

I. THE AIMS

- **Knowledge:** To test Ss' understanding from Unit 1 to Unit 6.
- **Skill:** To help Ss practice skills in doing an English test with language skills: listening, reading and writing.
- **Attitude:** To help Ss improve their serious attitude in doing tests and Ss love English more and more.

II. TEST SPECIFICATION TABLE – THE FIRST SEMESTER TEST

Content	Knowledge level						Total
	Recognition		Understanding		Application		
	Multip le choice	Fore word	Multiple choice	Fore word	Multip le choice	Fore word	
A. Listening: Listen and fill in each gap with the word you hear.				4 s 1 p			1p (10%)
B. Phonetics: Choose the word which has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others.	4 s 1 p						1 p (10%)
C. Vocabulary and grammar: I. Choose the best answer to complete the sentences 1. Hobby 2. Question words 3. Comparatives 4. Articles			6 s 1.5 p 1s-0.25p 1s-0.25p 1s- 0. 5p 1s-0.25p				1..5 p (15%)



5. Connectives			1s-0.25p				
6. Vocabulary			1s-0.25p				
II. Circle the mistakes and correct...				2s - 0.5p			
1. Have to				1s- 0.25p			
2. Past simple tense				1s- 0.25p			
D. Reading: Read the passage then answer the questions				4 s- 2 p			2 p (20%)
V. Writing: I. Rewrite the sentences as directed 1. Using connectives 2. Comparatives with adverbs 3. Make questions for the underlined parts 4. Rearrange the words II. Write a paragraph about your neighborhood. Using the words given.						4 s - 1p 1s - 0.25p 1s - 0.25p 1s - 0.25p 1s - 0.25p 4s -1pt	2 p (20%)
Total	4 s 1 p (10 %)		6 s 1.5 p (15%)	10 s 3.5 p (35%)		8 s 2 p (20%)	28 s 8 p (80%)

Name: Class:

Mark	Teacher's remarks

A. Listening: Listen and fill in each gap with a suitable word you hear (1 pt)

After living in France for a few (1)....., I realised that I really should stop trying to be so polite all the time. The French seem to find it annoying if you say things like "I'm awfully sorry" because they feel you are wasting their time. It must seem to them that the British spend their whole time apologizing! The French don't really make 'small talk' either. (2).....to strangers such as taxi drivers or shop assistants, especially politely, is seen as rather strange. And there is another (3)..... difference. People at dinner parties in France will expect to take part in a serious discussion. The guests are often asked their opinions on 'big issues'. British people enjoy discussions about house prices and (4)..... However, they are sometimes surprised if their guests want to talk about anything serious, such as politics or art.

B. Pronunciation (1pt)

I. Choose the words that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others. (0.5 pt)

1. A. sticky B. charity C. minority D. predict
 2. A. pagoda B. hamburger C. relax D. gather

II. Choose a word that has different stress pattern from the rest. (0.5pt)

3. A. cattle B. collect C. generous D. grassland
 4. A. ancestor B. curious C. heritage D. tradition

C. Vocabulary and grammar (2pts)

I. Choose the best answer to complete the sentences (1.5 pt)

1. My mother enjoys..... traditional food for our family, especially at Tet holiday.
 A. cook B. to cook C. cooking D. cooked
- 2..... ethnic group has a larger population, the Tay or the Ede?
 A. What B. Which C. Why D. Who
3. Life in a small town is than that in a big city.
 A. less peaceful B. much more peaceful C. much peaceful D. peaceful
4. It is typical of the cultural life of.....Thai people.
 A. some B. a C. the D. x
5. At the Mid-Autumn Festival, kids can sing, dance, and enjoy moon-cakes ;, every child likes it very much.
 A. However B. Moreover C. Because D. Therefore
6. The Mountain Spirits (Son Tinh) was very, but the Sea Spirit (Thuy Tinh) was
- A. gentle-wise B. fierce-gentle C. gentle-fierce D. wicked-ugly

II. Circle the mistake in each sentence and correct it. (0.5pt)

1. In my family, children has to get permission before leaving the dining table.
 A B C D



2. When I come, the whole family was having dinner around a big dining table.

A

B

C

D

D. Reading: *Read the passage and answer the questions (2pts)*

Gong culture in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam has been recognized by UNESCO as a Masterpiece of the Intangible Heritage of Humanity. Gong culture covers five provinces of the Central Highlands: Kon Tum, Gia Lai, Dak Lak, Dak Nong and Lam Dong. The masters of gong culture are the ethnic groups of Bahnar, Sedang, Mnong, Coho... The Gong Festival is held annually in the Central Highlands. In the festival, artists from these provinces give gong performances, highlighting the gong culture of their own province. For the ethnic groups of the Central Highlands, gongs are musical instruments of special power. It is believed that every gong is the symbol of a god who grows more powerful as the gong gets older. Therefore, gongs are associated with special occasions in people's lives, such as the building of new houses, funerals, crop praying ceremonies... The gong sound is a way to communicate with the gods.

