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ในการสร้างแบบฝึกทักษะการอ่านข่าวภาษาอังกฤษ ผู้จัดทำได้วิเคราะห์เนื้อเรื่องจาก
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B300bn life insurance fund for poor inaugurated by PM

1 Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra yesterday launched the government's 300-
billion-baht life insurance fund for the underprivileged.

2 Under the so-called Ua-arthorn scheme, each member would pay a total of 365
baht per year in premiums.

3 Mr Thaksin inaugurated the scheme yesterday with a launch ceremony at Impact
Arena, Muang Thong Thani.

4 The scheme would particularly help to bring stability to the lives of children whose
parents died prematurely, he said.

5 Under the scheme, beneficiaries would receive 300,000 baht in the event of a
policy holder's death.

6 "[deputy Commerce Minister Wattana Muangsuk] said the scheme will cost the
government about 100 million baht," Mr Thaksin said, "But I, as head of the government,
promise there will be no loss because we will also work toward reducing accidents and
combating violent crimes."

From Bangkok Post. September 14, 2003. p.3.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. What does the word "inaugurate" mean?
 - a. Launch.
 - b. Insurance.
 - c. Fund.
 - d. Poor.
2. What does the word "underprivileged" mean?
 - a. Less money.
 - b. Fewer opportunities.
 - c. Poor.
 - d. All a,b,and c.
3. The main idea of this news is that _____.
 - a. there will be a life insurance fund for everyone
 - b. the government offers a life insurance fund for the poor
 - c. the life insurance is not so cheap
 - d. the life insurance is for only the poor in Bangkok
4. According to the news, the purpose of this scheme is _____.
 - a. to bring help to the poor by the government
 - b. to give money to the poor by the life insurance
 - c. to offer money to the poor by the life insurance
 - d. to bring stability to children whose parents die in unexpected time
5. According to the PM, he guarantees that _____.
 - a. there is no way to lose his money
 - b. there is no way to lose the life insurance
 - c. there is enough money to pay for the beneficiaries
 - d. there is a stability for this plan

Part II:

Directions: Match the vocabulary in column A with the definition in column B by putting a letter in the space.

A	B
1. _____ insurance	a. the quality or state of being steady and not changing in any way ✓
2. _____ inaugurate	b. to tell somebody that you will definitely do or not do something ✓
3. _____ launch	c. an amount of money that you pay once or regularly for an insurance policy
4. _____ underprivileged	d. involving a caused by physical force that is intended to hurt or kill somebody ✓
5. _____ scheme	e. happening before the normal or expected time ✓
6. _____ premium	f. to make a product available to the public for the first time ✓
7. _____ ceremony	g. an agreement with a company in which you pay them regularly amounts of money and they agree to pay the costs if you die ✓
8. _____ stability	h. fighting against something unpleasant or harmful ✓
9. _____ prematurely	i. a public or religious occasion that includes a series of formal or traditional actions ✓
10. _____ beneficiaries	j. a person who receives money or property when somebody dies ✓
11. _____ promise	k. people who are having less money and opportunities than others ✓
12. _____ combating	l. to officially open a building or start an organization ✓
13. _____ violent	m. a plan or system for doing or organizing something ✓

Part III:

Directions: Fill in the space with the suitable words given in the box below.

prematurely, scheme inaugurated, promised, violent, launched

1. The new hospital was _____ by the governor.
2. The new model will be _____ in July.
3. Under the new _____, only successful schools will be given extra funding.
4. His hair became _____ white.
5. The college principal _____ to look into the matter.
6. Students were involved in _____ clashes with the police.



Answer key:

Part I: 1. a 2. d 3. b 4. d 5. d

Part II: 1. g 2. l 3. f 4. k 5. m 6. c

7. i 8. a 9. e 10. j 11. b 12. h 13. d

Part III:

1. inaugurated
2. launched
3. scheme
4. prematurely
5. promised
6. violent



Black-and-white ambassadors



1 Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui are for the first time beginning to explore the world outside their homeland of Wolong in China.

2 Born as captive breeding giant pandas at the Wolong Giant Panda Breeding Centre, Chuang Chuang, a three-year male whose name means "creative", and Lin Hui, a two-year female whose name means "mercy for nature", were sent to Thailand from the Chinese government as ambassadors to strengthen the relationship between the two countries.

3 Since last Sunday, Chiang Mai Zoo has been home for Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui. They will reside there for 10 years - long enough, officials expect, for the couple to breed naturally.

4 Before Thailand, China sent giant pandas to five other countries: the United States, Austria, Japan, Mexico and Germany.

5 After the Chinese government gave the nod to the Thai government's request to loan a pair of pandas for a 10-year research project, Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui were marked as the lucky ones to have the chance to travel.

6 Montri Navikpol, president of the board of the Zoological Park Organization (ZPO) of Thailand, said Deputy Prime Minister General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh had selected the pair under the advice of experts at the Wolong centre. Montri said experts had recommended the pair as strong and at an appropriate stage for breeding.

7 The journey of Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui began early on Sunday morning. Before dawn, officials at the breeding centre put them in separate small iron cages. Only people familiar to the pandas were allowed to be involved in the job.

8 An official said if any strangers were present, the pandas would have been too scared to get into the cages. The panda cages were then carried by truck to an airport in Chengdu province, where a jetliner of Thai International was waiting for them. Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui flew to Thailand, leaving behind another 50 adult pandas who were born and raised at the Wolong centre.

9 The two animals will not be on public view until next month since they have to be quarantined for 45 days under a regulation of the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species, which protects giant pandas.

How to distinguish Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui from each other?

It might be very difficult for ordinary people since every panda is almost the same: white fur except for black patches on ears, eyes, nose, legs and shoulders.

10 However, Chakorn Khankaew, a veterinarian selected to care for special animals, knows the differences between the two pandas.

11 "No need to see, I can distinguish Lin Hui from Chuang Chuang just from its voice," says Chakorn, who spent one month with the panda pair in Wolong.

He adds that pandas are like humans in that when a male enters the teenage stage, his tone of voice becomes harsher, while the female voice turns clearer and higher in tone.

12 For Chakorn, the pair of pandas are different in several ways. Besides the voice tone, he says, Chuang Chuang is noticeably bigger than Lin Hui.

13 Their colouring is also different. Though both are the usual black and white, Chuang Chuang is a bit darker than Lin Hui, he adds.

14 Moreover, Chakorn says, Chuang Chuang is more active than Lin Hui.

"The same as children: boys are more active and enthusiastic than girls," he says.

15 After a week in Chiang Mai Zoo, the pandas seem to love their new home, which is decorated much like their old one in Wolong.

16 The temperature inside is controlled to be at a maximum of 18 degrees Celsius.

17 The signs of stress caused by their long journey disappeared after just one day.
Moreover, they seem to be quickly adjusting to a new species of bamboo, which is
provided by a Royal project in Chiang Mai.

18 "No problem about the food, they will like it," says Montri of the ZPO board.

19 Along with veterinarian Chakorn, Chinese experts will also monitor the first month
of Chuang Chuang's and Lin Hui's stay at Chiang Mai Zoo.

20 Officials hope they will enjoy the next 10 years and attract public attention to the
importance of preserving this endangered species.


From The Nation. October 22, 2003. p. 1.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. Where is the origin of pandas?
 - a. China.
 - b. Korea.
 - c. Japan.
 - d. Austria.
2. According to the news, what does the name "Chuang Chuang" mean?
 - a. Giant.
 - b. Creative.
 - c. Request.
 - d. Mercy for nature.
3. What does the name "Lin Hui" mean?
 - a. Giant.
 - a. Creative.
 - b. Request.
 - c. Mercy for nature.
4. Where will Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui reside?
 - a. Chiang Mai Zoo.
 - b. Khaodin Zoo.
 - c. Khaokeaw Zoo.
 - d. Chonburi Zoo.
5. How many years will they reside in Thailand?
 - a. 5.
 - b. 10.
 - c. 15.
 - d. Forever.

6. Who is the president of the board of the Zoological Park Organization of Thailand?
 - a. Montri Navikpol.
 - b. Chakorn Khankaew.
 - c. Chavalit Yongchaiyudh.
 - d. Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui.
 7. Who is the veterinarian selected to care for these animals?
 - a. Montri Navikpol.
 - b. Chakorn Khankaew.
 - c. Chavalit Yongchaiyudh.
 - d. Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui.
 8. What do pandas eat?
 - a. Beans.
 - b. Wattle.
 - c. Bamboos.
 - d. Eucalyptus.
 9. How did the pandas come to Thailand?
 - a. By car.
 - b. By train.
 - c. By ship.
 - d. By plane.
 10. What can the veterinarian distinguish between Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui?
 - a. The ears and size.
 - b. The color and eyes.
 - c. The age and the nose.
 - d. The voice tone and the activeness.
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Part II:

Directions: Match the vocabulary in column A with the definition in column B by putting a letter in the space.

A**B**

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|----------------------|---|
|1. couple | a. A variety of animals with qualities inherited from their parents |
|2. distinguish | b. Make or become stronger |
|3. mercy | c. Two people or things considered together, a pair |
|4. enthusiastic | d. Make or notice differences between things |
|5. noticeably | e. Keeping a person or animal isolated in case they have a disease which could spread to others |
|6. endanger | f. Say that a person or thing would be a good one to do a job or achieve something |
|7. breed | g. Easily seen or noticed |
|8. recommend | h. A strong liking, interest, or excitement |
|9. strengthen | i. Cause danger to |
|10. quarantined | j. Kindness or pity shown in not punishing or harming a wrongdoer or enemy etc. |

Part III:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word in the box to complete the story below.

Wolong	voice	pandas	Chuang Chuang ,	Lin Hui
distinguish	harsher	Chinese	veterinarian ,	Chiang Mai



Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui are giant1..... from the2..... Giant Panda Breeding Centre.3....., a three-year male, and4....., a two-year female, were sent to Thailand from the5..... government as ambassadors relationship between the two countries. They will reside at6..... Zoo for 10 years.

How can the veterinarian7..... Chuang Chuang and Lin Hui? It is very difficult for people to distinguish. Every panda is almost the same, white fur except for black patches on ears, eyes, nose, legs and shoulders. The8....., selected to care for special animals, knows the differences between the two pandas. He can distinguish Lin Hui from Chuang Chuang just from its9.....; his tone of voice becomes10....., while the female voice turns clearer and higher in tone.

Answer Key:**Part I:**

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|------|-------|
| 1. a | 6. a |
| 2. b | 7. b |
| 3. c | 8. c |
| 4. a | 9. d |
| 5. b | 10. d |

Part II:

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|------|-------|
| 1. c | 6. i |
| 2. d | 7. a |
| 3. j | 8. f |
| 4. h | 9. b |
| 5. g | 10. e |

Part III:

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. pandas | 6. Chiang Mai |
| 2. Wolong | 7. distinguish |
| 3. Chuang Chuang | 8. veterinarian |
| 4. Lin Hui | 9. voice |
| 5. Chinese | 10. harsher |

Chavalit to hold talks with Muslim leaders

1 Muslim leaders from Yala, Pattani and Narathiwat provinces will meet deputy Prime Minister Gen Chavalit Yongchaiyudh on Saturday in a bid to find a solution to violence in the South.

2 Yala provincial Islamic committee chairman Abdulrohmae Jehsae yesterday called on Musalim leaders and teachers to cooperate with investigations currently being conducted at religious schools.

3 He also urged authorities to exercise restraint when carrying out raids.

4 Mr. Abdulrohmae said it was important for authorities to recognise the differences between private Islamic schools and ponoh institutes, which taught only religion.

5 There were 24 private Islamic schools in Yala, 45 in Pattani and 52 in Narathiwat. In addition, there were 127 ponoh institutes throughout the three provinces.

6 Islamic school association chairman Nideh Waba said teachers, directors and religious leaders from the five southern border provinces would attend a meeting on Monday.

7 During the meeting they would be asked for suggestions on the drafting of guidelines to monitor Islamic schools and institutes, he said.

From Bangkok Post. January 15, 2004. p.2.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. According to the first paragraph, the reason for meeting Muslim leaders from Yala, Pattani, and Narathiwat of Deputy Prime Minister Gen Chavalit Yongchaiyudh is to _____.
 - a. help them work in the government
 - b. find a solution to violence in the South
 - c. do something against the enemy in the South
 - d. help the soldiers to fight against the enemy
2. We can infer that the Muslim leaders are chosen to meet because they _____.
 - a. may solve problems in the South
 - b. are strong Muslims in the target areas
 - c. are respected and praised by the Muslims
 - d. work very efficiently
3. From the second paragraph, the theme of the meeting is _____.
 - a. cooperation
 - b. Muslim leaders
 - c. investigation
 - d. religious schools
4. "Ponoh institutes" are different from private Islamic schools that they teach _____.
 - a. Islamic teachers
 - b. Islamic leaders
 - c. just only religion
 - d. just only students
5. The participants in the meeting would be asked to _____.
 - a. suggest to draft the guidelines for managing Islamic schools and Ponoh schools
 - b. stop the violence in the South
 - c. find a solution for Ponoh institutes
 - d. decide whether something is right or wrong

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

bidding	violence	investigations	raid	draft
solution	cooperated	conducted	restraint	monitored

1. The witness gave all the evidence, so the police have completed their _____ into the accident.
2. Because of the very nice relationship, Thai and Laos governments had _____ closely in the planning of the project.
3. My father exercised considerable _____ in not answering when his friend teased him about his bald head.
4. In order to protect themselves and be in the safety place, the soldiers carried out a bombing _____ on enemy bases first.
5. My father cannot miss the _____ for that painting. He really wants it, so he plans to offer high prices for it.
6. I have made a rough _____ of the letter before writing it in a formal form.
7. From the protest event in front of the Thai Ambassador, Mr. Surapong condemned the protesters' use of _____ against the police.
8. Each student's progress is closely _____ because it would be shown in the transcript.
9. Attempts to find a _____ to violence in the south of Thailand is quite difficult, so the government has to examine into it carefully.
10. The negotiations have been _____ in a positive manner. They allowed us to sit at the table and wait for the host.

Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words as follows in the table.

bidding violence investigation raid draft
 solution cooperated conducted restraint monitored

i	n	v	e	s	t	i	g	a	t	l	o	n	d	r	a	f	t
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m	f	h	b	i	i	p	m	o	e	t	a	s	o	t	p	y	j
y	d	g	u	m	j	h	b	m	y	x	f	t	e	a	b	n	i
x	q	s	n	u	k	k	u	l	o	p	d	s	e	g	k	m	l

Answer key:

Part I: 1. b 2. c 3. b 4. c 5. a

Part II: 1. investigations

2. cooperated

3. restraint

4. raid

5. bidding

6. draft

7. violence

8. monitored

9. solution

10. conducted

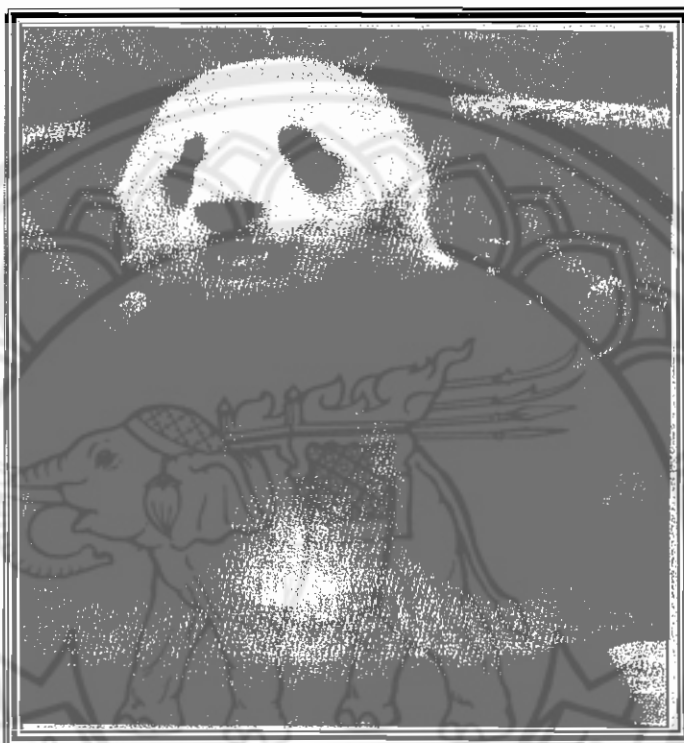
Part III:

i	n	v	e	s	t	i	g	a	t	i	o	n	d	r	a	f	t	
b	b	i	s	s	o	l	u	t	i	o	n	r	c	h	e	a	i	g
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CHIANG MAI

China insists on open-air area for giant panda pair

Extra construction to cost B5 million



1 Army engineers have been asked to also build an open-air area for two young giant pandas due to arrive at Chiang Mai Zoo next month.

2 Chief army engineer Maj-Gen Kraistiri Buranasiri said the facility had been requested by Chinese officials who recently inspected the zoo. The open air area is additional to the special enclosure being built for them.

3 "The zoo will plant trees for the pandas to work out, so they can have fresh air when they want to."

4 Maj-Gen Kraisiri said the Zoological Park Organisation would spend an extra five million baht on the facility. It has already spent nearly 40 million baht on building a special compound and research facility.

5 Though he could not guarantee the open-air area would be ready by Oct12, when the pandas are due to arrive, the main part of their "home" will be complete.

6 Two-year-old Lin Hui and her four-year-old male companion Xuang Xuang will stay at Chiang Mai zoo for 10 years.

7 The pandas will acclimatise to their new surroundings for a month before the public can view them from Nov 15.

8 They will arrive on a Thai Airways International flight and given a big welcome in Chiang Mai on Oct 12.

9 Xuang Xuang and Lin Hui are on loan from China as part of Her Majesty the Queen's 72nd birthday celebrations.

From Bangkok Post, September 16, 2003. p.4.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. The word "insist" means
 - a. to tell somebody to do something
 - b. to ask somebody to do something
 - c. to demand that something happen
 - d. to offer somebody to do something
2. According to the news, what would be ready for the two giant pandas when they arrive in Chiang Mai next month?
 - a. A home where they live.
 - b. A zoo where they are kept.
 - c. A special open-air area.
 - d. A new building.
3. The news reported that Thai people will welcome the big pandas by
 - a. September
 - b. October
 - c. November
 - d. December
4. "Army engineers have been asked to" in the first line, people in the underlined word have been asked by
 - a. people who love pandas
 - b. government
 - c. China
 - d. Chinese officials
5. From the third paragraph, "The zoo will plant trees for the pandas to work out, so ..."
The underlined words mean _____.
 - a. to train the body by physical exercise.
 - b. to develop in a successful way.
 - c. to work outside the zoo.
 - d. to play with the visitors.

6. The two pandas will have been living in Chiang Mai for
- a. a century
 - b. a decade
 - c. a year
 - d. a jubilee
7. After the pandas acclimatise to their new surrounding, the public can view them.
- The two underlined words mean _____.
- a. to get used to, visit
 - b. to be use to, see
 - c. to live, see
 - d. to stay, visit
8. Which of the following is listed as the reason for loaning the two pandas?
- a. To be part of celebration on the King's birthday.
 - b. To be part of celebration on the Queen's birthday.
 - c. To do a research.
 - d. To make a friendship.

Part II:

Directions: Match the vocabulary in column A with the definition in column B by putting a letter in the space.

- | A | B |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1. _____ insist | a. a person with a high rank in the company or organization |
| 2. _____ giant | b. a careful study of a subject |
| 3. _____ construction | c. to demand that something happen |
| 4. _____ due to | d. a person or an animal that travels with you |
| 5. _____ chief | e. to ask for something or ask somebody to do something in a polite way |
| 6. _____ facility | f. to promise something will happen |
| 7. _____ request | g. to look closely at somebody or something |
| 8. _____ inspect | h. the process or method of building or making something |
| 9. _____ additional | i. a piece of land that is surrounded by a fence or wall |
| 10. _____ enclosure | j. buildings, services, equipment, etc. that are provided for a specific purpose |
| 11. _____ compound | k. caused by somebody /something |
| 12. _____ research | l. extra, more than was first mentioned |
| 13. _____ guarantee | m. an area surrounded by a fence or wall in which a factory or other group of buildings stands |
| 14. _____ companion | n. to get used to a new place, situation, or climate |
| 15. _____ acclimatise | o. very large |

Part III:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

guarantee	inspecting	requested	insisted	facilities
construction	due to	additional	acclimatise	companion

1. They planned to go to a formal party, so his wife _____ on him wearing a suit.
2. Work has been begun on the _____ of the new airport.
3. The team's success was largely _____ her efforts.
4. The hotel has special _____ for welcoming disabled people.
5. You are _____ not to smoke in the restaurant.
6. The teacher walked around _____ their work.
7. The government is providing an _____ 25 million baht to expend the service.
8. We cannot _____ that our flights will never delayed.
9. George was my _____ on the journey.
10. You should arrive here two days earlier in order to _____.

Answer Key:

Part I: 1. c 2. c 3. b 4. c

5. a 6. b 7. a 8. b

Part II: 1. c 2. o 3. h 4. k 5. a 6. j 7. e 8. g

9. l 10. i 11. m 12. b 13. f 14. d 15. n

Part III:

1. insisted
2. construction
3. due to
4. facilities
5. requested
6. inspecting
7. additional
8. guarantee
9. companion
10. acclimatise



LIVING WITH DISABILITY

Legless man finds forte in fixing electronic goods

Runs own shop, finds independence



1 Suthit Jino, a 30-year-old resident of Mae Taeng district, was born without legs but won't let that slow him down.

2 People around him once believed that Mr Suthit, whose legs are missing from the knees down, would not be able to live on his own, but with the 9,000 baht he earns a month from repairing electronic devices, Mr Suthit can show they were wrong.

3 Mr Suthit said he spent years looking for what he would do to make a living, until he found a hidden skill-a special ability in electronic work.

4 "I used to practise arts, but it didn't work. I just didn't have the heart for it," said Mr Suthit.

5 He tried driving a hydraulic truck, but it was too hard to climb into the driver's seat.

6 Three years ago he visited the Yardfon Vocational Rehabilitation Centre in Chiang Mai where he found his interest lay in electronics. After a year of learning and another year of practice, he started his own business with a 20,000 -baht loan from the disabled rehabilitation fund. His repair shop is a small, one storey wooden house in Ban Pa Chi, Mae Taeng district.

7 He lives by himself. His only brother has a house in the neighbourhood.

8 Despite his disability, Mr Suthit does not need an assistant as he can move comfortably on the rest of his legs.

9 He can seat himself, and has no problem lifting equipment on to the table.

10 Sometimes when his back aches from sitting too long he lies on the floor, but continues working on small items.

11 "There are no holidays, I work all day to serve my clients," said Mr Suthit.

12 Two or three items come in each day for repair, including televisions, stereos, computers and other electrical appliances.

13 His first customers were people in his neighbourhood.

14 "They tested my ability by sending broken equipment to be fixed. After I did my job well, word spread and more clients came," said Mr Suthit.

15 Charges range from 100-600 baht a piece.

16 He can fix small, simple items in half a day.

17 "I feel relieved. I can survive without being dependent on anyone else," said Mr Suthit.

18 He is a product of the state-run centre, which trains around 100 disabled people from 17 northern provinces each year. The centre offers vocational training in various fields including electronics, computers, arts and crafts, and dressmaking. It also provides career guidance and job placement for students who finish training.

19 Director Mayuree Yoktree said the centre promotes independent living among the disabled so they will not be a burden on society.

20 "We hope to change them from people who take from others and turn them into people who can give something to society," said Ms Mayuree.

From Bangkok Post. September 14, 2003. p.1.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. The word "forte" means
 - a. a living cost
 - b. a thing somebody does particularly well
 - c. an economics
 - d. a fund
2. The word "they" in the second paragraph refers to _____.
 - a. Mr. Suthit and his mates
 - b. Mr. Suthit and people around him
 - c. people around Mr. Suthit
 - d. electronic devices
3. According to Mr. Suthit, what is his hidden skill ?
 - a. Arts.
 - b. Driving.
 - c. Repairing.
 - d. Sketching.
4. According to the fourth paragraph, what does the sentence " I just don't have the heart for it." mean ?
 - a. Mr. Suthit has no heart for it.
 - b. Mr. Suthit has no love for it.
 - c. Mr. Suthit is not the right person for it.
 - d. Mr. Suthit is the right one but has no chance for it.
5. Although Mr. Suthit has no legs, _____.
 - a. he can climb up and repair the driver's seat
 - b. he can find a repair shop
 - c. he can live with his family
 - d. he can earn a living and live by himself
6. _____ cause(s) Mr. Suthit successful.
 - a. Hard working and patience
 - b. Disability
 - c. Luck and chance
 - d. Friendship and money

Part II:

Directions: Match the vocabulary in column A with the definition in column B by putting a letter in the space.

- | A | B |
|------------------------|--|
| 1. ____ apply | a. a person who uses the services or advice of a professional person or organization |
| 2. ____ gain | b. needing somebody/something in order to survive or be successful |
| 3. ____ rehabilitation | c. to led somebody/something go |
| 4. ____ resident | d. feeling happy because something unpleasant has stopped or has not happened |
| 5. ____ slow down | e. a duty, responsibility that causes worry or hard work |
| 6. ____ device | f. easily |
| 7. ____ loan | g. to gradually get more of something |
| 8. ____ comfortably | h. a machine that is designed to do a particular thing in the home |
| 9. ____ lifting | i. a reduction in speed or activity |
| 10. ____ client | j. use, to use or make something work |
| 11. ____ appliance | k. connected with the skills, knowledge that you need for a job |
| 12. ____ charge | l. the help of somebody to have a normal, useful life again after a long pain or suffering |
| 13. ____ relieved | m. to continue to live or exist |
| 14. ____ survive | n. the amount of money that somebody asks for goods and services |
| 15. ____ dependent | o. an object or a piece of equipment that has been designed to do a particular job |
| 16. ____ burden | p. raising somebody/something |
| 17. ____ vocational | q. money that an organization lends and somebody borrows |
| 18. ____ turn into | r. a person who lives in a particular place or who has their own home there |

Part III:

There are 13 meanings of the word "turn" as follows:

1. to move around
2. to change position / direction
3. to aim / point
4. to start to come/ go out
5. to led somebody/something go
6. to fold
7. to perform a movement in a circle
8. to read a book in a next page
9. to change a different person or team starts to win the game
10. to become
11. to reach or pass a particular age time
12. to feel bad in your stomach
13. to shape something on a lathe (wood).

Directions: Match the meaning of "turn" with the definition above by putting the numbers 1-10 in the blanks.

1. The weather has turned cold and windy. (____)
2. She turns 21 in June. (____)
3. They turned the horses into the field. (____)
4. Don't turn your anger on the children. (____)
5. The wheels of the car began to turn. (____)
6. She turned to look at me. (____)
7. Turn to page 20. (____)
8. The tide is turning – we'd better get back. (____)
9. She turned down the blankets and climbed into bed. (____)
10. This game turns to you now. (____)

Answer key:

Part I: 1. b 2. c 3. c 4. c 5. d 6. a

Part II: 1. j 2. g 3. l 4. r 5. i 6. o 7. q 8. f 9. P
10. a 11. h 12. n 13. d 14. m 15. b 16. e 17. k 18. c

Part III:

1. (10)
2. (11)
3. (5)
4. (3)
5. (1)
6. (2)
7. (8)
8. (4)
9. (6)
10. (9)



Media just lapdogs, say critics



1 The media has failed to do its job under Thaksin Shinawatra and allowed the government to influence its coverage, critics say.

2 Journalists and academics were speaking on a forum on the media under Thaksin held by the Thai Journalists Association yesterday.

3 They said the news media was imbalanced and lacked a critical perspective.

4 "We used to act as a watchdog for society, but now we are mere lapdogs and circus dogs for the government," said Kavi Chongkittavorn, deputy editor at The Nation Multimedia Group.

5 Media outlets promoted government policies and activities without criticism in the belief that would build the economy.

6 "The government becomes the agenda – setter."

7 "And the media – intentionally or through ignorance – play the game," he said, citing coverage of the violence in the south and birth flu.

8 The prime minister's intolerance of media criticism and conflicts of interest over his multi – million telecom business led to media self-censorship – or even a fear to report.

9 "This is in stark contrast to the idealistic journalists of the 1930s who fought for democracy and social justice," said Pibhop Dondchai, consultant to the lobby group Campaign for Democracy.

10 He said media should respond more to the civic sector's demand for news rather than relying on press releases and government announcements.

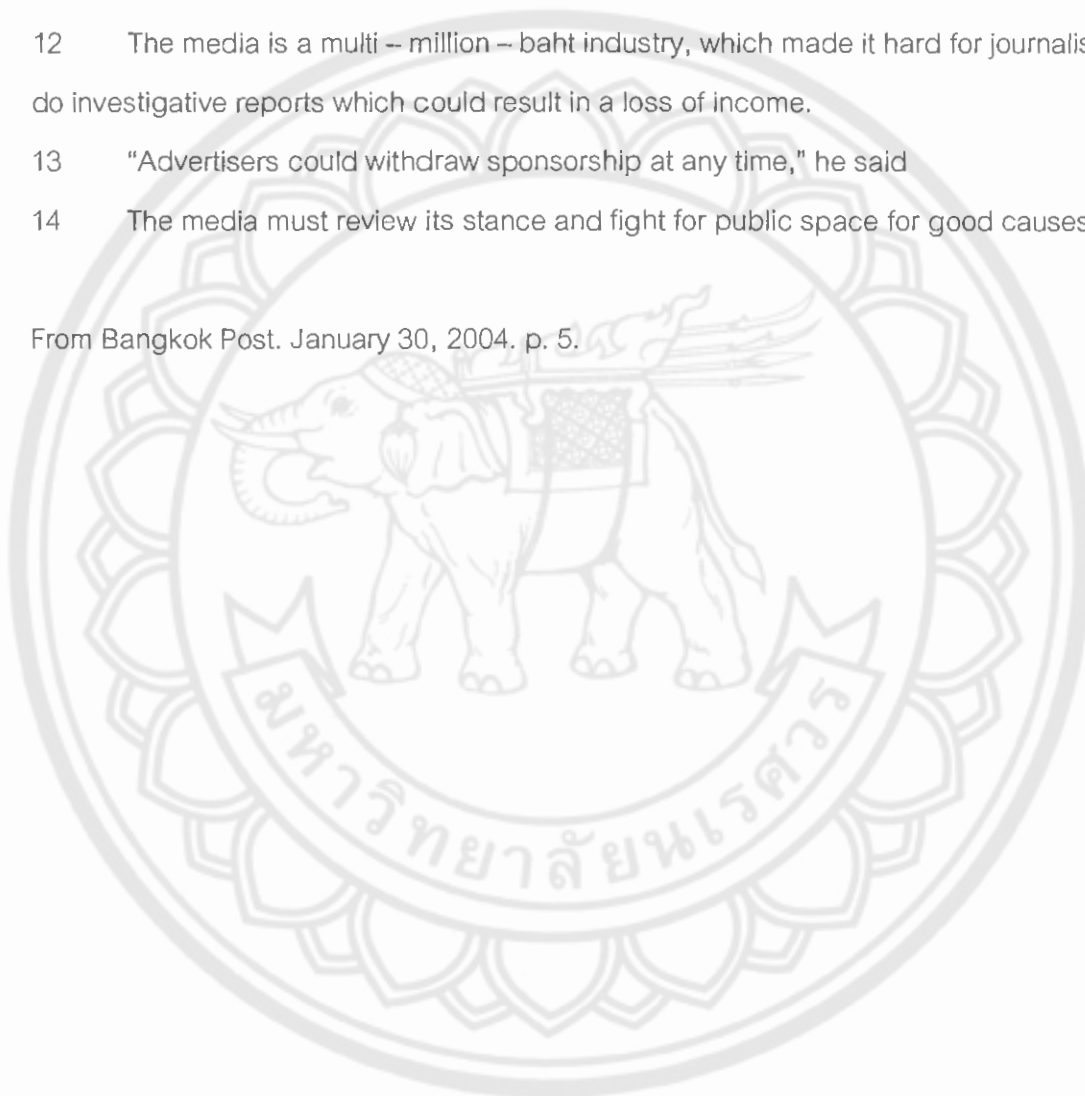
11 "This causes imbalanced reports as the media gives most space to the mainstream issue (set by the government), and overlooks the voice of the civic sector," he said.

12 The media is a multi – million – baht industry, which made it hard for journalists to do investigative reports which could result in a loss of income.

13 "Advertisers could withdraw sponsorship at any time," he said

14 The media must review its stance and fight for public space for good causes.

From Bangkok Post. January 30, 2004. p. 5.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. What made the media fail to do its job?
 - a. The influential government.
 - b. The military government.
 - c. The politics department.
 - d. The academics department.
2. From the second paragraph, the meeting focuses on _____.
 - a. media held by Thaksin
 - b. Thaksin and the media
 - c. media governed by Thaksin
 - d. media and the government
3. Why did the journalists say that they were a watch dog?
 - a. They said like a dog.
 - b. They could only bark like a dog.
 - c. They couldn't have much freedom.
 - d. They were praised by Thaksin.
4. Which news made the media dissatisfied with the government?
 - a. The politicians and their business.
 - b. The corruption and dog bite.
 - c. The bomb and SARS.
 - d. The violence in the South and bird flu.
5. Pibhop Dondchai gave the opinion that _____.
 - a. the media should have a responsibility to the government.
 - b. the media should take care of the nation
 - c. the media should rely on the people in the country
 - d. the media should focus on the people's demand for news

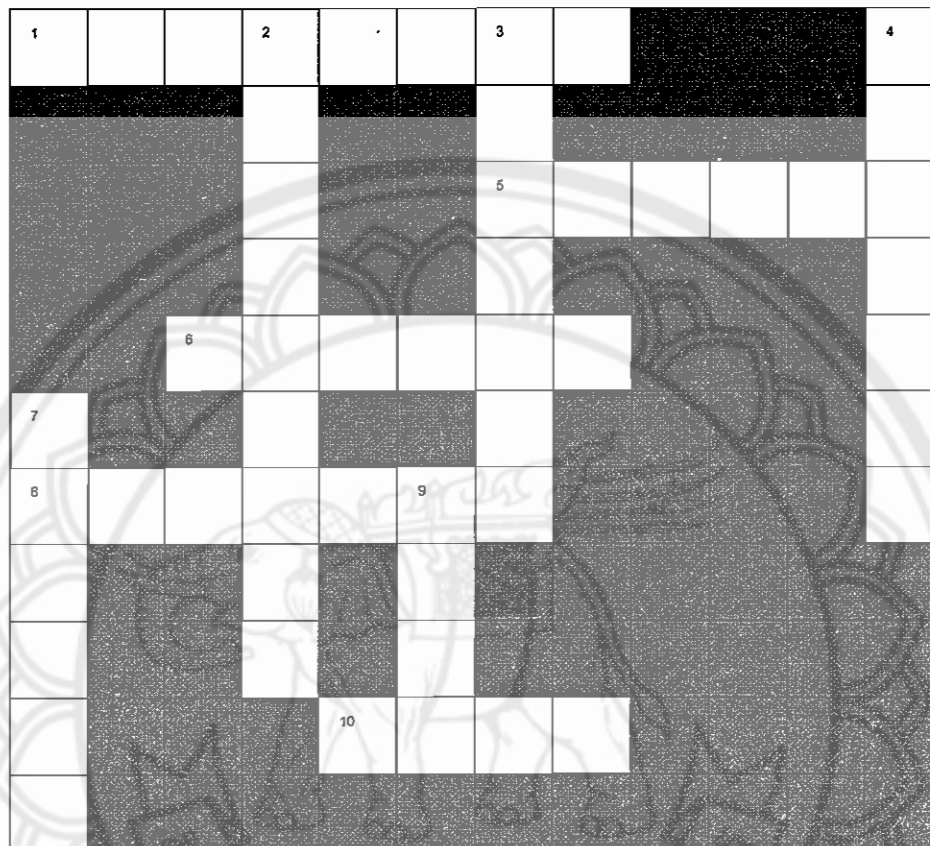
Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

review	intolerance	media	ignorance	withdraw
critic	consultants	conflict	enough	idealistic

1. Sukanda wants to be a teacher in the future, but her parents want her to work in a bank. She has a _____ with them.
2. Apasara needs money to buy her new car. She has not _____ money in her bag, so she goes to the bank to withdraw some.
3. Manop failed on his entrance exam because he kept in _____ of his studies during the term.
4. When I have some problems in my life, my parents are the best persons. They can help and encourage me to solve the problems. They are always my _____.
5. The fans _____ on the "Sakulthai" magazine that there are novels and have no any education sections too many.
6. We need to attract _____ young people into politics. Anyone who is selfish cannot be a good politician.
7. A _____ is someone who writes reviews or expresses opinions about books, plays, films, and music.
8. I have to go to the bank to _____ some money. I don't have enough money to pay for my rent.
9. The _____ entertain or spread news and information to a large number of people.
10. Anne is not a good manager. Her colleagues accuse her of ignorance and _____. She cannot get along with them.

Part III: Crosswords



CROSS

1. Buying and selling things, trade

5. A travelling show with clowns, acrobats, animals

6. A way for something to get out

8. Being economical, a saving

10. Information about recent events

DOWN

2. Have influence on a person or thing, affect

3. People living together in a group or nation

4. Reply, react

7. One part of an area

9. Not more than

Answer Key:**Part I:**

1. a
2. b
3. c
4. d
5. d

Part II:

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. conflict | 6. idealistic |
| 2. withdraw | 7. critic |
| 3. Ignorance | 8. pay for |
| 4. consultants | 9. media |
| 5. review | 10. intolerance |

Part III:

- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| 1. business | 6. outlet |
| 2. influence | 7. sector |
| 3. society | 8. economy |
| 4. respond | 9. mere |
| 5. circus | 10. news |

Nothing but smiles from Miss Universe

Between visits to a rice paddy and an Aids hospice, Amelia Vega proves a charmer



1 **LATIN AMERICA** is known for its unlimited supply of pretty ladies, many of whom are recognised on the international stage as Miss Universe or Miss World. Their angelic beauty turn heads everywhere they go. And that's exactly what happened when Amelia Vega, the latest Miss Universe, descended on the City of Angels for an official visit.

2 On her arrival, the native of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic sparked an instant media frenzy. After the long flight on Thai Airways International from Los Angeles to Bangkok last Wednesday, it came as little surprise that Vega arrived at Don Muang airport tired and obviously desperate for a rest.

3 But the photographers and anchormen awaiting her were unanimous that she looked charming as she stepped off the plane, even though her hair was not freshly styled. The Thai press waiting in the arrival hall went wild as he emerged from the immigration check.

4 Vega arrived together with John Samios, her travel manager, and William Newnam, her director of security, and checked into the Imperial Queens Park Hotel.

5 She had several good reasons to be in Thailand at this time of the year. Last Friday Vega joined local top models in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's sixth birth cycle by joining the Thai Silk Fashion Show over which Her Majesty presided.

6 At a press conference a day before the fashion show, she thrilled the media crowd with her pink silk dress. Despite her tight schedule, Vega also found time to visit Aids patients at the Thai Red Cross Society. And tomorrow, she has an appointment with Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra at Government House.

7 The tiring activities didn't stop her from smiling. Following her all to short stay in Thailand, Vega is off to Vietnam where she will join a press conference to promote Miss Vietnam Universe.

From The Nation. December 4, 2003. p.7A.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. How does Vega feel when she arrives at Don Muang airport?
 - a. Exhausted.
 - b. Fine.
 - c. Sad.
 - d. Hungry.
2. After taking a rest for a while in Thailand, what activities will she participate?
 - a. Visiting Aids patients.
 - b. Joining Thai silk fashion.
 - c. Having an appointment with PM.
 - d. All are correct.
3. Although she works very hard, she still _____.
 - a. beams
 - b. laughs
 - c. doesn't complain
 - d. has friendship
4. The purpose of visiting Vietnam of Miss Universe is _____.
 - a. to join a Miss Universe contest
 - b. to join a meeting of Miss Universe promotion
 - c. to join a meeting of Miss Vietnam Universe promotion
 - d. to join a Miss Vietnam Universe contest
5. According to the news, we can infer that _____.
 - a. Miss Universe duties are comfortable
 - b. Miss Universe duties are hard
 - c. Miss Universe duties are amazing
 - d. Miss Universe is bored

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

press appointment native hospice conference

1. I'd like to make an _____ with Mr. Johnson, who is the director of a kitchenware company. We have some business points to discuss each other.
2. A sales _____ was held at the Meeting Room of the company.
3. The football star returned to his _____ California. He has been far from his hometown for four years.
4. A lot of young men were affected by HIV. Their families sent them to the AIDS _____.
5. Members of the _____ were waiting outside. They were looking forward to interviewing the PM after the meeting.

Part III:

Directions: Put the " ✓ " in front of the right statement and the " ✕ " in front of the false statement.

1. ____ Amelia Vega is the latest Miss Universe.
2. ____ Amelia Vega travelled in Thailand herself.
3. ____ Miss Universe stayed at Dusit Thani Hotel.
4. ____ She joined local top model in celebration of her Majesty the Queen's sixth birth cycle.
5. ____ She visited Aids patients at Phrayathai hospital.
6. ____ She has an appointment with the PM. at Pitsanulok House.
7. ____ After her leaving Thailand, she will go to Vietnam.
8. ____ She will join a press conference to promote Miss Thailand Universe.
9. ____ She arrived at Don Muang airport with the tired face.
10. ____ Vega flew by Thai Airways International airline from California to Bangkok.

