

GLOBAL SUCCESS 8

UNIT 5: OUR CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

PART I LISTENING (1.25 pts)

Listen to a student talking about Tet traditions in their family. Choose the best answer A, B, or C. You will listen twice.

1. What is the talk mainly about?

- A. A school festival B. Family Tet traditions C. A summer holiday

2. When does the family usually start preparing for Tet?

- A. One week before Tet B. On the first day of Tet C. One month after Tet

3. What do they place in the living room?

- A. A bamboo pole B. A kumquat tree C. A wooden statue

4. What does the family do on the first morning of Tet?

- A. They visit their grandparents. B. They go to school.
C. They watch a sports competition.

5. Which tradition does the speaker enjoy most?

- A. Cleaning the house B. Buying new clothes C. Having a family reunion meal

PART II PHONETICS (1.0 pt)

Task 1. Choose the word whose bold part is pronounced differently from the others.

6. A. thin B. offering C. tradition D. ceremony
7. A. thing B. offering C. spring D. ginger

Task 2. Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from the others.

8. A. admire B. decorate C. worship D. offering
9. A. ceremony B. tradition C. festival D. family

PART III LANGUAGE USE (2.5 pts)

Choose the best answer A, B, C, or D to complete each sentence.

10. At Tet, many families have a family _____ meal with all their members.

- A. reunion B. worship C. martial arts D. decoration

11. People often _____ their ancestors by preparing food offerings.

- A. break B. admire C. worship D. chase

12. Villagers hang bells on a bamboo pole to _____ away bad spirits.

- A. place B. chase C. pray D. keep

13. Ok Om Bok is a traditional _____ of the Khmer people.

- A. offering B. reunion C. custom D. festival

14. We usually have _____ breakfast at 7 a.m.

- A. a B. an C. the D. Ø

15. We went to _____ pagoda near our house on New Year's Day.

- A. a B. an C. the D. Ø

16. Children should not _____ with family traditions.

- A. keep B. break C. admire D. pray

17. Choose the best response to complete the dialogue.

Lan: "I'm visiting a friend's family for Tet. What should I do?"

Mai: "_____"

- A. You should bring a small gift for the host.
B. I don't celebrate Tet.
C. It is on Saturday.
D. No, I didn't.

Choose the sentence that is closest in meaning to the original one.

18. It is a tradition for Vietnamese families to prepare food offerings at Tet.

- A. Vietnamese families never prepare food offerings at Tet.
B. Vietnamese families traditionally make food offerings at Tet.
C. Only children prepare food offerings at Tet.
D. Preparing food offerings is a new custom in Viet Nam.

19. My mother advises me to wait for the host before eating.

- A. My mother says I should wait for the host before eating.
B. My mother asks the host to wait for me.
C. My mother says I must cook for the host. D. My mother lets me eat before the host.

PART IV PRACTICAL SKILLS (1.0 pt)

Task 1. Look at the signs and choose the best answer.

20. What should visitors do before entering the family altar room?

- A. You can wear comfortable clothes like shorts and tank tops here.
B. You mustn't wear casual or revealing clothes.
C. You have to buy these clothes before entering.
D. You should take off your hats and shoes



21. What is the main message of this sign?

- A. Visitors may use cameras quietly.
B. Visitors should record the ceremony.
C. Photography is not allowed during the ceremony.
D. The ceremony is only for photographers.



Task 2. Read the notice and choose the best answer.

GREEN VALLEY LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL

TET CUSTOMS DAY

Learn about Tet customs and traditions from different regions of Viet Nam.

Activities: making decorative items, learning about food offerings, watching a lion dance, and sharing family customs

Time: 2.00 p.m.–4.00 p.m., Friday, 19 January | Place: School Hall

Wear traditional clothes if possible. Register with your English teacher by Monday.

22. What is the main purpose of the notice?

- A. To invite students to a Tet Customs Day B. To advertise a family holiday

C. To announce a sports match

D. To ask students to visit a pagoda

23. What must students do to take part?

A. Bring a bamboo pole

B. Register with their English teacher by Monday

C. Prepare food at home

D. Pay an entrance fee

PART V READING (2.25 pts)

Task 1. Read the announcement and choose the correct option A, B, C, or D for each blank.

FAMILY TRADITION DAY

Our school is holding (24) _____ event called Family Tradition Day next Friday.

Each class will present a custom from (25) _____ local community.

Students may bring photos, decorative items, or food offerings, but they should ask their families for permission first.

Please arrive at school by (26) _____ bus or on foot.

During the event, we will learn why traditions are important and how they help us (27) _____ our family bonds strong.

24. A. a

B. an

C. the

D. Ø

25. A. a

B. an

C. the

D. Ø

26. A. a

B. an

C. the

D. Ø

27. A. break

B. keep

C. chase

D. worship

Task 2. Read the text and choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D.

