how people felt/ always feel