Answer key:

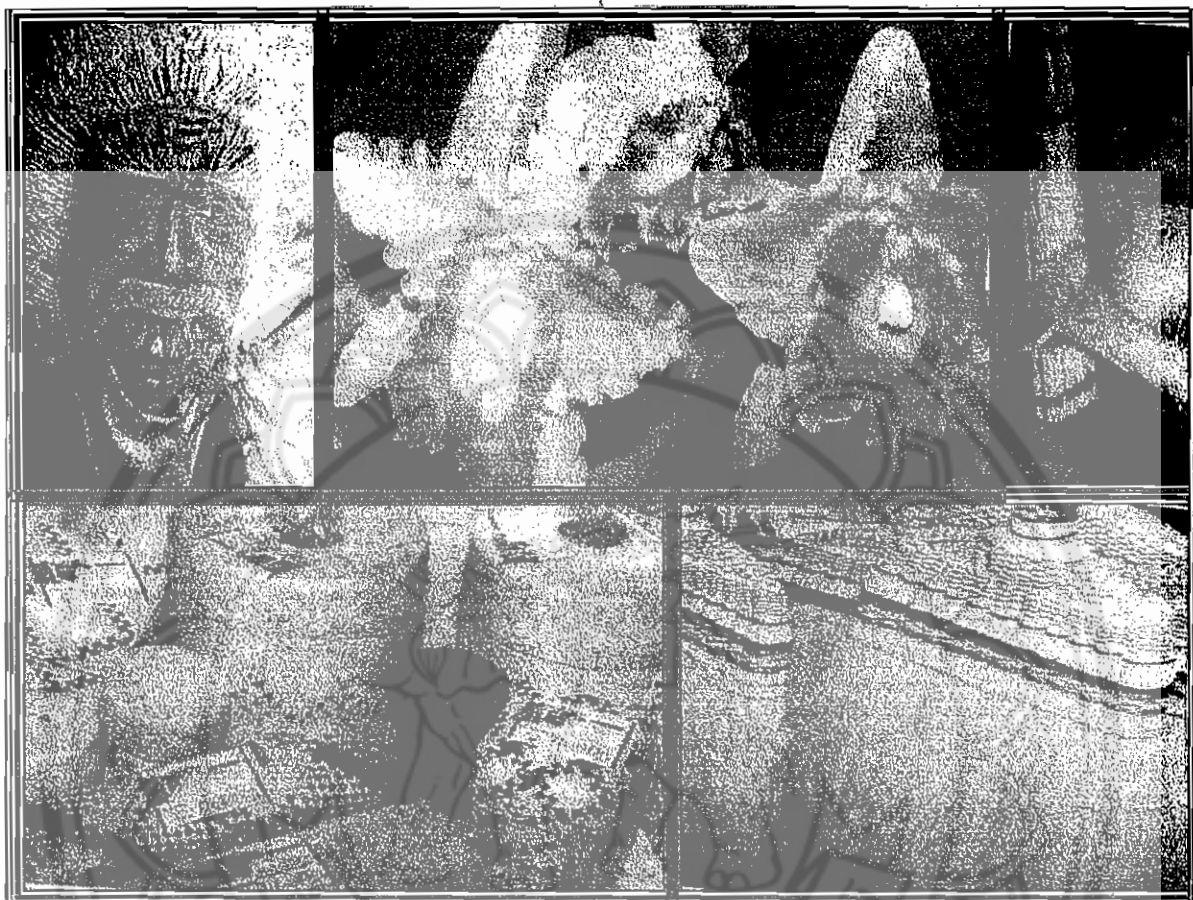
Part I: 1. a 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b

Part II: 1. appointment 2. conference 3. native 4. hospice 5. press

Part III: 1. ✓ 2. ✗ 3. ✗ 4. ✓ 5. ✗ 6. ✗ 7. ✓ 8. ✗ 9. ✓ 10. ✗



One Tambon One Product



1 *THAILAND has a rich and diverse cultural heritage. The craftsmanship and cultural skills go back many generations. Thai products are in demand not only here in Thailand, but all over the world.*

2 The One Tambon One Product, The Pride of Kingdom exhibition was recently held to help the promotion of Thai products. The exhibition also marked the 35th Anniversary of the Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives established by Kasetsart University.

3 The exhibition included a variety of local hand-made goods from all over the country. The "One Tambon One Product" slogan was initiated by the government to help the people to become self sufficient. The aim of the policy is to encourage people living in the countryside to earn a living by a system of economic development and have rural people manage their own product and companies.

4 At the exhibition there were booths selling goods from the four major areas of Thailand. The finest handicrafts from every province were seen stretched from one side of the hall to the other.

5 From Nakorn Nayok, in the Central region, there were creative bamboo root carvings. Another eye-catching handicrafts was the Wanorn Sredthiior 'richy monkey' piggy bank or 'monkey bank' carved from coconut shells from Lop Buri.

6 Representatives from the South displayed intricate baskets made from thorny screw pine. The baskets are popular because they are not only beautiful, but very inexpensive too.

7 One of the most dramatic booths in this section was one covered with colorful orchids. Upon closer inspection they weren't real orchids at all, but handmade flower from a group of housewives from Samut Sakhon.

8 A seller from Khun Taan district in Chiang Rai had some interesting brooms made from millet. These brooms are more durable than normal brooms but are a bit more expensive. But that doesn't stop them from selling out. They are hugely popular.

9 Many exhibitors have received orders from overseas, proving the high standard of quality of Thai product abroad. Everyone who attended the exhibition thought it was a success. The sellers had the opportunity to display and sell goods and the shoppers had chance to pick up some great Thai handicrafts.

From Bangkok Post Student Weekly. November 26, 2001. p.12.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. What does "OTOP" stand for?
 - a. One Tambon One Product.
 - b. One Tambon One Process.
 - c. One Tambon One Profit.
 - d. One Tambon Own Price.
2. What does "OTOP" refer to?
 - a. Exhibition.
 - b. Government.
 - c. Thai products.
 - d. Import products.
3. What does the government aim at "OTOP" exhibition?
 - a. To help the people to become self sufficient.
 - b. To promote Thai products.
 - c. To sell goods from all over the world.
 - d. To encourage Thai people to produce their products.
4. Which province can we find the bamboo root carving?
 - a. Lop Buri.
 - b. Chiang Rai.
 - c. Samut Sakhon.
 - d. Nakorn Nayok.
5. According to the news, where does the exhibition take place?
 - a. Kasetsart University.
 - b. Naresuan University.
 - c. Thammasart University.
 - d. Chiang Mai University.

6. How many kinds of products are in this reported news?
- Three.
 - Four.
 - Five.
 - Six.
7. Why are baskets made from thorny screw pine popular?
- Very beautiful and very inexpensive.
 - Very beautiful and very expensive.
 - Very beautiful and not very inexpensive.
 - More beautiful and more expensive.
8. Who made handmade flowers in Samut Sakhon?
- Students.
 - Farmers.
 - Children.
 - A group of housewives.
9. What are the brooms from Chiang Rai made from?
- Millet.
 - Palm.
 - Grass.
 - Doctongkong.
10. What was Wanorn Sedentary carved from?
- Palm shells.
 - Bamboo shells.
 - Pineapple shells.
 - Coconut shells.

Part II:

Directions: Match the vocabulary in column A with the definition in column B by putting a letter in the space.

A

B

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
|1. basket | a. An animal with long arms, hands with often a tail |
|2. exhibition | b. A kind of flower, often with unevenly shaped petals |
|3. carve | c. A brush with a long handle for sweeping |
|4. rich | d. A kind of cereal with tiny seeds |
|5. monkey | e. A container for holding or carrying things, made of interwoven strips of flexible material or wire |
|6. orchid | f. A tall plant with hard hollow stems |
|7. bamboo | g. Make by cutting wood or stone etc. |
|8. broom | h. A collection of things arranged for people to look at |
|9. millet | i. The thing that someone has inherited |
|10. heritage | j. Having a lot of money or property or resources, wealth |

Part III:

Directions: Find ten words. Each word can be read forwards or backwards in a straight line, vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

booth economic variety cultural promotion
popular durable heritage hand creative

c	u	l	t	u	r	a	l	q	p
e	r	h	e	r	i	t	a	g	e
l	a	e	f	u	r	y	d	r	v
b	r	c	a	e	t	n	p	a	a
a	i	o	t	t	a	y	i	i	r
r	o	n	i	h	i	l	k	u	i
u	p	o	q	t	r	v	h	p	e
d	a	m	r	o	w	b	e	o	t
n	o	i	t	o	m	o	r	p	y
w	v	c	h	b	a	n	m	c	z

Answer Key:

Part I:

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|------|-------|
| 1. a | 6. c |
| 2. c | 7. a |
| 3. b | 8. d |
| 4. d | 9. a |
| 5. a | 10. d |

Part II:

- | | |
|------|-------|
| 1. e | 6. b |
| 2. h | 7. f |
| 3. g | 8. c |
| 4. j | 9. d |
| 5. a | 10. i |

Part III:

s	u	l	t	u	r	a	l		
e	r	h	e	r	i	t	a	g	e
l		e					d	r	v
b		c	a			n		a	a
a		o		t	a			l	r
r		n		h	i			u	i
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n	o	i	t	o	m	o	r	p	y
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APEC SUMMIT

Stray-free campaign kicks off

Hundreds of dogs being rounded up



- 1 Hundreds of dogs are being removed from city streets to make the inner part of Rattanakosin island free of strays under a scheme that started yesterday.
- 2 Dog-clearing operations began at a public park near Phra Pokklao bridge in Phra Nakhon district. Two other districts under the 30-million-baht project are Pon Prap Sattru Phai and Sampanthawong.
- 3 There are some 1,700 stray dogs to be cleared in the three districts. More than half, or 900, are in Phra Nakhon.
- 4 All the dogs in the three districts will be sent to new shelters in Ta Phraya district, Sa Kaeo province.
- 5 Strays outside Rattanakosin enclave would be released back on the streets after being sterilised and vaccinated.
- 6 City officials said the dog-clearing operation would be completed before the Apec summit next month.

7 One official said target areas included markets, temple grounds and some government buildings.

8 "It is very difficult to capture these animals. They are so quick, and know where to hide while a round-up is going on," said one official, who blamed the problem on "Thai-style" dog caring.

9 "Thais are kind enough to give them food. But they never open their homes to the animals. Some even help provide places to hide and release the strays back on the streets once our team leaves."

10 He said the clearance was only a stop-gap measure and without pet control regulations being enforced, chances of success were remote for a city with 120,000 stray dogs.

11 The regulations, which include pet registration and penalties for those releasing dogs in public places, have been delayed due to technical problems.

From Bangkok Post. September 9, 2003. p.1.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. What does the headline " Stray-free campaign kicks off " mean?
 - a. An idea to set free dogs will be started.
 - b. A plan to catch up dogs will be started.
 - c. An aim to move dogs away will be started.
 - d. A set of remove dogs free will be started.
2. The word "round up" means
 - a. to bring people or animals together in one place for a particular purpose
 - b. to find someone and gather together
 - c. to fix something together
 - d. to stay and live together
3. The word "operation" in the second paragraph refers to
 - a. a medical examination
 - b. a business
 - c. a system
 - d. an organized activity
4. The news is likely to tell us that the reason of a scheme of dog-clearing in Bangkok is
 - a. to make the city clear
 - b. to show the foreigners that there are no dogs on the road
 - c. to eliminate the mid-road dogs
 - d. to make the city clean before the APEC Summit starts
5. From the third paragraph, it shows us that....
 - a. there are a lot of dogs in the city
 - b. there are a lot of mid-road dogs in the city to capture
 - c. there are only 1,700 stray dogs to capture
 - d. there are only 3 district areas for the officials to capture the dogs

6. From the seventh paragraph, the places where the dogs like to stay are _____ .
- temples and the city hall
 - markets and buildings
 - temples ground and municipality
 - government buildings and markets
7. One main problem for the officials to catch these dogs is _____ .
- the dogs look too smart
 - the dogs are too big to capture
 - the dogs are very fast to run away
 - the dogs are too thin for them to catch
8. From the 10th paragraph, what does "a stop-gap measure" mean?
- A measure that's too long to operate.
 - A measure that's too hard to follow.
 - A measure that's too short and not good to solve any problem.
 - A measure that's short and without any regulation.
9. According the last paragraph, "The pet control regulation" is in a problem because _____ .
- there are too many animals to control
 - it is delayed due to technical problems
 - it is lack of budget
 - there are not enough officials to do a pet control regulation
10. According to the last paragraph, the word "penalties" means _____ .
- punishments
 - laws
 - rules
 - judgement

Part II:

Directions: Match the vocabulary in column A with the definition in column B by putting a letter in the space.

A	B
1. _____ stray	a. to led something or somebody come out of a place where they have been kept or trapped
2. _____ campaign	b. to make sure that people obey a particular law or rule
3. _____ kick off	c. a plan or system for doing or organizing something
4. _____ round up	d. to not do something until a later time or to make something happen at a later time
5. _____ scheme	e. too short time to solve any problem
6. _____ operation	f. a series of plan activities that are intended to achieve
7. _____ shelter	g. to give a person or an animal a vaccine
8. _____ enclave	h. a punishment for breaking a law, rule or contract
9. _____ release	i. a building or a place to live or stay
10. _____ sterilise	j. to bring people or animals together in one place for a particular purpose
11. _____ vaccinate	k. the act of making an official record of somebody/something
12. _____ capture	l. having no home, lost from home
13. _____ stop-gap	m. an organized activity that involves several people doing different things
14. _____ regulation	n. an area of a country where the people have a different culture, religion, or nationality
15. _____ enforce	o. to catch a person or an animal and keep them as a prisoner
16. _____ registration	p. to start
17. _____ penalty	q. an official rule made by a government
18. _____ delay	r. to make a person or an animal unable to have babies

Part III:

There are 6 meanings of the word "operation" as follows:

1. medical = the process of cutting open a part of a person's body in order to remove
or repair a damage part
2. organized activity = an organized activity that involves several people doing
different thing
3. business= a business a company involving many parts
4. computer = an act performed by a machine
5. machine/system = the way that parts of a machine or a system work; the process
of making something work
6. military activity = military activity

Directions: Match the meaning of "operation" with the definition above by putting the numbers 1- 6 in the blanks.

1. This company has a huge multinational operation. (_____)
2. The whole operation is performed in less than three seconds. (_____)
3. Will she need an operation on her lung? (_____)
4. A dog-clearing operation should be completed before the APEC Summit. (_____)
5. He was the officer in charge of operations. (_____)
6. Operation of the device is extremely simple. (_____)

Answer key:

Part I: 1. c 2. a 3. d 4. d 5. b 6. d 7. c 8. c 9. b 10. a

Part II: 1. l 2. f 3. p 4. j 5. c 6. m 7. i 8. n 9. a 10. r

11. g 12. o 13. e 14. q 15. b 16. k 17. h 18. d

Part III: 1. (3)

2. (4)

3. (1)

4. (2)

5. (6)

6. (5)



RELATIONS WITH LAOS

Work on bridge to take six months



1 A new bridge linking Thailand and Laos to be built between Loei and Lao province of Sayaboury will boost tourism, the countries say.

2 Foreign Ministers Surakiart Sathirathai and his Lao counterpart Somsavat Lengsavad attended the ground-breaking ceremony yesterday at Ban Na Kraseng in Tha Li district, Loei, and Ban Muang Moh in Kaen Thao district of Laos.

3 The project has been on hold for almost a decade, partly due to problems concerning the boundary of the Hueng river, over which the bridge will be built.

4 The 110-metre bridge is expected to be built in six months. Thailand is paying the 20.7 million baht cost and also carrying out roadworks inside Laos.

5 Although the border issue remains unsettled, Mr. Surakiart said the two sides had set aside differences on border demarcation, construction design and the location. The bridge would be a big boost for tourism and trade.

6 Sayaboury provincial town is about 200km. from the bridge and Luang Prabang, Laos' old capital and tourist stop, is 300 kilometres from the site.

7 Tha Li district chief Pinit Thientawach said Thai authorities would have to work harder on drug suppression, human trafficking and goods smuggling along the border.

8 The ministers used the opportunity to discuss border frontiers.

9 Mr. Surakiart said the sides would finish demarcating the land border before a joint Thai-Lao cabinet meeting tentatively set for March.

10 For the river boundary, the two sides would speed up a study on demarcating the Hueng and Mekong rivers.

11 The two sides exchanged historic documents relating to efforts to solve the disputes at Ban Rom Klao in Phitsanulok's Chart Trakan district and three border villages in Ban Khok district of Uttaradit.

12 Laos claims they are part of its province of Sayaboury.

From Bangkok Post, December 17, 2003. p.3.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. According to the first paragraph, the purpose of a new bridge linking Thailand and Laos is to _____.
 - a. make a friendship
 - b. give a service
 - c. encourage tourism and economics
 - d. grow communication
2. From the second paragraph " ...Somsavat Lengsavad attended the ground – breaking ..." What does the underlined word mean?
 - a. To be present.
 - b. To be kept in touch.
 - c. To be joined with something.
 - d. To be gone regularly to a place.
3. The third paragraph said that there were some problems concerning the _____ that made the bridge built delay.
 - a. river bank
 - b. dividing line
 - c. coast
 - d. location
4. According to the Li district chief, Thai authorities have to work harder to be aware of _____ along the border.
 - a. smuggling
 - b. drug
 - c. drug dealers
 - d. All above
5. From the 11th paragraph, " The two sides exchanged historic documents..." The underlined words refer to
 - a. the sides of border
 - b. the sides of the river boundary
 - c. the sides of land border
 - d. the sides of Thai and Laos people

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

counterpart	boundary	demarcation	suppressing	smuggling
decade	expect	construction	tentatively	dispute

1. The road to my house is under _____. The workmen have worked all day paving it. It'll become one of the good roads in Kamphangphet.
2. The women's shoe, like its male _____, is specifically designed for the serious tennis player.
3. _____ is illegal. Those who do this will be punished. They would be prisoned in jail.
4. You can't _____ to learn a foreign language in few months. Learning it has to take a lot of time to practice.
5. The police were accused of _____ vital evidence. They involved the drug's investigations and witness.
6. Worawudh reached some conclusions about the possible cause of the accident _____. He had to wait for other causes.
7. The fence marks the _____ between my property and Nattakarn's. We are not quite good neighbors.
8. I started working here in 1995 and now it is 2004. I have been working here for a _____.
9. It was hard to draw clear lines of _____ between work and leisure. I usually spend my most of the time to work.
10. The cause of the car crash was still in _____. Nobody admitted the guilt, so Sudapim had to consult the lawyer.

Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words as follows in the table.

counterpart boundary demarcation suppressing smuggling
decade expect construction tentatively dispute

s	d	q	d	e	m	a	r	c	a	t	i	o	n	f	s	s	e
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s	c	v	e	v	h	t	e	w	j	a	e	d	a	k	g	s	v
b	o	u	n	d	a	r	y	s	f	r	l	t	j	u	t	f	d
c	b	n	m	h	w	q	s	f	o	t	y	i	m	n	a	n	n

Answer key:

Part I: 1. c 2. a 3. a 4. d 5. b

Part II:

1. construction
2. counterpart
3. Smuggling
4. expect
5. suppressing
6. tentatively
7. boundary
8. decade
9. demarcation
10. dispute

Part III:

s	d	q	d	e	m	a	r	c	a	t	i	o	n	f	s	s	e
m	i	e	s	a	c	v	e	d	f	h	s	r	a	x	u	z	j
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b	o	u	n	d	a	r	y	s	f	r	l	t	j	u	t	f	d
c	b	n	m	h	w	q	s	f	o	t	y	i	m	n	a	n	n

Chicken – eating fair fails to convince those not at show



1 The government's chicken - eating fair on Saturday may have restored the confidence of thousands of people who attended, but it failed to convince people who were not there, according to an ABAC-KSC internet poll.

2 There were 1,162 respondents, of whom 561 said they attended the show, which was organised by the government and a host of celebrities.

3 It was intended to convince people that it is safe to eat well – cooked chicken meat and eggs.

4 Many people have shunned poultry following the outbreak of bird flu.

5 Asked if they would resume eating chicken, 92% of those who attended said they would.

6 Among those who did not go, 60% said they would not eat chicken for the time being. They felt the disease had not been contained and there was no vaccine or medicine to cure bird flu.

7 They also said the government had not been able to truly get the situation under control.

8 Asked if they were confident the government would be able to contain the virus, 93% of those who went to the fete said "yes" , as did 50% of the people who did not attend.

9 About 75 % of the people who went to the fete believed the campaign would result in people eating chicken again. Only 47% who did not go had the same opinion.

10 In a separate survey conducted by Rajabhat Institute Suan Dusit, 66% of 1,276 people who went to the fete felt the campaign would be successful.

From Bangkok Post. February 9, 2004. p. 6.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. According to the first paragraph, why was the objective of the government's chicken – eating fair?
 - a. To encourage people to have confidence in poultry foods.
 - b. To make people afraid of bird flu.
 - c. To share people poultry foods.
 - d. To help farmers.
2. According to ABAC poll, what was the problem of the chicken – eating fair?
 - a. It's not successful.
 - b. People didn't trust in eating chicken.
 - c. Only thousands of people attended the fair.
 - d. People had no confidence in poultry.
3. What is the percentage of the people who answered the poll to join the show?
 - a. 45.
 - b. 48.
 - c. 51.
 - d. 55.
4. Which sentence is correct?
 - a. The show could restore people's confidence.
 - b. About one million Thai people demonstrated the show.
 - c. About ten thousand Thai people attended the show.
 - d. Thousands of Thai people attended the show.
5. From the news, which sentence is not correct?
 - a. People didn't eat foods from poultry because of the bird flu outbreak.
 - b. There was some vaccine to cure bird flu.
 - c. People believed that they would eat chicken again.
 - d. The government could control the virus.

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

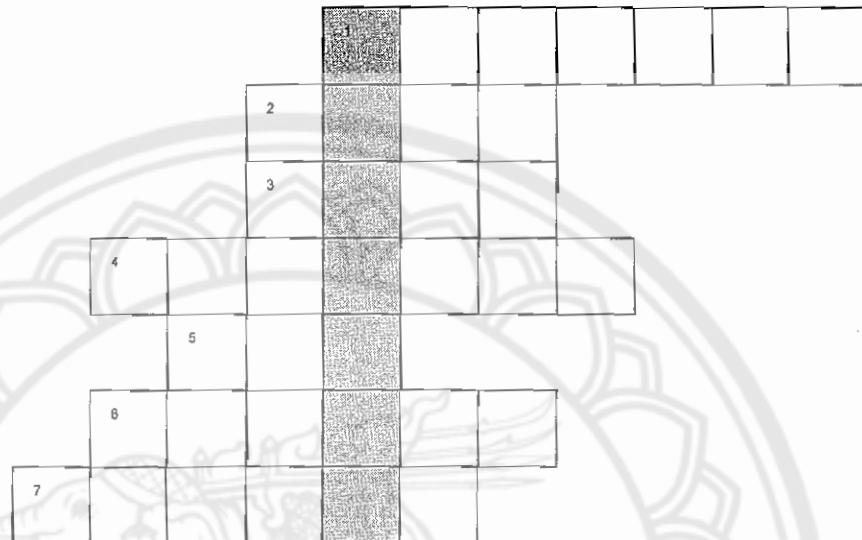
poultry	result	campaign	convince	celebrity
resume	confidence	host	opinion	truly

1. I did not do well on the test yesterday, so I don't want to see its _____.
2. Birds, chicken, geese and turkeys are called _____.
3. Thongchai MacIntye is a famous singer. He is a _____.
4. I try to _____ the police that I was right, but he still insisted on my false. I was fined 500 bath that day.
5. Today the police began a _____ to reduce road accidents by having the motorcyclists to turn the light on and wear helmet.
6. The teacher wanted to know what I thought about the matter. He asked for my _____.
7. When you apply for a job, don't forget to attach your _____. It's necessary to let the company know about you.
8. My parents _____ believed what I told them, for I never lie.
9. Self _____ is needed when you speak in front of the class.
10. I'm going to Phuket the coming weekend. I plan to stay with my cousin. She will be my _____ during my visit.

Part III:

What is his favorite food? **Tim has a favorite food.**

Directions: Fill the words in the box.



1. To have or hold something within itself
2. Allow or cause something to be seen
3. An animal with feathers, two wings, and two legs
4. A substance used to immunize a person against a disease
5. Speak so as to find out or get something
6. Have something in mind as what you want to do, plan
7. Give care and thought to something, look and listen

The vertical box will tell you that

.....

is his favorite food

Answer Key:**Part I:**

1. a
2. c
3. b
4. d
5. c

Part II:

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1. result | 6. opinion |
| 2. poultry | 7. resume |
| 3. celebrity | 8. truly |
| 4. convince | 9. confidence |
| 5. campaign | 10. host |

Part III:

1. contain
2. show
3. bird
4. vaccine
5. ask
6. intend
7. attend

His favorite food is *chicken*

CYBERCRIME

Computer ministry website hacked

1 The Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Ministry may claim to be the official promoter of all things computer. But it has no claim to being the master of the technology.

2 Yesterday, hackers managed to invade its official website and inserted a small news item announcing ICT Minister Surapong Suebwonglee's plan to set upon a club for all pornographic sites. It said the club would promote prostitution "to appease our farang masters."

3 Mr Surapong, known as Moh Liap, was also said to be thinking up a new package, "\$30 for all brothels"-apparently alluding to the 30-baht health scheme he helped prepare while at the Public Health Ministry.

4 However, the message was shortlived. By 4.30pm it was deleted.

5 Wutipong Pongsuwan, the minister's adviser who oversees the website, said the hacker or hackers, still unidentified, had intruded through the office computer system. "Only the news database was hacked. So far, nothing has been damaged," he said.

From Bangkok Post. May 20, 2003. p. 4.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. The first paragraph tells us that _____.
 - a. the ICT ministry wants to be a master of computer
 - b. the ICT ministry may ask to be a promoter of computer
 - c. the ICT ministry may claim for a promoter of all things computer
 - d. the ICT ministry may ask for a master of the technology
2. From the clause "...hackers managed to invade its official website..." in the second paragraph, the word invade means _____.
 - a. go
 - b. enter
 - c. come
 - d. destroy
3. What did the hackers say in the official website ?
 - a. The ICT minister wanted all pornographic sites.
 - b. There would be a plan to promote prostitution.
 - c. There was a club for pornographic sites.
 - d. There were a lot of prostitutes for ICT.
4. The message in the website also mentioned _____.
 - a. the master
 - b. brothels
 - c. 30-baht health scheme
 - d. the promoter of the computer
5. How was the office computer system affected after being hacked?
 - a. It was seriously damaged.
 - b. It was terribly damaged.
 - c. Nothing was damaged.
 - d. Only news database was damaged.

Part II:

Directions: Match the vocabulary in column A with the definition in column B by putting a letter in the space.

- | A | B |
|------------------------|---|
| 1. _____ hack | a. to remove something that has been written or printed |
| 2. _____ claim | b. tell people officially |
| 3. _____ promoter | c. a singer article or object |
| 4. _____ manage | d. to secretly find a way of looking at |
| 5. _____ insert | e. to make somebody calmer or less angry |
| 6. _____ item | f. building where people pay to have sex with prostitutes |
| 7. _____ announce | g. to mention something in an indirect way |
| 8. _____ pornographic | h. to harm or spoil something/somebody |
| 9. _____ prostitution | i. a plan |
| 10. _____ appease | j. to disturb something or have an unpleasant effect on it |
| 11. _____ brothel | k. to demand or ask for something based on your legal right to own |
| 12. _____ allude | l. not recognized or known |
| 13. _____ scheme | m. a person who tries to persuade others about the value or importance of something |
| 14. _____ delete | n. intended to make people feel sexually excited by showing naked people or sexual acts |
| 15. _____ unidentified | o. an organized set of data that is stored in a computer |
| 16. _____ intrude | p. to be able to solve your problems |
| 17. _____ database | q. having sex with people in exchange for money |
| 18. _____ damage | r. to put something into something else or between two things |

Part III:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

announced	deletes	insert	manage	claimed
hacked	appease	scheme	intruded	damaged

1. He _____ into the bank's computer trying to change some information.
2. A lot of lost property is never _____, so it is left in Lost and Found Department .
3. I don't know how to _____ on my own with four kids after my husband's death.
4. _____ coins into the slot and press for a ticket.
5. They haven't formally _____ their engagement yet, so only few people know about it.
6. The movie was widely seen as an attempt to _____ critics of the regime.
7. The government has a _____ for health care.
8. This command _____ files from the directory and makes the data disappear.
9. There was a big fire at the town hall last night and badly _____ the building.
10. The sudden sound of the telephone _____ his dream.

Answer Key:

Part I: 1. c 2. b 3. b 4. c 5.d

Part II:

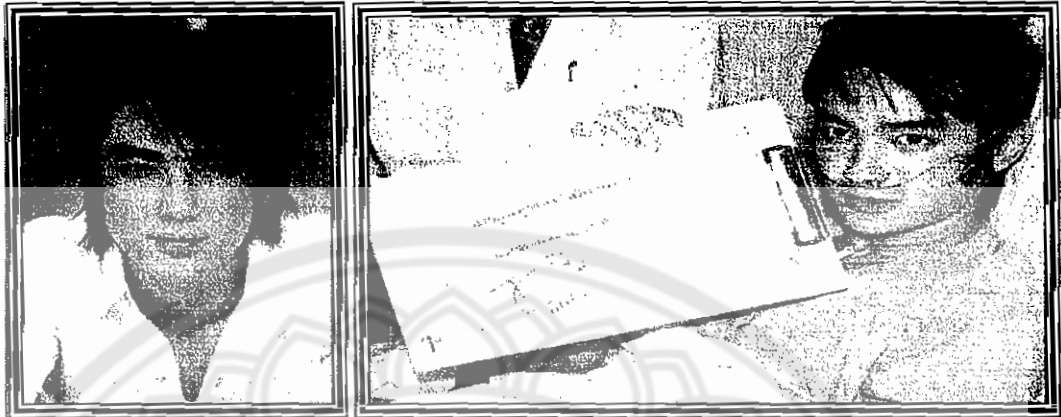
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 11. f 12. g 13. i 14. a 15. l 16. j 17. o 18. h

Part III:

1. hacked
2. claimed
3. manage
4. Insert
5. announced
6. appease
7. scheme
8. deletes
9. damaged
10. intruded



D2B's 'Big' undergoes brain surgery



1 After being sent back into intensive care on Tuesday, heartthrob singer Apichet Kittikorncharoen yesterday underwent emergency brain surgery at Vichaiyut Hospital.

2 His doctor at the hospital said the singer - better known as "Big" of the boy band D2B - had several lesions on his brain, which were probably caused by dirty water that got into his body when his car overturned and plunged into a roadside canal on July 22.

3 More than 30 fans flocked to the hospital after hearing about the surgery. Surachai Chetchotsak and Sujira Chetchotsak, executives of D2B's music label RS Promotion Co, said the lesions had grown and caused Apichet to have breathing difficulties.

4 "He became unconscious at about 4pm [yesterday] and was put on a respirator. The doctor, who anticipated the symptoms, then took him into surgery to remove the lesions," said Surachai.

5 Surachai had moved Apichet from Vachiraprakan Hospital in Samut Prakan province to Vichaiyut in central Bangkok. On Tuesday he was sent to Vichaiyut's intensive care after complaining of severe headaches.

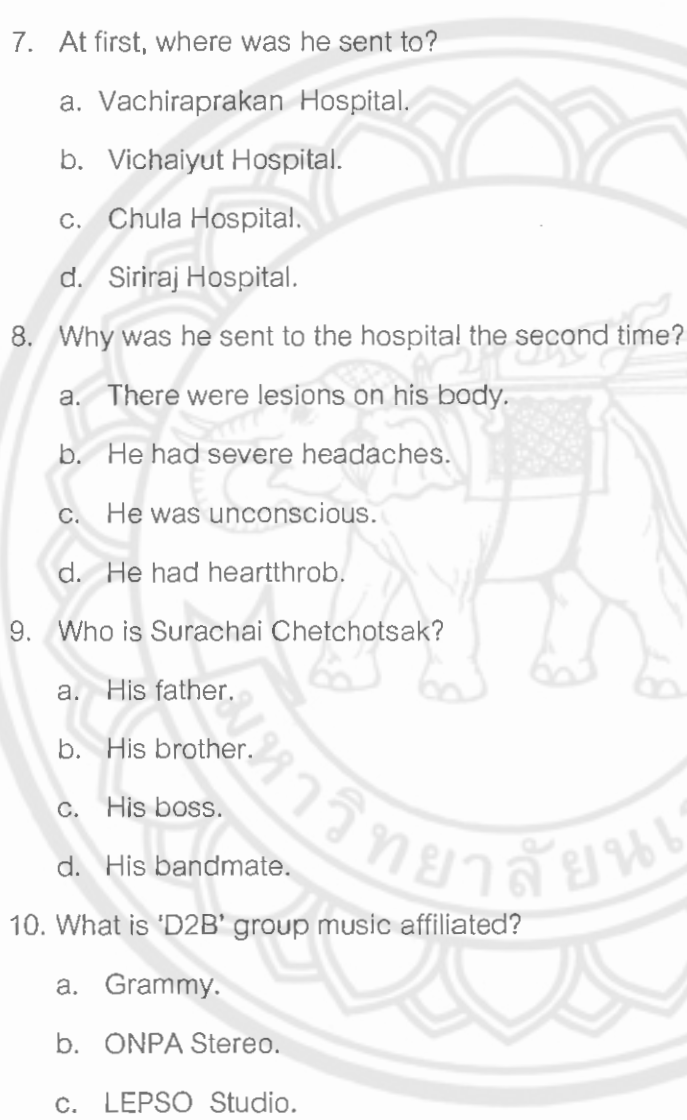
6 One of his teenage fans told The Nation that even though she had not been able to visit the singer, being close to him made her happy enough. "I just want to suffer all his pains for him. I'm really worried about his condition," the girl said.

From The Nation. August 7, 2003. p. 1.

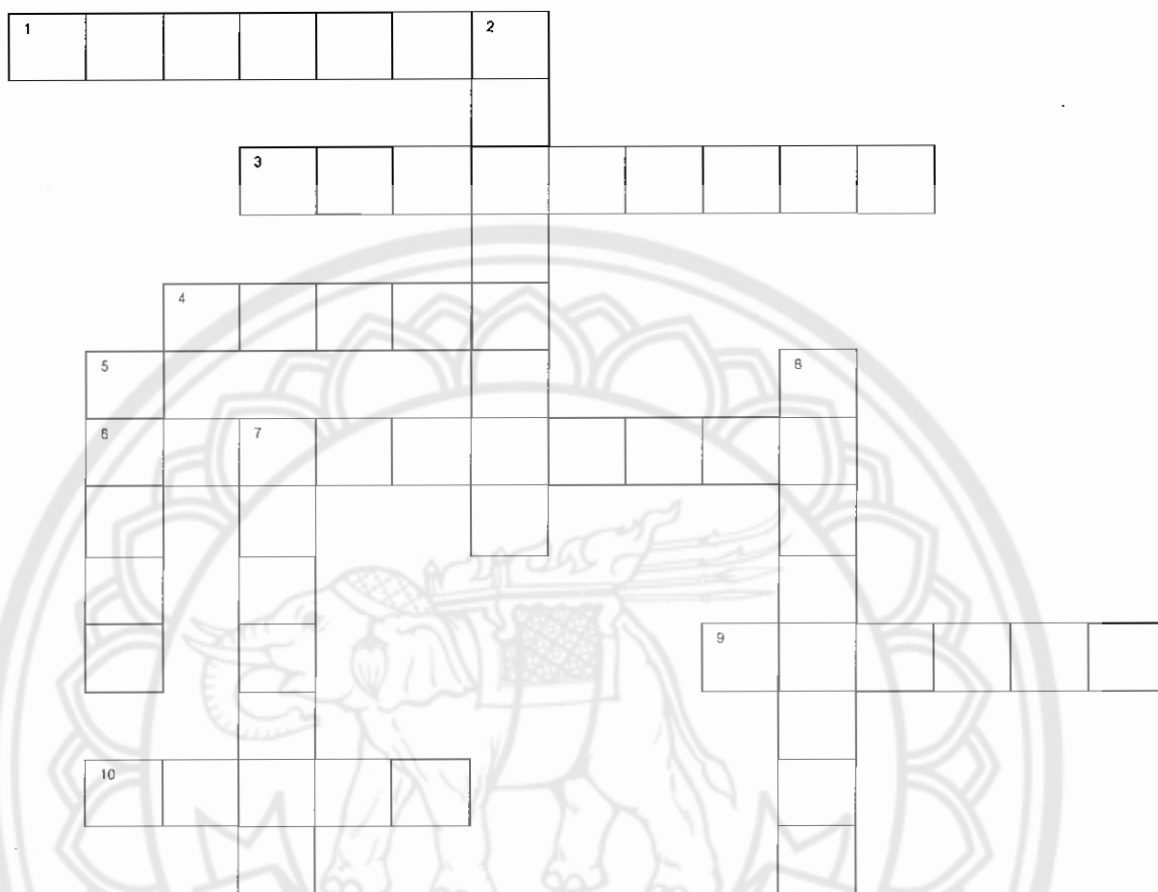
Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. Who is 'Big D2B'?
 - a. Apichet Kittikorncharoen.
 - b. Kawi Tanjararak.
 - c. Worawet Danuk.
 - d. Surachai Chetchotsak.
2. Which hospital did he undergo emergency brain surgery?
 - a. Vachirapranken Hospital.
 - b. Vichaiyut Hospital.
 - c. Chula Hospital.
 - d. Siriraj Hospital.
3. Which part of his body was hurt after he had an accident?
 - a. His heart.
 - b. His back.
 - c. His brain.
 - d. His head.
4. How did the disease get into his body?
 - a. By dirty air.
 - b. By dirty voice.
 - c. By dirty food.
 - d. By dirty water.
5. How did he get an accident?
 - a. His car was attacked and plunged into a roadside canal.
 - b. His car overturned and plunged into a roadside canal.
 - c. His motorcycle plunged into a roadside canal.
 - d. He swam and plunged in the canal.

6. When did he have an accident?
 - a. On May 22.
 - b. On June 22.
 - c. On July 22.
 - d. On August 22.
 7. At first, where was he sent to?
 - a. Vachiraprakan Hospital.
 - b. Vichaiyut Hospital.
 - c. Chula Hospital.
 - d. Siriraj Hospital.
 8. Why was he sent to the hospital the second time?
 - a. There were lesions on his body.
 - b. He had severe headaches.
 - c. He was unconscious.
 - d. He had heartthrob.
 9. Who is Surachai Chetchotsak?
 - a. His father.
 - b. His brother.
 - c. His boss.
 - d. His bandmate.
 10. What is 'D2B' group music affiliated?
 - a. Grammy.
 - b. ONPA Stereo.
 - c. LEPSO Studio.
 - d. RS Promotion.
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Part II: Crosswords



CROSS

1. Experience or endure something, be subjected to
3. Concentrated, through; using a lot of effort
4. The organ of the body that makes the blood
6. A device that fits over a person's nose and mouth to purify air before it is breathed
9. Go or push forcefully into something, dive
10. Not clean, soiled

DOWN

2. Turn over or upside down
5. The organ inside the top of the head that controls the body
7. The place when a doctor or dentist etc. regularly give advice and treatment to patients
8. Say that you are annoyed or unhappy about something

Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words as follows in the table.

emergency symptom surgery heartthrob executive
 water dirty overturn doctor plunge

e	m	e	r	g	e	n	c	y	h
a	x	c	d	f	g	h	i	r	e
b	y	e	o	p	d	o	j	e	a
s	z	u	c	l	i	k	l	g	r
y	b	y	t	u	r	e	m	r	t
m	q	r	o	n	t	a	n	u	t
p	a	v	r	g	y	i	f	s	h
t	w	a	t	e	r	j	v	t	r
o	v	e	r	t	u	r	n	e	o
m	q	w	y	i	p	h	d	o	b

Decline in tourist arrivals hurting elephant camps

Many may disappear in three months' time

1 The SARS crisis has affected not only tourism business operators and employees but also hundreds of elephants as decreasing tourist arrivals may force many elephant camps to close permanently in three months.

2 More than 200 elephants mostly from Surin and Buri Ram, have become jobless and are returning home since tourists visiting elephant camps in major tourist spots like Ayutthaya, Kanchanaburi and Pattaya have dropped by 50-80% amid the SARS scare.

3 These elephant centres are no longer crowded with foreign tourists like in the past.

4 Prakit Klangpattana, headman of Ban Ta Klang, better known as Thai Airways' Elephant Village, in Surin's Tha Tum district, said at least 200 elephants would be taken home from the middle of the month by their keepers who are being paid only half of their monthly wages by the debt-ridden elephant camps.

5 Too many expenses are involved in running the centres and there have been very few visitors due to the war in Iraq and the SARS crisis, he said.