Every year, Hoa's extended family gathers at her grandparents' house on the twenty-eighth day of the last lunar month. In the morning, everyone cleans and decorates the house. Hoa's parents place a kumquat tree in the living room, while her grandparents prepare food offerings for the family altar. The children help wrap banh chung and arrange fruit on a large tray. Before the reunion meal begins, the younger family members wait for the oldest person to sit down. On the first morning of Tet, the children wear new clothes, wish their grandparents good health, and receive lucky money. The family also visits a nearby pagoda to pray for peace and good luck. Hoa enjoys the reunion meal most because she can meet all her cousins and listen to old family stories. This year, her British friend Mia will join them. Hoa has advised Mia to bring some fruit and remove her shoes before entering the altar room. Mia thinks these traditions are meaningful because they help different generations stay connected.

28. When does Hoa's extended family gather at her grandparents' house?

A. On the first day of the lunar year

B. On the twenty-eighth day of the last lunar month

C. One week after Tet

D. On the Mid-Autumn Festival

29. What do the younger family members do before the reunion meal?

A. They wait for the oldest person to sit down.

B. They open their lucky money.

C. They visit the pagoda.

D. They watch a lion dance.

30. Which Tet activity does Hoa enjoy most?

A. Cleaning the house

B. Visiting the pagoda

C. The family reunion meal

D. Buying a kumquat tree

31. What advice has Hoa given Mia?A. Wear black clothes and arrive late.
C. Take photographs during the ceremony.

B. Bring fruit and remove her shoes before entering the altar room.

D. Prepare all the food offerings herself.

32. What is the main message of the text?

- A. Tet traditions are expensive and difficult.
 B. Only older people should follow family traditions.
 C. Family traditions help generations stay connected.
 D. Foreign visitors should not join Tet celebrations.

PART VI ORDERING (0.5 pt)*Arrange the sentences to make a complete dialogue.***33.**

- a. Thanks. I'll bring some fruit.
 b. I'm visiting Nam's family during Tet. What should I bring?
 c. You should bring a small gift for the host.
 d. That's a good idea.

A. b – c – d – a B. c – b – a – d C. b – d – c – a D. d – a – b – c

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- a. I think it is exciting and meaningful.
 b. What do you think of the lion dance?
 c. Why do you think so?
 d. Because people believe it brings good luck.

A. a – b – c – d B. b – a – c – d C. b – c – a – d D. c – d – b – a

PART VII WRITING (1.5 pts)**Task 1. Rewrite the sentences as directed. (1.0 pt)****35. My family has a tradition of making banh chung before Tet. (Use “traditionally”.)**

→ My family traditionally _____.

36. You should wait for the host to start eating. (Use “a good idea”.)

→ It is a good idea _____.

37. We usually take a bus to the pagoda. (Use “by”.)

→ We usually go _____.

38. “Don’t point your chopsticks at other people,” my mother said. (Use “advised”.)

→ My mother advised me _____.

Task 2. Write a paragraph of 80–100 words about a custom or tradition in your family or community. (0.5 pt)**In your paragraph, you should:**

- name the custom or tradition and say when it takes place
- describe what people usually do
- explain any rules or advice people should follow
- say why the custom or tradition is meaningful to you

39. A custom or tradition in my family or community

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ANSWER KEY & LISTENING TRANSCRIPT

LISTENING TRANSCRIPT

Part I. Listening – Questions 1–5

Teacher's instructions: Give students 30 seconds to read the questions. Play or read the recording twice. Pause briefly between the two readings, then give students 30 seconds to check their answers.

Hello, I'm Hoa. Tet is the most important celebration in my family, and we follow several traditions every year. We usually begin preparing about one week before Tet. Everyone helps clean and decorate the house, although cleaning is not my favourite activity. My parents buy a kumquat tree and place it in the living room. We do not put up a bamboo pole, and we do not have a wooden statue there. On New Year's Eve, all the members of our extended family have a reunion meal together. The children wear new clothes, and I enjoy that too. On the first morning of Tet, we visit my grandparents, wish them good health, and receive lucky money. We certainly do not go to school or watch a sports competition that morning. Of all these traditions, I enjoy the family reunion meal most because I can meet my cousins, listen to old family stories, and share special food with everyone.

Listening answers: 1B – 2A – 3B – 4A – 5C

ANSWER KEY

SECTION	ANSWERS
PART I. LISTENING	1B, 2A, 3B, 4A, 5C
PART II. PHONETICS	6B, 7D, 8A, 9B
PART III. LANGUAGE USE	10A, 11C, 12B, 13D, 14D, 15C, 16B, 17A, 18B, 19A
PART IV. PRACTICAL SKILLS	20B, 21C, 22A, 23B
PART V. READING	24B, 25C, 26D, 27B, 28B, 29A, 30C, 31B, 32C
PART VI. ORDERING	33A, 34B

PART VII. WRITING – Suggested answers

35. My family traditionally makes banh chung before Tet.

36. It is a good idea to wait for the host to start eating.

37. We usually go to the pagoda by bus.

38. My mother advised me not to point my chopsticks at other people.

Equivalent answers that preserve the required meaning and grammatical structure may also be accepted.

39. Sample paragraph (about 90 words)

One important tradition in my family is our Tet reunion meal. It usually takes place on New Year's Eve at my grandparents' house. Before the meal, everyone helps clean the house, prepare food, and arrange fruit and offerings on the family altar. The younger members should wait for the oldest person to sit down before they begin eating. We also avoid pointing chopsticks at other people. This tradition is meaningful to me because it brings different generations together and gives us time to share family stories and good wishes.