

Passage: Sustaining Roots in a Modern Era

Growing up in a multigenerational household in northern Vietnam, Minh and Linh were exposed to a unique blend of heritage and modern discipline. Their grandparents brought with them a wealth of knowledge and lived experience, which they actively passed on through bedtime narratives, ancestral stories, and folk traditions. Central to this upbringing was the effort to instil enduring family values in the siblings. They were taught to show unconditional respect for their elders, listen constructively to differing perspectives, and adhere to strict table manners, such as waiting for the seniors to pick up their chopsticks first and using cutlery with mindfulness.

As both teenagers progressed into high school, domestic responsibilities were balanced alongside rigorous academic routines. The siblings were expected to contribute to household chores on a regular basis. Minh learned how to run a washing machine, sort garments, and do the laundry independently, while Linh handled the dining area. Even though their father was frequently away on business trips across Southeast Asia, he maintained daily contact to offer guidance and ensure family solidarity remained intact.

Hard work paid off when both siblings met the demanding admission requirements and got accepted into two top-ranking universities. Minh and Linh enrolled in Information Technology and International Finance, respectively.

Despite their remarkable academic achievements, their grandparents continually remind them that technical expertise alone does not define true maturity. Instead, the traditional principles inherited from their lineage must serve as the primary moral compass throughout their future careers.

Task 1: True / False Statements Decide whether each statement is True (T) or False (F).

1. The grandparents relied solely on formal textbooks to pass on their wisdom to the grandchildren.
2. Demonstrating good table manners included waiting for the older family members to begin eating.
3. The father completely cut off communication with the family while he was away on business.
4. Minh is studying Information Technology, whereas Linh is studying International Finance.
5. The grandparents emphasize that academic qualifications are more significant than family traditions.

Task 2: Multiple Choice Questions Choose the correct option (A, B, C, or D).

6. In paragraph 1, the phrase “**a wealth of**” can best be replaced by:

A. a moderate amount of

- B. an abundance of
- C. a costly collection of
- D. a limited range of

7. What was the main purpose of involving the children in domestic chores?

- A. To prepare them for working abroad
- B. To balance household duties with academic commitments
- C. To replace their school attendance entirely
- D. To test their physical strength

8. Which specific task did Minh manage as part of his household duties?

- A. Repairing electrical home appliances
- B. Cooking formal dinners for guests
- C. Operating the washing machine and doing the laundry
- D. Managing family finances and budgeting

9. The term “**respectively**” in paragraph 3 indicates that:

- A. Minh and Linh study identical degree programs.
- B. Both siblings changed majors after entering university.
- C. The listed majors match the order of the siblings previously named.
- D. Linh attained better admission results than Minh.

10. What is the overarching message conveyed by the grandparents at the end of the text?

- A. Modern career skills should entirely replace ancestral values.
- B. Traditional principles and inherited moral values should guide one's life.
- C. Financial success is the sole indicator of adulthood.
- D. Living far from home is necessary to achieve independence.