6 Sompas Meephan, owner of the Wang Chang Ayutthaya and president of Elephant Keepers' Club, said his elephant camp with up to 70 jumbos has been one of the most badly affected for the last two months as its target customers-tourists from Japan, Korea, Europe and the United States-were few in number.

7 The situation will only worsen because there would also be a sharp decline in the number of local tourists when schools reopen, he said.

8 Because each elephant camp pays its mahouts between 4,500-7,000 baht per month and between 400-700 baht to feed elephants per head per day. There is little anybody can do to help.

9 If the centres really close down in three months' time, about 1,200 elephants together with their keepers and mahouts would be affected.

10 "Elephant owners and mahouts understand the SARS crisis, so they can accept the truth. But what about the elephants who have long enjoyed a good living? They have no idea what SARS is all about," he said.

11 Mr Sompas voiced his support for government strategies to attract foreign tourists by showing that Thailand was free of SARS, but he feared that the elephants might starve to death before the measures bore fruit.

12 State assistance has been urged in the form of food for the jobless elephants so that they could survive and stay off the streets without having to beg for food and money for their keepers.

13 Mr Sompas has promised to send all the elephants to Wang Chang Ayutthaya in Nakhon Ratchasima if there is enough food there to keep them alive until the tourism situation improves.

14 Meanwhile, Prayook Lorkham, owner of the newly established Elephant Village Ayutthaya, has called on the government to help save elephants before it is too late as his business was close to collapse.

15 He had invested heavily in the camp which opened its gates to tourists only last month, offering elephant, horse and cart ride services. But the SARS virus has kept the tourists away.

16 In Pattaya, Somkid Oonruan, assistant manager of Elephant Garden Pattaya, said all the four elephant camps in Pattaya had seen an 80% decrease in visitors.

17 The number of visitors, mostly from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korea, were down to between 30-40 people from 600-800 a day.

18 The centres could no longer earn 80,000-100,000 baht per day like before, but they still had to pay land leasing fees, hire about 150 mahouts, and feed 200 elephants.

19 "The elephant camps have joined hands to form a Pattaya Elephant Conservation Club. All members are seeking a way out. We may decide to stop paying monthly salaries to mahouts and propose a new deal to share income from elephant rides-35 baht per 10-minute trip and 60 baht per 20 minute trip.

20 The entrepreneurs will be responsible for feeding the elephants until tourism picks up again. Some mahouts don't agree with it, but others do. Some of them have already gone home in search of greener pastures, Mr Somkid said.

21 Winai Saendee, president of the Kanchanaburi Elephant Conservation and Tourism Club, said the number of tourists visiting elephant camps in Kanchanaburi has decreased to less than 100 people from between 300-400 persons a day and this was having a fallout effect on raft tours.

22 "If the situation does not improve, we will gather elephant keepers for a meeting with the prime minister to ask for help or the 10 elephant camps here would have to close within three months," he said.

From Bangkok Post. May 19, 2003. p. 4.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. What affected tourism according to the news ?
 - a. Elephants.
 - b. SARS.
 - c. Elephant camps.
 - d. Tourist arrivals.
2. From the answer in No. 1, it affected both _____ and _____.
 - a. tourism, operators
 - b. business operators, elephants
 - c. business, operators
 - d. tourists arrivals, elephants
3. This event had a negative effect to elephants that _____.
 - a. they would be increased their jobs
 - b. they would have been spend much money from their shows
 - c. they would get more paid from their shows
 - d. they would be decreased their jobs
4. The reason that there have been very few visitors in Thailand is that _____.
 - a. they are afraid of SARS
 - b. there is the crisis of money
 - c. there is the complicated regulation
 - d. there is the war on terrorism
5. If the SARS crisis still runs on strongly, the elephant camps may _____ within 3 months.
 - a. be spread
 - b. be disappeared
 - c. be dropped
 - d. be cut down

Part II:

Directions: Match the vocabulary in column A with the definition in column B by putting a letter in the space.

- | A | B |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1. _____ decreasing | a. to fail suddenly or completely |
| 2. _____ permanently | b. the money that you spend on something |
| 3. _____ amid | c. to produce a change in somebody/something |
| 4. _____ wages | d. lasting for a long time or for time in the future |
| 5. _____ collapse | e. a person who makes money by running business |
| 6. _____ affect | f. to suffer or die because you do not have enough food to eat |
| 7. _____ expense | g. becoming or making something smaller in size, number etc. |
| 8. _____ propose | h. land covered with grass that is suitable for feeding animals on |
| 9. _____ entrepreneur | i. in the middle of, especially something that causes excitement or fear |
| 10. _____ pasture | j. a regular amount of money that you earn |
| 11. _____ starve | k. to suggest a plan, idea for people to think about and decide on |

Part III:

Directions: Find 11 hidden words as follows in the table.

decreasing

decline

permanently

amid

starve

collapse

affect

expense

propose

wages

entrepreneurs

a	m	i	d	a	f	r	h	e	g	l	w	s	g
e	d	n	d	e	c	l	i	n	m	o	r	b	y
w	e	r	t	a	f	f	e	c	t	u	r	l	j
a	c	e	z	c	v	r	n	k	e	l	t	d	s
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r	n	n	r	k	r	o	a	p	c	a	q	f	j
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Answer key:

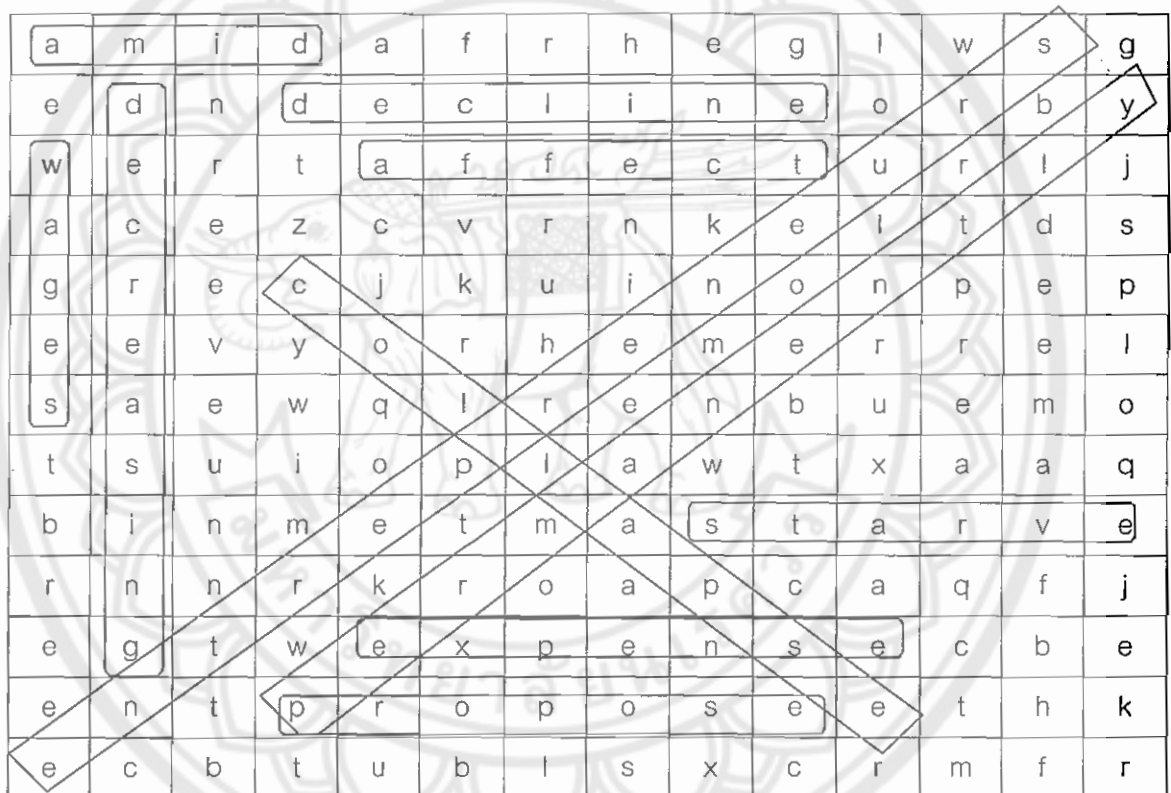
Part I: 1. b 2. b 3. d 4. a 5. b

Part II: 1. g 2. d 3. i 4. j 5. a

 6. c 7. b 8. k 9. e 10. h

 11. f

Part III:



Drought forecast to hit 10m nationwide

1 The Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department has set up antidrought centres nationwide to cope with an unusually long dry period that has been forecast for this year.

2 Department director-general Saroj Kachamart said yesterday the drought would affect more than 10 million people in 68 provinces.

3 Mr Saroj said the seven provinces that would be spared were Samut Prakan, Nakhon Pathom, Nonthaburi, Sing Buri, Pattani, Ang Thong and Pathum Thani.

4 The problem was already affecting 27 provinces, with about 540,000 people and 380,000 rai of farmland at risk, he said.

5 About 7.56 million litres of water had already been distributed the drought centres, each of which had been allocated a budget of 50 million baht.

6 Additional budgets for the driest regions would be available on a case-by-case basis.

7 The Disaster Prevention Department was also urging water conservation and precautions against diseases such as rabies and cholera.

From Bangkok Post, February 5, 2004, p. 4.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. The headline "Drought forecast to hit 10m nationwide" means _____.
 - a. the government may spend 10 million baht to protect the drought over the country
 - b. the country may hit 10 million baht to keep forecast
 - c. the drought forecast may hit 10 million people over the country
 - d. the drought over the country will hit 10 million people
2. According to the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department, _____.
 - a. there is going to be long dry period in Thailand
 - b. there are anti-drought centres nationwide
 - c. there is a lot of money to prevent drought
 - d. there will be a dry forecast in all parts of Thailand
3. From the third paragraph, the provinces that would be dry are in _____.
 - a. the North of Thailand
 - b. the Centre of Thailand
 - c. the South of Thailand
 - d. the East of Thailand
4. From the fourth paragraph, people from 27 provinces who were already affected by the disaster are _____.
 - a. soldiers
 - b. teachers
 - c. farmers
 - d. shopkeepers
5. What are the three methods to cope with the problem, according to the Disaster Prevention Department?
 - a. Water supply, budgets, water conservation urging.
 - b. Budgets, donations, charities.
 - c. Water supply, donations, plants.
 - d. Plants, charities, budgets.

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

drought	cope with	risk	allocated	disease
set up	spare	distributed	budget	urged

1. The organization _____ food and blankets to the earthquake victims.
2. Every year in April, it is a time of _____ in many provinces in Thailand.
3. I'd love to have a break, but I can't _____ the time just now.
4. After floods there is always the _____ that makes people ill.
5. Desert plants are adapted to _____ extreme heat.
6. The report _____ that all children be taught to swim.
7. More resources are being _____ to the project.
8. The police _____ roadblocks on routes out of the city.
9. Smoking can increase the _____ of developing heart disease.
10. The government gives a huge _____ to help solving the violence in the south of Thailand.

Part III:

Directions: There are some different meanings of the word "hit" as a verb like follows:

1. touch somebody/something with force
2. strike
3. have bad effect
4. attack
5. reach
6. meet
7. suddenly realize
8. press button

Directions: Match the meaning of "hit" with the definition above by putting the numbers 1 - 8 in the blanks.

- _____ 1. We seemed to have hit a problem although everything was going well at the first time.
- _____ 2. We hit the enemy when they least expected it.
- _____ 3. Hit the breaks! In front of you is a big sign.
- _____ 4. Anusara hit the ball too hard and it went out of the court.
- _____ 5. My parents never used to hit me.
- _____ 6. I couldn't remember when I'd seen him before, and then it suddenly hit me.
- _____ 7. The tax increases will certainly hit the poor.
- _____ 8. Follow the footpath and you'll eventually hit the road.

Answer key:

Part I: 1. d 2. a 3. b 4. c 5. a

Part II:

1. distributed
2. drought
3. spare
4. disease
5. cope with
6. urged
7. allocated
8. set up
9. risk
10. budget

Part III:

1. (6)
2. (4)
3. (8)
4. (2)
5. (1)
6. (7)
7. (3)
8. (5)



5 After an initial inspection of Hangthong's body, Khunying Pornthip said it was in relatively good condition.

6 The bullet wound to Hangthong's head and resulting skull fractures would be closely analysed during the autopsy, she said.

7 However, the examination of skin tissues may prove to be problematic as the institute lacked the relevant equipment, she added.

8 Special Investigation Department deputy director-general Tharis Pengdis would be present during the autopsy.

9 Khunying Pornthip's conclusions would be presented to Justice Minister Pongthep Thepkarnchana.

From Bangkok Post, September 25, 2003. p. 4.



HANGTHONG VERDICT

Late MP's body moved ahead of re-examination by Pornthip

Autopsy to conclude if foul play involved



1 The body of late MP Hangthong Thammawattana was yesterday transported from Phra Sri Mahathat temple in Bang Khen district to Thammasat University Hospital in Pathum Thani, where a second autopsy will be performed today.

2 Kept in cold storage since Hangthong's death in 1999, the body would be examined by Central Forensic Sciences Institute deputy director Khunying Pornthip Rojanasunant in a bid to determine whether an initial verdict of suicide should stand.

3 Khunying Pornthip would also analyse the chair in which Hangthong was found dead, as well as photographs of the crime scene, which led Scottish forensics expert Dr Adrian Linacre to conclude the victim may have been murdered. Under pressure from the Justice Ministry, police later agreed to reopen the case.

4 Khunying Pornthip yesterday testified to the House committee on police affairs with Hangthong's brother, Noppadol Thammawattana, who restated that his brother shot himself at the family home.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. "The body of the late MP Hangthong Thammawattana was yesterday transported from Phra Sri Mahathat temple ..." The underlined word means _____.
 - a. to be separated in another place
 - b. to be gather together
 - c. to be taken to another place in a vehicle
 - d. to be put in another place
2. "... , where a second autopsy will be performed today." The underlined word means _____.
 - a. an examination of dead body
 - b. an examination
 - c. a diagnostic
 - d. an investigation
3. What does "Kept in cold storage since Hangthong's death in 1999,..." mean?
 - a. The body was kept in 1999.
 - b. The body has been kept in cold since 1999.
 - c. The body was kept in cold for 1999.
 - d. The body was kept in cold in 1999.
4. According to the third paragraph, what should be the evidences to the re-exam?
 - a. The gun and the chair.
 - b. The gunshot and the bullet.
 - c. The photograph and the chair.
 - d. The bullet and the chair.
5. The reason that the police had to re-exam this case was that ...
 - a. they were ordered to do it
 - b. they were forced to do it
 - c. they wanted to re-open the case
 - d. they wanted to make themselves clear from this case

6. "..., Nopadol Thammawattana, who restated that ..." The underlined word means _____.
- a. to say something again
 - b. to apply for something
 - c. to make something clear
 - d. to refuse to do something
7. According to Khunying Pornthip, the condition of investigation was _____ after testifying with Hangthong's brother, Nopadol.
- a. relating good
 - b. related good
 - c. relatively good
 - d. relate good
8. Which evidence should be analyzed closely while the autopsy was performed by Khunying Pornthip ?
- a. The bullet wound.
 - b. Hangthong's head with the bullet wound.
 - c. The bullet and skull fractures.
 - d. Result of skull fractures and the bullet wound.
9. What might be the problem for the examination of skin tissues, according to the news?
- a. Lack of budget.
 - b. Lack of the expert.
 - c. Lack of equipment.
 - d. Lack of power.
10. We have learnt something from the news that
- a. Khunying Pornthip is very smart
 - b. The autopsy has not finished yet
 - c. Police has done something wrong
 - d. There are some problems in the Special Investigation Department

Part II:

Directions: Match the vocabulary in column A with the definition in column B by putting a letter in the space.

- | A | B |
|----------------------|---|
| 1. _____ body | a. to take part in something or to be affected by something |
| 2. _____ MP | b. a decision that is made by a Jury in court of law |
| 3. _____ morgue | c. a small metal object that is fired from a gun |
| 4. _____ perform | d. a mass of cells that is from the different parts of humans |
| 5. _____ conclude | e. the process of keeping something in a particular place until it is needed |
| 6. _____ foul | f. to decide or believe something as a result of what you have heard or seen |
| 7. _____ involve | g. a building in which dead bodies are kept before they are buried |
| 8. _____ storage | h. the body of a dead person or animal |
| 9. _____ bid | i. not having enough of something |
| 10. _____ verdict | j. the act of killing yourself deliberately; to commit suicide |
| 11. _____ suicide | k. very evil or wicked |
| 12. _____ testify | l. looking closely at something or somebody, checking |
| 13. _____ inspection | m. an effort to do something or obtain something |
| 14. _____ bullet | n. a person who has been elected to represent the people of a particular area in a parliament |
| 15. _____ fracture | o. a break in a bone or other hard materials |
| 16. _____ tissue | p. to make a statement that something happened or that something is true, especially as a witness in a court of law |
| 17. _____ lack | q. to do something such as a piece of work, task or duty |

Part III:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

lacks	inspection	bullet	performed	foul
involved	verdict	concluded	storage	testify

1. This operation has never been _____ in this country.
2. The report _____ that the cheapest option was to close the laboratory.
3. _____ drinking water was blamed for the epidemic.
4. Many of the crimes _____ drugs.
5. We need more _____ now because it becomes a hot and dry season.
6. Has the jury reached the _____?
7. She refused to _____ against her husband.
8. On closer _____, the notes proved to be forgeries.
9. He was killed with a _____ in the head.
10. She has the determination that her brother _____.

Answer Key:

Part I: 1. c 2. a 3. b 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. d 9. c 10. b

Part II: 1. h 2. n 3. g 4. q 5. f 6. k 7. a 8. e 9. m 10. b

11. j 12. p 13. l 14. c 15. o 16. d 17. i

Part III: 1. performed

2. concluded

3. Foul

4. involved

5. storage

6. verdict

7. testify

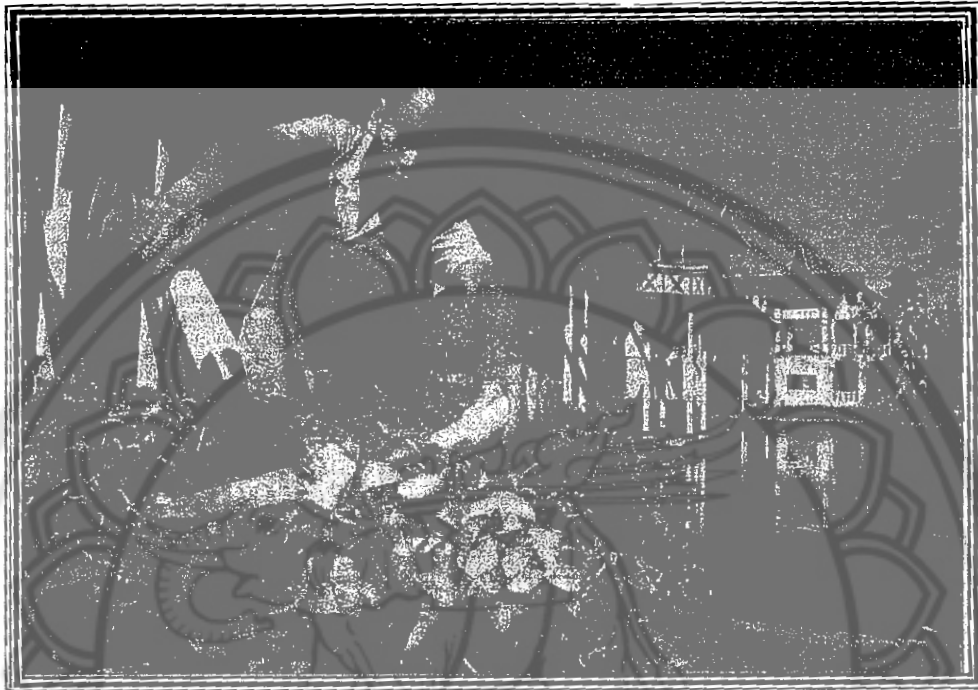
8. inspection

9. bullet

10. lacks



Palace to become tourist spot
Renovations to be completed in April



- 1 King Vajiravudh's former royal residence at Sanam Chandra Palace is to be restored as a major tourist attraction in this central province some 50km from Bangkok.
- 2 A blend of Thai and western architectural styles, the palace was built in 1907 when King Vajiravudh (Rama VI) was still the Crown Prince.
- 3 After ascending the throne, the king frequented the palace where he produced numerous literary works including a translation of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.
- 4 His successor King Prachadipok gave the palace to Interior Ministry in 1926 to be used as a government office, and it served as the Nakhon Pathom governor's office until Dec 1, when the Interior Ministry returned it to the Royal Household Bureau.
- 5 The 220- rai royal property has now been cleared of the governor's personal effects and was officially returned yesterday along with buildings previously under the care of Silpakorn University.
- 6 Royal Household Bureau official Watcharakiti Vajirodaya believed tourists would be charmed by the palace and its significant architectural merits.

7 More importantly, with Silpakorn University as its immediate neighbour, the palace had the potential to become the Montmartre of Thailand, where visitors could be sketched by students much the same as those visiting the French capital's famed artists' haunt.

8 Mr. Watcharakiti said the palace required renovation, although visits were possible even during the restoration. Repairs were expected to be completed in April next year.

9 The Mareerajatabunlung residence, Bhimarn Prathom residence, Chaleemongkolasana residence, Samakkeemukamartaya hall and the Thab Kwan residence are open to visitors.

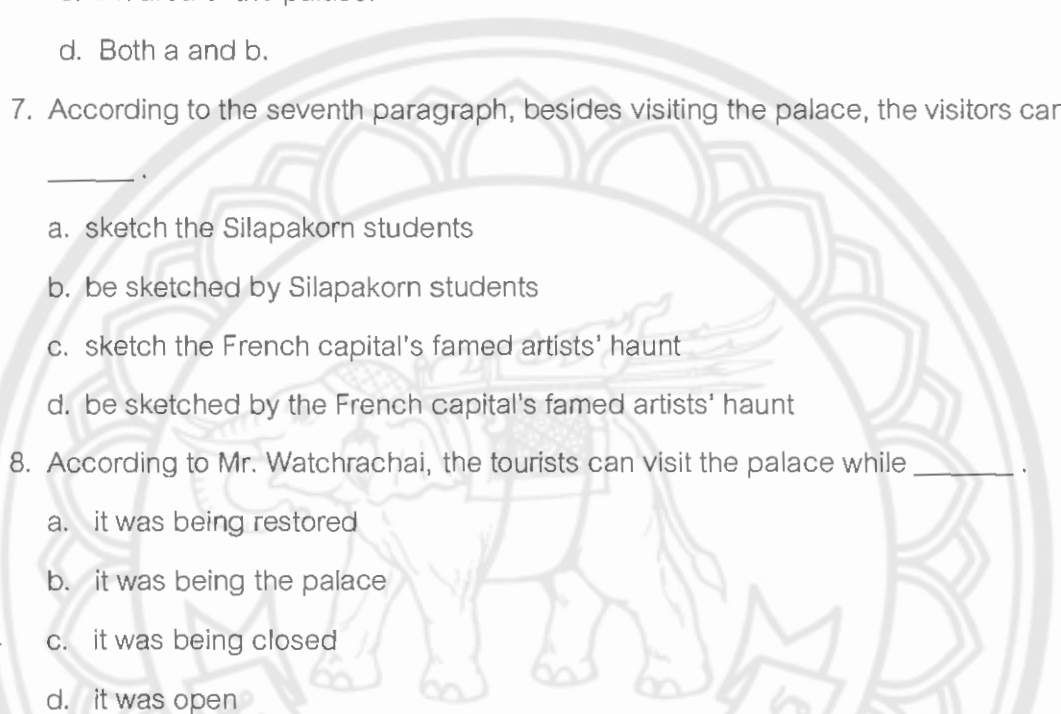
From Bangkok Post. December 17, 2003. p.1.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. The word "renovation" means the condition of _____.
 - a. repairing and painting an old building, so that it is in good condition again
 - b. making and painting something old, but it is in good condition
 - c. making and painting something new, and it is in good condition
 - d. making and painting something recycled, but it is in good condition
2. What does the sub-headline " Renovations to be completed in April" mean?
 - a. The palace will be started to renovate in April.
 - b. The palace will be cancelled to renovate in April.
 - c. The palace renovations will be finished in April.
 - d. The palace renovations are working just in April.
3. The palace was a (an) _____ of Thai and western architectural styles.
 - a. explosion
 - b. mixture
 - c. division
 - d. spot
4. The third paragraph told us that once the palace was _____.
 - a. a temple
 - b. a school
 - c. the parliament
 - d. a government office
5. After returning the palace to the Royal Household, Silpakorn University has _____.
 - a. a responsibility to take care of it
 - b. a duty to garden it
 - c. a duty to plant some flowers around the palace
 - d. to pay an important role

6. According to the Royal Household Bureau Official, what would attract the visitors ?
- a. The palace.
 - b. A work of outstanding artistic merit
 - c. An area of the palace.
 - d. Both a and b.
7. According to the seventh paragraph, besides visiting the palace, the visitors can also _____.
- a. sketch the Silapakorn students
 - b. be sketched by Silapakorn students
 - c. sketch the French capital's famed artists' haunt
 - d. be sketched by the French capital's famed artists' haunt
8. According to Mr. Watchrachai, the tourists can visit the palace while _____.
- a. it was being restored
 - b. it was being the palace
 - c. it was being closed
 - d. it was open
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Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

trimmed	hedge	residence	restore	ascended
property	charm	significant	merits	potential
haunt				

1. Wat Prakaew in Bangkok is full of _____, so there are many visitors there each year.
2. The air became colder as we _____. The highest mountain makes a lot of climbers sick.
3. I _____ two centimetres off the hem of the skirt because it was a little bit long.
4. The pub is a favorite _____ of artists. They spend a lot of time there in order to get new ideas for their job.
5. A _____ at Doi Tung Palace area is very attractive and beautiful. Many tourists posed there very often.
6. He is the most popular politician, so it is possible for him to be a _____ Prime Minister in the near future.
7. I come from the North. My _____ is in Chiang Mai.
8. I've been looking for a job. My parents want to help me, but I don't want their help. I want to get it on my own _____.
9. Since there were the result shows of the research, there are no _____ differences between the two groups of students.
10. Be careful! Don't damage other people's _____. If you don't care about the others, nobody likes you.
11. According to the bird flu crisis, the government measures are intended to _____ public confidence in the eating poultry foods.

Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words as follows in the table.

trimmed

hedge

residence

restore

haunt

property

charm

significant

merits

potential

p	q	w	s	i	g	n	i	f	i	c	a	n	t	r	a
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a	d	f	e	g	h	j	k	t	c	b	n	u	i	o	p

Answer key:

Part I: 1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. a

Part II:

1. charm
2. ascended
3. trimmed
4. haunt
5. hedge
6. potential
7. residence
8. merits
9. significant
10. property
11. restore

Part III:

p	q	w	s	i	g	n	i	f	i	c	a	n	t	r	a
r	o	a	e	r	t	y	m	u	i	h	e	d	g	e	o
o	p	t	r	i	m	m	e	d	o	a	p	h	t	s	h
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a	d	f	e	g	h	j	k	t	c	b	n	u	i	o	p

SARS

Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) is a viral respiratory illness caused by a coronavirus, called SARS-associated coronavirus (SARS-CoV). SARS was first reported in Asia in February 2003. Over the next few months, the illness spread to more than two dozen countries in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia. The SARS global outbreak of 2003 was contained; however, it is possible that the disease could re-emerge. This fact sheet gives basic information about the illness and what CDC has done to control SARS in the United States.

The SARS outbreak

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), during the SARS outbreak of 2003, a total of 8,098 people worldwide became sick with SARS; of these, 774 died. In the United States, there were 192 cases of SARS among people, all of whom got better. Through July 2003, laboratory evidence of SARS-CoV infection had been detected in only eight U.S. cases. Most of the U.S. SARS cases were among travelers returning from other parts of the world with SARS. There were very few U.S. cases among close contacts of travelers, including health-care workers and family members. SARS did not spread more widely in the community in the United States.

Symptoms of SARS

In general, SARS begins with a high fever (temperature greater than 100.4°F [$>38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$]). Other symptoms may include headache, an overall feeling of discomfort, and body aches. Some people also have mild respiratory symptoms at the outset. About 10 percent to 20 percent of patients have diarrhea. After 2 to 7 days, SARS patients may develop a dry cough. Most patients develop pneumonia.

How SARS spreads

The main way that SARS seems to spread is by close person-to-person contact. The virus that causes SARS is thought to be transmitted most readily by respiratory droplets (droplet spread) produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Droplet spread can happen when droplets from the cough or sneeze of an infected person are propelled a short distance (generally up to 3 feet) through the air and deposited on the

mucous membranes of the mouth, nose, or eyes of persons who are nearby. The virus also can spread when a person touches a surface or object contaminated with infectious droplets and then touches his or her mouth, nose, or eye(s). In addition, it is possible that the SARS virus might spread more broadly through the air (airborne spread) or by other ways that are not now known.

What does “close contact” mean?

In the context of SARS, close contact means having cared for or lived near someone with SARS or having direct contact with respiratory secretions or body fluids of a patient with SARS. Examples of close contact include kissing or hugging, sharing eating or drinking utensils, talking to someone within 3 feet, and touching someone directly. Close contact does not include activities like walking by a person or sitting across a waiting room or office for a brief time.

CDC response to SARS

CDC worked closely with WHO and other partners in a global effort to address the SARS outbreak. For its part, CDC took the following actions:

- Activated its Emergency Operations Center to provide round-the-clock coordination and response.
- Committed more than 800 medical experts and support staff to work on the SARS response.
- Deployed medical officers, epidemiologists, and other specialists to assist with on-site investigations around the world.
- Provided assistance to state and local health departments in investigating possible cases of SARS in the United States.
- Conducted extensive laboratory testing of clinical specimens from SARS patients to identify the cause of the disease.
- Initiated a system for distributing health alert notices to travelers who may have been exposed to cases of SARS.

- In addition, CDC is continuing to work with federal, state and local health departments and other professional organizations to plan for a rapid recognition and response should SARS re-emerge.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/factsheet.htm>



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. What is SARS?
 - a. A health organization.
 - b. A respiratory doctor.
 - c. A kind of outbreak.
 - d. A general hospital.
2. Where was the first reported area of SARS?
 - a. In Asia.
 - b. In Europe.
 - c. In North America.
 - d. In South America.
3. When was the first SARS reported?
 - a. In January 2003.
 - b. In February 2003.
 - c. In March 2003.
 - d. In April 2003.
4. Where did not SARS spread?
 - a. Africa.
 - b. Europe.
 - c. North America.
 - d. South America.
5. What are the symptoms of SARS?
 - a. A high fever, catarrh, sneeze, pneumonia.
 - b. A high fever, cough, body aches, bleeding.
 - c. A high fever, headache, body aches, pneumonia.
 - d. A high fever, headache, body aches, common cold.

6. Which organization has controlled SARS?
 - a. Emergency Operations Center.
 - b. Communicable Disease Control.
 - c. Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome.
 - d. The Government Pharmaceutical Organization.
7. Which of the following is not true about SARS spreading?
 - a. Touching a person who was infected with SARS.
 - b. Talking to someone in a long distance.
 - c. Staying with a person who was infected with SARS.
 - d. Touching the object contaminated with the infections droplets.
8. Which person does not do "close contact"?
 - a. Living with someone who was infected with SARS.
 - b. Taking care of someone who was infected with SARS.
 - c. Sending e-mail to a person who was infected with SARS.
 - d. Having direct contact with respiratory secretions.
9. According to the news, how many people worldwide became sick with SARS?
 - a. 192.
 - b. 774.
 - c. 2,003.
 - d. 8,098.
10. What did CDC do to control SARS?
 - a. Activated to provide all 24 hours.
 - b. Supported staff to work on the SARS response.
 - c. Provided assistance to state in cases of SARS.
 - d. Conducted extensive laboratory testing from SARS.

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

control symptom pneumonia patient diseases spread sick

1. I don't feel good today. The first _____ appearing this morning was sneezing.
2. Jane is not well, so she goes to Dr. Manas. She is his _____. Whenever she doesn't feel good, she goes to see him.
3. The kids in that class don't listen to their teacher. They make loud noises and play around. The teacher cannot _____ them.
4. _____ is a serious disease which affects your lungs and makes it difficult for you to breathe.
5. Two people died in the fire last night because it was windy and the fire _____ very quickly. Nobody could help them.
6. Bruce's father has been _____ in the hospital for a month.
7. AIDS is a kind of _____ caused by virus.

Part III:

Directions: Write T if the sentence is true and F if the sentence is false according to the news you have read.

-1. SARS is a viral respiratory illness caused by a coronavirus.
-2. SARS spread only in Asia.
-3. SARS spread to more than 24 countries in a few months.
-4. The disease could not re-emerge.
-5. According to WHO, 744 people died during the SARS outbreak in 2003.
-6. SARS spread more widely in the community in the United States.
-7. Some patients have diarrhea.
-8. The main way that SARS seems to spread is by close person-to-person contact.
-9. The SARS virus might not spread more broadly through the air.
-10. CDC committed more than 800 medical experts and support staff to work on the SARS response.

Answer Key:**Part I:**

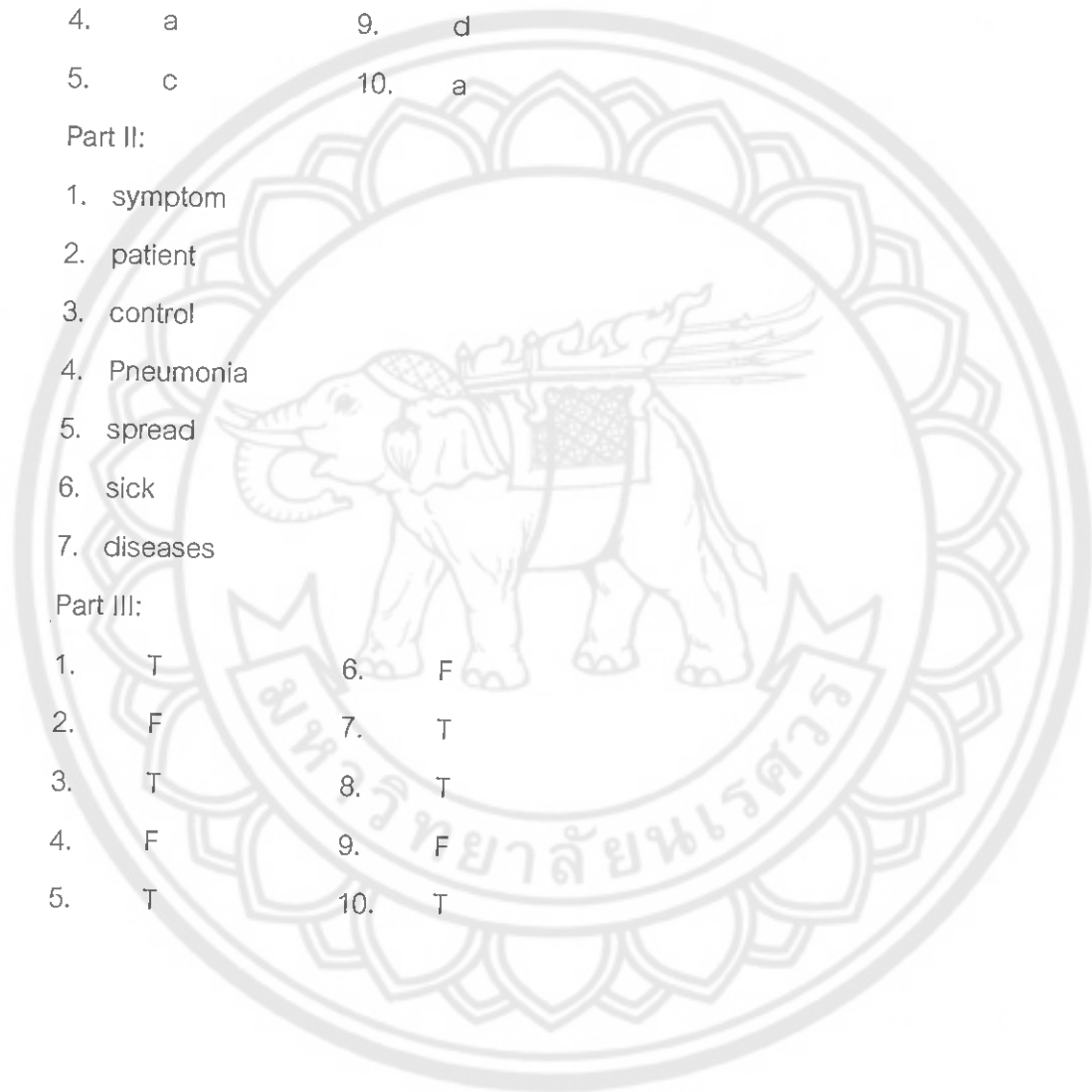
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Part II:

1. symptom
2. patient
3. control
4. Pneumonia
5. spread
6. sick
7. diseases

Part III:

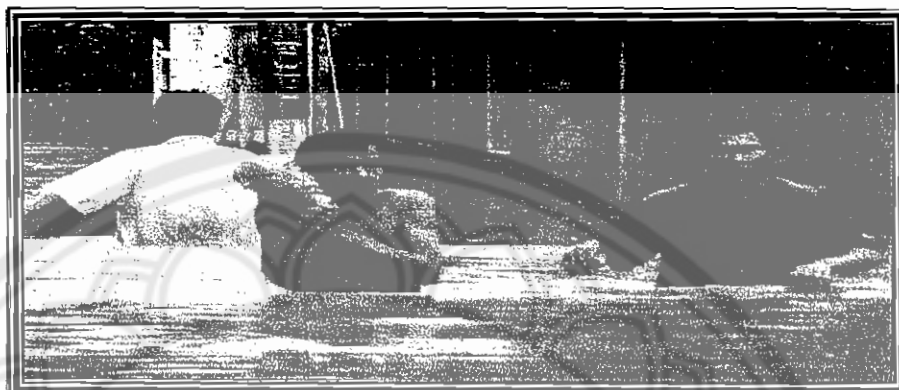
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| 2. F | 7. T |
| 3. T | 8. T |
| 4. F | 9. F |
| 5. T | 10. T |



FLOODING

Thousands flee rising water

Chiang Mai



1 About 1,000 families were forced to flee to higher ground yesterday when run-off from heavy rain flooded a partly built reservoir.

2 Chai Prakan district chief Chamnan Promkhatkaew said the Mae Talop reservoir did not burst its banks or crack, as had been rumoured.

3 Mr Chamnan said there were no reports of fatalities, but a large number of farm livestock had been swept away.

4 The flooding affected five villages in tambon Mae Talop, with the water rising to one metre in some areas, he said.

5 In addition, flood conditions prevailed in several northeastern provinces yesterday, with further downpours forecast in Nong Khai, Sakon Nakhon and Nakhon Phanom.

6 Rice farms covering some 30,000 rai across nine districts of Yasothon province remained under water for the sixth consecutive day.

7 Emergency supplies were handed out to those who had been left stranded by the floods.

8 Tens of thousands of rice farms in Ubon Ratchathani province were also flooded, with two villages completely cut off.

From Bangkok Post. September 11, 2003. p. 3.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. What does the headline "Thousands flee rising water" mean ?
 - a. Thousands of people run into higher water.
 - b. Thousands of people escape from rain flood.
 - c. About thousands of people move from water.
 - d. About thousand of people are afraid of rain flood.
2. From the first paragraph the word " run-off " means
 - a. to stop to run
 - b. to run out off
 - c. to close
 - d. to flow out of a container
3. According to Chai Prakan district chief, Mr. Chamnan, he said _____.
 - a. the reservoir had been broken down
 - b. the reservoir had cracked down
 - c. the news about the broken reservoir wasn't true
 - d. nobody made up a story about the reservoir
4. From the third paragraph, the word " swept away " means _____.
 - a. went away
 - b. walked away
 - c. eliminated
 - d. ran away
5. From the news report, there was as _____ as flood conditions in northeastern provinces.
 - a. well
 - b. serious
 - c. equal
 - d. far

Part II:

Directions: Match the vocabulary in column A with the definition in column B by putting a letter in the space.

