3. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?
   A. Vietnamese people clean their houses during Tet to get rid of bad luck.
   B. Ancestor worship is an important tradition in Vietnam
   C. "Banh chung" is a traditional Vietnamese food eaten during Tet.
   D. Vietnamese people celebrate Tet for a month.
4. According to the passage, why are Vietnamese traditions well preserved?
   A. Because of the influence of foreign cultures
   B. Because of the Vietnamese people's love for their country and their history of fighting against foreign invaders
   C. Because of the delicious food eaten during Tet
   D. Because of the beautiful decorations used during Tet
5. How do Vietnamese people show respect to their ancestors?
   A. By cleaning their houses during Tet
   B. By giving each other lucky money in red envelopes
   C. By having an altar in their house, offering food and drink, and inviting their ancestors' spirits to join celebrations.
   D. By eating "banh chung" during Tet

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Ancestor worship - a fine tradition of Viet Nam

Ancestor worship is a ritual practice showing respect to deceased family members that reminds people of their roots. Most Vietnamese families have an ancestral altar at a **prominent** place of the house. The ancestral altar is set with ancestral tablets and pictures, together with an incense container. Two candles are placed on the sides of the altar to represent the Sun on the left and the Moon on the right.

During the Lunar New Year festival, the Vietnamese at home and abroad carefully cook traditional dishes to put on the home altar to worship their ancestors. Children are obliged to respect their parents in life and to remember them after they die.

On special occasions like ancestors' death anniversaries or the Lunar New Year. Special rites consist of making offerings of fruits, foods and wine, lighting the candles and burning incense before praying in front of the altar. Tet is an occasion for people to invite the souls of their ancestors to join the family's Tet celebration.

The altar may also be decorated with a branch of peach blossoms in warm pink to drive away evil spirits and bad luck. The ancestral altar is a symbol of the country's culture that shows its respect for all the past, the present day, and the future.

(Source: Internet)

1. Ancestor worship is followed by many people in Viet Nam _____.
   A. to celebrate the Tet festivals B. to maintain the relationships in the family
   C. to show respect to their ancestors D. to decorate their ancestral altar
2. All of the following items can be found on the altar EXCEPT _____.
   A. a dish of food every day B. ancestral tablets and pictures
   C. an incense container D. two candles placed on the sides of the altar
3. Children are expected to _____.
   A. offer their parents a lot of food
   B. celebrate their ancestors' death anniversaries on the Lunar New Year
   C. respect their parents in life and afterlife
   D. cook traditional dishes to worship their ancestors whenever they can
4. A branch of peach blossoms in warm pink is believed to _____.
   A. show respect for all the past, the present day, and the future
   B. bring good luck to the family
   C. to celebrate Tet
   D. maintain the country's culture
5. The word "**prominent**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.
   A. easily seen B. common C. clean D. pleasant

Exercise 16: Four phrases/sentences have been removed from the text below. Choose the correct answer to complete the text. Write only the letter A-D in each blank.

❶ (1) _____, people relied on iceboxes to keep food cold. These were insulated wooden boxes lined with zinc or tin. Large blocks of ice, harvested from frozen lakes or rivers in the winter, were placed inside a compartment at the top. (2) _____, keeping the food below cool.

Iceboxes were a vast improvement over simply leaving food at room temperature, but they weren't perfect. The ice needed to be replaced regularly, often every few days, (3) _____. Additionally, the coldest area was near the bottom, so people had to be careful about where they stored different foods. Milk, for example, spoiled quickly if not kept very cold.

Despite their limitations, iceboxes were a vital tool for food preservation for many years. [illegible] leftovers. (4) _____ and even enjoy a refreshing cold drink on a hot summer day.

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B. keep dairy products fresh for longer

C.Before refrigerators became commonplace in the early 20th century

D. which could be inconvenient and expensive

❷ Visitors to "Remembering Viet Nam" will have the opportunity to see a fascinating (1) _____. The records on display help fill the gaps in our collective memory about what happened and why. They make people understand more about the series of choices, strategies, and personalities as a result of the involvement of the US in Southeast Asia.

