

Ruean Thai : Traditional Houses for Living

Choose the correct answer.

1. What is the common feature of all Ruean Thai (Traditional Thai houses)?
 - a) Multi-story buildings
 - b) Single-story wooden houses with high-sloping roofs
 - c) Houses made of concrete
 - d) Houses with flat roofs
2. What is the purpose of the long eaves in Northern Style Ruean Thai?
 - a) To block sunlight and rain
 - b) To provide extra storage space
 - c) To decorate the house
 - d) To support the weight of the roof
3. What is the essential component of a Northern Thai house?
 - a) A bird tower
 - b) A water pavilion (Han Nam)
 - c) A kitchen house
 - d) A porch
4. Why are Central Style Ruean Thai houses built with raised basements?
 - a) To protect against floods
 - b) To provide extra living space
 - c) To block cold winds
 - d) To store agricultural tools
5. What is the most outstanding structure in Northeastern Style Ruean Thai?
 - a) A bird tower
 - b) A raised shelf for ancestral spirits
 - c) A water pavilion
 - d) A kitchen house



Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the Ruan Thai varies from region to region, depending on geography, beliefs, and culture.
2. The _____ of a Northern Thai house is always set under the left side of the eaves.
3. In the Central region, the _____ is often separated from the main house.
4. The _____ is a large house in the Northeastern region, while the _____ is a smaller house built separately.
5. The _____ roof is a combination of a hip roof and a gable roof, mostly found in Pattani.

