D. PRACTICE

PART 1. PHONETICS

Exercise 1. Find the word which has a different sound in the underlined part.

1.	A. cousin	B. interesting	C. link	D. fond
2.	A. lantern	B. important	C. money	D. thank
3.	A. many	B. take	C. place	D. wake
4.	A. carp	B. article	C. party	D. tradition
5.	A. connect	B. cook	C. dance	D. control

Exercise 2. Find the word which has different stress from the others.

1.	A. festival	B. contestant	C. atmosphere	D. family
2.	A. village	B. bamboo	C. away	D. obey
3.	A. custom	B. worship	C. maintain	D. midnight
4.	A. holiday	B. decorate	C. offering	D. addition
5.	A. laughter	B. prepare	C. chopstick	D. heaven

PART 2. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. VOCABULARY

Exercise 1. Look at the pictures and fill in the blanks.

Unicorn dance	**Bamboo pole**	**Decorative items**	**Lanterns**	**Peach blossoms**
Food offerings	**Family reunion**	**Acrobats**	**Ornamental trees**	**Kitchen Gods**

1. _____

2. _____

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3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

Exercise 2. Circle the odd one out.

1.	A. pray	B. worship	C. reunion	D. wish
2.	A. tradition	B. custom	C. habit	D. practise
3.	A. lantern	B. bells	C. bloom	D. envelop
4.	A. decorative	B. blossoms	C. trees	D. flowers
5.	A. pagoda	B. temple	C. luck	D. church
6.	A. some	B. a	C. an	D. the

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7.	A. ceremony	B. important	C. festival	D. anniversary
8.	A. meat	B. soup	C. meal	D. rice
9.	A. drum	B. flute	C. gong	D. dance
10.	A. pole	B. chase	C. bring	D. admire

Exercise 3. Reorder the letters to make correct words, then match them with their meanings.

A	B
1. H-R-O-W-S-I-P → _____	A. to add something to an object or place, especially in order to make it more attractive
2. F-O-R-E-F-I-G-N-S → _____	B. a formal event held on special occasions
3. U-R-N-I-O-N-E → _____	C. to make something continue at the same level or standard
4. T-D-C-O-E-A-R-E → _____	D. to honor or respect (someone or something) as a god
5. M-C-T-O-U-S → _____	E. a belief, principle, or way of acting that people in a particular society or group have continued to follow for a long time
6. Y-C-N-E-R-M-O-E → _____	F. to hope for something very much
7. N-T-O-D-I-R-A-I-T → _____	G. something that a person gives, often during a religious ceremony
8. N-M-T-A-I-N-I-A → _____	H. to live for a long time
9. G-E-V-T-L-O-N-Y-I → _____	I. a party attended by members of the same family, school, or other group who have not seen each other for a long time.
10. Y-P-A-R → _____	J. a way of behaving or a belief that has been established for a long time

Your answer:

1. ___ 2. ___ 3. ___ 4. ___ 5. ___ 6. ___ 7. ___ 8. ___ 9. ___ 10. ___

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Exercise 4. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

preserve	**bonds**	**offerings**	**culture**	**ornamental**
chase	**communal**	**tradition**	**worshipped**	**values**

1. The Vietnamese often prepare _____ to worship their ancestors during Tet holiday.
2. This year, we are going to break with the _____ and spend the first two weeks of the new year in Singapore.
3. Tet is a great time to show the good Vietnamese _____ through traditional activities such as decorating houses with kumquat trees and peach blossoms.
4. Some people usually put up tall bamboo poles to _____ away bad luck.
5. Teaching children to cook is a good way to _____ family recipes.
6. Village festivals help us strengthen our family _____.
7. Ancient Egyptians _____ the Sun.
8. We can see many flowers and _____ trees everywhere before Tet holiday.
9. In the Central Highlands, the biggest and tallest house in the village is the _____ house.
10. Language, religion, food and art are just some features of the various aspects of _____.

II. GRAMMAR

Exercise 1. Circle the correct answers.

1. In many cultures, knocking on wood is ***a / an*** way to chase away bad spirits.
2. American people often watch ***a / an*** ball drop at midnight in Times Square.
3. There is at least ***a / an*** ornamental tree in my house every Tet holiday.
4. I have to go. I'm in ***a / an*** hurry.
5. Mr. Lu goes hunting in the forests twice ***a / an*** month.
6. Do you have ***a / an*** milk jug?
7. The Prime Minister will give ***a / an*** speech this afternoon.
8. There is ***a / an*** custom of doing morning exercises in my family.
9. I haven't been to ***a / an*** open-air theatre before.
10. Here is ***a / an*** thousand pounds I borrowed from you last month.