- | A | B |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1. _____ flood | a. to break without dividing into separate parts |
| 2. _____ wade | b. a death that is caused in an accident or a war or some other act of violence |
| 3. _____ rising | c. a natural or artificial lake where water is stored |
| 4. _____ flee | d. to walk with an effort through something especially water or mud |
| 5. _____ force | e. to give help such as food, money, etc. to a person who is poor |
| 6. _____ reservoir | f. to prevent somebody/something from leaving or reaching a place or communicating with people outside a place |
| 7. _____ burst | g. following one after another in a series without any interruption |
| 8. _____ crack | h. increasing in an amount, a number or level |
| 9. _____ rumour | i. a heavy fall of rain that often starts suddenly |
| 10. _____ fatality | j. to leave a person or a place very quickly, especially because you are afraid of possible danger |
| 11. _____ affect | k. to leave somebody in a place which they have no way of leaving |
| 12. _____ prevail | l. to be reported as a piece of information, or a story that people talk about, but that may not be true |
| 13. _____ consecutive | m. to make somebody do something that they do not want to do |
| 14. _____ emergency | n. to exist or be very common at a particular time or in a particular place |

15. _____ hand out o. a sudden serious and dangerous even or situation
which needs immediate action to deal with it
16. _____ strand p. a large amount of water covering an area that is usually
dry
17. _____ downpours q. to break open or apart, especially because of pressure
from inside
18. _____ cut off r. to produce a change in somebody/something



Part III:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

consecutive	rumoured	forced	floods	fled	burst
swept away	affect	stranded	emergency	rise	wades

1. The heavy rain has caused _____ in many parts of the country.
2. He _____ into the water to push the boat out.
3. There has been a sharp _____ in the number of people out of work.
4. He _____ to Bangkok after an argument with his family.
5. The president was _____ into resigning.
6. That balloon will _____ if you blow it up any more.
7. He was _____ to be involved in the crime.
8. Many households had been _____ due to the flood.
9. How will these changes _____ us ?
10. She was absent for 9 _____ days.
11. The government has declared a state of _____ following the flood.
12. The strike left hundreds of tourists _____ at the airport.

Answer key:

Part I: 1. b 2. d 3. c 4. c 5. b

Part II: 1. p 2. d 3. h 4. j 5. m 6. c 7. q 8. a 9. L
10. b 11. r 12. n 13. g 14. o 15. e 16. k 17. i 18. f

Part III: 1. floods
2. wades
3. rise
4. fled
5. forced
6. burst
7. rumoured
8. swept way
9. affect
10. consecutive
11. emergency
12. stranded



Well-cooked eggs, chicken 'safe to eat'

Consumer groups fear gout cover-up

1 If chicken and eggs are well cooked, there is no need for anyone to fear contracting bird flu, the Food and Drug Administration said.

2 No evidence has come to light of the virus being passed to humans through eating food, said Supachai Kunaratanaphruk, the FDA secretary-general.

3 People in other countries had contracted bird flu by coming into direct contact with the animal infected with the virus, he said.

4 "The virus can be destroyed when exposed to heat of 50-60 degrees Celsius for half an hour," Mr Supachai said.

5 Chickens have been dying in their thousands, but the Agriculture and Cooperatives Ministry insists that it has no connection with the flu.

6 Consumer groups demanded the government reveal what is happening on poultry farms.

7 Saree Aungsomwang, manager of the Foundation for Consumers, said the government was responsible for putting public health ahead of export interests.

8 "It would not be worth the risk for the government to cover up information that could hurt consumers, in exchange for export earnings," she said.

9 The government should take action to contain any possible spread of the disease, just as it did to counter the SARS threat. Vets should also tell farmers what was happening, she said.

10 One farmer said vets had declined to tell him what caused his chickens to fall ill.

11 Deputy Agriculture Minister Newin Chidchob has asked staff to draw up action plans to ensure chicken meat stays free of bird flu.

12 Farmers who lose stock will get compensation of around 40 baht a head depending on the size of bird, within 30 days of registration.

13 Mr. Newin said provincial livestock offices would present an action plan by Monday to control any chicken disease epidemic and reassure customers.

14 Farmers would need a permit to transfer poultry and poultry raisers must count the animals on their farms and register by Jan 23.

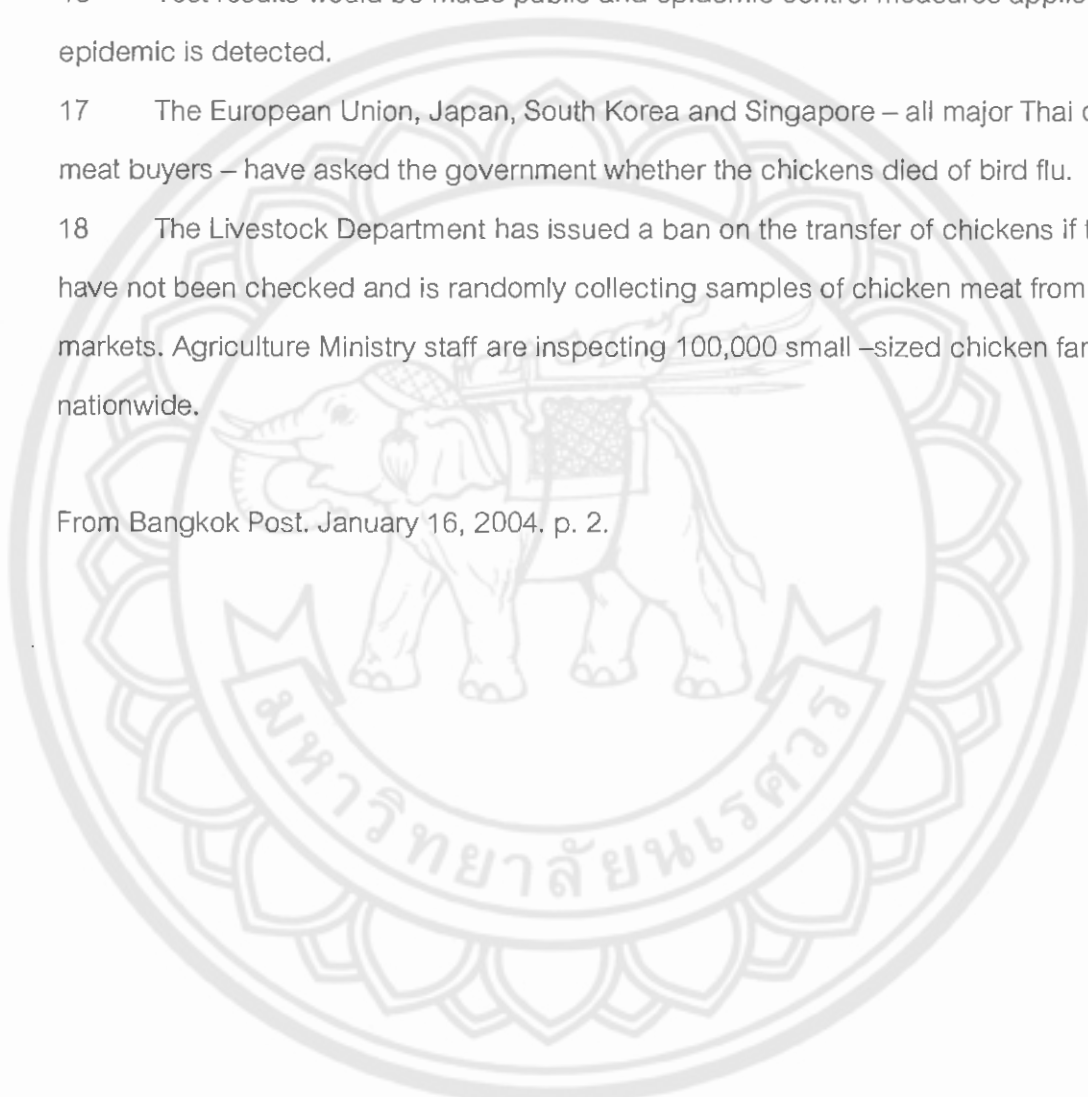
15 When chickens die on farms, samples of the dead animals' tissue must be sent for lab tests.

16 Test results would be made public and epidemic control measures applied if an epidemic is detected.

17 The European Union, Japan, South Korea and Singapore – all major Thai chicken meat buyers – have asked the government whether the chickens died of bird flu.

18 The Livestock Department has issued a ban on the transfer of chickens if they have not been checked and is randomly collecting samples of chicken meat from fresh markets. Agriculture Ministry staff are inspecting 100,000 small –sized chicken farms nationwide.

From Bangkok Post. January 16, 2004. p. 2.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. According to the first paragraph, for those who fear of contacting bird flu have to _____ .
 - a. cook delicious chicken and eggs
 - b. avoid to cook chicken and eggs
 - c. cook chicken and eggs very well
 - d. cook chicken and eggs some times
2. From the third paragraph, which way could we call "direct contact with the animal"?
 - a. To pass it.
 - b. To touch it.
 - c. To talk about it.
 - d. To eat well cooked chicken.
3. What did the consumer groups want the government to do?
 - a. To solve problems on the farms.
 - b. To say something about the bird flu.
 - c. To say what happened on the poultry farms.
 - d. To offer the budget to the farms.
4. From the seventh paragraph, "....the government to cover up information..." The underlined word means to _____.
 - a. report information on TV or newspaper
 - b. hide or protect information
 - c. conclude information
 - d. be or provide enough money for information

5. The consumer wanted not only the government to tell the truth but also the _____ to tell farmers what was happening.
- a. Food and Drug Administration
 - b. Agriculture Ministry
 - c. the Foundation for Consumers
 - d. veterinarians
6. From the 11th paragraph, "farmers who lose stock will get compensation of around 40 baht a head" The underlined word means _____.
- a. payment from the government to help farmers
 - b. extra money from your earn
 - c. amount of money given by Prime Minister
 - d. money from your hard-working
7. How long will the registration for compensation last?
- a. About 30 days.
 - b. Over 30 days.
 - c. On the 30th day of the month.
 - d. Around the 30th day.
8. According to Mr. Nawin, what are the three steps of action plan to control chicken disease epidemic and reassure customers?
- a. A transfer permit, public control measures, lab tests.
 - b. Lab tests, public control measures, a transfer permit.
 - c. A transfer permit, lab tests, public control measures.
 - d. Public control measures, lab tests, a transfer permit.

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

evidence	infected	expose	dying	demand
revealed	spread	countered	ensure	epidemic

1. I tried to argue because I disagreed with the plans, but my boss _____ that they were not yet finished. Therefore, I had to follow his instructions.
2. The outbreak of a bird flu _____ in Southeast Asia makes people fear of eating chicken and eggs.
3. There is convincing _____ of a link between exposure to sun and skin cancer.
4. I was broken hearted, so the day that I will remember to my _____ day is the February 14th.
5. Water began to _____ across the floor after the plumber came.
6. Do not _____ your babies to strong sunlight. It may be harmful to the babies' skin.
7. Before you leave your house, please _____ that all lights are switched off.
8. A secretary said her boss was attending the meeting, but I _____ to see him.
9. Ann was very angry with her roommate because she _____ her secret.
Everybody in her class knows about it.
10. Two days later, the wound from the dog bite had become _____. Sudapim got high temperature from that wound.

Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words in the table.

evidence

infected

expose

dying

demand

reveal

spread

counter

ensure

epidemic

a	e	i	d	e	m	a	n	d	e	d	e	d	y	i	n	g	j
a	v	n	s	x	w	q	x	a	t	c	p	d	j	k	l	P	u
c	i	f	v	p	b	n	t	y	e	o	i	w	q	h	j	k	l
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o	e	c	g	s	p	r	e	a	d	n	e	n	s	u	r	e	h
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v	c	e	b	n	h	j	k	r	t	e	i	c	q	i	n	o	a
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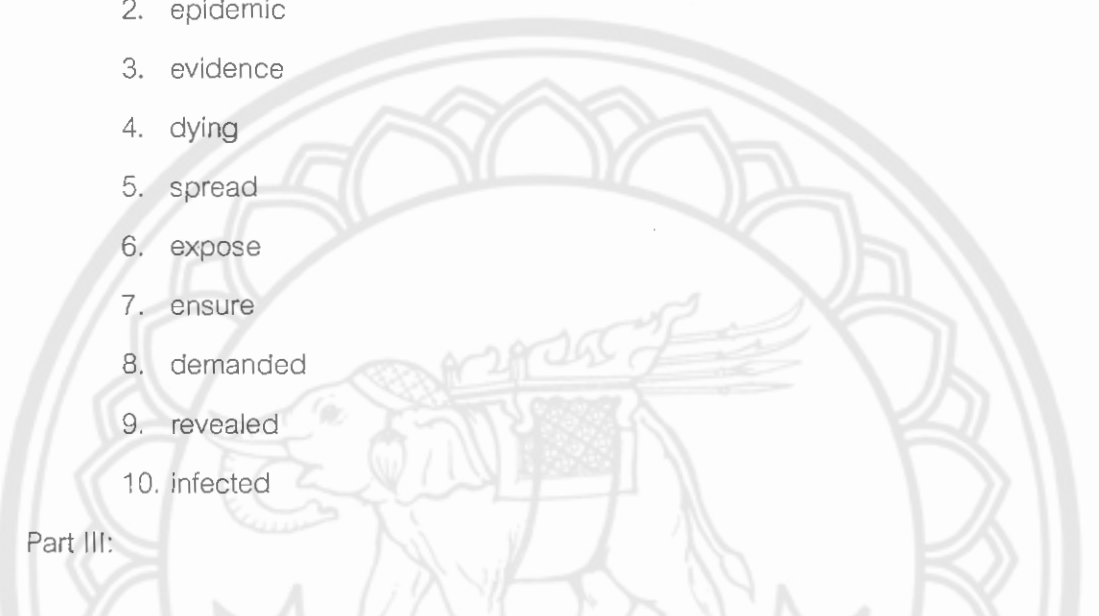
Answer key:

Part I: 1. c 2. b 3. c 4. b 5. d 6. a 7. a 8. c

Part II:

1. countered
2. epidemic
3. evidence
4. dying
5. spread
6. expose
7. ensure
8. demanded
9. revealed
10. infected

Part III:



a	e	i	d	e	m	a	n	d	e	d	e	d	y	i	n	g	j
a	v	n	s	x	w	q	x	a	t	c	p	d	j	k	l	P	u
c	i	f	v	p	b	n	t	y	e	o	i	w	q	h	j	k	l
c	d	e	r	o	e	q	j	k	l	u	d	o	i	r	t	q	c
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e	n	t	r	e	v	e	a	l	r	t	m	w	b	c	a	q	e
v	c	e	b	n	h	j	k	r	t	e	i	c	q	i	n	o	a
s	e	d	d	q	s	f	g	h	g	r	c	a	c	z	b	u	p

'Culture taxi' training for drivers begins in Bangkok

Road skills, English and good manners

1 A taxi driver with proper road skills, good manners and who speaks English-this may sound too good to be true for tourists, but is meant for real.

2 A "culture taxi" project organised by the Culture Ministry, city hall and Rajabhat Institute Suan Sunantha, will be launched in Bangkok today.

3 The programme will kick off with English classes for 150 taxi drivers, while full courses, to be provided free, will begin next month.

4 Dilok Boonruengrod, dean of Rajabhat's faculty of public administration, said the project was designed to help taxi drivers deal better with foreigners, as well as provide good service.

5 There would be several levels of training and those finishing the advanced level would receive a special sticker for their vehicles.

6 "There will be a session on safe driving given by traffic police. Those attending the course will be able to read maps, give details about tourist attractions and Thai culture," he said.

7 Apart from English, other foreign languages like Japanese and Mandarin would be provided later for those interested.

8 City clerk Nathanon Thavisin said tuk-tuk drivers were also to be part of the project.

9 She said the city would see to it that those attending the courses would be paid for time lost. "They will lose part of their income. If we pay them, they will have an incentive," she said.

10 The Government Lottery Office would be asked to help cover the cost.

11 A taxi driver, who asked not to be named, said he thought the programme sounded good.

12 At present similar training is provided by an open university in conjunction with taxi drivers' associations. But it cost 1,200 baht per course.

13 “I would love to attend if it is free. Communicating in English is useful. Passengers feel more at ease if we can talk to them.”

From Bangkok Post. August 12, 2003. p. 5.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. "A taxi driver with proper road skill, a good manners and who speaks English-_____"

What do the underlined words mean?

- a. A taxi driver who drives in a right road.
 - b. A taxi driver who speaks English and behaves well.
 - c. Hospitality of a taxi driver.
 - d. Speaking English in a polite way.
2. "A "culture taxi" project organized by ..., will be launched in Bangkok today."

The word "launched" means _____.

- a. played
 - b. started
 - c. continued
 - d. ran
3. "The programme will kick off with English classes for 150 taxi drivers, ..."

The underlined word means _____.

- a. kick
 - b. stop
 - c. begin
 - d. hit
4. According to Dilok Boonruengrod, the purpose of this project is to _____.
- a. provide good service
 - b. deal better with foreigners
 - c. speak English better
 - d. advise the drivers to speak and give service to foreigners well.
5. The training would cover _____.
- a. only one level
 - b. only two levels
 - c. different levels
 - d. first and top levels

6. The thing that tells you about the success of this training program is _____.
- a. a sticker
 - b. a certificate
 - c. a prize
 - d. a vehicle
7. Why would the session be given by the police?
- a. The drivers have to know the routes.
 - b. The drivers have to drive carefully.
 - c. The drivers have to know how to read maps.
 - d. All above.
8. Why do you think foreign languages, especially English, are very essential for the drivers?
- a. They are spoken to all.
 - b. They are spoken to Thai people.
 - c. They are the devices for making a living.
 - d. They are spoken to be successful.
9. For those who attend the course, they _____.
- a. will be paid for the time lost
 - b. will pay some money for attending the course
 - c. will need to pay for some levels
 - d. will get free of income
10. "Passengers feel more at ease if we can talk to them." The underlined word means _____.
- a. lack of hopefulness
 - b. lack of difficulty
 - c. lack of helpfulness
 - d. lack of selfishness

Part II:

Directions: Match the vocabulary in column A with the definition in column B by putting a letter in the space.

- | A | B |
|------------------------------|--|
| 1. _____ manner | a. something that encourages you to do something |
| 2. _____ organise | b. an official group of people who have joined together for a particular purpose |
| 3. _____ deal with | c. a period of time |
| 4. _____ session | d. the way that something is done or happens |
| 5. _____ attraction | e. an interesting or enjoyable place to go or thing to do |
| 6. _____ clerk | f. together with |
| 7. _____ incentive | g. an official in charge of the records of a council, court |
| 8. _____ in conjunction with | h. to arrange for something to happen |
| 9. _____ association | i. to do business with a person, a company, or an organization |

Part III:

There are some phrasal verbs from the word "kick" as follows:

1. kick off = the game start, to start
2. kick out = to try to hit somebody with your legs because you are angry / to make somebody leave or go away
3. kick in = to begin to take effect
4. kick up = to become strong (of wind or storm)
5. kick about / around = to be lying somewhere not being used
6. kick back = to relax

Directions : Put the most appropriate phrasal verb given in the box to fill in the blank.

kick off	kick out	kick in	kicking up	kicking around	kick back
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1. There's a pen _____ on my desk somewhere.
2. _____ and enjoy the summer.
3. Reforms will _____ later this year.
4. The programme will _____ with English class for 100 students.
5. Sombat was very angry with his friend, so he _____ him _____.
6. The storm was _____ when we got home.

Answer Key:

Part I: 1. a 2. b 3. c 4. d 5. c 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. a 10. b

Part II: 1. d 2. h 3. i 4. c 5. e 6. g 7. a 8. f 9. b

Part III:

1. kicking around
2. Kick back
3. kick in
4. kick off
5. kicked out
6. kicking up



EDUCATION

English-language teachers, students get B300m boost

1 The Basic Education Commission (BEC) will spend more than 300 million baht to improve English-language skills of students and teachers, particularly in the 30 major tourism provinces.

2 BEC Secretary-general Kasama Voravan na Ayutthaya said the cabinet recently approved a 315 million baht budget for the task.

3 The Office of Educational Zones would select 175 schools, primary and secondary, to be developed as English-language resource and instruction centres.

4 The centres would be responsible for improving language skills of teachers and teaching methods, and serve as language learning centres for students.

5 English language training courses would be offered to about 500 English-language teachers from each province.

6 Khunying Kasama said the commission would give more emphasis to increasing English-language communication skills in 30 major tourism provinces- Bangkok, Krabi, Kanchanaburi, Chanthaburi, Chon Buri, Chumphon, Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, Trat, Trang, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Nakhon Sawan, Nakhon Ratchasima, Prachuap Khiri Khan, Phangnga, Phetchaburi, Phitsanulok, Ayuthaya, Phuket, Mae Hong Son, Ranong, Rayong, Lop Buri, Songkhla, Sukhothai, Surat Thani, Nong Khai, Ubon Ratchathani and Udon Thani.

From Bangkok Post. January 14, 2004. p. 2.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. From the first paragraph, the purpose of the BEC for spending more than 300 million baht is to _____.
 - a. help students and teachers to study further
 - b. be a fund for teachers and students to do some activities
 - c. develop teachers and students' English ability
 - d. improve English teachers
2. According to the answer in no.1, the main areas to focus are _____.
 - a. the northern provinces of Thailand
 - b. the important tourist attraction provinces in Thailand
 - c. all provinces of Thailand
 - d. the southern provinces of Thailand
3. From the third paragraph, we can infer that _____.
 - a. 175 schools from both primary and secondary schools will be chosen to be English resources and instruction centres.
 - b. 175 schools are the English – Language resource and instruction centres
 - c. primary and secondary schools are gathered to be English centres
 - d. English resource and instruction centres are for only 175 schools
4. The major duty of these centres is to _____.
 - a. teach teachers and students
 - b. be responsible for improving and teaching methods and being a language learning
 - c. be centres for teachers and students
 - d. be self-learner centres for everyone
5. According to Khunying Kasama from the last paragraph, _____.
 - a. English skill is very important for teachers
 - b. English skill is very important for students
 - c. tourism provinces are the best for teachers and students
 - d. teachers and students who are good at speaking English may help to boost tourism

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

cabinet	method	emphasis	major	resources
approved	commission	boost	budget	instructions

1. The company spends a lot of money on advertisement. An advertising _____ for this year is more than 200 million baht.
2. Teachers want their students to improve their speaking skill, so the _____ is very much on learning the spoken language.
3. The textbooks that are used in schools must be _____ by the Department of Education. Teachers cannot use any books that they like.
4. To use the tool correctly, you must follow the _____ on the package carefully.
5. The government has set up a _____ of inquiry into the disturbances at the prison.
6. We must make the most efficient use of the available financial _____. They are not enough for everyone to spend luxuriously.
7. A _____ meeting agreed to accept the farmers' offers. They asked them to pay for the compensation.
8. Wiwat had a new _____ of solving the maths problem. He tried to consult his friend every evening.
9. Getting that job did a lot to _____ Winai's ego. Air steward is not an easy career to get.
10. Those problems are very important. They are _____ problems that have made us tired.

Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words in the table.

cabinet

method

emphasis

major

resources

approved

commission

boost

budget

instructions

a	b	c	i	n	s	t	r	u	c	t	i	o	n	s	c	d	e
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q	a	o	z	x	c	d	e	g	r	f	t	g	b	v	s	n	h
o	p	n	l	k	j	y	t	g	b	n	f	c	v	x	s	t	p

Answer key:

Part I: 1. c 2. b 3. a 4. b 5. d

Part II: 1. budget

2. emphasis

3. approved

4. instructions

5. commission

6. resources

7. cabinet

8. method

9. boost

10. major

Part III:

a	b	c	i	n	s	t	r	u	c	t	i	o	n	s	c	d	e
f	g	o	h	j	i	l	k	m	a	p	p	r	o	v	e	d	n
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Farmer's Best Friend



1 The water buffalo has helped put food on many tables all over the world. Thai farmers have been using the buffaloes to till the land to grow rice. There are not that many buffaloes to be seen around rice fields nowadays. 'Mechanical buffaloes' and tractors are slowly replacing them.

2 Khun Boonlerd, the famous long-horned buffalo that appeared in hit movie Bang Rajan showed movie goes how important buffaloes were in that period in history.

3 His 21-year-old brother, Khun Boonlue can be seen chewing languorously on the grass and relaxing in the field at Ban Kwai or the Buffalo Village in Sri Phachan district, in Suphan Buri province.

4 Khun Boonlue and more than 60 of his friends are there at the 100-rai Buffalo Village. Visitors to the Buffalo Village can also see a buffalo show, as well as the traditional lifestyle on the farm, including traditional Thai houses.

5 The Buffalo Village is part of a plan by the people of Suphan Buri province to boost the number of tourists visiting the area. The project opened last month. Another attraction in Suphan Buri is the Suphan Buri National Museum.

6 The Suphan Buri National Museum will astound visitors with its architecture and exhibits. There is no time to get bored because the museum is full of information about Suphan Buri, from its early history to today's modern times.

7 The main attraction of the museum is the battle scene on elephant back between King Naresuan and the Burmese Viceroy. Visitors will enjoy all of the wonderful exhibits, models, and pictures on display.

8 You'll have to be patient, because the museum is expected to be open to the public by the end of April.

From Bangkok Post Student Weekly. April 1, 2002. p.13.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. From the news, what is the farmer's best friend?

- a. A cow.
- b. A sheep.
- c. An elephant.
- d. A buffalo.

2. Who benefits from the buffalo's working?

- a. Thai farmers.
- b. Thai actors.
- c. Thai teachers.
- d. Thai singers.

3. Who is Khun Boonlerd?

- a. The famous long-eared buffalo in the movie.
- b. The famous long-nosed buffalo in the movie.
- c. The famous long-horned buffalo in the movie.
- d. The famous long-tailed buffalo in the movie.

4. What type of movie is "Bang Rajan"?

- a. A romantic movie.
- b. A history movie.
- c. A western movie.
- d. A musical movie.

5. Where is the Ban – Kwai?

- a. In Sri Pachan district.
- b. In Don Chedi district.
- c. In Bang Pla Ma district.
- d. In Song Phi Nong district.

6. According to the news, what is another attractive place in Suphan Buri?
 - a. The Suphan Buri National Zoo.
 - b. The Suphan Buri National Lake.
 - c. The Suphan Buri National Tower.
 - d. The Suphan Buri National Museum.
7. What can visitors see in the museum?
 - a. Agriculture and mechanism about Suphan Buri.
 - b. Agriculture and information about Suphan Buri.
 - c. Architecture and information about Suphan Buri.
 - d. Architecture and mechanism about Suphan Buri.
8. What is the main attraction of the museum?
 - a. The battle scene on tanker.
 - b. The battle scene on horse back.
 - c. The battle scene on buffalo back.
 - d. The battle scene on elephant back.
9. According to the news, who battled with the Burmese Viceroy?
 - a. King Taksin.
 - b. King Rama I.
 - c. King Naresuan.
 - d. King Ramkhamheang.
10. What does Khun Boonlue show the visitors at Buffalo Village?
 - a. Working in the field.
 - b. Buffalo show in the field.
 - c. The traditional lifestyle on the farm.
 - d. Chewing languorously on the grass and relaxing in the field.

Part II:

Directions: Match the vocabulary in column A with the definition in column B by putting a letter in the space.

A**B**

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|1. boost | a. A person who owns or manages a farm |
|2. architecture | b. Of machines, produced or worked by machines |
|3. exhibit | c. Slow because of tiredness, weakness, or laziness |
|4. province | d. Part of a town or country |
|5. traditional | e. The passing down of beliefs or customs etc. from one generation to another |
|6. farmer | f. Section of a country |
|7. languorously | g. Increase the strength, value, or reputation of a person or thing |
|8. attraction | h. The process of designing building |
|9. mechanical | i. Show in public |
|10. district | j. Get someone's attention or interest, seem pleasant to someone |

Part III:

Directions: Find ten hidden words as given below in the table.

buffalo village friend nowadays movie
 relax museum lifestyle elephant important

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Answer Key:**Part I:**

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| 3. c | 8. d |
| 4. b | 9. c |
| 5. a | 10. d |

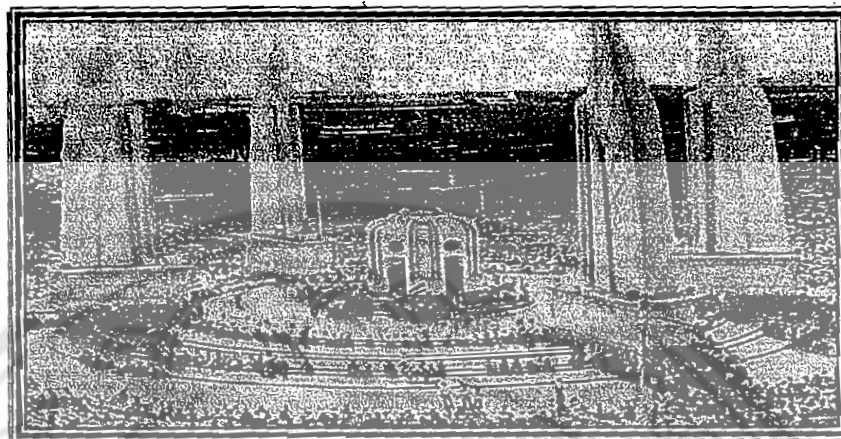
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| 5. e | 10. d |

Part III:

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October 14th, The Democratic Day



The incident happened on October 14th, 1973, when the students, the college students and the people throughout the country had promptly and courageously staged the protest to demand for the constitution and democracy. Many had seriously wounded while some died. From that incident led to the historical event that brought about the tumbling of the dictatorship era that rule over Thailand for sometimes until achieving the democracy, having His Majesty the King as the chief of state up to now. This year has marked the 30 years anniversary of the incident on October 14th. The Parliament represented by the member and sub-member unanimously agreed to have October 14th as the significant national day, so call, the democratic day.

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Brief chronology of the October 14 uprising

♣ Shortly after midnight, in the early hours of October 14th, students from both high school and colleges, along with members of the general public who has been protesting for several days, gather in the vicinity of Chitralada Palace to "Seek the protection of His Majesty."

♣ At about 5am, just as the protestors are about to disperse, violence erupts after a wrapped bag of food is thrown at police who had not allowed protestors to pass along Rajvithee Road. Minor clashes spread rapidly. The government uses the military and anti-riot police to violently suppress the protestors.

- ♣ From 10am onwards, the government issues proclamations at repeated intervals, accusing a group of students of breaking into Chitralada Palace to carry out acts of sabotage. Rumours also spread that some of the leading protester had been beaten to death. The government dispatches tanks and helicopters to suppress the uprising.
- ♣ At 2pm, the offices of the State Lottery and the Board of Inspection Followup of Government Operations (BIFGO) are burnt down by protesters. The protesters fight on. Some seize buses and use them to ram the tanks, but all are shot dead.
- ♣ At 6.10pm Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn announces his resignation as prime minister.
- ♣ At 7.15pm His Majesty the King speaks over radio and television calling it "a day of great sorrow".
- ♣ At 11.30pm the new prime minister, Sanya Dharmasakti, urges all parties to help restore order, and promises a new constitution within six months.
- ♣ At midnight, Thanom, in his continued capacity as supreme commander of the Armed Forces, continues to issue announcements that certain people were "attempting to make use of another evil political doctrine to overthrow democracy," and called on "all responsible officials to perform their duties to the utmost".
- ♣ The following day (October 15) after more violence, Thanom is compelled by Army Commander Kris Sivara to resign as supreme commander. The crisis ends when the Thanom-Narong-Prapas trio leaves the country at 6.40pm. By this time 1,577 people had been killed and 857 wounded.
- ♣ Thailand was to enjoy an unprecedented climate of democracy until October 6, 1976, when a new mix of right-wing forces staged a bloody suppression of students at Thammasart University who were protesting against Thanom's return.

From The Nation. October 14, 2003. p. 9A.

Part I:

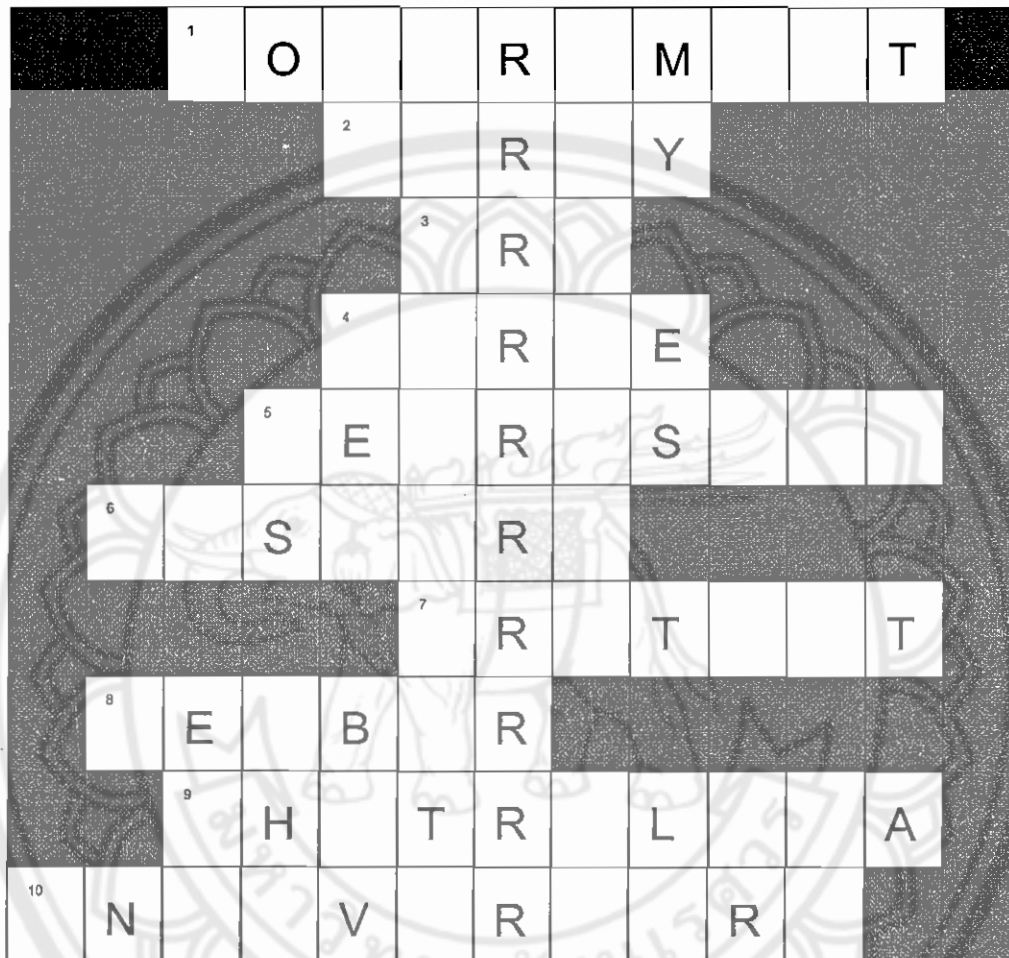
Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. What happened on October 14th, 1973?
 - a. Farmers and people urged for the democracy.
 - b. Politicians and people agreed for the democracy.
 - c. Students and people protested for the democracy.
 - d. Soldiers and politicians killed people for the democracy.
2. From the answer in no.1, the reason why they staged the protest to demand for the constitution and democracy was _____.
 - a. the decay
 - b. the inequality
 - c. the revolution
 - d. the corruption
3. According the news, who was the Prime Minister at that time?
 - a. Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn.
 - b. Field Marshal Prapas Jarusathien.
 - c. Colonel Narong Kittikachorn.
 - d. Sanya Dharmasakti.
4. What happened to the protesters?
 - a. 857 people had been killed and 857 wounded.
 - b. 857 people had been killed and 1,577 wounded.
 - c. 1,577 people had been killed and 857 wounded.
 - d. 1,577 people had been killed and 1,577 wounded.
5. From the incident, what did the historical event bring?
 - a. The tumbling of the communism era.
 - b. The tumbling of the parliament era.
 - c. The tumbling of the democracy era.
 - d. The tumbling of the dictatorship era.

6. Who left the country on October 15th, 1973?
 - a. Thanom-Narong- Sanya.
 - b. Thanom-Narong-Prapas.
 - c. Thanom- Sanya - Prapas.
 - d. Sanya – Narong -Prapas .
7. Who was the new Prime Minister?
 - a. Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn.
 - b. Field Marshal Prapas Jarusathien.
 - c. Colonel Narong Kittikachorn.
 - d. Sanya Dharmasakti.
8. According the news, what did His Majesty the King call the incident?
 - a. A day of great sorrow.
 - b. A day of great happiness.
 - c. A day of great democracy.
 - d. A day of great dictatorship.
9. What sequence of year is the anniversary of the October 14th this year?
 - a. 20th years.
 - b. 25th years.
 - c. 30th years.
 - d. 35th years.
10. What does the parliament name the October 14th ?
 - a. The Democratic Day.
 - b. The Dictatorship Day.
 - c. The Communism Day.
 - d. The Parliament Day.

Part II:

Directions: Fill the correct words in the boxes. Each word used must fit the box.



- 1 The group of people who govern a country
- 2 Before the usual or expected time
- 3 A period of history
- 4 Think or say the same as another person
- 5 Show a person or thing in a picture or play etc
- 6 What happened in the past
- 7 Keep safe from harm or injury
- 8 A person or thing that belongs to a particular society or group
- 9 The name of King Rama IX resident
- 10 A day when you remember something special that happened on the same day in a previous year

Part III:

Directions: Arrange the following incidents on the October 14 uprising in order by putting number 1 to 10 in front of each incident.

- Violence erupted after a wrapped bag of food was thrown at police who had not allowed protesters to pass along Rajvithee Road.
- The tyrants left the country.
-The rumours that some of the leading protesters had been beaten to death also spread.
-Students from high schools and colleges gathered in the vicinity of Chitralada Palace to "Seek the protection of His Majesty."
-The government dispatched tanks and helicopters to suppress the uprising.
- The protesters fought on some seized buses and used them to ram the tanks, but all were shot dead.
- The government issued proclamations at repeated intervals, accusing a group of students of breaking into Chitralada Palace to carry out acts of sabotage.
- Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn announced his resignation as prime minister.
- His Majesty the King spoke over radio and television calling it "a day of great sorrow."
- The offices of the State Lottery and the Board of Inspection Follow up of Government Operations were burnt down by protesters.

Answer Key:**Part I:**

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| 4. c | 9. c |
| 5. d | 10. a |

Part II:

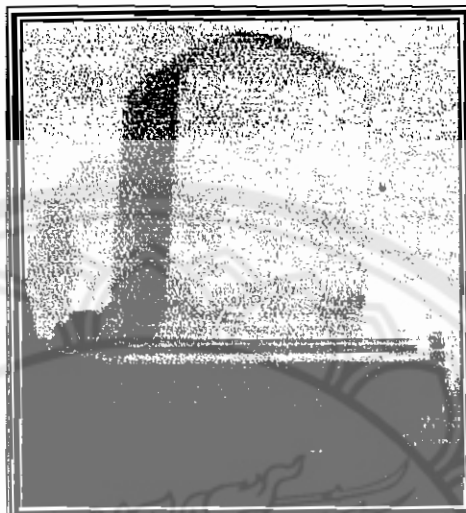
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| 1. government | 6. history |
| 2. early | 7. protect |
| 3. era | 8. member |
| 4. agree | 9. Chitralada |
| 5. represent | 10. anniversary |

Part III:

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| 5. 5 | 10. 6 |

SUKHOTHAI STONE: Historians affirm artifact's value

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1 The first stele - or inscribed stone tablet - by King Ramkhamhaeng is the real thing, historians said yesterday, rejecting critics' efforts to sow doubt on the authenticity of the time-honored, scientifically tested artifact.

2 Historians weighed in on the rekindled debate after the government announced Tuesday that the 14th century Sukhothai-period stone inscription had been recommended for a UN World Heritage listing.

3 UNESCO is expected to register the 720-year-old stele on its World Heritage list by next July. The artifact will be included under the lists' cultural category.

4 In questioning UNESCO 's planned recognition of the stele, some academics have raised doubts as to whether the inscription was made in the Sukhothai era. They said it might be a recent artifact dating only to the mid-19th century reign of King Rama IV, in the Rattanakosin era.

5 In a rebuttal, historian Prasert Na Nakhon said the stone was found to have the same physical condition as other writing tablets originating from the same period.

6 "Linguists have repeatedly confirmed that the archaic Thai inscribed on the stone was the language of the Sukhothai period," he said.

7 Jiraporn Aranyanak, a curator of the Fine Arts Department, said scientific tests on the stone had provided conclusive proof of the artifact's authenticity.