There are historic items including posters, artwork, telegrams, radio intercepts, photographs, artefacts, official documents, and letters. (2) _____.

Of special interest are the audio recordings, (3) _____. The exhibition includes several listening stations, including an "Oval Office Listening Area," where visitors can pick up one of three phones to hear conversations held by Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon.

The exhibition also is an opportunity to hear stories from a variety of perspectives. Everyday people whose lives were forever impacted (4) _____.

At a kiosk, visitors will be able to submit their own thoughts about what happened and how it affected them. Selections of those contributions will be displayed in the exhibition for visitors to read.

A. They span 1918 - 1975 and are considered critical to understanding the conflict and its origins

B. some of which have only recently been declassified

C. and varied selection of records from the National Archives and its Presidential libraries

D. by the conflict - some voluntarily, some involuntarily - share their experiences

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Exercise 17: Write complete sentences using past continuous.

1. Mary/ play/ piano/ while/ her parents/ watch TV.

   _____

2. She/ paint/ a picture/ while/ her brother/ do/ his homework.

   _____

3. Jane/ bake/ a cake/ while/ her father/ decorate the house.

   _____

4. They/ explore/ city streets/ take/ photographs/ all day.

   _____

5. My sister/ play/ badminton/ while/ my brother/ fly/ kite.

   _____

6. Ngoc/ have/ meeting/ 9 a.m./ last Wednesday.

   _____

7. Quang/ read/ science book/ all morning.

   _____

8. he/ chat/ friends/ online/ 10 p.m./ yesterday?

   _____

9. I/ save/ money/ for months/ buy/ new/ car.

   _____

10. John/ sing/ while/ his friends/ dance/ at/ party.

    _____

11. They/ study/ Spanish/ all year/ prepare/ their trip.

    _____

12. My brother/ practise/ guitar/ all month/ improve/ his skills.

    _____

Exercise 18: Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

1. I'm sorry that I don't know what to do about the problem.

   I wish _____

2. Linda wrote her composition hours and hours ago.

   It's hours _____

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□ We used _____

4. She's sorry she can't play the piano.

□ She wishes _____

5. I don't normally have coffee for breakfast.

□ I am not used _____

6. It was breakfast time when Susan rang.

□ I was _____

7. My mother spent three hours making a dress.

□ It took _____

8. Reading newspapers in the morning gives him pleasure.

□ He enjoys _____

9. You can make payments at any post office.

□ Payment _____

10. In the middle of our sleep there was a knock at the door.

□ When _____

11. Nancy hasn't come here since 1999.

□ The last time _____

12. During my dinner, the phone rang.

□ While _____

13. David left the party before we arrived there.

□ When _____

14. We haven't gone to a concert for ages.

□ It's _____

15. Sarah hasn't seen her friends since she left for the United States.

□ Sarah last _____

16. It's beautiful here. It's a pity that you can't see this beauty together with me.

□ I wish _____

17. He feels sorry that he can't come to his brother's wedding.

□ He wishes _____

18. That house is part of the town's heritage, but the council is demolishing it.

□ I wish _____

19. My mother no longer cooks for me anymore since I got married.

□ My mother used _____

20. My father used to carry me on his shoulders and go around.

□ My father doesn't _____

Exercise 19: Circle the correct answer A, B, C, or D which is closest in meaning to the original one.

1. They have lived in that town for over 20 years.
   A. They used to live in that town for over 20 years.
   B. They moved to that town more than 20 years ago.
   C. In 20 years, they will have lived in that town.
   D. They only lived in that town for a short time.
2. Having finished her chores, my mother would relax with a good book.
   A. My mother would relax with a good book while doing her chores.
   B. Relaxing with a good book was one of my mother's chores.
   C. My mother finished her chores and then relaxed with a good book.
   D. My mother never finished her chores and couldn't relax with a book.
3. People didn't have access to the internet in the 1980s.
   A. The internet was invented in the 1980s.

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