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Exercise 2. Fill in the blanks with "a / an / Ø".

1. "Li xi" is _____ essential part of Vietnam's customs of the Tet Festival.
2. Storytelling is _____ way to keep the local tradition alive.
3. There'll always be _____ conflict between the old and the young.
4. Are you going away _____ next week?
5. There was _____ collision at the corner.
6. My mother thinks that this is _____ expensive shop.
7. Like many women, she loves _____ parties and _____gifts.
8. She works seven days _____ week.
9. We were at _____ Sa Dec Flower Village yesterday.
10. We use plants and flowers for _____ decorations and _____ offerings.

Exercise 3. Fill in the blanks with "a / an / the".

1. _____ Vietnamese are known to be polite, hospitable and sensitive.
2. In _____ countryside, parents often arrange their children's marriages.
3. "Ao dai" is one of _____ most traditional costumes in Viet Nam.
4. My aunt made some spring rolls for _____ longevity party.
5. _____ Ok Om Bok Festival takes place in October.
6. _____ tradition of worshipping whales is popular in Vietnamese coastal villages.
7. It's _____ tradition for shops to have _____ lion dance performance at their opening ceremony.
8. Holding _____ party to wish our grandparents longevity is one of _____ customs we practice at Tet.
9. People place _____ bamboo pole in _____ yard of _____ communal house.
10. It's _____ custom in my family to have dinner at home on Saturdays.

Exercise 4. Underline "the" or "Ø" to complete the sentences.

1. What's ***the / Ø*** matter? Are you all right?
2. Kate has bought a new car since ***the / Ø*** yesterday.
3. Some people think that ***the / Ø*** Moon is man-made.
4. I'm collecting money for ***the / Ø*** poor.
5. ***The / Ø*** Brian hasn't found a job yet.
6. Can you play ***the / Ø*** guitar?

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7. Don't forget to turn off ***the / Ø*** television.
8. There's a knife in ***the / Ø*** second drawer.
9. ***The / Ø*** art museum is in ***the / Ø*** city center.
10. Many Asians go to ***the / Ø*** Buddhist temples to pray for good luck.

Exercise 5. Fill in the blanks with "a / an / the / Ø".

1. We are looking for _____ place to spend _____ night.
2. Please turn off _____ lights when you leave _____ room.
3. We are looking for people with _____ lot of experience.
4. Would you pass me _____ salt, please?
5. Can you show me _____way to _____station?
6. She has read _____interesting book.
7. You'll get _____shock if you touch _____ live wire with that screwdriver.
8. Mr. Smith is _____ old customer and _____ honest man.
9. _____ youngest boy has just started going to _____ school.
10. Did you go to _____ prison to visit him?

Exercise 6. Put "a / an / the" in the correct position to complete the sentences.

1. Traditionally, Vietnamese prepare offerings to worship their ancestors.

   _____

2. Organising folk song club is one way for us to keep our traditions alive.

   _____

3. We went to Nha Trang on plane.

   _____

4. Worshipping Kitchen Gods is long-time tradition of Vietnamese.

   _____

5. Our village festival is held on 10th of March.

   _____

6. Don't hit bowl with your chopstick because this may bring bad luck to you.

   _____

7. It's good idea to hand bowls with both hands.

   _____

8. Remember to bring some food to party tomorrow, Jane!

   _____

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9. Did you put vase next to TV?

_____

10. Offerings include set of flowers and fruits, paper clothes, and three carps.

_____

Exercise 7. Cross out the unnecessary articles in each sentence.

1. The Ancient Egyptians worshipped the Sun.
2. What did you have for a breakfast this morning?
3. The lion dance is called *shishi-mai* in the Japanese.
4. People perform a lion dance to bring a good luck.
5. The first, there is a special boat race.
6. The village festivals help us maintain our the traditions.
7. You shouldn't refuse a young rice when the elderly offer it to you.
8. There are the lantern contests at the Ok Om Bok Festival.
9. It's becoming a custom for many families in the Viet Nam to celebrate Women's Day and the Family Day.
10. Dragon-snake *(Rong ran len may)* is a traditional Vietnamese game for the children.

