UNIT 6 – OUR TET HOLIDAY

READING

Task 1. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the blanks.

Before Tet, there (1) _____ many things people should do. First, it is important to (2) _____ the house to throw away any bad luck. Second, we should buy new clothes to wear during Tet. Third, we should visit the market to (3) _____ food and flowers for Tet. Fourth, we should decorate our houses (4) _____ peach flowers to prepare for Tet. Finally, we should spend time with family and (5) _____ with the preparation and housework.

1. A. am B. be C. is D. are
2. A. clean B. make C. fight D. celebrate
3. A. sell B. buy C. leave D. strike
4. A. from B. by C. with D. between
5. A. do B. say C. wish D. help

Task 2. Read the conversation and decide whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F).

NEW YEAR'S TRADITIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Brazil: Going to the Beach

In Brazil, people go to the beach because it's summer there. After midnight, they jump in the waves seven times and make seven wishes. They do this to show respect to Yemanja, the goddess of water. Before going into the water, they wear all white to show they want to be pure.

Spain: Eating 12 Grapes

In Spain, people start the new year by eating 12 grapes, one for each time the clock strikes. This tradition began a long time ago and is believed to keep

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away bad things and bring good luck for the new year. But, you have to eat all the grapes really fast before the clock finishes striking midnight.

Japan: Eating Soba Noodles

In Japan, people start the new year by eating warm soba noodles. This tradition goes back a long time to a Buddhist temple that gave noodles to poor people. The long, thin noodles are easy to eat and mean leaving the old year behind. It's like starting fresh!

Philippines: Serving 12 Round Fruits

In the Philippines on New Year's Eve, families have a special tradition. They serve 12 round fruits, like apples, grapes, and plums. These fruits are round like coins, and people believe they bring good luck and success. Each fruit stands for one month of the year.

Adapted from https://www.glamour.com/story/new-years-eve-day-traditions

Decide whether the statements are True (T) or False (F).

1. New Year's Eve in Brazil is in winter. _____
2. In Brazil, after midnight, they jump in the waves seven times and make seven wishes. _____
3. In Brazil, people wear white clothes before going into the water to look fashionable. _____
4. In Spain, on New Year's Eve people eat 12 grapes because they stand for 12 months. _____
5. In Spain, people have to eat 12 grapes before midnight on New Year's Eve. _____
6. In Japan, people eat soba noodles on New Year's Eve because they are easy to eat. _____

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7. In the Philippines, families serve 12 round fruits on New Year's Eve to bring good luck and success. _____

Task 3. Read the following sign or notice and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. What does the sign mean?

A. You can park your truck here for a short time.

B. Trucks are allowed to enter this street at night.

C. You are not allowed to drive a truck in this area.

D. Only large trucks can use this road.

2. What does the notice say?

PARKING FOR HOTEL GUESTS ONLY

A. Anyone can park their car here if they pay a fee.

B. You can only park here if you are staying at the hotel.

C. Hotel staff will park your car for you.

D. There is no parking available at the hotel.

Task 4. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. Put the sentences (a–c) in the correct order, then fill in the blank to make a logical text.

Tet is the most important festival in Viet Nam, and everyone prepares for it carefully.

a. We visit our relatives and receive lucky money in red envelopes on the first day of the year.

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b. We also cook traditional food like **Banh Chung** and buy some peach blossoms.

c. We clean and decorate our house before Tet to welcome good luck.

A. **b – c – a**

B. **a – c – b**

C. **c – b – a**

D. **b – a – c**

2. Choose the sentence that can end the text (in question 1) most appropriately.

A. Overall, it is a very special time for our family.

B. I will buy many things at the market near my house.

C. Sometimes, I prefer staying at home alone during the holiday.

D. The holiday is too long, so many students feel tired of it.

Task 5. Four phrases/sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct option that fits each of the numbered blanks.

Tet is the most important festival in Viet Nam. It is a time for family members to gather and have fun together. **(1) _____.** We clean our houses and decorate them with beautiful flowers. There are **(2) _____.** One of them is **Banh Chung**, which is made from sticky rice, green beans, and pork. On the first day of Tet, we visit our relatives and wish them a happy new year. We also enjoy **(3) _____.** Children usually get lucky money in red envelopes from adults. I love Tet because it is a very special and happy time of the year. **(4) _____.**

Options

A. many traditional dishes

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B. going to the pagoda to pray for good health

C. I hope everyone has a peaceful and lucky year.

D. Before Tet, everyone is very busy with preparations.

Your answers:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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