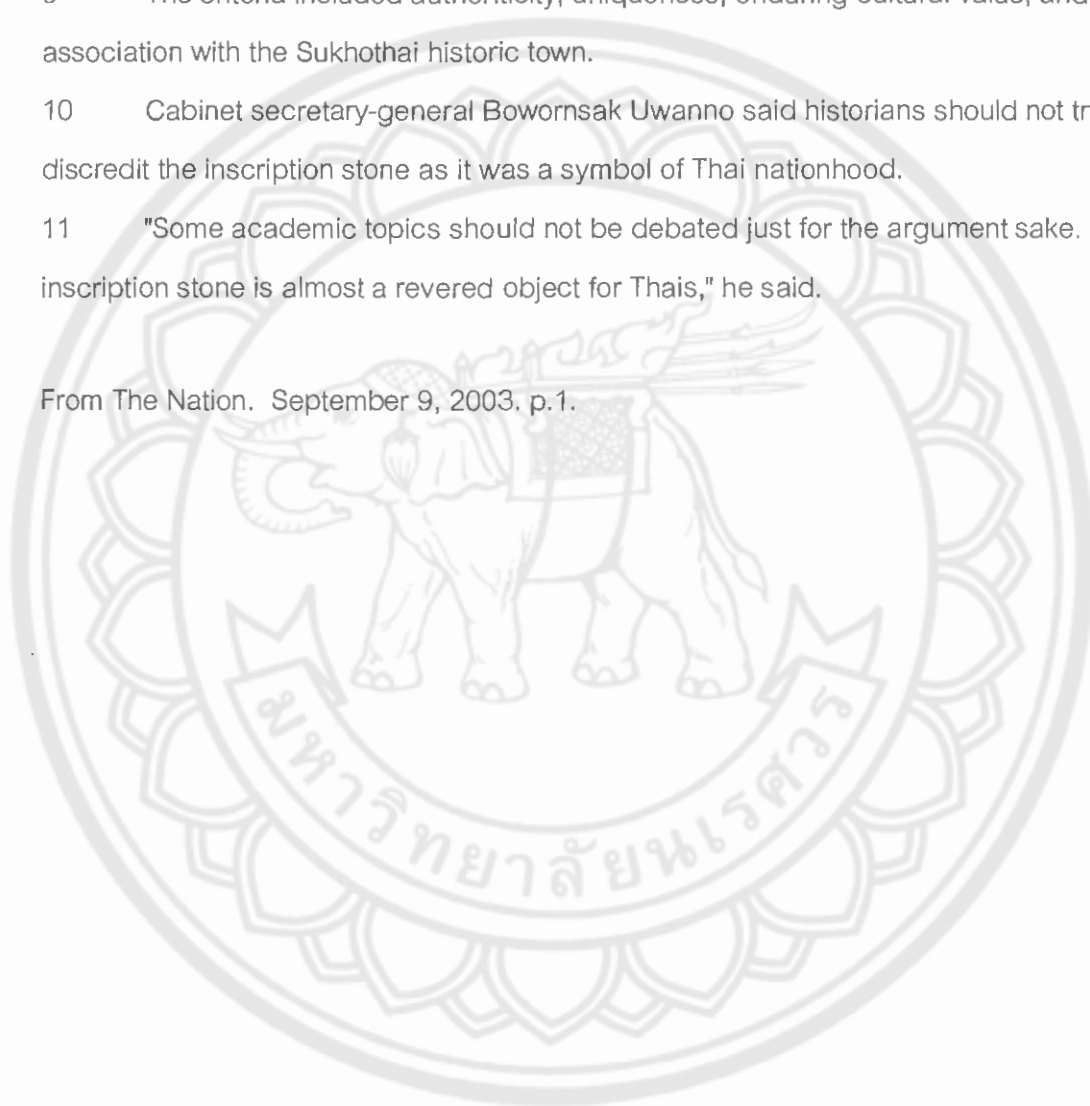
8 Historian MR Rujaya Abhakara said the stone met seven criteria as a World Heritage memorial.

9 The criteria included authenticity, uniqueness, enduring cultural value, and association with the Sukhothai historic town.

10 Cabinet secretary-general Bowornsak Uwanno said historians should not try to discredit the inscription stone as it was a symbol of Thai nationhood.

11 "Some academic topics should not be debated just for the argument sake. The inscription stone is almost a revered object for Thais," he said.

From The Nation. September 9, 2003. p.1.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. Who had inscribed the stone tablet?
 - a. King Ramkhamhaeng.
 - b. King Narai.
 - c. King Naresuan.
 - d. King Rama IV.
2. How old is the stone tablet?
 - a. 700 years.
 - b. 720 years.
 - c. 1,700 years.
 - d. 1,720 years.
3. How does UNESCO show that the stone tablet is valuable?
 - a. It is included on World Heritage list.
 - b. It is inscribed on World Heritage list.
 - c. It is registered on World Heritage list.
 - d. It is recommended on World Heritage list.
4. Who is Mr. Prasert Na Nakhon?
 - a. He is a curator.
 - b. He is a cabinet.
 - c. He is an academic.
 - d. He is a historian.
5. What made the historians believe that the stone tablet was the real thing?
 - a. The stone had the same physical condition as the tablets originating from the same period.
 - b. The stone had provided conclusion.
 - c. The writing tablets indicated the same period.
 - d. The archaic Thai inscribed on the stone was the language of the Rattanakosin era.

6. Which is not the criterion of the World Heritage?
- Inscription.
 - Uniqueness.
 - Enduring cultural value.
 - Association with the historic town.
7. Who benefits from the stone?
- Academics.
 - Historians.
 - Cabinets.
 - Linguists.
8. How many criteria are considered as a World Heritage memorial?
- 5.
 - 7.
 - 9.
 - 720.
9. Who is a curator of the Fine Arts Department?
- Jiraporn Aranyanak.
 - Prasert Na Nakhon.
 - Bowornsak Uwanno.
 - Rujaya Abhakara.
10. What was Mr. Bowornsak Uwanno's opinion about the argument over the stone?
- The stone met seven criteria as a World Heritage memorial.
 - The stone was found to have the same physical condition as other writing tablets originating from the same period.
 - Historians should not try to discredit the inscription stone as it was a symbol of Thai nationhood.
 - Scientific tests on the stone had provided conclusive proof of the artifact's authenticity.

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

inscribed	inscription	academic	categories	authenticity
heritages	archaic	Memorial	scientifically	historian

1. A person who writes or studies history is called a _____.
2. I will be in Matayom three next June because the _____ year starts in that month.
3. Bali and Sanskrit are _____. They are old and not studied by general students nowadays.
4. Sukhothai Historical Park is one of the world _____ of Thailand that people can notice its magnificent shape and style.
5. Waranya signed the book and _____ the words "with grateful thanks" on the bottom of it.
6. The Lincoln _____ was built in the center of Washington D.C. in order to remind the Americans of President Abraham Lincoln.
7. The books in the library can be classified into many _____ text books, periodicals, newspapers, magazines, etc.
8. The research must be done _____ you must do it step by step.
9. The painting on the living room wall is extremely expensive because it's the _____.
10. It's not difficult to find his house. You can see the _____ of his family name on the gate.

Part III:

Directions: Find eight words as follows. Each word can be read forwards or backwards in a straight line, vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

recent rebuttal artifact reject
discredit criteria stone debate

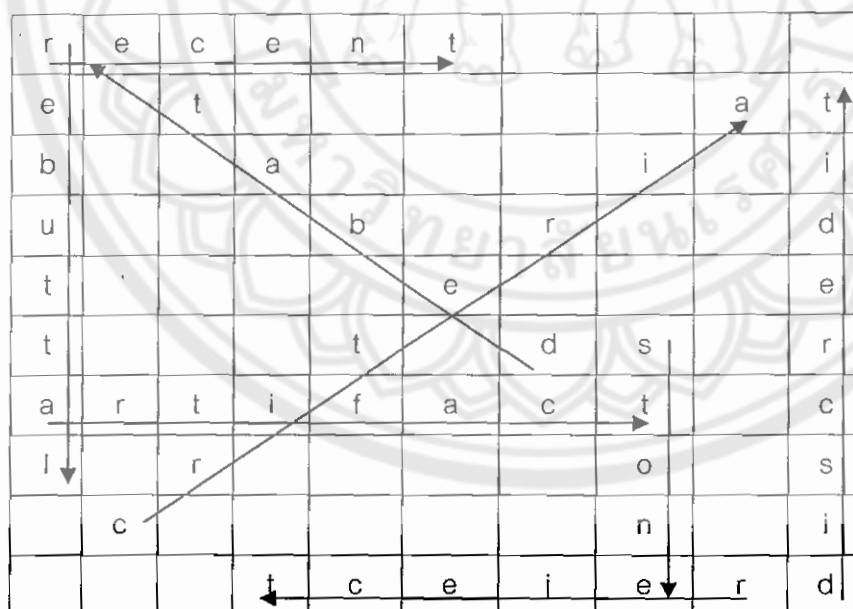
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l	g	r	k	l	p	t	o	w	s
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v	a	o	t	c	e	j	e	r	d

Answer Key:**Part I:**

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| 1. a | 6. a |
| 2. b | 7. d |
| 3. c | 8. b |
| 4. d | 9. a |
| 5. a | 10. c |

Part II:

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| 1. historian | 6. Memorial |
| 2. academic | 7. categories |
| 3. archaic | 8. scientifically |
| 4. heritages | 9. authenticity |
| 5. Inscribed | 10. inscription |

Part III:

PURITY DAY CELEBRATION

Students duck oath shunning early sex



1 Almost 2000 primary and high-school students walked out of a ceremony yesterday to swear an oath to remain virgins until marriage.

2 The ceremony was held to mark celebrate "Purity Day".

3 The Thai Family Institute, which held the event held at The Mall Bangkhao.

4 Students from schools nationwide turned up in the morning but left when the oath-taking ceremony started.

5 Fewer than 50 students stayed, forcing an early end to the ceremony.

6 Somjai Raksasri, the institute director, said she was sorry the highlight of the event fizzled out. She admitted it was beyond her ability to keep the students from wandering off.

7 The students' interest was elsewhere. They were attracted to games and found greater enjoyment strolling in the shopping mall.

8 The Purity Day celebration was held in conjunction with the Education Ministry, for the third year running.

9 More than 35,000 primary and high school students had sworn off premarital sex since it started.

10 Mrs Somjai said sex among students led to unwanted pregnancies and Aids

11 The director said 300,000 abortions were performed each year and eight babies were abandoned every day.

12 Deputy Education Minister Sirikorn Maneerin was to preside over the ceremony but sent a ministry inspector to take her place at the last minute.

13 The event was delayed so late into the afternoon that it was time for the students to go home.

14 Nithiwadee Kongthai, 16, from Nakhon Pathom Technology School, said safe sex was a good aim and staying a virgin would boost her self-worth.

15 "Love doesn't have to mean sex," she said, adding girls should not give themselves away easily while boys should not take advantage of girls.

16 "Respectable men are hard to come by these days," she said.

17 Chalernsak Theerapairoj, 18, from Suksa Songkroao Bangkruay School in Nonthaburi, said more girls were exposing their flesh in scanty outfits.

18 Boys, he said, should treat girls with dignity and not let desires control their body. Many students at the ceremony admitted their friends had had sex.

19 Pamphlets handed out at the ceremony said some boys have sex as early as nine, and girls 10. They described the sex as consensual.

20 A growing number of students, especially from university, engaged in free sex.

From Bangkok Post. February 7, 2004. p.1.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. What does the headline "Students duck oath shunning early sex" mean?
 - a. Students ignore to avoid having sex before marriage.
 - b. Students promise to avoid having sex on Valentine's Day.
 - c. Students always have sex on Valentine's Day.
 - d. Students have female duck as a meal on Valentine's Day.
2. From the first paragraph, "...an oath to remain virgins..." the underlined word means _____.
 - a. argument
 - b. discussion
 - c. promise
 - d. appointment
3. From the third paragraph, the Thai Family Institute said that _____.
 - a. it was regrettable that students could not come to "Purity Day"
 - b. it was regrettable that students could not stay for "Purity Day"
 - c. it was helpful that students could share the "Purity Day"
 - d. it was enjoyable that students could join the "Purity Day"
4. The "Purity Day" was held at the _____, according to the news report.
 - a. Bangkhao buildings
 - b. Technology School
 - c. Thai Family Institute
 - d. department store
5. According to Somjai Raksasri in paragraph 6, she said that _____.
 - a. she was happy with the successful event
 - b. she was disappointed with the event
 - c. she was surprised at the event
 - d. she was confused about the amazing event

6. From the answer in no. 5, what cause(s) the students to wander off the highlight?
- a. Games and shopping in the mall.
 - b. Games and attractive people in the mall.
 - c. Gift shops in the mall.
 - d. Food & Drink department in the mall.
7. According to Mrs. Somjai in paragraph 10, she wanted to show the idea that sex among students causes _____.
- a. social problem
 - b. educational problem
 - c. economics problem
 - d. unwanted pregnancies and AIDS
8. From the news reported, it is likely to tell the readers that _____.
- a. it's dangerous for teens to have free sex
 - b. teens are likely to have free sex early
 - c. free sex causes the teens to have unwanted pregnancies and AIDS
 - d. all a, b, and c

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

wandering	fizzles out	pregnancies	abandoned	expose
turn up	sworn	abortion	respect	flesh

1. A lot of young girls now have unwanted _____ because they prefer free sex.
2. The reason I have the greatest _____ for my teacher is she has a good sense.
3. The child was found _____ the street alone.
4. Everyone was _____ to secrecy about what had happened.
5. Do not _____ babies to strong sunlight.
6. Don't worry about Saisuda. I'm sure she'll _____.
7. Girls are likely to show their _____ to the opposite sex.
8. That ceremony _____ when the audiences walk away.
9. Many institutes in Thailand are worried about unwanted pregnancies, and they oppose _____.
10. The baby had been _____ by its mother.

Part III:

There are different meanings of the word "hand" as a noun like follows:

1. part of body = the part of the body at the end of the arm, including the fingers and thumb
2. -hand (adj.) = using the hand or number of hands mentioned
3. help = help in doing something
4. role in situation = the part or role that somebody/something plays in a particular situation
5. on clock/ watch = a part of a clock or watch that points to the numbers
6. worker = a person who does physical work on a farm or in a factory
7. sailor = a sailor on a ship
8. hand- = by a person rather than a machine
9. in card games = a set of playing cards giving one player in a game
10. one stage of a game of cards
11. writing
12. measurement

Directions: Match the meaning of "hand" with the definition above by putting the numbers 1-12 in the blanks.

- _____ 1. Let me give you a hand with those bags.
- _____ 2. Look! There was no hour hand in your watch. Why shouldn't you throw it away?
- _____ 3. This pottery is a handmade product.
- _____ 4. I'll have to leave after this hand.
- _____ 5. This white horse has the same height hand as that black one.
- _____ 6. Alan placed his hand on his girlfriend's shoulder.
- _____ 7. This appointment was an attempt to strengthen her hand in policy discussions.
- _____ 8. I have a relative who works as a farm hand.
- _____ 9. The writing style of this famous author is freehand.

- ___ 10. All hands on deck are so panic because the ship has broken down.
- ___ 11. Somsak used a one-handed catch on his cloth.
- ___ 12. It is good to manage with hand picture on page A8.



Answer key:**Part I:**

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. d

Part II:

1. pregnancies
2. respect
3. wandering
4. sworn
5. expose
6. turn up
7. flesh
8. fizzles out
9. abortion
10. abandoned

Part III:

1. (3) 2. (5) 3. (8) 4. (10) 5. (12) 6. (1)
7. (4) 8. (6) 9. (11) 10. (7) 11. (2) 12. (9)

Student volunteers make impact in class

Teach English to juniors at another School to relieve teacher shortage



1 Every Tuesday and Wednesday after class, 15 Triam Udom Suksa students head to Wat Pathum Wanaram School half a kilometre away to teach.

2 They are in Mathayom 6 (Grade 12) and volunteer to teach English to Mathayom 1 students there as part of a project launched in October last year to ease the workload of teachers.

3 Wat Pathum Wanaram, a school under the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, has 500 pupils but only two teachers of English courses. One takes care of Prathom 1 (Grade 1) and Prathom 3 levels and the other is responsible for Prathom 6. Other classes have to learn the subject from math or physical education teachers.

4 Wat Pathum Wanaram prepares textbooks and kits including English stories, and teaching guidelines for the young volunteers, and gives them the freedom to teach inside the building or take students outdoor.

5 Supalak Korarajul na nagara, supervisor of the foreign language programme at Wat Pathum Wanaram, said the volunteers were up to standard but had to prove their ability before starting to teach.

6 "Not every student from Traim Udom Suksa School can do that," she said. "They have to pass a standard test to make sure that their teaching will help students improve their English."

7 About 50 students from Triam Udom undertook the test, which included listening and reading skills. Then 15 students were chosen.

8 Wat Pathum Wanaram has 70 students in Mathayom 1 and they are divided into two rooms. Volunteers teach one room a day so each takes care of only two or three students.

9 When the volunteers first met their students, they began with basics such as the alphabet and spelling, before moving on to words and simple sentences drawn from short stories or games.

10 "Some Mathayom 1 students didn't know the alphabet," said Charisa Setrattanapong, a volunteer.

11 Ms. Charisa, who grew up and studied in the United States for nine years, said she applied to share her knowledge and experience with students in other schools with fewer opportunities.

12 Siriwan Assavawongsathien said if she did not teach, she would go shopping to kill time.

13 "I want to contribute something to society instead of thinking only about (university) entrance (examinations). Teaching also makes me more mature," she said.

14 Students in Mathayom 1 at Wat Pathum Wanaram said some volunteers were more impressive than regular teachers. "I feel more confident about speaking and reading English," said Boonyaridh Toneung.

15 His friend, Chanthira Karawaek, said the absence of a generation gap between volunteers and students made learning more fun.

16 Ms Supalak said she had noticed improvement in her students after bringing in the volunteers.

17 Students were now eager to speak in English, she said. New teachers would be brought in after the present ones left school.

From Bangkok Post. February 8, 2004. p. 4.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. From the headline "Student volunteers make impact in class", the underlined word means _____.
 - a. the act of one object hitting another
 - b. the powerful effect
 - c. the environment in class
 - d. the good atmosphere in class
2. According to no. 1, what do the students do to make impact in class?
 - a. They become teachers at Triam Udom Suksa School.
 - b. They become students at Wat Pathum Wanaram School.
 - c. They become English teacher volunteers at Wat Pathum Wanaram School.
 - d. They become English teacher volunteers at Triam Udom Suksa School.
3. According to the first paragraph, how many times a week do the volunteer students have to teach ?
 - a. One.
 - b. Two.
 - c. Three.
 - d. Four.
4. From the second paragraph, the reason that makes these students become student volunteers is _____.
 - a. a school order
 - b. a school force
 - c. their willing
 - d. a lack of teachers
5. Where do the student volunteers get textbooks and kits from?
 - a. They prepare them themselves.
 - b. They buy them themselves.
 - c. Triam Udom Suksa School prepare everything for them.
 - d. Wat Pathum Wanaram School prepare everything for them.

6. According to supervisor of the foreign language program, Supalak Korarajul na Nagara, _____ .
- a. the volunteers are full of good standard and ability
 - b. the volunteers are good at English themselves, and they can teach the students well
 - c. the volunteers are excellent at teaching English
 - d. the volunteers are up to standard but have to improve their ability before teaching
7. From no. 6, how would the volunteers be chosen?
- a. They have to pass a standard test.
 - b. They have to speak English like a foreigner.
 - c. They have to write English grammar correctly.
 - d. They have to read English textbooks well.
8. From the eighth paragraph, each volunteer is _____ for two or three students.
- a. good looking
 - b. keeping well
 - c. responsible
 - d. careful
9. According to Siriwan, she _____ .
- a. needs to spend time on teaching English
 - b. needs to teach English to M.1 students
 - c. wants to do good things for society
 - d. wants to take the Entrance Exam rather than to teach
10. According to Chanthira Karawaek, his class is fun because _____ .
- a. there is no generation gap between the volunteers and students
 - b. there are lots of games
 - c. there are some techniques for teaching
 - d. there are colorful textbooks in the class

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

relieve	launch	supervisor	prove	mature
headed	kits	eager	divides	contribute

1. Rujura _____ her energies between politics and business.
2. I have a meeting with my _____ about my research topic.
3. The school provided the tool _____ for the vocational students in order to support their learning.
4. Jenny is very _____ although she is only 15 years old.
5. Some of us played cards to _____ the boredom of a long wait.
6. The Prime Minister promised to _____ personally 1,000,000 baht to the poultry farmers in the case of bird flu.
7. Bob _____ for the door and ran away after he had a fight with his friend.
8. The people hope this new evidence will _____ Nirun's innocence.
9. This school has a successful _____ of the students' volunteers.
10. Everyone in English class seems to be _____ to learn.

Part III:

There are different meanings of the word " head" as a verb as follows:

1. move towards = to move in a particular direction
2. group/organization = to lead or be in charge of something
3. list/line of people = to be at the top of a list of names or at the front of a line of people
4. be at top = to put a word or words at the top of a page or section of a book as a title
5. football = to hit a football with your head

Directions: Match the meaning of "head" with the definition above by putting the numbers 1 - 5 in the blanks.

- _____ 1. Thailand heads the table after two games.
- _____ 2. The chapter was headed " The famous scientists of the world."
- _____ 3. Where are we heading ?
- _____ 4. Sakda headed the ball into an empty goal.
- _____ 5. Suthida has been appointed to head the research team.

Answer key:**Part I:**

1. b 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. d 7. a 8. c 9. c 10. a

Part II:

1. divides
2. supervisor
3. kits
4. mature
5. relieve
6. contribute
7. headed
8. prove
9. launch
10. eager

Part III:

1. (3)
2. (4)
3. (1)
4. (5)
5. (2)



The hair wars

School face off against students in hair battle



1 It's coming up to that time of year again, the dreaded time when school starts and good looks stop.

2 Who knows how many tears fall over the mandatory short haircuts that turn the nation's boys and girls into carbon copies of each other.

3 For trendy youngsters, swapping a stylish head of hair for the regimented look signals the end of freedom and the end of being able to 'let your hair down. But kids' tears may yet turn to cheers.

4 The Education Ministry has announced that it is lifting the 31-year-old rule on short hair for kids, introduced by a military government in 1972. Now each school can make its own decision about the length and style of its pupils' haircuts.

5 "This is one of the best things the ministry has ever done for us," smiled Ekaraj Saengsawang, 15, a Mathayom 3 student.

6 But hold the celebrations – the battle's not over yet. The ministry may be ready to dump outdated rules, but many schools are not. "Wearing the same hairstyle is a sign of discipline. That's something many students don't have enough of. So we don't think the regulation should be lifted," said a firm Chanej Nakniyom, director of Santiraj Vitthayalai school.

7 The old rules will still apply at the school he said – boys with crew-cuts and girls with shoulder-length hair. “We’ve had these rules a long time and neither students nor parents have complained. The all-girls Satri Srisuriyothai school is following suit.

8 “I think the short hair rule is good and we should stick with it. If we go lax on this, they’ll pay more attention to their hair than their studies,” said director Saipin Maneesri.

9 How ever, many female students say that short bobs don’t suit them, especially if they have curly or fluffy hair.

10 “My hair goes mad in a bob. It makes my head look like a big balloon. If only I could snip or trim it a bit, I’d look a lot better,” moaned one teen.

11 Said another: “I’m just waiting for the time when I get to high school so no teacher messes about with my hair and I can do whatever I want with it.”

From Bangkok Post Student Weekly. May 26, 2002. p.10.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. According to the news, why do the boys and the girls have tears when school starts?
 - a. The mandatory short haircuts.
 - b. They are lazy to study.
 - c. They are bored with the schools.
 - d. They hate teachers.
2. What is the boy's hair style in school?
 - a. A long hair style.
 - b. A crew-cut hair style.
 - c. A short hair style.
 - d. A bob hair style.
3. According to the Education Ministry in paragraph 4th, the students were given an introduction about their hair style by
 - a. an academic department
 - b. an educational department
 - c. a soldier department
 - d. a politics department
4. What is the new rule currently announced by the Education Ministry?
 - a. A school can make its own uniform.
 - b. A school can make its own curriculum.
 - c. A school can make its own administration.
 - d. A school can make its own decision of students' haircuts.
5. From the 7th paragraph, the word crew-cuts refers to _____.
 - a. a bob style
 - b. a long style
 - c. a short and curly style
 - d. a very short haircut

6. According the news, which statement is correct?
- a. All students are happy with the new rule.
 - b. All students are satisfied with the new rule.
 - c. The new rule was made by all students.
 - d. Some students disagree with the new rule.
7. For the girls, what type girl is not suitable with short bobs?
- a. The girls who have brown hair.
 - b. The girls who have black hair.
 - c. The girls who have curly or fluffy hair.
 - d. The girls who have long and straight hair.
8. Which level do the students have to follow the rule of this hair style?
- a. Kindergarten.
 - b. Primary.
 - c. Secondary.
 - d. College.
9. According to the news, which sentence is correct?
- a. Short hair style makes students happy.
 - b. Long hair style doesn't make students happy.
 - c. Free hair style is not the most satisfied rule for the students.
 - d. The haircut is not appreciated by the students.
10. From the 10th paragraph, "It makes my head look like a big balloon".
The underlined word refers to _____.
- a. a bob hair style
 - b. a short hair style
 - c. a crew-cut hair style
 - d. a long hair style

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

moans firm snips regulations lax trendy trim fluffy dump discipline

1. Suchada is going to a beauty salon. She tells the hair dresser to her hair.
2. Wanpen her customer's hair with scissors.
3. Wilaiporn has long curly and hair, so short bob does not suit her.
4. The rule on short hair for kids has been announced for 31 years.
5. Laddawan about her university trendy uniform. She really doesn't like it because it makes her like in an old fashion.
6. What you said at the meeting this morning was not good. It was
7. It is a valuable aid in imposing on children.
8. A is a person who follows all the latest fashions.
9. The river is polluted because people rubbish in it.
10. You cannot ride a motorcycle without a helmet. It's against the traffic

Part III:

Directions: Find nine words as follows. Each word can be read forwards or backwards in a straight line, vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

announce battle student education hair
 shoulder attention school especially

e	l	t	t	a	b	a	t	q	a
c	s	e	r	t	i	n	i	w	t
n	t	p	o	p	e	o	h	e	t
u	q	a	e	d	h	p	a	r	e
o	e	d	u	c	a	t	i	o	n
n	a	t	v	x	i	l	r	t	t
n	s	c	o	m	l	a	i	n	i
a	d	f	g	y	k	m	l	y	o
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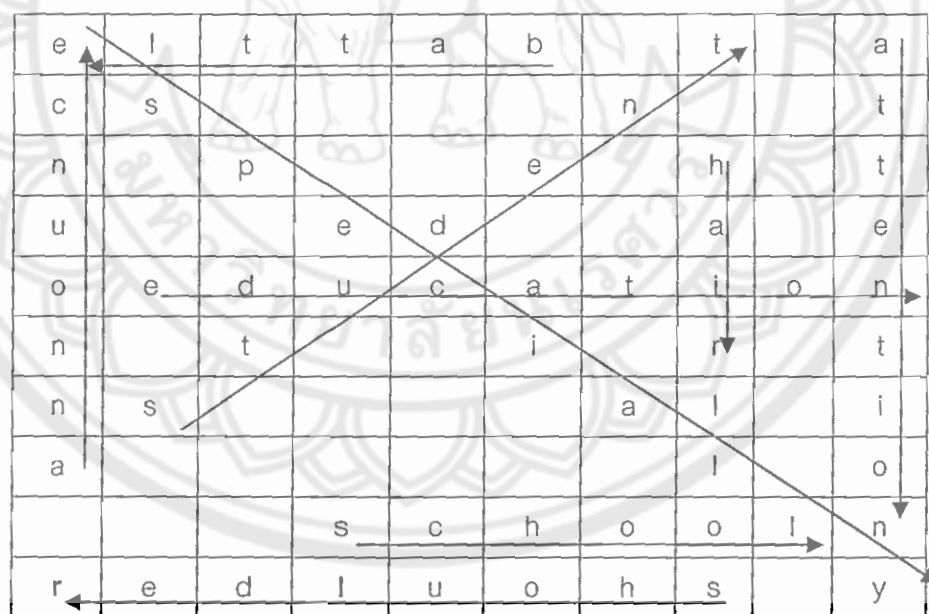
Part I:

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| 1. a | 6. d |
| 2. b | 7. c |
| 3. c | 8. b |
| 4. d | 9. c |
| 5. d | 10. a |

Part II:

- | | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 1. trim | 6. lax |
| 2. snips | 7. discipline |
| 3. fluffy | 8. trendy |
| 4. firm | 9. dump |
| 5. moans | 10. regulations |

Part III:



HIGHER EDUCATION

Two-month deadline for new entrance examination

1 The Education Ministry has been told to finalise the new university entrance examination within two months.

2 Voradej Chantarasorn, acting secretary-general of the university education committee, said the examination system proposed jointly by 24 university rectors required too many tests and would be too stressful for students.

3 The committee, chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Chaturon Chaisaeng, favoured scrapping the existing system and proposed allowing each university to set its own admission standards.

4 However, basic criteria should include Grade Point Average, Percentile Ranking, National Test and university exams, Mr Voradej said.

5 Under the proposal, universities may require students to sit tests in only three subjects and the test scores should not account for more than 50%.

6 He said the screening panel wanted to reduce the university test and give priority to the National Test.

7 "They want the new system clear by this year. It will take effect in the next three years and it will give the students time to prepare," he said.

8 Khunying Kasama Voravan na Ayuthaya, education permanent secretary, said the screening committee also approved a draft royal decree setting up a central assessment bureau responsible for evaluating the education of students at all levels, as well as the National Test.

9 She said the ministry, if possible, wanted to limit the criteria to GPA, PR and the National Test.

10 Research surveys showed that the GPA and PR were reliable, she said.

From Bangkok Post. August 1, 2003. p. 4.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. The Education Ministry has been told to finally _____.
 - a. make an entrance exam
 - b. do another entrance exam
 - c. set a new entrance system
 - d. select the candidates for the universities
2. According to the answer in no. 1, it has to be finished _____.
 - a. not more than two months from now on
 - b. not less than two months from now on
 - c. at least two months from now on
 - d. two months from now on
3. According to Voradej Chantarasorn, what may make the students nervous?
 - a. An Entrance Exam.
 - b. University Exam.
 - c. Too many exams.
 - d. University rectors.
4. According to Deputy Prime Minister, Chaturon Chaisaeng, he allowed the university rectors _____.
 - a. to discuss and be let to set its own standard
 - b. to make a quarrel and stop doing it
 - c. to compromise and make a new system
 - d. to talk together and ask for setting their own admission standard privately
5. What should be the basic criteria for admission standard?
 - a. GPA and PR.
 - b. GPA, PR , and National Test.
 - c. National Test and PR.
 - d. University exams, National Test, GPA, and PR.

6. From the new criteria, _____ .
- a. students have to take more tests
 - b. students may take few tests and account less than 50 % of test scores
 - c. students have to prepare more and study harder in order to pass the exam
 - d. students may take the easier tests
7. What's the purpose of the screening panel?
- a. To stop taking entrance exam.
 - b. To make the National Test the most important.
 - c. To make the students more happier because of the fewer tests.
 - d. To reduce the number of the candidates.
8. When will this new system take effect on students, according to the news?
- a. In 2003.
 - b. In 2004.
 - c. In 2005.
 - d. In 2006.
9. What do the committee also have to do besides the new entrance system?
- a. To approve a draft royal decree to evaluate all levels of students.
 - b. To set up a central assessment.
 - c. To response for evaluating.
 - d. To do a National Test.
10. Why did the Ministry by the education permanent secretary want to limit the criteria to GPA, PR, and National Test?
- a. Because she knew the criteria standard.
 - b. Because she trusted in the research.
 - c. Because the surveys were reliable.
 - d. Because the research surveys showed that the GPA and PR were reliable.

Part II:

Directions: Match the vocabulary in column A with the definition in column B by putting a letter in the space.

- | A | B |
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| 1. _____ finalise | a. to cancel or get rid of something that is no longer practical or useful |
| 2. _____ propose | b. a group of specialists who give their advice or opinion about something |
| 3. _____ rector | c. a standard or principle by which something judge, or which the help of which decision is made |
| 4. _____ require | d. to complete the last part of a plan, trip, project etc. |
| 5. _____ stressful | e. that can be trusted to do something well |
| 6. _____ scrap | f. to think that somebody/something is good, acceptable or suitable |
| 7. _____ admission | g. to need something; to depend on something/somebody |
| 8. _____ criteria | h. to suggest a plan, an idea, etc for people to think about and decide on |
| 9. _____ proposal | i. a formal suggestion or plan, the act of making a suggestion |
| 10. _____ screening | j. something that you think is more important than other things and should be dealt with first |
| 11. _____ panel | k. a government department, or a part of a government department |
| 12. _____ priority | l. a person who is in charge of a university |
| 13. _____ approve | m. the testing or examining of a large number of people or things for faults |
| 14. _____ decree | n. an official order from a ruler or a government that becomes the law |

15. _____ bureau

o. the act of accepting somebody into an institution,
organization

16. _____ reliable

p. causing a lot of anxiety and worry



Part III:

Directions: Fill in the blank with the appropriate word in the box below.

reliable	approve	proposal	require	proposes
criteria	scrap	stressful	finalise	

1. The students have been told to _____ their homework within 2 o'clock.
2. The government _____ changes to the voting system.
3. These pets _____ a lot of care and attention.
4. The test was very difficult. It was a very _____ time for all of us.
5. They had been forced to _____ plans for a new building because there was no money left.
6. What _____ are used for assessing a student's ability?
7. His _____ that the system should be changed was rejected.
8. I told my parents I wanted to marry Jan, but they didn't _____.
9. We are looking for someone who is _____ and hard-working.

Answer Key:**Part I:**

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| 1. c | 2. a | 3. c | 4. d | 5. d |
| 6. b | 7. b | 8. d | 9. a | 10. d |

Part II:

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. d | 2. h | 3. l | 4. g | 5. p |
| 6. a | 7. o | 8. c | 9. i | 10. m |
| 11. b | 12. j | 13. f | 14. n | 15. k |
| 16. e | | | | |

Part III:

1. finalise
2. proposes
3. require
4. stressful
5. scrap
6. criteria
7. proposal
8. approve
9. reliable



TV comedies can be a useful tool

Study says teens receive information from popular shows like 'Friends'

1 TEENAGERS can get sex education as well as laughs by watching TV series such as "Friends", a new study found.

2 Watching or discussing a show with an adult reinforces or clarifies the lessons carried by television, according to the study released on Monday by Santa Monica-based Rand Corp, a non-profit research group. "We've always known that teenagers get useful information about sex from factual reporting and advice-oriented media, but now we know they can get this information from entertainment television programmes as well," said Rebecca Collins, lead author of the report.

3 "That's important because entertainment programmes, especially highly rated ones like "Friends", reach many more teens," Collins said in a Rand statement. The hit comedy series chronicles the lives of six thirty-something friends in New York city.

4 Researchers interviewed about 500 teenagers shortly after an episode of the hit NBC series that included a pregnancy caused by condom failure. The show aired in October 2001.

5 In the episode, character Rachel (Jennifer Aniston) becomes pregnant after having sex with ex-boyfriend Ross (David Schwimmer).

6 Ross expresses surprise, noting that he'd used a condom. Twice during the episode, characters say that condoms are "only 97 per cent effective". The episode was watched by 1.67 million 12-to 17-year-olds, the study said, citing Nielsen Media Research information.

7 Most of the teenagers surveyed remembered that the episode mentioned condom effectiveness. But teenagers who watched with an adult or talked about the episode with one were about twice as likely to remember the information correctly, the study found.

8 Viewers recalled the lessons six months later, according to the study in the November edition of the journal *Pediatrics*.

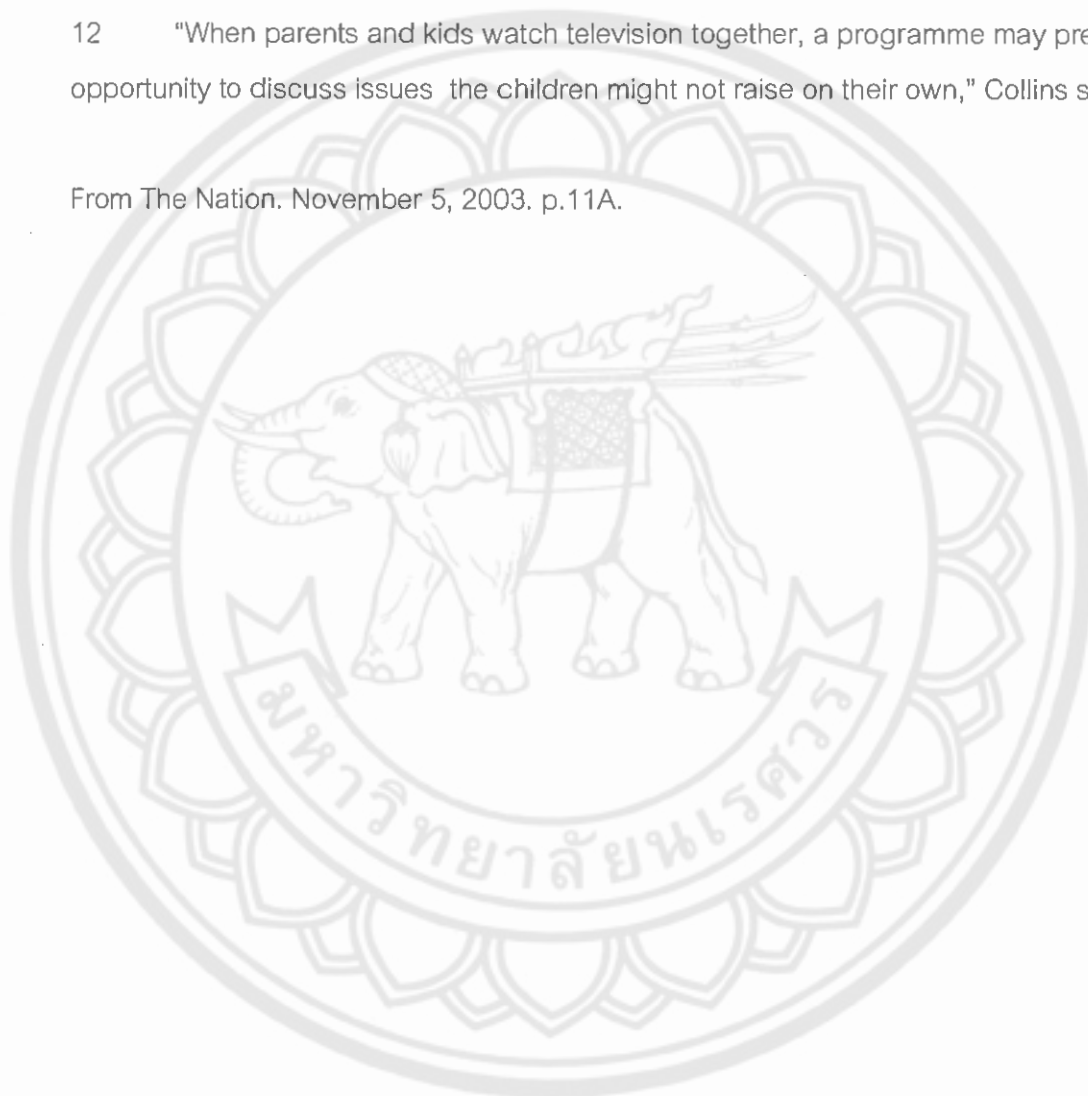
9 The research was part of Rand's Television and Adolescent Sexuality study to examine the role TV plays in teenagers, development of sexual attitudes and behaviour.

10 Among those who recalled watching the episode, 65 per cent remembered that it involved a pregnancy caused by condom failure.

11 Of those who discussed the episode with an adult, almost half remembered condoms being described as more than 95 per cent effective – nearly twice as many as among teenagers who did not discuss the show with an adult, the study found.

12 "When parents and kids watch television together, a programme may present an opportunity to discuss issues the children might not raise on their own," Collins said.

From The Nation. November 5, 2003. p.11A.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. The headline "TV comedies can be a useful tool," tells us that _____.
 - a. the comedies on TV make students think of sex
 - b. the comedies on TV can teach the students about sex
 - c. the comedies on TV are very interesting
 - d. the comedies on TV are so popular among the students
2. According to the news, the example of a series of sex education on TV. is _____.
 - a. "Relations"
 - b. "Friends"
 - c. "Charlie Angels"
 - d. "Generation"
3. What made the entertainment programmes like "Friends" very important?
 - a. They served many audiences over the country.
 - b. They reached many more teens.
 - c. They entertained the audiences who worked hard.
 - d. They relaxed the audiences.
4. The sexuality study also tells us that _____.
 - a. the students who watch the TV with adult would have development of sexual attitudes and behaviour
 - b. the students who watch TV with their friends would have development of sexual attitudes and behaviour
 - c. the students who watch TV alone would have development of sexual attitudes and behaviour
 - d. the students who watch TV very often would have development of sexual attitudes and behaviour

5. What is the advantage of sitting together of parents and kids in front of the TV programmes?
- a. They can share something the children ask for.
 - b. They can take a rest within the family.
 - c. They can enjoy some activities together.
 - d. They can have good opportunity to share and discuss topics the kids might not know.



Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

attitude	adult	episode	reinforce	mention
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1. My daughter is not a child anymore. She has become a (an)_____.
2. You can watch the series on Channel 7. The _____ interests most of the people who are dog lovers.
3. Apichart has a very old-fashioned _____ towards women. He thinks women should stay at home and take care of children only.
4. I'll _____ the idea to her and see what she thinks.
5. Parents should try to _____ their children to practice reading at school and everywhere else.

Part III:

Directions: Put the "✓" in front the right statement and the "✗" in front of the false statement.

1. _____ "Friends" is a popular TV series about educational psychology.
2. _____ "Pediatrics" is the name of the sex movie.
3. _____ The researcher interviewed teenagers about the attitude towards condoms.
4. _____ According to the news, the sexuality studies by watching the role TV plays in teenagers' develop sexual attitude and behavior.
5. _____ A pregnancy is caused by condom failure.
6. _____ Sexuality means someone's sexual activities and feeling about sex.
7. _____ Teenagers can get sex education by watching TV series.
8. _____ A journalist means a person whose job is to collect and write news stories for newspaper, magazine, radio or television
9. _____ Parents and kids ought to watch television together especially the series of sex.
10. _____ "Friends" is well known for adults and housewives.