Exercise 8. Complete sentences with a suitable preposition.

1. Vietnamese people lay flowers or sometimes fruits _____ the altar for the belief that their ancestors will enjoy them.
2. We are going to prepare five-coloured sticky rice served _____ grilled chicken _____ the celebration.
3. A tradition is something special that is passed _____ through the generations.
4. You should find more information _____ a custom or a tradition in your hometown.
5. It's a tradition _____ children to wake up early _____ Christmas Day.
6. Children usually wish longevity _____ their grandparents and parents.
7. Thai people throw water _____ one another as part of the cleansing ritual to welcome the Songkran New Year.
8. We broke _____ family tradition _____ travelling to New Zealand last Tet holiday.
9. Traditionally, children in the U.S. go from house to house to ask _____ sweets _____ Halloween.
10. We have a tradition _____ holding a family reunion _____ the first day of Tet.

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Exercise 9. Circle the best answers.

1. Five-coloured sticky rice is _____ important traditional dish.
   A. a B. an C. the D. Ø
2. _____ Thai have _____ population of about 1.500.000 people.
   A. A - a B. The - an C. The - a D. Ø - a
3. _____ Thai women wear short blouses, long skirts, scarves and ornaments.
   A. a B. an C. the D. Ø
4. Which group has _____ smallest population?
   A. a B. an C. the D. Ø
5. There was _____ exhibition of Ethnic Minorities Opens on April 18th at Ly Thai To Flower Garden.
   A. a B. an C. the D. Ø
6. I have _____ shawl. _____ shawl is unique and strong.
   A. a - A B. an - A C. a - Ø D. a - The
7. We can find terraced fields in _____ northern mountainous regions.
   A. a B. an C. the D. Ø
8. Look! _____ flowers my mother bought from _____ market yesterday are blooming.
   A. A - a B. The - the C. A - Ø D. The - Ø
9. Is Lien _____ shop assistant?
   A. a B. an C. the D. Ø
10. My mother does _____ shopping in my family.
    A. a B. an C. the D. Ø
11. How many people were there at the family _____ last weekend?
    A. unit B. united C. union D. reunion
12. We should _____ children's awareness of our customs and traditions.
    A. rise B. raise C. boost D. improve
13. Joe broke with _____ when he went to an art college.
    A. culture B. habit C. tradition D. custom
14. We _____ the Spring Festival on the 15th of January in the lunar calendar.
    A. happen B. occur C. hold D. take place
15. Tourists _____ wear shorts and tank tops when attending the worshipping ceremony.
    A. need B. must C. mustn't D. should

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16. Festivals are important because they keep some village traditions _____.
A. alive B. live C. living D. lively

17. It's the _____ in that country for women to get married in white.
A. hobby B. habit C. custom D. costume

18. Many young people don't _____ the tradition of living with their parents when they are eighteen.
A. try B. follow C. obey D. take

19. _____ to the tradition, we have a fireworks display on New Year's Eve.
A. In addition B. According C. Owing D. Thanks

20. A: "Thank you for the enjoyable party tonight!" – B: "_____"
A. It's my pleasure. B. I'm sorry.
C. I don't mind. D. That's a great idea!

Exercise 10. Find and correct the mistakes.

1. They go to the school five days a week. _____
2. Viet Nam is the country of many religions and beliefs. _____
3. My son started to play the baseball when he was ten. _____
4. How often is festival celebrated? – Every year. _____
5. There is a LG television in my room. _____
6. Emily comes from the France. _____
7. Today, we are going to discuss necessity of traditions. _____
8. Woman of the house looks after her parents, husband and children. _____
9. You don't should litter the temple ground. _____
10. We should show respect for the monks and the elders. _____

III. READING

Exercise 1. Read the passage and choose the best answers.

The Tet holiday is celebrated (1) _____ the first day of the Lunar New Year in Viet Nam. Several weeks before the New Year, the Vietnamese clean their houses and paint the walls. New clothes are bought for the occasion. One or two days before the festival, people make Banh Chung, (2) _____ is the traditional cake, and kinds of jam. On New Year's Eve, the whole family gets together for a (3) _____ dinner. Every member of the family should be present during the dinner in which many different kinds of dishes are served. On New Year morning, the young members of the family pay their

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