** Answer the questions:*

1. Where does Gong culture exist?

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2. How often is the Gong Festival held?

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3. Are Gongs pieces of folk music?

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4. What do artists do in the Gong Festival?

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E. Writing (2pts)

I. Rewrite the sentences as directed(1pt)

1. I had a bad cold, so I didn't go to school yesterday.

-> Because

2. A fish swims faster than a duck.

->A duck.....

3. His mother visited him last week. (*Make the questions for the underlined words*)

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4. In/ there/ lots/ customs/ UK/are/ of/ for/ table manners/ the (Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)

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II. Write a paragraph at least 4 sentences about customs and traditions in your family using cue words (1pt)

In my opinion/ customs / traditions/ very important. Like/ other families/we / our own customs/ traditions.

Firstly/there/ a tradition/ our family/ having lunch together / the second day of Tet.

Secondly/ we / the custom /spending Sunday together. We/ usually go/ the cinema/ go/ a picnic.

We/ all /enjoy /these customs/traditions / they/ provide/ our family / a sense of belonging.

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ANSWER KEY FOR THE FIRST TERM – ENGLISH 8
SCHOOL YEAR: 2017 – 2018

A. Listening: Listen and fill in each gap with the word you hear. (1pt)
(Each correct answer gets 0.25pt)

After living in France for a few (1) **months**, I realised that I really should stop trying to be so polite all the time. The French seem to find it annoying if you say things like "I'm awfully sorry" because they feel you are wasting their time. It must seem to them that the British spend their whole time apologizing! The French don't really make 'small talk' either. (2) **Chatting** to strangers such as taxi drivers or shop assistants, especially politely, is seen as rather strange. And there is another (3) **interesting** difference. People at dinner parties in France will expect to take part in a serious discussion. The guests are often asked their opinions on 'big issues'. British people enjoy discussions about house prices and (4) **education**. However, they are sometimes surprised if their guests want to talk about anything serious, such as politics or art.

B. Pronunciation (1pt)

I. Choose the words that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others. (0.5 pt)
(Each correct answer gets 0.25pt)

1. A. sticky B. charity C. minority D. predict
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II. Choose a word that has different stress pattern from the rest. (0.5pt)

3. A. cattle **B. collect** C. generous D. grassland
4. A. ancestor B. curious C. heritage **D. tradition**

C. Vocabulary and grammar (2pts)

I. Choose the best answer to complete the sentences (1.5 pt)
(Each correct answer gets 0.25pt)

1. My mother enjoys..... traditional food for our family, especially at Tet holiday.
A. cook B. to cook **C. cooking** D. cooked
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II. Circle the mistake in each sentence and correct it. (0.5pt)

(Each correct answer gets 0.25pt)

1. In my family, children has to get permission before leaving the dining table.

A B-> have to C D

2. When I come, the whole family was having dinner around a big dining table.

A B-> came C D

D. Reading: Read the passage and answer the questions (2pts)

(Each correct answer gets 0.5pt)

1. It exists in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam.
2. It is held once a year / annually.
3. No, they aren't.
4. They give gong performances, highlighting the gong culture of their own province.

E. Writing (2pts)

I. Rewrite the sentences as directed(1pt) (Each correct answer gets 0.25pt)

1. Because I had a bad cold, I didn't go to school yesterday.
2. A duck swims more slowly than a fish./ A duck doesn't swim as fast as a fish.
3. When did his mother visit him?
4. There are lots of customs for table manners in the UK.

II. Write a paragraph at least 4 sentences about customs and traditions in your family (1pt)

In my opinion, customs and traditions are very important. Like other families, we have our own customs and traditions.

Firstly, there's a tradition in our family of having lunch together on the second day of Tet. Secondly, we have the custom of spending Sunday together.

We all enjoy these customs and traditions because they provide our family with a sense of belonging.

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