Answer key:

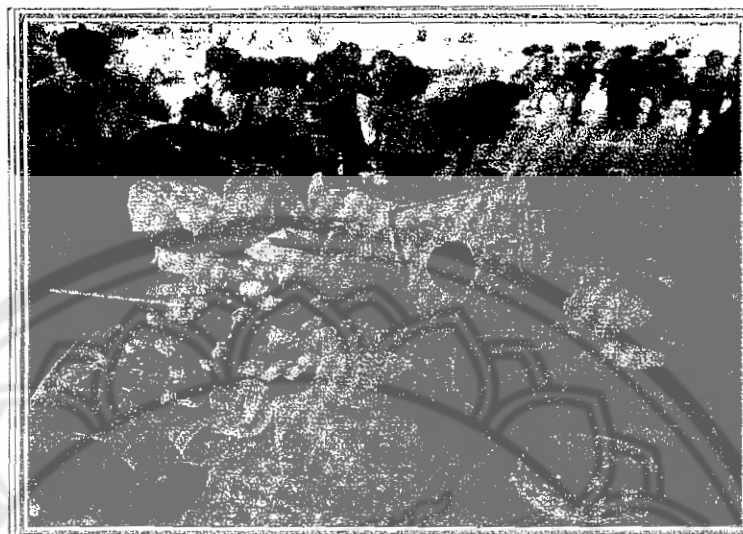
Part I: 1. b 2. b 3. b 4. a 5. d

Part II : 1. adult 2. episode 3. attitude 4. mention 5. Reinforce

Part III: 1. ✗ 2. ✗ 3. ✓ 4. ✓ 5. ✓ 6. ✓ 7. ✓ 8. ✓ 9. ✓ 10. ✗



1,000 fans gather for Big's birthday



1 MORE THAN 1,000 fans turned up at hospital yesterday to wish Apichet "Big" Kittikorncharoen of the D2B boy band a happy birthday.

2 Band members Woradej "Dan" Danuwong and Kawi "Beam" Tanjarak cut his birthday cake in front of fans inside the front courtyard of Vichaiyut Hospital.

3 In what has been described as a miracle, Apichet has reached his 21st birthday after spending four months in intensive care following a road accident that resulted in fungal infections in his lungs, brain and kidneys. He has repeatedly been on the brink of death.

4 Fans started visiting him in the morning, with numbers growing to about 500 at 3 pm and reaching a peak of more than 1,000 at 6 pm.

5 Dr Manoon Leechawengwong, who heads the medical team treating Apichet, reiterated that he would be moved out of intensive care because the crisis was over and he would no longer need a respirator to survive.

6 Manoon said Apichet's condition had improved a great deal as he could now blink his eyes, turn his head and react to loud noises.

7 "We will have to wait for about three months to see how his brain will develop. We hope he will be able to call out his father's name by then," the doctor said.

8 Manoon added that the brain infection had caused Apichet to regress to the mental state of a new born child.

9 The singer's father, Udom Kittikorncharoen, said he would like to thank Apichet's fans for showing continuing concern.

10 Udom said this year would be the first that his son could not hug him on Father's Day. Udom said he would not be sorry on December 5, just happy that Big has survived.

From The Nation. December 3, 2003. p. 6A.

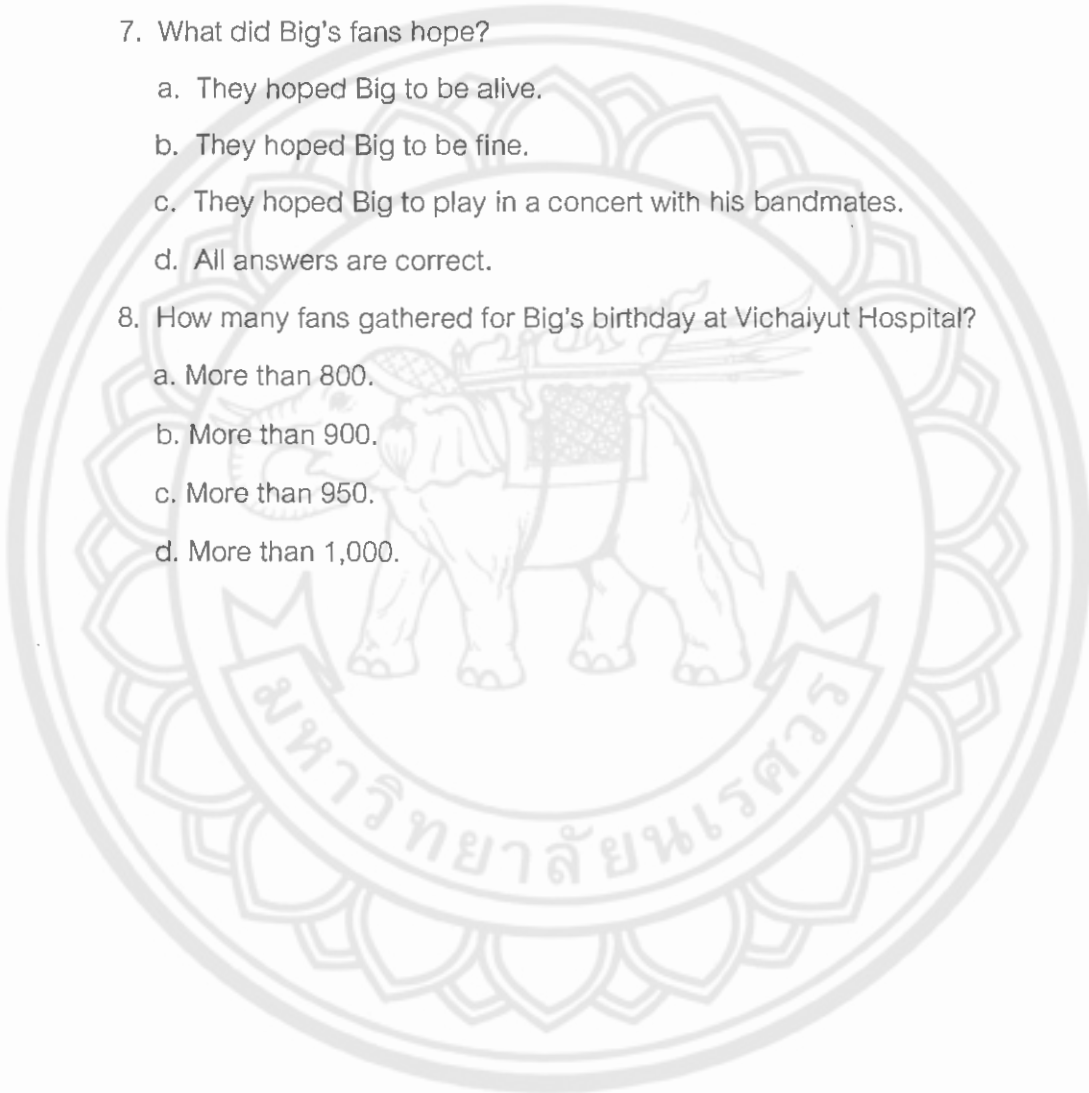


Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. According to the news, how long has Big been taken an intensive care after he had a road accident?
 - a. Two months.
 - b. Three months.
 - c. Four months.
 - d. Five months.
2. Who are the members of the D2B's band?
 - a. Dan, Big, Beam.
 - b. Big, Boat, Dang.
 - c. Dong, Boy, Big.
 - d. Book, Dan, Big.
3. Who cut the birthday cake in front of the fans at Vichaiyut Hospital?
 - a. Big and Beam.
 - b. Dan and Beam.
 - c. Big and Dan.
 - d. Beam, Big, and Beam.
4. Who was the head of the medical team treating Apichet?
 - a. Dr.Manoon.
 - b. Dr.Mana.
 - c. Dr.Manit.
 - d. Dr.Manat.
5. How long will the doctors have to wait for Big's brain developing?
 - a. Two months.
 - b. Three months.
 - c. Four months.
 - d. Five months.

6. Who is Big's father?
- a. Mr. Manoon.
 - b. Mr. Udom.
 - c. Mr. Apichai.
 - d. Mr. Manat.
7. What did Big's fans hope?
- a. They hoped Big to be alive.
 - b. They hoped Big to be fine.
 - c. They hoped Big to play in a concert with his bandmates.
 - d. All answers are correct.
8. How many fans gathered for Big's birthday at Vichaiyut Hospital?
- a. More than 800.
 - b. More than 900.
 - c. More than 950.
 - d. More than 1,000.

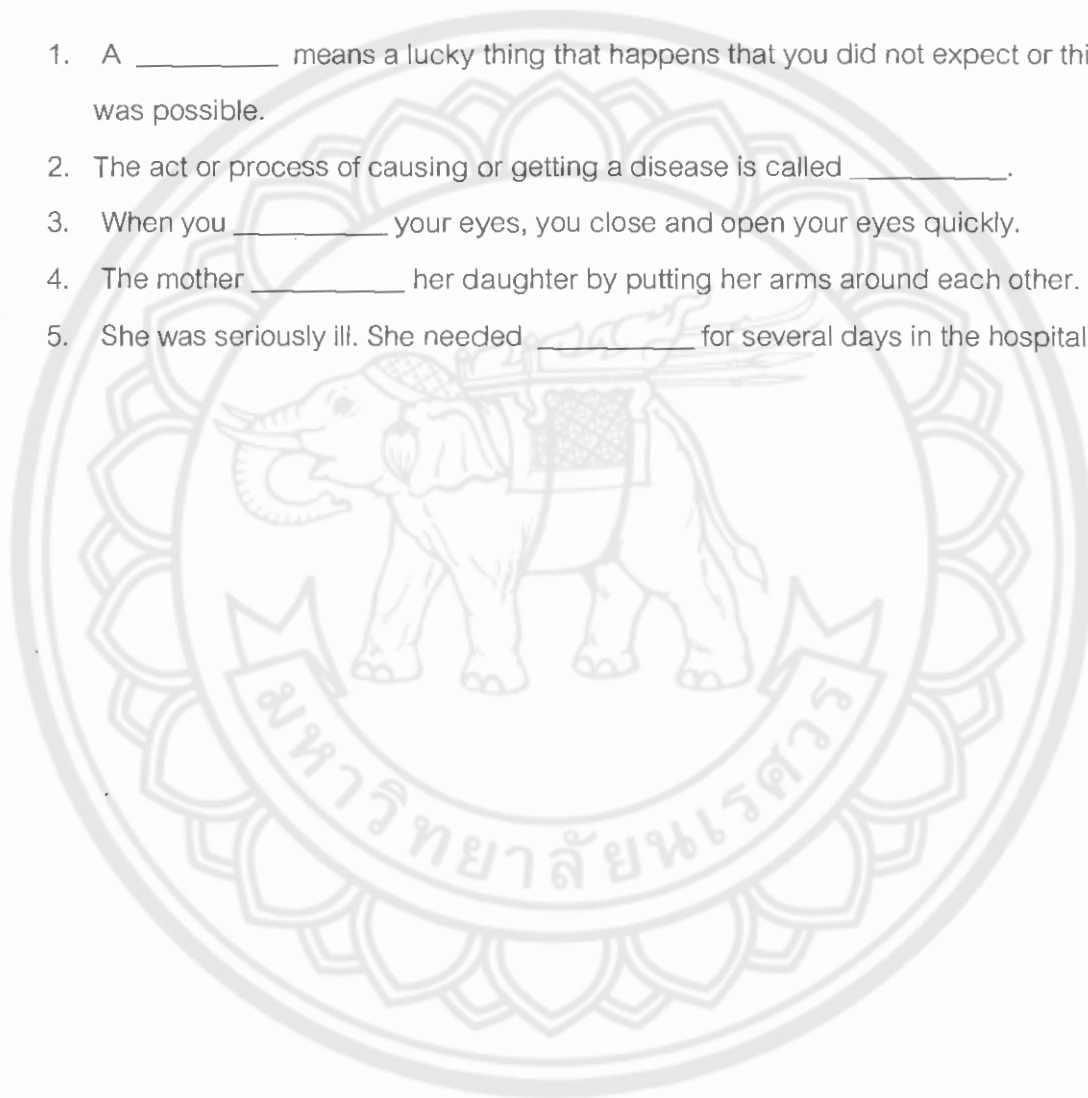


Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

miracle	hugs	intensive care	infection	blink
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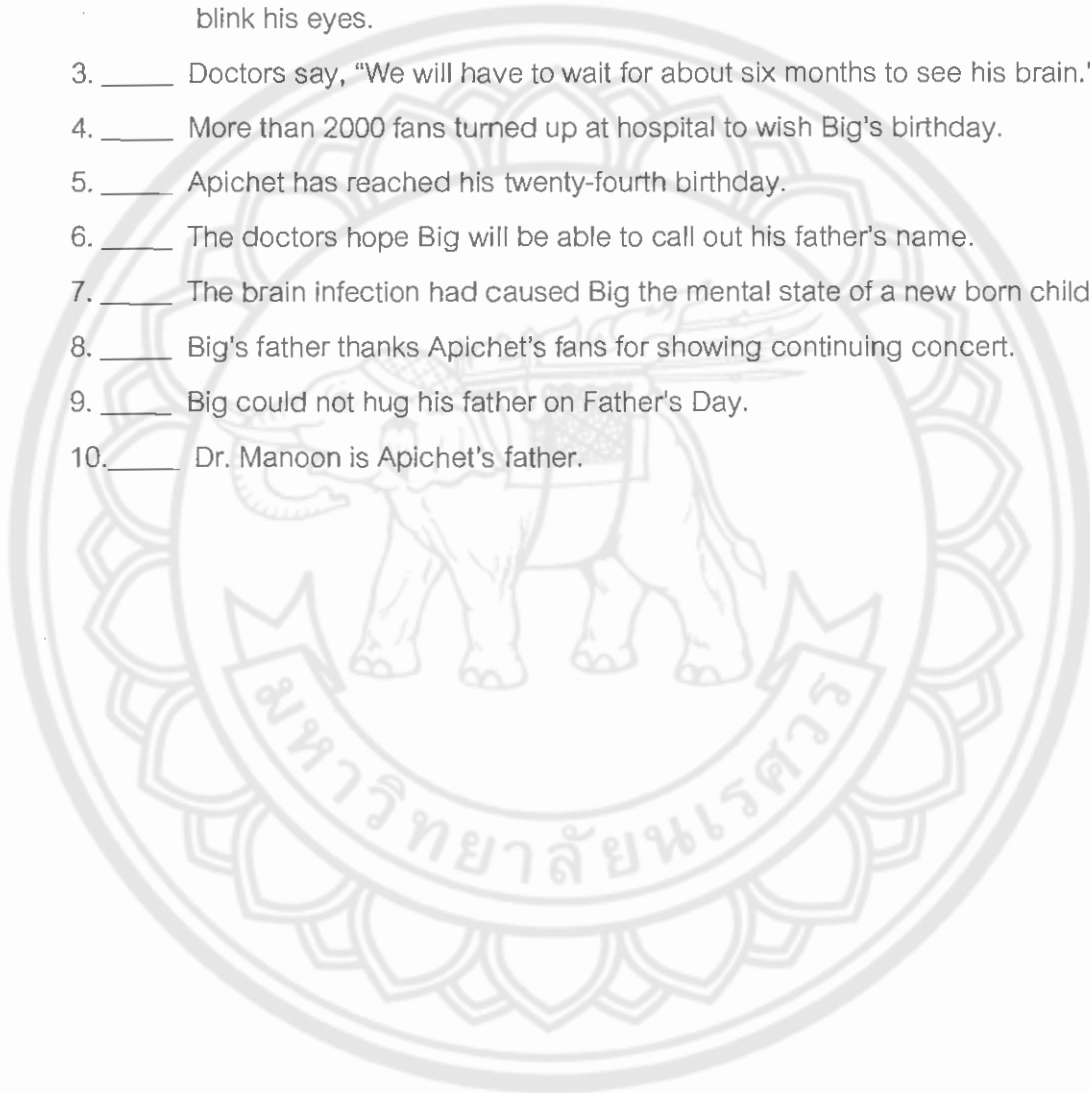
1. A _____ means a lucky thing that happens that you did not expect or think was possible.
2. The act or process of causing or getting a disease is called _____.
3. When you _____ your eyes, you close and open your eyes quickly.
4. The mother _____ her daughter by putting her arms around each other.
5. She was seriously ill. She needed _____ for several days in the hospital.



Part III:

Directions: Put the "✓" in front of the right statement and the "✗" in front of the false statement.

1. ____ Dan and Beam cut the birthday cake for Big at the hospital.
2. ____ A doctor said Apichet's condition had improved a great deal as he could now blink his eyes.
3. ____ Doctors say, "We will have to wait for about six months to see his brain."
4. ____ More than 2000 fans turned up at hospital to wish Big's birthday.
5. ____ Apichet has reached his twenty-fourth birthday.
6. ____ The doctors hope Big will be able to call out his father's name.
7. ____ The brain infection had caused Big the mental state of a new born child.
8. ____ Big's father thanks Apichet's fans for showing continuing concert.
9. ____ Big could not hug his father on Father's Day.
10. ____ Dr. Manoon is Apichet's father.



Answer key:

Part I: 1. c 2. a 3. b 4. a 5. b 6. b 7. d 8. d

Part II: 1. miracle 2. infection 3. blink 4. hugs 5. intensive care

Part III: 1. ✓ 2. ✓ 3. ✗ 4. ✗ 5. ✗

6. ✓ 7. ✓ 8. ✓ 9. ✓ 10. ✗



1980s revival party

1 WHILE CONCERTS showcasing up-and-coming bands held on a regular basis, the opportunity for people who crave a bit of 1980s nostalgia to relive their teenage years comes around less often.

2 However, for the last two years, the radio programme Yim Lamai on FM97.5 MHz has been catering to the '80s crowd, with a couple of hours a day of non-stop Thai '80s music, spinning discs from bands like Royal Sprite, Grand-Ex' Chatree, Fruitty, Kiriboon and XYZ.

3 Today the show is throwing a party, the Yim Lamai Return Party, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Mass Communication Organisation of Thailand and the programme's second anniversary. "It's not a concert, but a relaxed party where listeners will have a good opportunity to meet and greet many now defunct bands, such as Grand-Ex', Chatree, Forever and Isn't. They will be there to sing and talk to their fans," says Yim Lamai DJ Ravita Panyamangkol.

4 More than 60 musicians from the 1980s have been invited to the party, including Si Chon, Tuangsit "Kung" Riamjinda, Pusaming Norsawan, Penpayaom Ruangriroj, Suthep and the Sax, Keereeboon, XYZ, Puen, The Impossible, Ruamdao and Pui Fai.

5 The event is being held at Hollywood Award on Rachadapisek Soi 8, running 12.15 to 5pm. Tickets, which cover food and drink, are Bt350 – Bt200 for children and are available at the door.

6 Proceeds will support veteran composer Prasit Chamnanprai and singer Don Sonrabieb, who is partially paralysed.

7 "Those who want to buy old albums can find copyrighted tapes and CDs of many bands at the party," says Ravita.

8 Those who can't join the part can stay tuned on Yim Lamai for a live link to the event between 3 and 5pm.

9 The Yim Lamai programme is on air weekdays at 2 to 4pm and 3 to 5pm on weekends.

From The Nation. January 31, 2004. p.10A.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. According to the news, what does "defunct" mean?
 - a. Alive.
 - b. Extinct.
 - c. Continued.
 - d. Eternal.
2. From the sixth paragraph, the partial proceeds will help _____.
 - a. the sick composer and the old singer
 - b. the old composer and the sick singer
 - b. the old composer and the old singer
 - d. the sick composer and the sick singer
3. According to the news, the aim of the show is that _____.
 - a. the listeners will have a chance to meet and greet extinct bands
 - b. the listeners will share the opinions
 - c. the listeners will be happy
 - d. The listeners will greet each other
4. The word "nostalgia" means _____.
 - a. the happy life in the past
 - b. the happy life in the future
 - c. the happy life nowadays
 - c. the happy life on the weekend
5. On the headline, who is the most enjoyable target group?
 - a. The composers.
 - b. The listeners.
 - c. The singers.
 - d. All are correct.

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

proceeds

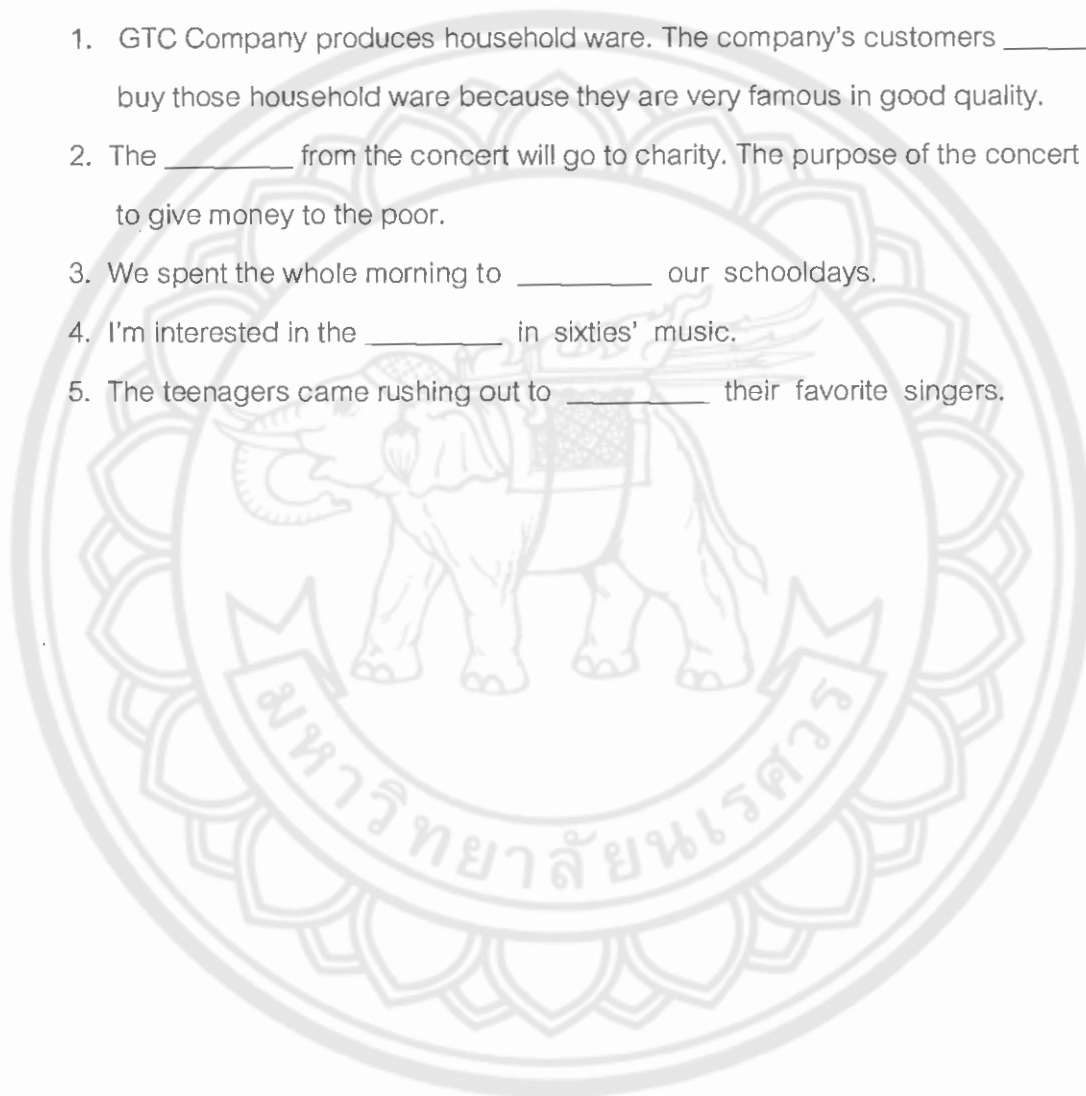
relive

crave

revival

greet

1. GTC Company produces household ware. The company's customers _____ to buy those household ware because they are very famous in good quality.
2. The _____ from the concert will go to charity. The purpose of the concert is to give money to the poor.
3. We spent the whole morning to _____ our schooldays.
4. I'm interested in the _____ in sixties' music.
5. The teenagers came rushing out to _____ their favorite singers.



Part III:

Directions: Put the "✓" in front the right statement and the "✗" in front of the false statement .

1. ____ The "Yim Lamai Return Party" celebrates the fifth anniversary of the Mass Communication Organisation of Thailand.
2. ____ DJ Ravita says, " It's not a relaxed party but a concert."
3. ____ The party is being held at Government House.
4. ____ Grand – X, Chatree, Forever, and Isn't are new bands nowadays.
6. ____ Gifts and things will support a veteran composer and a singer who is partially paralysed.
7. ____ The people want to buy old albums, copyrighted tapes and CDs of many bands at the party.
8. ____ Prasit Chamnanprai is a partially paralysed composer.
9. ____ The listeners will enjoy listening to the singers at the party.
10. ____ The defunct bands' singers will sing and talk to their children.

Answer key:

Part I: 1. b 2. b 3. a 4. a 5. d

Part II: 1. crave 2. proceeds 3. relive 4. revival 5. greet

Part III: 1. ✗ 2. ✗ 3. ✗ 4. ✗ 5. ✗ 6. ✓ 7. ✗ 8. ✓ 9. ✓ 10. ✗



Back to the roots



1 The MUSIC BUSINESS has always been fickle. Just thinks back to the late '70s when songs about peace and love were knocked off the shelves by punk a la the Sex Pistols. Here, mainstream pop and rock are still selling relatively well, but there is a fresh fragrance in the air and it's called *look thung*.

2 The genre is thriving, with the likes of Jakraphan "Got" Arbkoomburi turning from pop to *look thung* and actress Siriluck "Joy" Pongchoke already a highly successful *look thung* songstress.

3 The radio stations have adapted to the new situation with remarkable speed. Even airwaves like 95FM, 98FM, and 103FM, long time purveyors of pop and foreign sounds, are spinning *look thung* these days.

4 In fact, *look thung* is so popular that a tabloid-size newspaper dedicated to Thai country music was launched last Tuesday. The name of the new publication is *Look Thung Variety*, of course.

5 "Today, *look thung* is extremely attractive," says Cholathis Srichanken, a director of the tabloid. "Now, Mai Charoenpura is doing well with her *look thung* album, and I've heard rumours that Phi Bird [Thongchai McIntyre] will be next. And next month Joy Siriluck will release her new album."

6 Why does Cholathis think his newspaper will succeed when so many *look thung* magazines have failed?

7 "We believe that a newspaper gives off different vibes," he replies. And we're sure that people today read more than they did in the past... Look at advertisements: they are communicated more through words than pictures. Interest in reading has advanced and improves all the time. Even magazines featuring stories of TV dramas have sold surprisingly well.

8 "Monthly magazines offer scoops and photos of the artists but due to printing deadlines rarely carry the latest news. Our newspaper does, so *look thung* fans can read what is happening or has happened in the circle and learn what their favourite artists have been up to.

9 "We chose tabloid rather than broad-sheet because it's more convenient to read on the bus or the train when travelling. We felt a weekly would be appropriate after observing the consumer's power of purchasing and also working out our own production schedule," explains Cholathis.

10 *Look Thung Variety* comes out every Wednesday. It has 24 colour pages and retails for a reasonable Bt15.

11 "We have some great guest writers and DJs, including Jenpope Jobkrabuanwan, Khamron Wangwangsri and Kongla Lookthai," says Cholathis. "And it covers a range of folk music from *Look Thung Isaan* and *Look Thung* from the North and the South to *Mor Lam* and *Likay*, along with reports of well-known comedians.

12 "We come up with stories that often go unnoticed by the larger media groups. Things like: 'Did you know that a *mor lam* singer earns a sizeable amount of money?' What does a dancer do in his/her regular life?' or 'Why has [*look thung band*] Sieng Isaan Noknoi Uraiporn had such a tight concert schedule for three years?' We also reveal reality: like a musician does everything for his gig like setting the lights, carrying the metallic structure of the stage for just Bt200 a day. That's a kind of thing.

13 "We have columns about who's recording and who's releasing an album, and a regular column 'Look Thung of the Past', which offers the profiles of the veteran and

virtuoso *look thung* masters like Saneh Komarachun and Payong Mukda. In addition, we publish stories about *mae yok* like Busaba Sathorn, Ae Donmuang or Youm Tha-It, who followed their favorite *look thung* singers all the time. And *Look Thung* fans can check several music charts as well as TV programmes in our paper."

14 The layout of the column on *nang phaen*, or VCDs, is eye-catching. "Our research shows that people who watch VCDs are similar in profile to those who listen to *Look Thung*. Our main target is the group of *look thung* fans who live in Bangkok and work as taxi drivers, security guards and factory workers. There is also a good market for our product upcountry. Soon, we will introduce 'Movies on Disc' on screen."

15 Does Cholathis already have a strong marketing strategy?

16 "The grand opening got our name known," says Cholathis. "Our next step is to distribute 3,000 free copies at the concerts of Noknoi band for six months, and 2,000 free copies to 2,000 taxis with stickers of the paper's logo. Several DJs will also help promote us on air as will the TV stations.

From The Nation. Thursday 22, 2004. p.16A.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. According to the first and the second paragraphs, why have some more popular singers turned to *look thung*?
 - a. *Look thung* is so popular.
 - b. *Look thung* is very fragrant.
 - c. The pop singers feel bored.
 - d. *Look thung* has the best selling.
2. From the second paragraph, the phrase " fragrance in the air " means _____.
 - a. smell in the air
 - b. something blows up in the air
 - c. something soars up into the air
 - d. something fresh and very interesting
3. According to the news, what kind of song is Mai doing well now?
 - a. Pop.
 - b. Rock.
 - c. Look Thung
 - d. String.
4. How often does "Look Thung Variety" magazine come out?
 - a. Everyday.
 - b. Every week.
 - c. Every Wednesday.
 - d. Every Sunday.
5. How much does "Look Thung Variey" magazine cost?
 - a. 12 baht.
 - b. 13 baht.
 - c. 14 baht.
 - d. 15 baht.

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word in the box to fill in the blank.

fickle	veteran	fragrance	songstress	vibes
purveyor	dedicated	adapt	tabloid	thrives

1. Liz is very difficult to please. She often changes her mind. She is a kind of _____ friend.
2. _____ are necessary for a composer when he composes a song.
3. Mai Charoenpura sings very well. She is a _____.
4. Your perfume smells sweet. I like its _____.
5. The book is about change and how we _____ to it.
6. A _____ is a small sized newspaper in which the news stories and articles are short.
7. My uncle had survived in Vietnam War, so now he has been a _____ for many years.
8. Tom provides goods for the shops in my neighborhood. He works as a _____.
9. My father is _____ because he always works hard and enjoys doing his work.
10. My roommate _____ on activity. She always does it well.

Part III:

Direction: Put the "✓" in front of the right statement and the "✗" in front of the false statement.

1. _____ Mai is doing well with her *Look Thung* album now.
2. _____ There are various groups of *Look Thung* fans in Bangkok.
3. _____ Several DJ's will also help promote *Look Thung* on air.
4. _____ *Look Thung Variety* magazine consists of 40 pages.
5. _____ Some popstar songstresses turn to *Look Thung*.
6. _____ *Mor Lam* singers can earn a lot of money.
7. _____ The researcher shows that people who watch VCDs are not similar in profile to those who listen to *Look Thung*.
8. _____ Most of *Look Thung* magazines have failed because people don't like to read them.
9. _____ Newspapers give very interesting points that make people like to read more.
10. _____ TV drama magazines are sold very surprisingly well.

Answer Key:

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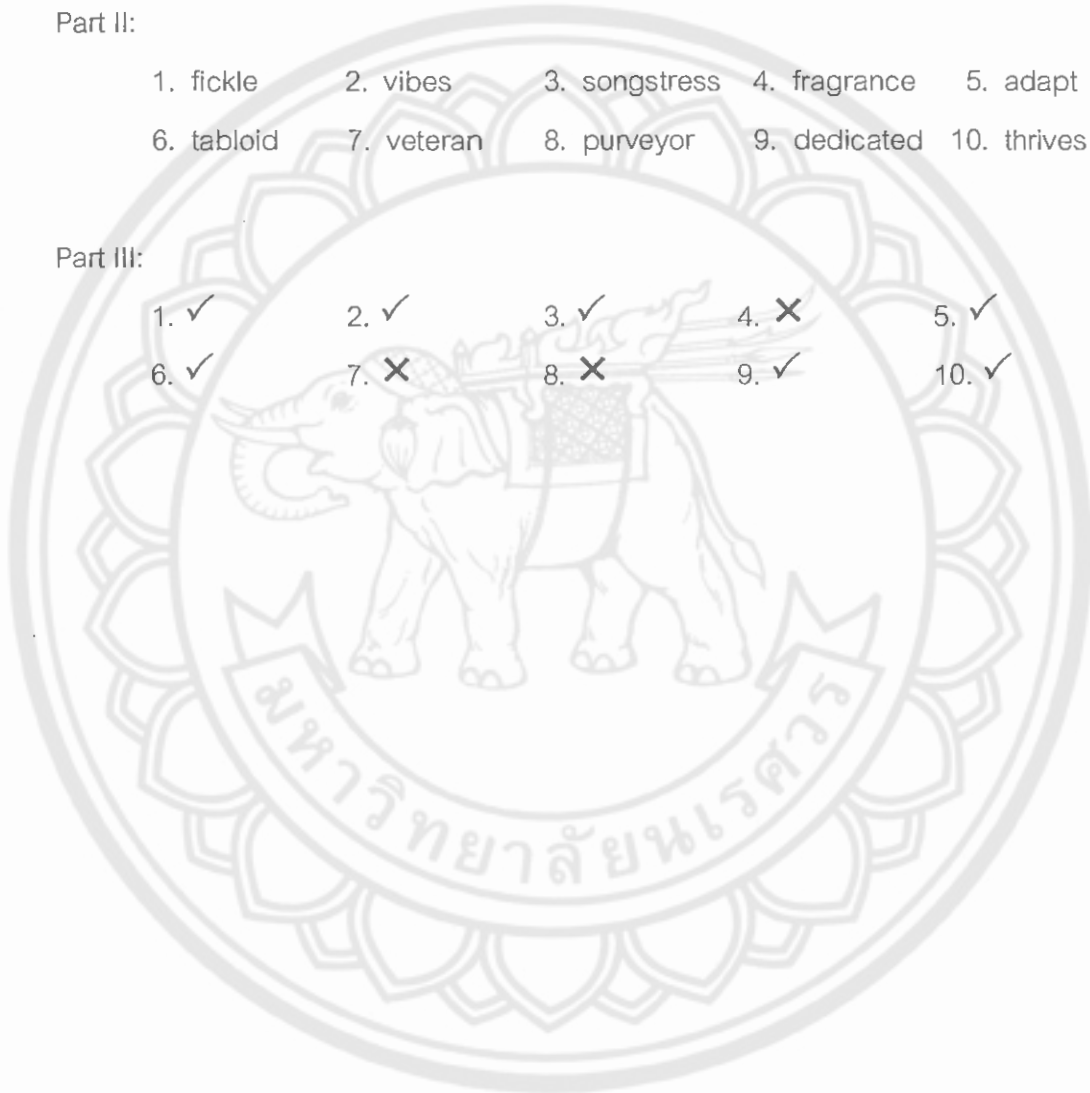
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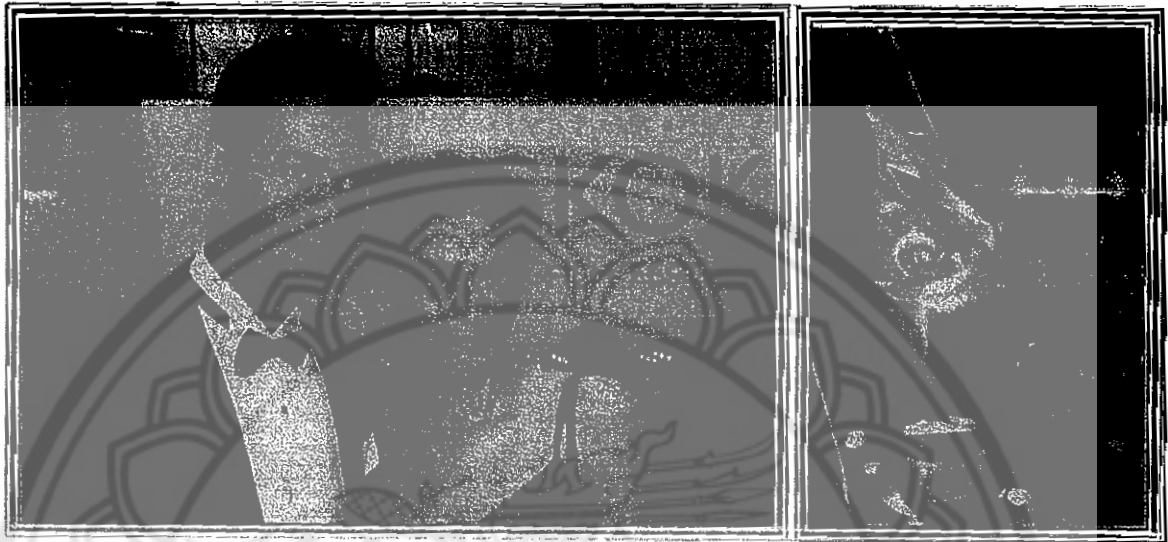
1. fickle 2. vibes 3. songstress 4. fragrance 5. adapt
6. tabloid 7. veteran 8. purveyor 9. dedicated 10. thrives

Part III:

1. ✓ 2. ✓ 3. ✓ 4. ✗ 5. ✓
6. ✓ 7. ✗ 8. ✗ 9. ✓ 10. ✓



Big stars absent on 1 st night



1 Fans of Hollywood movies were left disappointed last night as only a few foreign celebrities turned up for the opening gala of the Bangkok International Film Festival 2004.

2 Among those who did show up to wave appreciation to their fans from a red carpet outside the Scala Theatre were Rachel Leigh Cook from *She's All That* and Bai Ling from *Anna and the King*, a film that was banned in Thailand.

3 Also in attendance was Bruce Beresford, director of the Oscar-winning film *Driving Miss Daisy*, and *Double Jeopardy*.

4 Local movie stars and directors who packed the cinema included Jesdaporn Pholdee (*Iron Ladies*) and Florence Vanida (*Thawipob*)

5 Tourism and Sports Minister Sonthaya Khunpluem presided over a brief opening ceremony for the festival before the screening of first film, the much-awaited time-travel epic, *Thawipob*.

6 Hosted for the second year by the Tourism Authority of Thailand, the film festival will run until Feb 2 at various movie theatres around the Siam Square area.

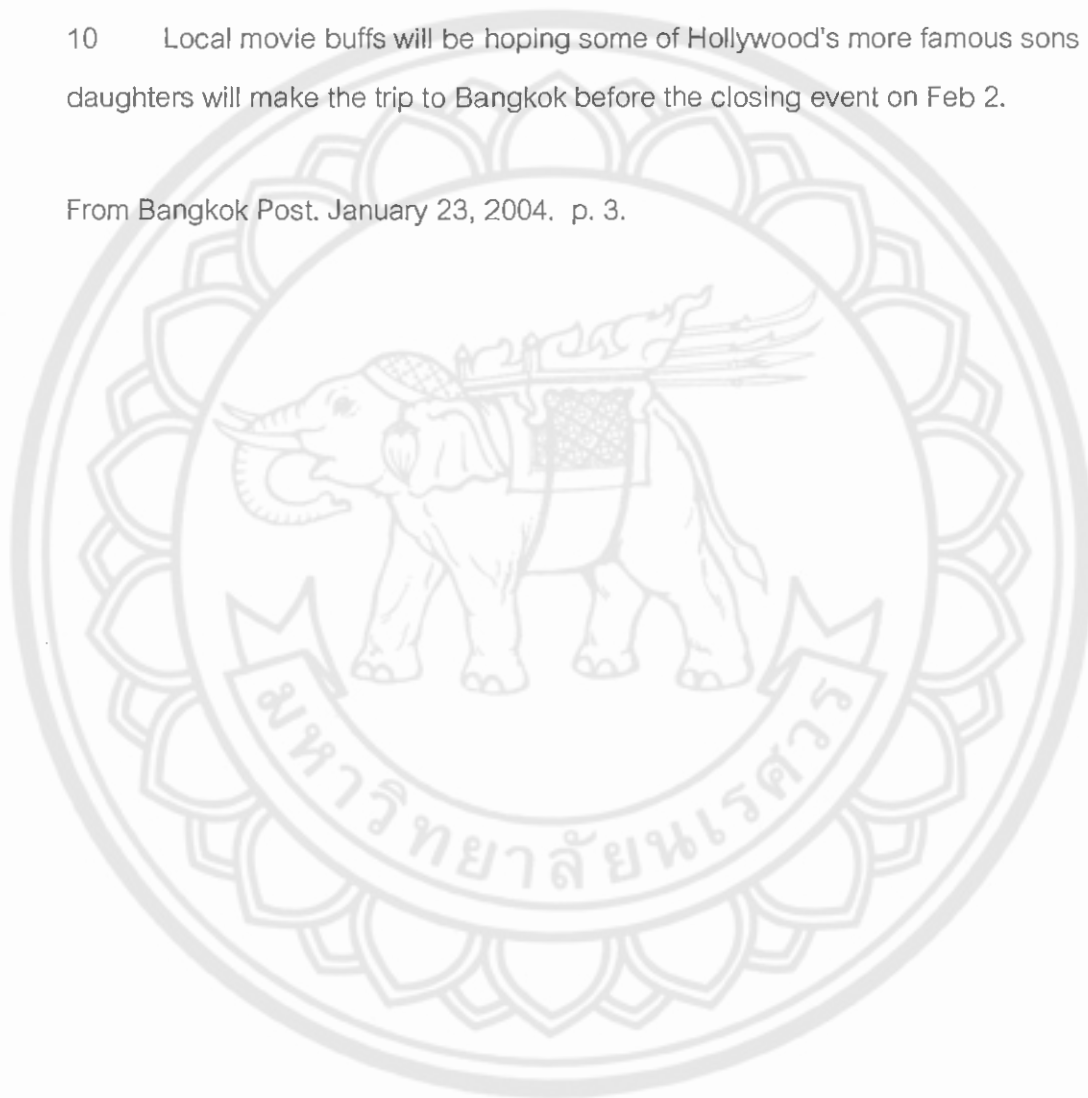
7 Some 150 films from 30 countries will be screened, including hot favorites from around the globe, locally produced classics and rare documentaries.

8 Among the highlights of the festival were Sophia Coppola's *Lost in Translation*, Lars Von Trier's *Dogville*, Alejandro Innaritu's *21 Grams*, and Claude Chabrol's *The Flower of Evil*.

9 Organises of the film festival will throw another party on Jan 31 at the navy auditorium, where there will be a presentation of Kinnaree Awards.

10 Local movie buffs will be hoping some of Hollywood's more famous sons and daughters will make the trip to Bangkok before the closing event on Feb 2.

From Bangkok Post. January 23, 2004. p. 3.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. What does the headline "Big stars absent on 1st night" mean?
 - a. Big stars appear on the first night in the sky.
 - b. Big stars disappear on the first night in the sky.
 - c. Very famous movie stars appear on the first night of the film festival.
 - d. Very famous movie stars disappear on the first night of the film festival.
2. According to the first paragraph, "Fans of Hollywood movies..." the underlined word means _____.
 - a. the equipment for producing movies
 - b. the people who are crazy with their favorite stars
 - c. people who are crazy in the rock concert
 - d. something people use for entertainment
3. From the second paragraph, "... show up to wave appreciation...", the underlined word means _____.
 - a. to water your hands
 - b. to show your hands
 - c. to move your hands side to side
 - d. to curl slightly
4. Also in the second paragraph, which one of the movies was not allowed to run in Thailand?
 - a. *Anna and the King*.
 - b. *She's All That*.
 - c. *Driving Miss Daisy*.
 - d. *Thawipop*.

5. According to the fifth paragraph, "Tourism and Sports Minister Sonthaya Klunpluem presided over a brief opening...", the underlined words mean _____.
a. to be in charge of a president
b. to speak in a public
c. to be in charge of a meeting
d. to be a leader of a government
6. From the sixth paragraph, the film festival is _____ for the second year by the Tourism Authority of Thailand.
a. banned
b. held
c. rejected
d. a bandoned
7. Also in the sixth paragraph, where will the film festival run until Feb. 2?
a. At different shopping mall around the Siam Square area.
b. At different movie theatres around the Siam Square area.
c. At only 10 movie theatres around the Siam Square area.
d. At movie theatres around the Scala theatre.
8. According to the last paragraph, "Local movie buffs will be hoping...", the underlined word means _____.
a. relations
b. children
c. lovers
d. kids

Part II:

Directions : Choose the most appropriate word in the box to fill in the blank.

pose	festival	turned up	gala	show up
banned	screening	various	documentary	auditorium

1. We have been waiting for the bus for two hours, but it doesn't _____.
2. There is a _____ concert on the occasion of raising money for local charity.
3. There are _____ kinds of fruits on the table: mangoes, durians, oranges, grapes, and papayas.
4. We arranged to meet at 7:30, but Sakultala never _____.
5. A television _____ about the future of nuclear power is rare.
6. This theatre has a large _____. It can contain about 1,000 people.
7. The famous movie stars _____ briefly for photographs before driving off.
8. Surasit was _____ from driving for six months because he did something against the traffic rules.
9. The Songkran _____ in Thailand has a big celebration.
10. This will be the movie's first _____ in this country.

Part III:

There are some phrasal verbs of "show" as follows:

1. show somebody around / round = to be a guide for somebody when they visit a place for the first time to show them what is interesting
2. show off = to try to impress others by talking about your abilities, possessions etc.
3. show somebody / something off =
 - 3.1. to show people somebody/something that you're proud of
 - 3.2. to make somebody look attractive by showing their best features
4. show through / show through something = to be able to be seen behind or under something else
5. show up = to arrive where you have arranged to meet somebody or do something
6. show up / show something up = to become visible / to make something become visible
7. show somebody up = to make somebody feel embarrassed by behaving badly

Directions: Match the meaning of "show" with the definition above by putting the numbers 1 - 7 in the blanks.

- _____ 1. Sirisopa wants to show off her new husband at the party.
- _____ 2. Anat showed me up by snoring during the concert.
- _____ 3. The writing on the other side of the page shows through.
- _____ 4. We were shown around the school by one of the students.
- _____ 5. A broken bone showed up on the X-ray.
- _____ 6. Amnart is just showing off because that girl he likes is here.
- _____ 7. It was getting late when she finally showed up.

Answer key:**Part I:**

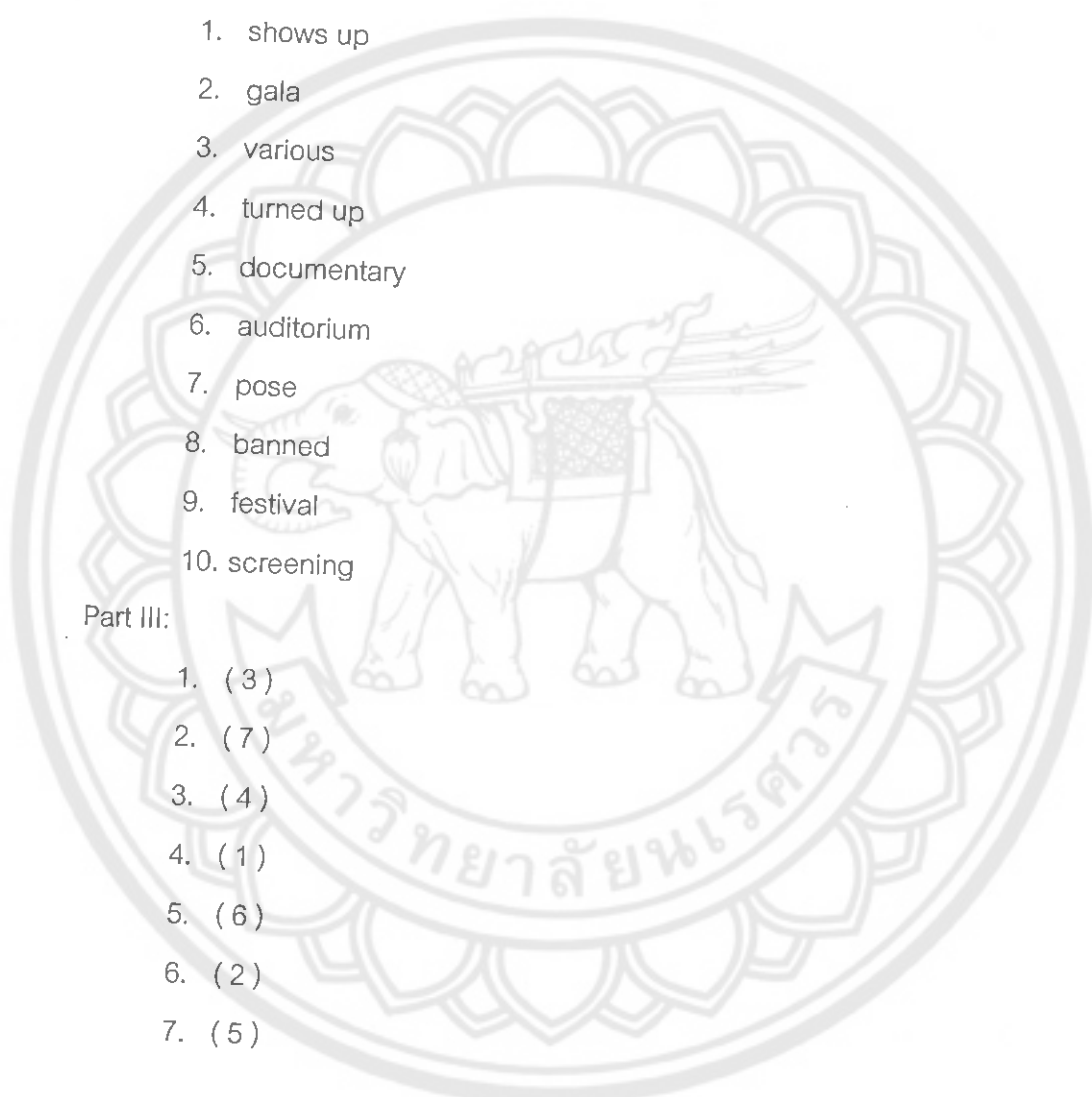
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Part II:

1. shows up
2. gala
3. various
4. turned up
5. documentary
6. auditorium
7. pose
8. banned
9. festival
10. screening

Part III:

1. (3)
2. (7)
3. (4)
4. (1)
5. (6)
6. (2)
7. (5)



Britney ties knot in Vegas

Las Vegas, AP

1 Pop star Britney Spears marched down the aisle in Las Vegas, marrying a childhood friend from Louisiana, according to news reports.

2 The 22 – year-old diva married Jason Allen Alexander early on Saturday at the Little White Wedding Chapel on the Strip, according to People.com, the online arm of the Time Warner publication. He is from Kentwood, Louisiana.

3 The *Las Vegas Review-Journal* reported that Spears, 22, and Alexander, 22, were granted a marriage licence, citing an affidavit of Application for Marriage Licence filed Jan 3.

4 The bride wore jeans and baseball cap, according to People.com, and had a hotel bell man walk her down the aisle.

5 People.com reported that Spears and Alexander journeyed to the Little White Wedding Chapel after a stop at the Ghost-bar, a club in the Palms Casino Hotel.

From Bangkok Post. January 5, 2004. p.1

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. What does headline "Britney ties knot in Vegas" mean?
 - a. Britney ties herself with knot in Vegas.
 - b. Britney gets married to someone in Vegas.
 - c. Britney makes a knot with herself.
 - d. Britney tries to knot by marrying someone.
2. From the first paragraph, "...Britney Spears marched down..." the underlined word means to _____.
 - a. get together to celebrate Spears' marriage
 - b. run away from each other
 - c. protest Spears marriage
 - d. walk out of the wedding
3. The word "aisle" in the second line means _____.
 - a. the seat in the church
 - b. the row of seats in the church
 - c. the shelf in the church
 - d. the passage between rows of seats in a church
4. The word "diva" in the second paragraph refers to _____.
 - a. Jason
 - b. Allen
 - c. Britney Spears
 - d. Alexander
5. The news reported that _____.
 - a. the bride and groom were the same age
 - b. the bride was from Louisiana.
 - c. the groom was a very famous singer
 - d. all above

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word in the box to fill in the bank.

granted	cited	filed
license	affidavit	journeyed

1. The married couple should be _____ for marriage license.
2. Show me your driver's _____ ; otherwise, you'll be fined.
3. Munc and Brian like to travel around the world. They have _____ for seven long months.
4. Anna gave an _____ in front of the court that she had never seen the man before.
5. The officials allowed me to enter the palace. I was _____ permission to visit the palace.
6. Amra was _____ in the divorce proceedings.

Part III:

There are 6 meanings of the word "knot" as a noun like follows:

1. in string /rope = a join made by tying together two pieces or ends of string, rope
2. of hair = a way of twisting hair into a small round shape at the back of the head
3. in wood = a hard round spot in a piece of wood where there was once a branch
4. group of people = a group of people standing close together.
5. of muscles = a tight uncomfortable feeling in the stomach, throat, etc.
6. speed of boat/plane

Directions: Match the meaning of "knot" with the definition above by putting the numbers 1- 6 in the blanks.

- _____ 1. There is a knot in that piece of wood.
- _____ 2. A handicraft has high knot in speeding.
- _____ 3. Tie the two ropes together with a secure knot.
- _____ 4. I could feel a knot of fear in my throat.
- _____ 5. Little knots of people had gathered at the entrance.
- _____ 6. Saralee had her hair in a loose knot.

Answer key:

Part I: 1. b 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. d

Part II:

1. filed
2. license
3. journeyed
4. affidavit
5. granted
6. cited

Part III:

1. (3)
2. (6)
3. (1)
4. (5)
5. (4)
6. (2)



New 'Ball girl' debuts



1 PARADORN SRICHAPHAN'S life in the romantic fast lane continues to defy any speed detector.

2 Following his much-publicised "break-up" with singer Tata Young just a few weeks ago, another "Ball girl" emerged yesterday to tell a television talk-show host about sweet gifts she had received from the tennis champion and their lengthy telephone chats.

3 "I won't call us boyfriend and girlfriend," said Jo-ann Khamsiri, 18, a Thai residing in the United States, during a taped interview for the Baan Lekthi Ha programme. "We have just got to know each other and are studying each other."

4 Gossip about her being the "real" girlfriend of Asia's number one tennis star overshadowed his very public break-up with Tata, who failed to impress Paradorn's parents.

5 "He said he likes me," said Joann. "I'm not sure whether he was courting me. He has this little flirting reputation and I'm still very young."

6 Jo-ann was introduced to Paradorn's family in August by a woman who had played match maker for the tennis star's parents.

'He's got a sweet tongue'

7 Pailin Khamsiri, who is Jo-ann's aunt, told the TV programme: "Ann is very close to Ball's mum and dad. They like her."

8 Pailin and Paradorn's mother, Ubon, had been friends as girls. When Paradorn contested the US Open last year, his family name caught Pailin's attention so she contacted his camp. The old friendship was soon revived.

9 Paradorn got to know Jo-ann only this year.

10 "I can't say if they are in love, but they have been talking to each other a lot. When the news about Tata Young was hot, I read it to Ann, who can't read Thai. I told her to stop going out with Ball because that could make things worse. She totally understands the situation and the kids only talked on the telephone," Pailin said.

11 The girl said Paradorn took her out to shop and often bought handbags and "short cute skirts" for her.

12 The told of one "special gift" on which he wrote with his own handwriting: "Cute. To my baby sweetheart. I love you all the way. P'Ball."

13 "I think he's sort of a flirting man. He's got a sweet tongue but is sincerely nice and can get along well with anyone," she said.

14 "Do you think he's handsome?" the TV host asked.

15 "Smart and charming, but not handsome," she said.

16 Model Odette Henriette, who was rumoured to be Paradorn's girlfriend until Tata created a major public uproar by declaring Ball was her man, reacted guardedly to the latest news of his romance.

17 "He's my kind brother and will continue to be," she said.

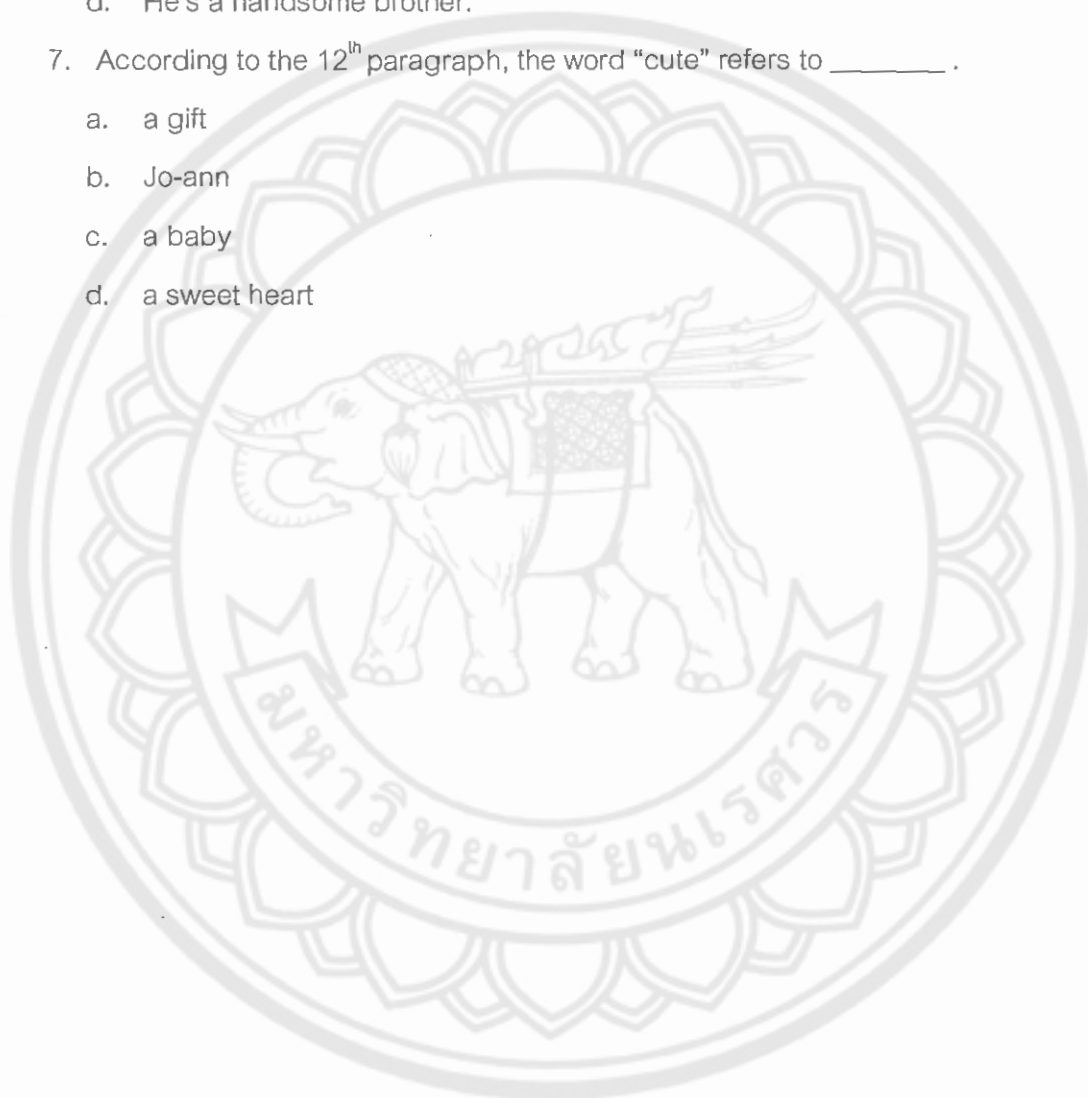
From The Nation. November 26, 2003. p.1.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. From the first paragraph, the phrase "romantic fast lane" means _____.
 - a. very quick way of love
 - b. very rapid route of lane
 - c. very fast romantic way
 - d. very short and fast way of romance
2. According to the TV program "*Ban Lekthi Ha*", what was Jo-ann interviewed about?
 - a. Ball is her boyfriend.
 - b. Ball falls in love with her.
 - c. Ball and Jo-ann are just only friends.
 - d. Ball and Jo-ann have just got to know each other.
3. From the seventh paragraph, we know that Jo-ann is very close to Paradorn's family because _____.
 - a. Jo-ann's aunt is Paradorn's mother's cousin
 - b. Ball parents like Jo-ann
 - c. Jo-ann is a tennis fan, so she goes to the tennis court very often
 - d. Jo-ann and Ball's families are very familiar
4. What did Paradorn do with the special gift for Jo-ann?
 - a. Wrote sweet words on it.
 - b. Let a sweet heart on it.
 - c. Put the pink card with it.
 - d. Tied it with a bunch of flowers.
5. When did the relationship between Ball's mother and Jo-ann's aunt start?
 - a. When Ball contested the US Open.
 - b. When Ball had a rest in U.S.A.
 - c. When Ball had an appointment with The Tennis Champoins.
 - d. When Ball visited his cousins.

6. From the last paragraph, what does Jo-ann talk about Ball?
- a. He's a kind brother.
 - b. He's a lovely brother.
 - c. He's a smart brother.
 - d. He's a handsome brother.
7. According to the 12th paragraph, the word "cute" refers to _____.
- a. a gift
 - b. Jo-ann
 - c. a baby
 - d. a sweet heart



Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

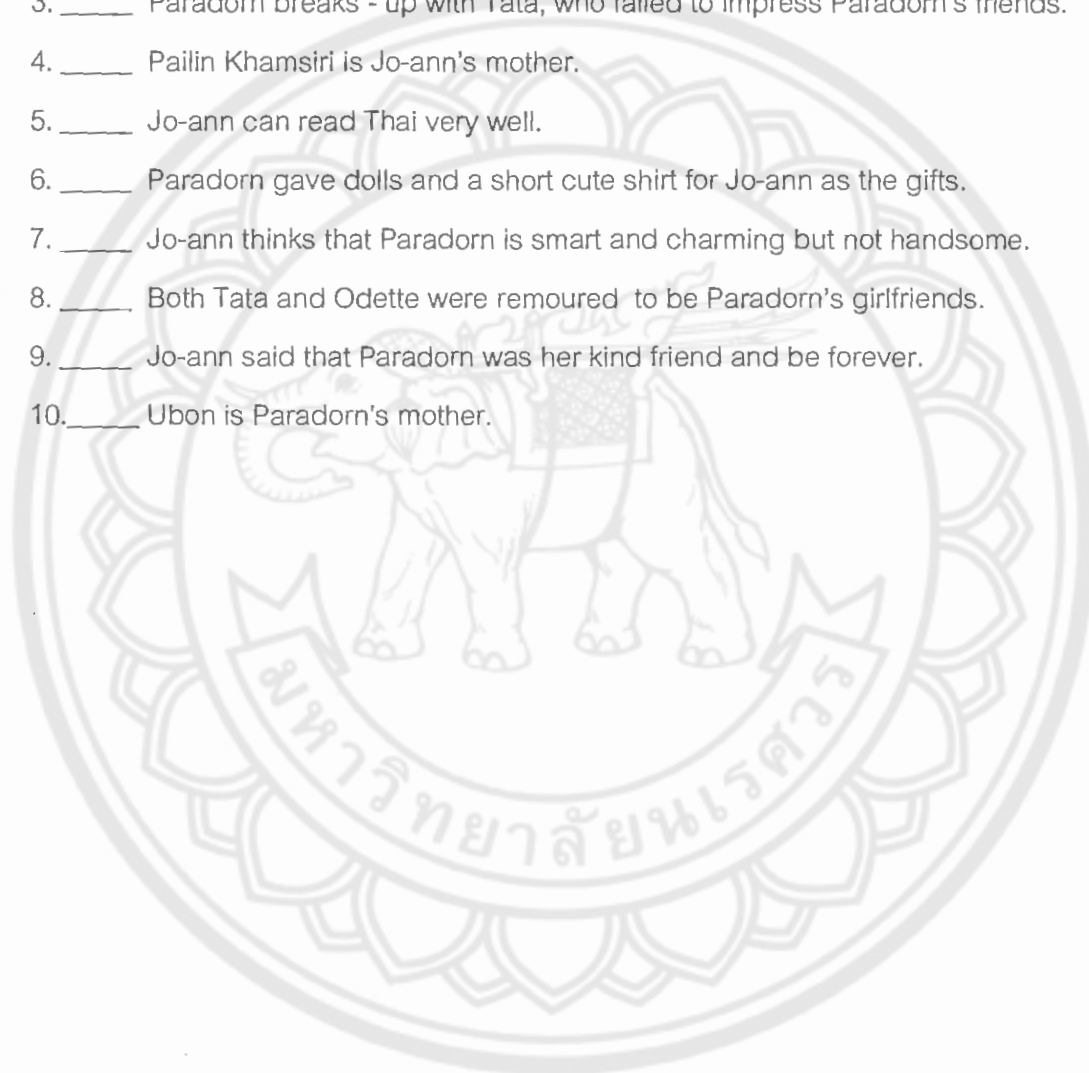
rumour	broken up	contact	chatting	impress
debut	romance	uproar	cute	declared

1. Kathy dressed up when she had the first date with her boyfriend because she wanted to _____ him.
2. I don't think what I heard about Bruce is the truth; it may be only a _____.
3. Some teachers visit their students' homes in order to _____ with their parents and learn their problems.
4. Look at that little girl! She is _____. She attracts everybody's attention.
5. The Beatles made their first album about 20 years before I was born. My parents still have their _____ album.
6. The _____ outside the police station was made by the people who were very angry with the man arrested by the police and jailed there.
7. Abraham Lincoln _____ independence for slaves in the USA.
8. A _____ is a relationship between two people who love each other.
9. John had a fight with his girlfriend last week. They ended their relationship. She has _____ relationship with him.
10. My daughter always spends a lot of time _____ with her friends.

Part III:

Directions: Put the "✓" in front the right statement and the "✗" in front of the false statement .

1. _____ Jo-ann is 20 years old.
2. _____ Jo-ann is a Thai residing in England.
3. _____ Paradorn breaks - up with Tata, who failed to impress Paradorn's friends.
4. _____ Pailin Khamsiri is Jo-ann's mother.
5. _____ Jo-ann can read Thai very well.
6. _____ Paradorn gave dolls and a short cute shirt for Jo-ann as the gifts.
7. _____ Jo-ann thinks that Paradorn is smart and charming but not handsome.
8. _____ Both Tata and Odette were remoured to be Paradorn's girlfriends.
9. _____ Jo-ann said that Paradorn was her kind friend and be forever.
10. _____ Ubon is Paradorn's mother.



Answer key:

Part I: 1. d 2. d 3. b 4. a 5. a 6. a 7. b

Part II: 1. impress 2. rumour 3. contact 4. cute 5. debut
6. uproar 7. declared 8. romance 9. broken up 10. chatting

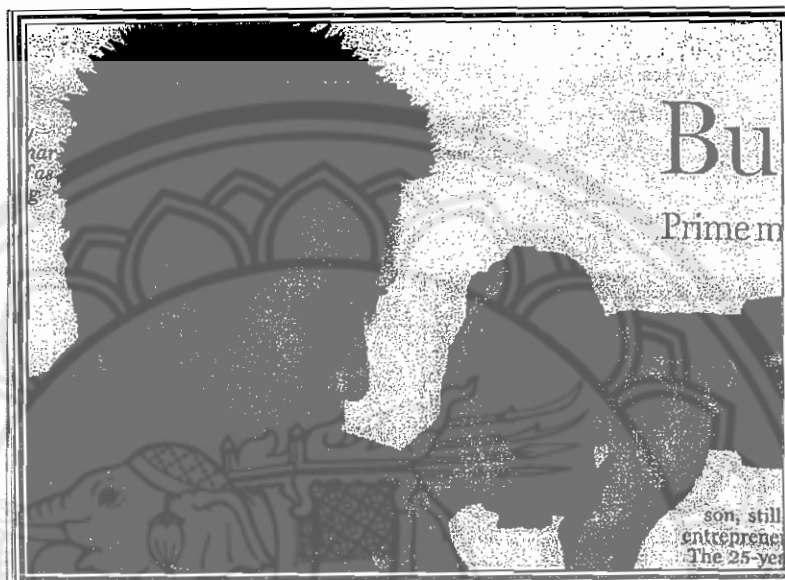
Part III: 1. ✗ 2. ✗ 3. ✗ 4. ✗ 5. ✗ 6. ✗ 7. ✓ 8. ✓ 9. ✗ 10. ✓



Panthongtae

Business? Not in it only for money

Prime minister's only son just wants to see his enterprises succeed



1 DESPITE BEING heir to the Shinawatra family's multibillion-baht business empire, whose stock prices have soared relentlessly in the past several months, Panthongtae Shinawatra, Prime Minister Thaksin's only son, still wants to prove his worth as a young entrepreneur.

2 The 25-year-old is a busy man these days, for he has three businesses on the go: a trendy photo studio, an entertainment firm and a luxury mobile-phone distribution company, not to mention often being called on by his father to accompany him on official overseas trips.

3 While Panthongtae's own businesses may be minuscule when compared to the sizeable holdings in Shin Group's companies in his name, he certainly has a passion for starting new businesses that cater to the young and wealthy.

4 And he currently has plenty of time to devote to the newly founded ventures, for his father has said a political life is not yet in offing for his son.

5 Among the three businesses launched recently, Panthongthae said the photo studio, She @ Mood at Siam Square Soi 2, meant the most to him.

6 A keen amateur photographer prior to opening the business, Panthongtae not surprisingly is granted a VIP slot when photographing many of the country's most important events, much to the envy of other shutterbugs. "Of all the three businesses that I started this year, I love the photo studio most, even though its profit potential is not high," Panthongtae said in an interview with *The Nation*.

7 The entertainment firm, How Come Entertainment, was formed with five close friends in a bid to tap niche business opportunities aimed at young consumers.

8 Panthongtae said How Come Entertainment was a chance to do something rewarding that also offered a potentially lucrative return. The company aims to respond to the fast-changing needs of the young, with its first venture getting popular Japanese cartoon series Hikaru/Pikenko aired on Channel 3.

9 How Come Entertainment is also exploring the possibility of organising an Asian DJ contest to promote new talent in the region.

10 The third business, Master phone Co, was launched earlier this month and serves as the local distributor for England's luxury mobile-phone brand Vertu.

11 Priced from Bt200,000 to Bt 1 million a unit, a few of the phones have already been snapped up by key supporters of his father's Thai Rak Thai Party, including Pravit Maleenont of BEC World and Prayuth Mahakitsiri of the Nescafe Group.

12 The cashed-up duo paid Bt3.3 million and Bt3.2 million respectively for their phones at an auction to mark the company's opening.

13 Panthongtae expects to sell 120 phones in the first year, with almost 40 orders already placed.

14 While all three businesses do not mean much to Panthongtae financially, he is still keen to see them succeed, saying he will not explore and new business ventures until these ones start turning a profit.

From The Nation. December 14, 2003. p.1.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. The headline informs the readers about _____.
 - a. the new project businesses
 - b. the new entertainment businesses
 - c. the new photo businesses
 - d. the new magazine businesses
2. According to the answer no.1, the kinds of those businesses are _____.
 - a. a photo studio, an entertainment firm, and a gift shop
 - b. a photo studio, a watch agency, and an entertainment firm
 - c. an entertainment firm, a mobile phone service, and a watch agency
 - d. a photo studio, an entertainment firm, and a mobile phone service
3. What is the aim of "How Come Entertainment" ?
 - a. To cater popular Japanese cartoon series.
 - b. To sell mobile phones.
 - c. To take photos.
 - d. To sell cameras and watches.
4. From the headline, how does the Prime Minister feel toward his son himself?
 - a. Serious.
 - b. Glad.
 - c. Surprised.
 - d. Anxious.
5. From the news we can say that _____.
 - a. Panthongtae makes his father proud of him
 - b. a good son should do business like Panthongtae
 - c. a good son should spend a lot of money on business
 - d. doing business makes someone valuable

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

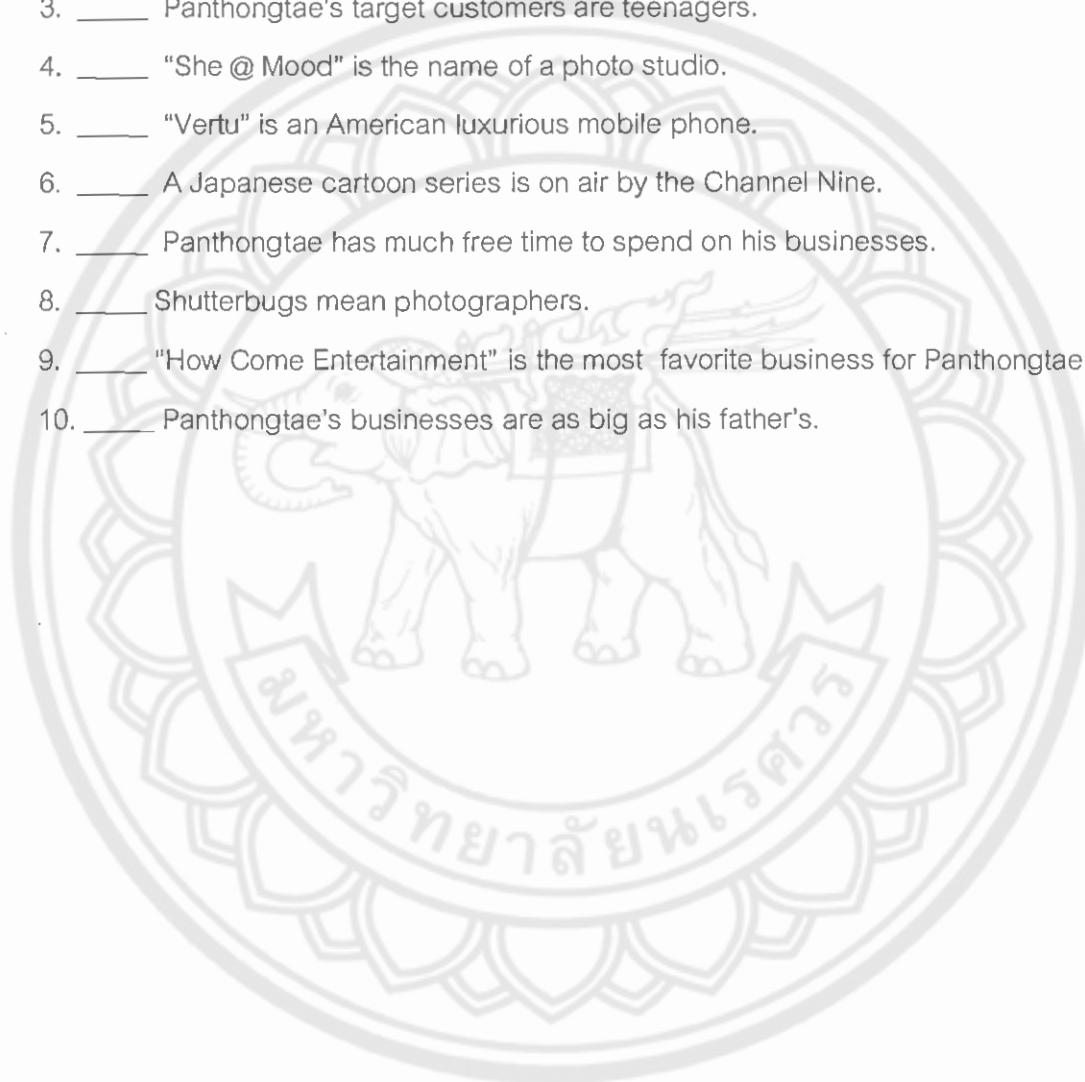
passion	talent	opportunity	trendy	amateur
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1. Odette Henriette is a _____ model. All young girls like to dress like her.
2. Mr. Charlermchai Kositpipat has a _____ for painting. His pictures are very excellent.
3. I haven't had the _____ to thank him yet because he is absent today.
4. Mr. Manat spoke with great _____ about his love. He has a strong desire to marry his girlfriend.
5. Panthongtae is (a)an _____ photographer. He needs to practice taking photographs more.

Part III:

Directions: Put the "✓" in front of the right statement and the "✗" in front of the false statement.

1. ____ Panthongtae has three businesses to carry on.
2. ____ Panthongtae is the only owner of "How Come Entertainment".
3. ____ Panthongtae's target customers are teenagers.
4. ____ "She @ Mood" is the name of a photo studio.
5. ____ "Vertu" is an American luxurious mobile phone.
6. ____ A Japanese cartoon series is on air by the Channel Nine.
7. ____ Panthongtae has much free time to spend on his businesses.
8. ____ Shutterbugs mean photographers.
9. ____ "How Come Entertainment" is the most favorite business for Panthongtae.
10. ____ Panthongtae's businesses are as big as his father's.



Answer key:

Part I: 1. a 2. d 3. a 4. b 5. a

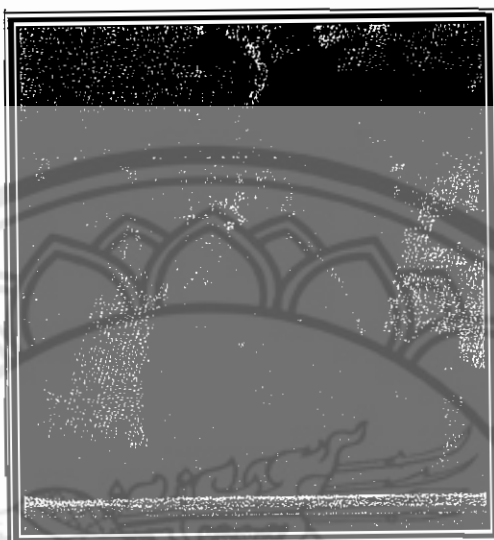
Part II: 1. trendy 2. talent 3. opportunity 4. passion 5. amateur

Part III: 1. ✓ 2. ✗ 3. ✓ 4. ✓ 5. ✗ 6. ✗ 7. ✓ 8. ✓ 9. ✗ 10. ✗



WAR ON DRUGS

Rock and rap lose to 'likay'



1 Children of Ban Botalo School say no to rock and rap music -- they have become loyal fans of *likay*, traditional folk theatre they say also helps them say no to drugs.

2 "All 204 of our students, from kindergarten up to Prathom 6, just love *likay*, school principal Suthin Jiamjitsiripong said proudly.

3 The sounds of xylophone, drum and flute can be heard every day as the local community, in Wang Noi district, encourages the practice of *likay*.

4 Boonlert Abwaree, a professional *likay* performer with a child attending the school, began teaching classes in the old role-playing dramas about three years ago with the backing of wealthy donors.

5 The classes became a big hit, with children eager to show their parents and friends how good they were.

6 Before long, the entire village was glued to the stage. The school's *likay* course has already won first prize in the provincial-level one product one school contest. It is a sought-after show in the province and has helped generate income for the student performers.

7 "*Likay*, helps children become quick thinkers, decisive, not afraid to express
their opinions, eager to meet people and to learn to live and work with others in society,"
Mr Suthin said.

8 Mr Boonlert said he was proud that he could play a part conserving and
passing on a Thai traditional performance to the younger generation.

9 Amporn Chotikapattana, mayor of tambon Lam Ta Sao, said the municipality
was backing the school's request for additional funds to buy more musical instruments,
light and sound systems and costumes, and to hire musicians.

10 The municipality would also ask the school to set up a committee to manage
income from the performances to make sure all student performers get paid.

11 The Ban Botalo school's *likay* performance would also be put on the one
tambon one product (Otop) list.

12 "It is our knight in the war on drugs," Ms Amporn said.

From Bangkok Post. January 12, 2004. p.1.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. What do the students from Ban Botalo School perform?
 - a. *Mor Lam*.
 - b. *Likay*.
 - c. The play.
 - d. *Look Thung*.
2. What kinds of musical instrument can be used in Likay?
 - a. The xylophones.
 - b. The drums.
 - c. The flutes.
 - d. All a, b and c.
3. According to Boonlert Abwaree, a professional Likay performer, how does he organise the class?
 - a. Teach the students how to play Likay every day.
 - b. Teach the students the old role-playing the dramas.
 - c. Teach the students about the history of Likay.
 - d. Teach the students how to earn money from Likay.
4. Which of the children's features is not improved by Likay?
 - a. To become quick thinker.
 - b. To have self-confidence to express the opinions.
 - c. To be eager to meet and work with others in society.
 - d. To be slow to make a decision.
5. According to the sixth paragraph, what does Likay performance help the performers?
 - a. Income.
 - b. Progress.
 - c. Emotion.
 - d. Attitude.
6. The main purpose of the Likay scheme in school is _____.
 - a. to help the students to earn money while they are studying
 - b. to campaign to preserve the Likay
 - c. to improve the students' Likay role-playing
 - d. to encourage students to ignore drugs

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

generated

contest

earns

traditional

kindergarten

1. I took my 5- year-old daughter to a _____ school. She needed to be here to prepare herself before studying in a school.
2. My father has very _____ ideas about music. He thinks the best music in the world is Thai traditional music.
3. Sujira sings very well. She wins the singing _____.
4. Dara _____ nearly 50,000 baht a month. She can get about 600,000 baht a year.
5. Our discussion _____ a lot of new ideas. Everyone in our group could express and share his own ideas.

Part III:

Directions: Put the "✓" in front the right statement and the "✗" in front of the false Statement.

1. _____ The students of Ban Botalo School love *Look Thung*.
2. _____ The sounds of xylophone, drum and flute can be heard every day in Wang Thong district.
3. _____ Boonlert began teaching classes in the old-role-playing dramas about two years ago.
4. _____ *Likay* helps children to become swift thinkers.
5. _____ *Likay* performance helps children to learn to live with friends and family.
6. _____ The *Likay* performance became popular because the children did it very well.
7. _____ The school's *Likay* course has already won the second prize in one product one school contest.
8. _____ *Likay* has helped students to generate their wages.
9. _____ Children of Ban Botalo School accept rock music.
10. _____ *Likay* is a Thai traditional folk performance.

Answer key:

Part I: 1. b 2. d 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d

Part II: 1. kindergarten 2. traditional 3. contest 4. earns 5. generated

Part III: 1. ✗ 2. ✗ 3. ✗ 4. ✓ 5. ✗ 6. ✓ 7. ✗ 8. 4 9. ✗ 10. ✓



Rock versus traditional music: This town isn't big enough for the both of us

1 The FIRST EVER theatre performance by students of Eastern Asia University's Communication Arts Faculty will take place this week with the musical drama "Muang Pleng Rak".

2 "Our university has now entered its seventh year [since being founded] and we have almost settled and are ready to engage in more student activities," says the faculty's publicity spokesperson.

3 The show is being produced by students from the faculty's A-udem Club (the word is "media" spelt backwards), which evolved from the Communication Arts radio station, and, as a result, the show revolves around music.

4 "Muang Pleng Rak" is the story of a town that has a long musical tradition of many different musical styles until one day an evil musician called Nas-big forces the townspeople to play only rock music.

5 "We wanted to examine what would happen to a place that was dominated by only one musical trend," says Nitisak Charoenson, a third-year sophomore, one of the drama's producers.

6 The production boasts live accompaniment by renowned musicians Manot Pudtan and Phongprom Sanitwong na Ayutthaya, as well as noted actor Sombat Methanee, on stage with more than 30 young actors and actresses. Communication arts lecturer Kanjana Niyomtham is directing the drama. Tickets cost Bt150. For more information, call (06)309 6289.

From The Nation. January 31, 2004. p.10A.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. According to the news, what is a "*Muang Pleng Rak*"?
 - a. The musical band.
 - b. The musical book.
 - c. The musical drama.
 - d. The musical movie.
2. In the fourth paragraph, there are many kinds of _____ in the story.
 - a. singer styles
 - b. musical styles
 - c. musical drama styles
 - d. composer styles
3. From the fourth paragraph, what kind of music does Nas-big force the townspeople to play?
 - a. Jazz.
 - b. Pop.
 - c. Rock.
 - d. String.
4. From the fifth paragraph, what is the drama producer's aim?
 - a. To examine the musical instrument.
 - b. To test what happened with the place that was controlled by the only one musical trend.
 - c. To do different kinds of music.
 - d. To test of the only one musical band.
5. According to the headline, the news tells us about the _____ between Rock and traditional music.
 - a. differences
 - b. experience
 - c. cooperation
 - d. ignorance

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

director

trend

engage

revolve

renowned

1. There's going to be an English exam next week. We'll have to ____ a tutor at English Resource and Instruction Center.
2. The movie stars' parents set the ____ for others to follow.
3. Malee's new job is marketing _____. She tries hard to control a group of people working together in the company.
4. Dusit Thani Hotel is _____ for its excellent service. It's not surprising that there are many visitors to stay there each year.
5. Her life seems to ____ around her job like the world moves in a circle round the sun.

Part III:

Directions: Put the "✓" in front the right statement and the "✗" in front of the false Statement.

1. _____ The musical drama will perform by students of Chulalongkorn University's Communication Arts Faculty.
2. _____ "Muang Pleng Rak" is the name of a musical movie.
3. _____ This story shows the difference between tradition musical styles and rock music.
4. _____ The cost of tickets is too expensive for the audience to buy.
5. _____ In the story, an evil musician forces the townspeople to play only rock music.
6. _____ Kanjana Niyomtham is a Communication Arts lecturer.
7. _____ One of the drama's producers is a first year student.
8. _____ A producer says, " We wanted to examine only one musical trend."
9. _____ There are more than thirteen actors and actresses in the drama show.
10. _____ The conclusion of the news is that music is a part of life.

Answer key:

Part I: 1. c 2. b 3. c 4. b 5.a

Part II: 1. engage 2. trend 3. director 4. renowned 5. revolve

Part III: 1. ✗ 2. ✗ 3. ✓ 4. ✗ 5. ✓ 6. ✓ 7. ✗ 8. ✓ 9. ✗ 10. ✓



Spectacle Of love and respect



1 NO ONE WAS happier than Princess Ubolratana Rajakanya when the preview of the big-budget play "Always Beside You, Your Majesty" was staged for the press last Tuesday evening at Tha Ratchaworadit pier. The show was especially produced to celebrate the sixth cycle anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's birth, and the princess is the chairperson of the organising committee.

2 After a long period of stage construction and rehearsal, the show received a warm reception by members of the press, who were impressed with the sights and sounds of the extravaganza. "Always Beside You, Your Majesty" relates the romance between Suriyentara, the King of Anandanagara kingdom (played by Thirapat Satjakul), and his lover Chantrathevi (played by Nadia Minitwanit). During his reign, the Kingdom endured prone to several natural disasters caused by the black magic practised by the white saint (played by Panudej Wattanasuchart) who was plotting to dethrone the King. Anandanagara was on the brink of collapse, but the King learned he could avoid disaster if he was able to uncover the precious stone that can put a halt to all the natural disasters.

3 Well, that's all we can tell you about the plot, as the show is being staged daily from now until February 5.

4 What makes the show so special is its arsenal of special effects-- water and laser screens, digital sound, fire jets, superb lighting and a magnificent fireworks display at the end of the show.

5 "We've put much effort into this show because I want Her Majesty to see it and realise just how much her subjects care for her. There will be more special effects in the next round to be graced by Her Majesty," said Princess Ubolratana at the end of press preview.

6 "The show aims to get across the meaning of faith in love between a Royal couple. I'd like to portray the loyalty that the people exhibit to their king and queen. They are together in good times and bad times," said the princess.

7 Director Suwande Chkaraworawuth concedes that she was also satisfied with the show as it played out. But she admits that there were things that she found hard to control during the show like the wind.

8 "When the water screen is up, the wind blew our way, and the vapours wet some of our performers and their wireless devices. I'm very proud of this major project and we are working very hard to perfect every moment.

9 "When you have dozens of actors coming together on stage, you realise that organisation is key. I think all the performers have put their hearts and souls into the show," said the director with a grin.

10 Indeed what's made "Always Beside You, Your Majesty" such a glamorous performance is a combination of backstage organising and teamwork. The brilliant costumes are designed by Rittirong Jiwakanon, while Sutheesak Bhakdeetheva works wonders as the choreographer. The music is composed by Kaiwal Kulwattanothai.

11 Notable artist Chalermchai Kositpipat is responsible for the grand setting of the palace and the monastery.

12 Judging by the smiles on the face of the princess and the oohs and aahs of the audience, "Always Beside You, Your Majesty" looks set to win the hearts of tourists and interested Thais.

13 "Always Beside You, Your Majesty" is being staged daily at 7 pm (with a 9pm show on Saturdays). Tickets cost Bt1,000, Bt800, Bt600, and Bt400 and are available from the Bureau of the Royal Household at (02) 523 5500, Amway Co Ltd, at (02) 351 8559 and the Riverside Hotel, at (02) 883 1588.

From The Nation. January 25, 2004. p. 7B.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. According to the news, what is the theme of the show?
 - a. The meaning of love.
 - b. The different kinds of love.
 - c. The meaning of faith.
 - d. The meaning of fascinating love.
2. What did the show director say about all performers?
 - a. They worked not too hard.
 - b. They worked too hard.
 - c. They were willing to work
 - d. They did their duties.
3. According to the show "Always Beside You, Your Majesty ," what makes the show successful?
 - a. Performers and the director.
 - b. Teamwork and performers.
 - c. Performers and organising.
 - d. Organising and teamwork.
4. According to the director, Suwandee Chkaraworawuth, which factor was the big problem for her to control during the show?
 - a. Performers.
 - b. The stage.
 - c. Light and sound.
 - d. Wind.
5. Which settings in the show are grand according to the news?
 - a. The palace and the pier.
 - b. The pier and the monastery.
 - c. The monastery and countryside.
 - d. The palace and the monastery.

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

admit

grin

get across

rehearsal

costume

1. "I'm getting married," said Mary, with a big _____. She feels happy.
4. Manee tries to make me understand her ideas, but I feel so difficult to _____ her meaning.
3. Mr. Danai was wrong, but he won't _____ it. He tried not to accept the truth.
4. Susan was late for the _____ again before the real show.
5. We like to dress the Japanese _____. It is in trend.



Part III:

Directions: Put the "✓" in front the right statement and the "✗" in front of the false Statement.

1. _____ "Always Beside You, Your Majesty " was staged for the press at Tha Ratchworadit pier.
2. _____ The show was especially produced to celebrate the sixth cycle anniversary of her Majesty the Queen's birth.
3. _____ "Always Beside You, Your Majesty" is a love story between the white saint and his lover.
4. _____ The show is being staged on Saturdays and Sundays.
5. _____ The show aims to get across the meaning of faith.
6. _____ The costumes are not luxurious.
7. _____ The music was composed extravagantly.
8. _____ The show is being staged until the end of March.
9. _____ "Always Beside You, Your Majesty " impresses the tourists and Thai audiences.
10. _____ The director said that all the performers had put their responsibilities into the show.

Answer key:

Part I: 1. c 2. c 3. d 4. d 5. d

Part II: 1. grin 2. get across 3. admit 4. rehearsal 5. costume

Part III: 1. ✓ 2. ✓ 3. ✗ 4. ✗ 5. ✗ 6. ✗ 7. ✓ 8. ✗ 9. ✓ 10. ✓



Coach in confident mood

Volleyball/ sea games

1 Despite half the team being newcomers, the national women's volleyball team is looking in good shape to defend its title at the 22nd SEA Games in Vietnam.

2 The team has hit good form in recent sessions, according to head coach Kiattipong Radchatagriengkrai.

3 "From the results we have achieved so far, I am pretty optimistic about the fact that the present team will not have any problems clinching top place in Vietnam this December," said Kiattipong.

4 "The girls have done pretty well over the seas, finishing 9th at the World Grand Prix, 6th at the World University Games and 4th at the Asian Championships. This gives me good reason to believe that they shouldn't have much problems against arch rivals Vietnam."

5 Kiattipong, who is a former national men's volleyball player, said that the Thai team is probably the most experienced in comparison to the other South-east Asian teams that will be represented at the Games.

6 Host Vietnam will nevertheless be going all out for the kill, he said, as they were runners up at the last SEA Games in Kuala Lumpur two years ago. Vietnam is also ranked number 6 in Asia.

7 Thailand's ultimate goal however is to qualify for the Greece Olympics next year.

8 "Retaining our SEA Games gold medal is important, but the ultimate prize for us would be to qualify for the next Olympics. It's a big feat to achieve, but I believe our girls are up for the challenge"

From Bangkok Post. October 17, 2003. p. 16.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. According to the first paragraph, the national women's volleyball team is looking to defend its title at the 22nd SEA Games in Vietnam although there are _____.
 - a. only half of the players in the field
 - b. half of new players in the field
 - c. ten players more than the other teams
 - d. more players than the other teams
2. Kiattipong Roddratagriengkrai feels confident on his team because _____.
 - a. the team has done pretty well over the seas
 - b. the team is the strongest one among the competitors
 - c. the team has the new comers
 - d. the team has the best coach
3. From the fourth paragraph, what is the latest tournament of the team?
 - a. The World Grand Prix.
 - b. The World University Games.
 - c. The Asian Championships
 - d. The Asian University Games.
4. Which country did the last Sea Games competition take place?
 - a. Greece.
 - b. Thailand.
 - c. Vietnam.
 - d. Malaysia.
5. What is Thai team's ultimate goal, according to the seventh paragraph?
 - a. To qualify for the Greece Olympics.
 - b. To head volleyball team in Sea Games.
 - c. To represent the best team at the Sea Games.
 - d. To look in shape to defend at 22nd Sea Games.

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word in the box to complete each space.

achieved qualify accomplished defended challenged

1. The dogs in my neighborhood attacked me. I _____ myself with a long stick last weekend.
2. Mr.Somboon believes that his daughter is going to win the game of Twilight Show. She is a kind of _____ person.
3. Mr.Thasin Chinnawattra has _____ on War Drug project.
4. The English training course will _____ the students for a better job.
5. The main purpose of my study is to _____ the goal. Although it is so difficult, I will try my best.

Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words in the table.

comparison accomplish challenge ultimate rival
 feat achieve optimistic riddle arch

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Answer key

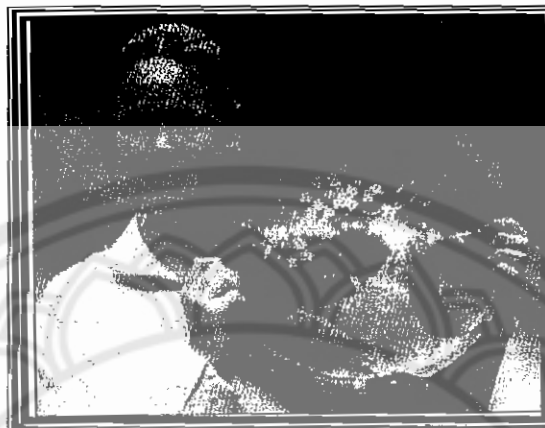
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Part II: 1. defended 2. challenged 3. accomplished 4. qualify
5. achieved

Part III:

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r	e	a	c	c	o	m	p	l	i	s	h	l	f

Davenport storms to win



Lindsay Davenport poses with her winning plate.----FPA
Beats Maleeva for fourth title at Tokyo

1 Defending champion Lindsay Davenport pulverised Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva 6-4, 6-1 to win her fourth Pan Pacific Open title yesterday.

2 The American took just 58 minutes to brush aside Maleeva, extending her winning streak at the Tokyo tournament to 12 matches since 2001.

3 There were swathes of empty seats at the indoor arena following top seed Venus Williams's withdrawal with a leg muscle strain on Friday.

4 "It would be nice to have beaten Venus in the final. It was unfortunate, but it's a pretty remarkable achievement to win a tournament four times," said Davenport, who also won the title in 1998, 2001 and 2003.

5 "It was just one of those weeks when everything seemed to go right," she added. Davenport spent just three hours 22 minutes on court for her four matches as she stormed to her first title since winning in Tokyo last year.

6 The second seed seized control of the match in the seventh game of the first set, breaking Maleeva to take a 4-3 lead with a crunching forehand pass.

7 Davenport gained a double break for a 4-1 lead in the second set with an emphatic overhead smash to demoralise Maleeva, who had reached the final after fifth seed Chanda Rubin pulled out before their semi-final with a knee injury.

8 The victory was Davenport's 39th career title and ninth at a tier one tournament – the top nine WTA Tour events second in prestige only to the four grand slams-to equal Monica Seles and Conchita Martinez in first place among active players.

9 Davenport, a quarter-finalist at last month's Australian Open, earned \$189,000 for her fourth victory in five Pan Pacific Open finals – the 27 – year – old lost to Japan's Kimiko Date on her first visit in 1995.

10 Martina Hingis was the only other player to win the title four times.

11 Maleeva put a positive spin on the result despite never threatening to match the feat of elder sister Manuela, who won the first two Pan Pacific Open tournaments in 1984 and 1985.

12 "Lindsay was too good today. I tried everything but nothing worked. I have no regrets," said the 28-year-old.

13 Maleeva's hopes of a consolation title in the doubles were dashed as she and Russian Elena Likhovtseva were thrashed 6-0 6-1 by Cara Black and Rennae Stubbs.

From Bangkok Post. February 9, 2004. p. 14.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. The first paragraph tells us that _____.
 - a. Davenport won the fourth match from the Pan Pacific Open
 - b. Davenport opened the fourth match of the Pan Pacific Open
 - c. Bulgaria scored 6-4, 6-1
 - d. Pan Pacific Open title opened yesterday
2. From the second paragraph, "The American took just 58 minutes to brush aside Maleeva" the underlined words mean _____.
 - a. to use a brush on something
 - b. to push somebody to one side
 - c. to ignore somebody
 - d. to touch somebody lightly
3. From the third paragraph, "...indoor arena following top seed Venus Williams..." The underlined words mean _____.
 - a. a small plant in the ground
 - b. a bad player in a competition
 - c. a series of game
 - d. a best player in a competition
4. From the fourth paragraph, which statement is true?
 - a. Maleeva won in the Final.
 - b. Davenport lost four tennis tournaments.
 - c. Maleeva won the title in 1998, 2001, 2003.
 - d. Davenport won the title in 1998, 2001, 2003.
5. From the sixth paragraph "...the second seed seized control of the match..." The underlined words refer to _____.
 - a. Magdalena Meleeva
 - b. Venus Williams
 - c. Lindsay Daveport
 - d. Cara Black

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

pulverised smash consolation posed seed

1. Mr. Sompong got a very bad feeling of his wife's death, but his children always gave him a _____.
2. The beautiful young ladies _____ for the photographers at the Miss Thailand World Contest.
3. In Thailand, many children know Paradorn very well because he is a top _____ in tennis players.
4. Tammy developed a powerful _____ in World Champion Cup. She tried hard to improve herself in order to win the game.
5. The famous tennis player, Paradorn Srichapan, _____ the opposition. He received about 1 million baht for his success.

Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words in the table.

prestige

thrash

seed

pose

defend

brush

storm

smash

swatch

gain

h	p	r	e	s	t	i	g	e	t	p	g	t	b
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Answer key

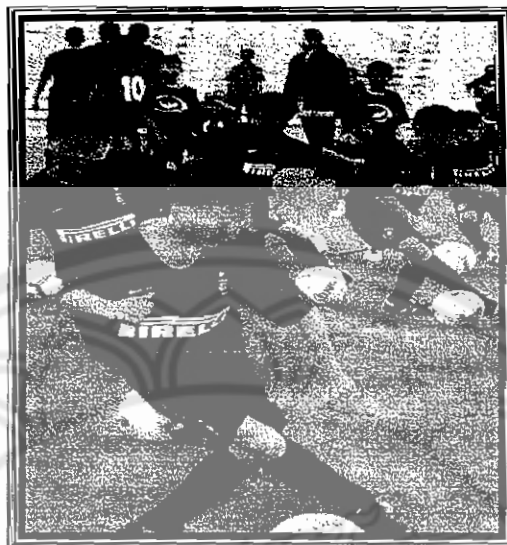
Part I: 1. a 2. b 3. d 4. d 5. c

Part II: 1. consolation 2. posed 3. seed 4. smash 5. pulverised

Part III:

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k	n	q	l	j	c	h	r	b	n	f	f	j	a

Italian job for youngsters



- 1 Italian giants Inter Milan are launching a football academy in Bangkok to be known as Inter Campus Thai (ICT) with the help of the Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT).
- 2 The contract was signed yesterday at Rajamangala Stadium.
- 3 The aim of Inter Campus Thai is not just to improve ball skills but also teach sportsmanship to young players.
- 4 Thailand is the 14th nation where Inter Milan has set up such a campus. There will be special coaches from Inter Milan as well as Thai coaches.
- 5 The project, which aims to cater for 500-700 young people a month, begins in earnest later this month.
- 6 Fees will be 3,800 baht a month and another 3,800 baht for the football kit.
- 7 At the end of the course, each member will receive a certificate from Inter Milan.

From Bangkok Post. February 10, 2004. p. 17.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. What is the project of Inter Milan with the help of the Sports Authority of Thailand doing?
 - a. To help a Thai coach.
 - b. To set up the Thai campus.
 - c. To show a football game.
 - d. To know Thai football players and support them.
2. According to the third paragraph, the aim(s) of the Inter Campus Thai is (are) to _____.
 - a. improve Thai children's football skill and sportsmanship
 - b. teach sportsmanship to the players of Thailand team
 - c. have a special coach and teach him to be professional
 - d. improve the Thailand team members' skill
3. From the sixth paragraph the children will pay _____ for the first time.
 - a. 3800 baht
 - b. 7600 baht
 - c. 500 baht
 - d. 1200 baht
4. What will the Inter Milan members get after they finish the program?
 - a. A certificate.
 - b. A football kit.
 - c. 3800 baht fees.
 - d. A souvenir.

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate words given in the box to fill in the blank.

fee	launch	pace	contract	certificate
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1. The _____ of the satellite was again delayed. It took five hours later to fly up into the sky.
2. The students now have no need to pay any _____ for the school. It's free to go and study in every school over the country.
3. As being teachers, we encourage all students to work at their own _____.
4. The government has a _____ with the poor to supply them the budget. The poor have a small opportunity to reach the wealth.
5. Miss Anong took an English Intensive Course. At the end of the course she got a _____.

Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words as follows in the table.

kit academy improve aim cater
contract campus certificate skill fee

a	c	c	i	m	p	r	o	v	e	w	i
h	a	v	b	e	q	h	j	d	l	o	p
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s	t	h	j	s	j	y	f	e	n	u	t
d	c	v	s	c	a	m	p	u	s	h	c

Answer Key

Part I: 1. b 2. a 3. b 4. a

Part II: 1. launch 2. fee 3. pace 4. contract 5. certificate

Part III:

a	c	c	i	m	p	r	o	v	e	w	i
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s	t	h	j	s	j	y	f	e	n	u	t
d	c	v	s	c	a	m	p	u	s	h	c

Jones set for comeback



1 Triple Olympic champion Marion Jones will compete in the 60 metres and long jump at the Birmingham Grand Prix in Britain on February 20.

2 Jones, who took last year off to have a baby, will make her return to competition at the Millrose Games in New York two weeks earlier.

3 Marion Jones will run the 60 metres and long jump in Birmingham, her agent Charles Wells said by telephone from his office in Keller, Texas. Wells added he could not recall Jones ever jumping indoors before.

4 "After a year having a baby and be out of competition, I feel it is important to get back on to the track at the earliest opportunity," Jones said. "I always enjoy competing in the United Kingdom."

5 A spokesman for the promoters confirmed Jones would be taking part and said negotiations were at an advanced stage with her partner Tim Montgomery, the world 100 metres record holder.

6 "We are delighted Marion is taking part," he said.

7 The announcement comes a day after organizers of New York's Millrose Games said Jones would race for the first time since 2002 when she competes over 60 metres at Makison Square Garden.

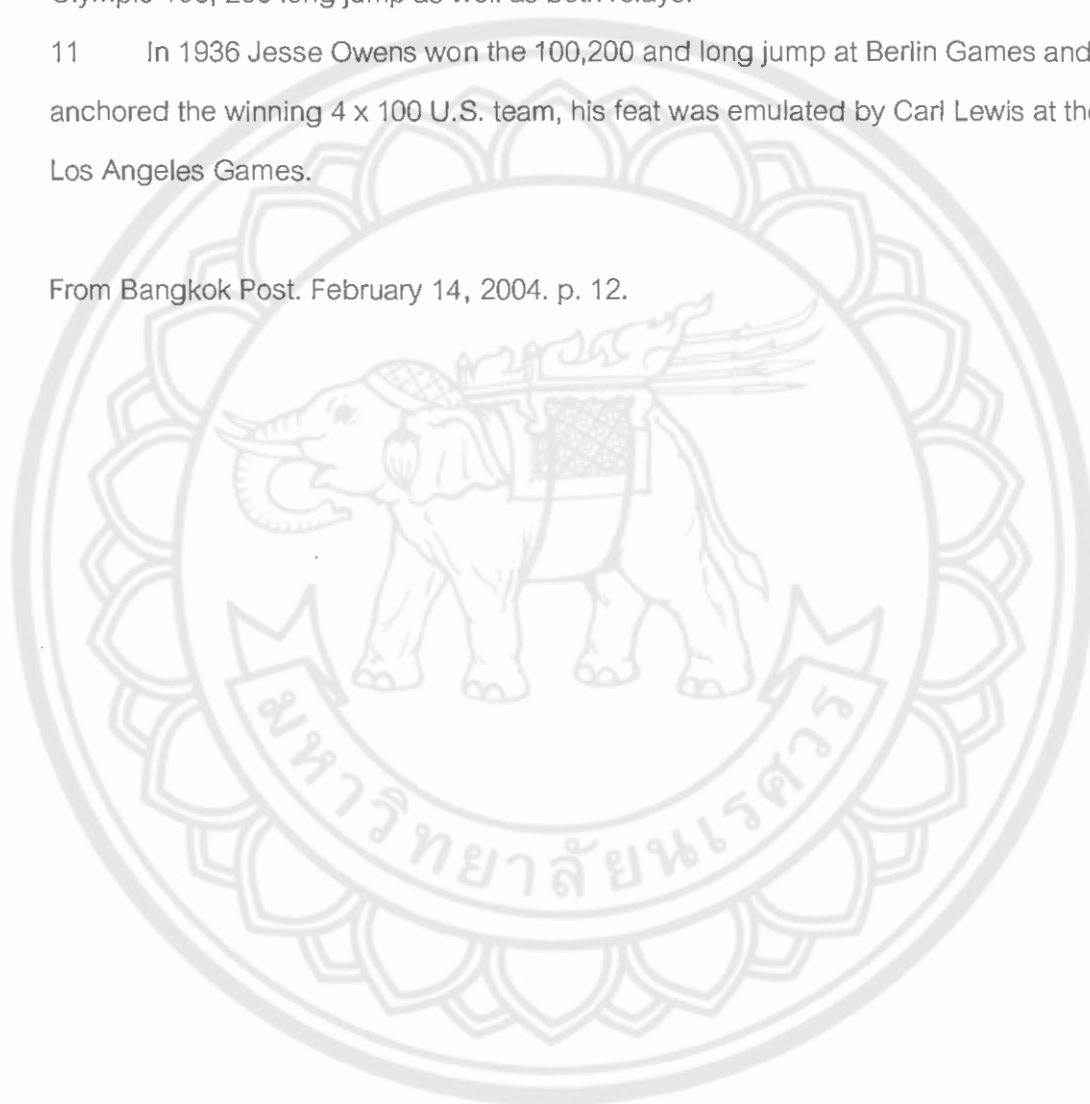
8 Jones's decision to jump indoors is a clear indication that she intends to include the event in her quest for multiple golds at the Athens Olympics in August.

9 The 28-Year-old American won a record five athletics medals at the 2000 Sydney Games, claiming gold in the 100 and 200 metres and 4 x 400 metres relay. She won bronze in the long jump and 4 x 100 metres relay.

10 Jones is the only athlete, male or female, to attempt to win gold medals in the Olympic 100, 200 long jump as well as both relays.

11 In 1936 Jesse Owens won the 100,200 and long jump at Berlin Games and anchored the winning 4 x 100 U.S. team, his feat was emulated by Carl Lewis at the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

From Bangkok Post. February 14, 2004. p. 12.



Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. The first paragraph tells us that _____.
 - a. Marion Jones will compete in the 60 metres
 - b. Marion Jones will compete in the long jump
 - c. Marion Jones will run the long jump and 4x400 metres relays
 - d. Marion Jones will compete in the long jump and 60 metres
2. From the second paragraph, Jones did not join to compete because _____.
 - a. she took off to have a baby
 - b. she left the Millrose Game
 - c. she went back home in New York
 - d. she changed a kind of program
3. According to the third paragraph, which sentence is not correct?
 - a. Jones will run a short distance.
 - b. Jones will compete more than 60 metres.
 - c. Jones will compete in the long jump.
 - d. Jones's agent was interviewed by phone.
4. From the news in the eighth paragraph, "The 28-year-old American won a record five athletics medals..." the underlined words refer to _____.
 - a. 3 gold medals and 2 bronze medals
 - b. 2 gold medals and 3 bronze medals
 - c. 5 gold medals
 - d. 5 bronze medals
5. According to the last paragraph, Jesse Owen, who was emulated by _____, won several matches.
 - a. Marion Jones
 - b. Charles Wells
 - c. Carl Lewis
 - d. Tim Montgomery

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

sprinted decision competition tracks promoter

1. The secretary doesn't like her boss because he lacks good _____.
He often ignores some good opportunity for the company and all members.
2. A boxing _____ is on the stage now. He says that the next round is the most exciting fight.
3. I saw the first runner running across the _____ to be in front of the other competitors.
4. In my opinion, I think the most exciting _____ is riding a horse.
It makes me more excited when the horses jump over the fence.
5. Tawee is the best runner in the race. He _____ to win the first .

Part III :

Directions: Find 10 hidden words in the table.

relay

delight

indication

anchor

emulate

intend

sprint

attempt

athletic

track

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v	b	c	y	l	n	r	e	l	a	y	u	g

Answer key:

Part I: 1. d 2. a 3. b 4. a 5. c

Part II: 1. decision 2. promoter 3. tracks 4. competition 5. sprinted

Part III:

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Lomu needs transplant to avoid life in wheelchair

1 Jonah Lomu faces life in a wheelchair if he does not get a kidney transplant, the former All Black said yesterday.

2 Lomu said in a television interview a relative had offered him a kidney but doctors had advised he was not a good donor.

3 " We are travelling down the road (transplant) with a relative but he has complications," the winger said, without spelling out the problem. A nerve specialist told Lomu, who has trouble with his legs because of dialysis treatment, he might not walk again.

4 "He didn't put a time limit on it but that's what he said," Lomu said.

5 Lomu was told early in 1995, before he leapt to prominence at the World Cup in South Africa, that he had a chance of having kidney failure in the future.

6 "I had nine good years of playing rugby after being given that warning but I have some unfinished business and I will be giving my all to play again," Lomu said. "I want to finish on my own terms. The word impossible is nothing."

7 His performances during the 1995 World Cup where he ran four tries against England during the semi-final, earned him universal plaudits and he was still the most feared opponent at the 1999 tournament where he was the leading try scorer.

8 Lomu had to take most of 1997 off for treatment for his rare condition known as nephrotic syndrome.

9 He failed to get fit enough for the World Cup in 2003. After completing just three Super 12 matches for the Hurricanes his illness flared and he aborted the season to receive dialysis treatment.

10 Now Lomu undergoes dialysis six nights a week during sleep and side effects from the treatment have caused nerve damage, which he said mostly affected his feet but often moved up to his calves. "

11 I have a lot of steps to climb to get to my house and I can still climb them, " Lomu said. "I try to monitor the difference every day and it's not getting any easier. "

From Bangkok Post. February 10, 2004. p.15.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. The first paragraph tells us that _____.
 - a. Jonah Lomu must have a kidney transplant
 - b. Jonah Lomo can not walk all his life
 - c. Jonah Lomu sits on a wheelchair
 - d. Jonah Lomu buys a wheelchair
2. According to the second paragraph, Lomu gave an interview that _____.
 - a. he did not want a kidney
 - b. he wanted to buy a kidney
 - c. he donated his kidney to his relative
 - d. he was offered a kidney by his relative
3. From the third paragraph, "We are travelling down the road(transplant) with a relative but he has complications," the underlined word refers to _____.
 - a. the doctor who had advised Lomu
 - b. a fan club
 - c. a kidney's donor
 - d. a television interviewer
4. Why didn't he get the kidney transplant immediately after being given the warning?
 - a. He wanted to continue his business.
 - b. He wanted to win for goal.
 - c. He earned some money.
 - d. He didn't have any money.
5. What happened with Lomu after completing three Super 12 matches for the Hurricanes?
 - a. He was a champion in Super 12 matches.
 - b. He was harmful.
 - c. He was a good rugby player.
 - d. He finished his business.

Part II:

Directions: Put the appropriate word given below to fill in the blank.

advise	avoided	donor	limit	underwent
rare	prominence	damage	affected	leapt

1. There was a terrible storm in our neighborhood last night. It caused a lot of _____ to our houses.
2. You must not drive more quickly than 120 km. per hour. The speed _____ along this highway is 120 km. an hour.
3. The children were happy. They _____ up and down with excitement.
4. Pat doesn't look sincere. Her smile is _____.
5. Jones has been in the hospital for a month. He _____ operations three times already.
6. I only saw Miss Thailand World on the _____ occasions. She is always busy.
7. Mr. Aphitsit _____ the government on economic affairs.
8. Prime minister's _____ people like the plague since south quarrel.
9. The heart transplant will place as soon as a suitable _____ can be found.
10. The newspapers are giving undue _____ to the story.

Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words in the table.

transplant

kidney

advise

prominence

damage

flared

monitor

calves

affected

opponent

c	a	l	v	e	s	p	e	w	q	o	e	l	o
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Answer Key

Part I: 1. a

2. d

3. c

4. a

5. b

Part II: 1. damage 2. limited 3. leapt 4. affected 5. underwent

6. rare 7. advises 8. avoided 9. donor 10. prominence

Part III:

c	a	l	v	e	s	p	e	w	q	o	p	l	o
e	f	i	i	c	e	r	s	l	e	f	a	i	p
g	f	o	f	m	o	o	f	j	b	z	x	q	p
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j	c	n	a	k	l	i	k	t	t	b	q	y	n
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w	e	h	e	i	s	e	q	a	d	h	q	h	n
t	d	k	d	o	k	n	u	g	h	n	j	u	t
y	u	t	o	s	h	c	v	n	g	q	e	s	c
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y	i	s	a	z	v	a	d	v	i	s	e	r	t
s	w	r	t	y	y	c	b	n	v	n	w	d	t
q	c	n	d	a	m	a	g	e	g	j	r	h	e

Napapol to fight for WBC crown

Boxing

1 Thailand's "Knockout King", to ranked contender Napapol Kiatisakchokchai, will fight World Boxing Council super bantamweight champion Oscar Larios of Mexico in a main event here on November 2.

2 The power-punching Thai fighter is 22-1 with 18 knockouts while Larios is 48-3 with one drawn and 33 knockouts.

3 Also on the same night, Mexico's Javier Jauregui will fight for his first world crown against American Levader Johnson for the vacant International Boxing Federation lightweight crown.

4 Colombia's Reyaldo Huetado will fight unbeaten Jose Navarro, the first 2000 US Olympic boxer to fight for a pro title, in a WBS super-flyweight bout.

From Bangkok Post. October 17, 2003. p. 16.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. From the first line, "Thailand's Knockout king", top ranked..."

The underlined words refer to_____.

- a. a knockout at a king
 - b. a king knockout
 - c. a top ranked knockout boxer
 - d. the most important knockout boxer
2. According to the first paragraph, what is Napapol going to do?
- a. To be a bantamweight champion replacing Oscar Laris of Mexico.
 - b. To fight World Boxing Council with Oscar Laris of Mexico.
 - c. To live in Mexico.
 - d. To be hired by World Boxing Council.
3. The second paragraph shows that_____.
- a. the Thai boxer's statistic is better than the Mexican's
 - b. the Mexican boxer's statistic is not better than the Thai's
 - c. both Thai and Mexican boxers have the same statistic
 - d. the Mexican boxer has much more experience than the Thai boxer
4. The third paragraph also tells us that_____.
- a. there is only one couple of fighters on that night
 - b. there is not more than one couple of fighters on that night
 - c. there is another one couple of fighters on that night
 - d. there are more than two couples of fighters on that night
5. Who is Jose Navarro?
- a. The first 2000 US Olympic boxer.
 - b. The WBS Champion of 2000.
 - c. The WBS boxer.
 - d. The Olympic boxer to win 2000 US dollars.

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

rank

crown

bout

fighter

vacant

1. Miss Wilai won the Miss University contest. The president wore a _____ on her head. She was very excited.
2. Great Britain is one of the very well-known countries in the world; however, it is no longer in the first _____ of European powers.
3. Suchada won't give up easily. She is a real _____. Her aim is to win the competition.
4. Koa -sai knocked out the Mexican boxer within the first _____ in the world WBC Championships.
5. I booked the VIP room at Pailin Hotel, but there is not a _____ room. I have to find somewhere else.

Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words in the table.

top knockout drawn crown unbeaten
vacant contender rank fighter lightweight

v	e	q	f	g	c	t	u	o	n	t	i	s	q
e	a	y	f	l	g	h	t	e	r	l	o	o	p
q	a	c	z	u	b	i	d	h	o	p	b	p	o
h	j	b	a	e	g	k	r	o	e	i	p	y	k
j	o	p	x	n	u	b	a	m	b	o	x	r	n
t	e	c	o	n	t	e	n	d	e	r	u	w	o
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r	k	w	s	y	c	n	q	a	i	v	l	o	t
t	c	b	m	t	k	i	z	x	m	o	s	a	o
y	u	i	q	n	w	i	m	k	r	s	y	o	u
r	o	l	i	g	h	t	w	e	i	g	h	t	t

Answer Key

Part I: 1. c

2. b

3. d

4. c

5. a

Part II: 1. crown 2. rank 3. fighter 4. bout 5. vacant

Part III:

v	e	q	f	g	c	t	u	o	n	t	i	s	q
e	a	y	f	l	g	h	t	e	r	l	o	o	p
q	a	c	z	u	b	i	d	h	o	p	b	p	o
h	j	b	a	e	g	k	r	o	e	i	p	y	k
j	o	p	x	n	u	b	a	m	b	o	x	r	n
t	e	c	o	n	t	e	n	d	e	r	u	w	o
v	m	r	y	w	c	v	k	r	m	t	y	w	c
y	d	f	y	u	b	u	e	a	i	o	p	g	k
j	n	l	v	b	c	r	o	w	n	s	r	h	o
h	u	n	b	e	a	t	e	n	j	s	u	o	u
r	k	w	s	y	c	n	q	a	i	v	l	o	t
t	c	b	m	t	k	i	z	x	m	o	s	a	o
y	u	i	q	n	w	i	m	k	r	s	y	o	u
r	o	l	i	g	h	t	w	e	i	g	h	t	t

Owen '50-50' to make Turkey clash on Saturday

1 Michael Owen's leg injury is not as bad as first feared but the striker remains only "50-50" to be fit to play in England's' decisive Euro 2004 qualifier against Turkey.

2 Owen, who was injured in Liverpool's 2-1 defeat to Arsenal on Saturday, underwent a scan yesterday which revealed no damage to his ankle or knee but a split in the lining between the fibula and tibia bones in lower right leg, Liverpool announced.

3 Owen landed heavily during the game at Afield. Players from both sides rushed to his aid but he was able to continue briefly finally being substituted. He hobbled off the field, leaving the ground on crutches afterwards.

4 England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson has delayed naming his squad for next Saturday's match in Istanbul until today, 24 hours later than initially scheduled, in a move apparently designed to allow time to assess whether Owen has a chance of making the squad.

5 Eriksson is also sweating over the fitness of central defender Rio Ferdinand, who played in Manchester United's victory over Birmingham on Saturday despite a foot injury.

6 United boss Alex Ferguson is uncompromising in his refusal to release his players for international duty if there is any question of them aggravating injuries.

7 England need a point in Istanbul to win their group and secure automatic qualification for next summer's Euro 2004 finals in Portugal.

8 If fit, Owen is an automatic choice and his absence will give Eriksson a major selection dilemma.

9 Eventon's Wayne Rooney is the most likely replacement if Owen fails to make it.

From Bangkok Post. October 12, 2003. p. 16.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. From the first paragraph, Michael Owen could _____.
 - a. not play football because of his leg injury
 - b. be about 50 percent to be fit to play football
 - c. not play foot ball at all
 - d. have more than 50 percent to be fit to play football
2. According to the second paragraph, the news tells us that _____.
 - a. Owen's team lost in the football match with Liverpool
 - b. Owen had a broken leg in the football match with Liverpool's
 - c. Liverpool's team won Arsenal's in the score of 2-1
 - d. It was so dangerous for Owen's leg on the football match
3. Owen _____ off the field after players from both sides rushed to his aid.
 - a. walked with difficulty
 - b. walked differently
 - c. walked fast
 - d. walked in a wrong direction
4. From the fourth paragraph, the reason that the England coach has delayed naming his squad for next Saturday's match in Istanbul until today is _____.
 - a. to give a good chance for his team to practice more
 - b. to give an opportunity to the opposite team to delay the match
 - c. to show the apposite team that his team is not ready for the match yet
 - d. to give a good opportunity for Owen to recover from his leg injury before the match
5. According to the fifth paragraph, "Eriksson is also sweating over the fitness..." the underlined words mean _____.
 - a. dropping of liquid appear on the surface of the skin
 - b. worrying of feeling anxious about something
 - c. working hard at something
 - d. heating some kinds of vegetable

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

secure	duties	chance	aid	selection
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1. Boy scouts learn to give first _____ to people who are hurt.
2. I take a _____ of Home Magazine to the customer because it is the best seller over the year.
3. Mr. Somwang spent his time at the company a lot. He didn't have much time to concentrate on the lessons, so he had a slim _____ to pass the exam.
4. The children are working hard on their _____ because the teacher **will** permit them to play a computer game.
5. Chantana decided to work in this company because its future looks _____.
The company offers good services to all companions.

Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words in the table.

choice assess hobble substitute aid
 announce decisive selection replacement chance

a	n	n	o	u	n	c	e	o	l	e	c	r	v
s	q	h	o	w	e	h	p	r	s	n	m	e	p
e	d	u	r	d	s	a	i	d	m	f	c	p	o
l	n	u	b	e	h	n	h	s	f	s	l	l	p
e	a	c	l	c	r	c	s	o	b	k	d	a	k
c	c	h	o	i	c	e	e	p	e	a	m	c	m
t	r	o	w	s	u	o	p	r	y	x	s	e	z
i	a	b	f	i	k	x	w	l	l	s	k	m	l
o	a	b	q	v	g	h	j	k	e	n	e	e	i
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o	w	e	t	k	e	m	s	g	h	e	p	t	e
v	m	b	v	e	t	a	u	i	i	w	p	e	o
t	s	v	w	k	k	l	k	e	u	e	l	r	t
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Answer key:

Part I: 1. b

2. c

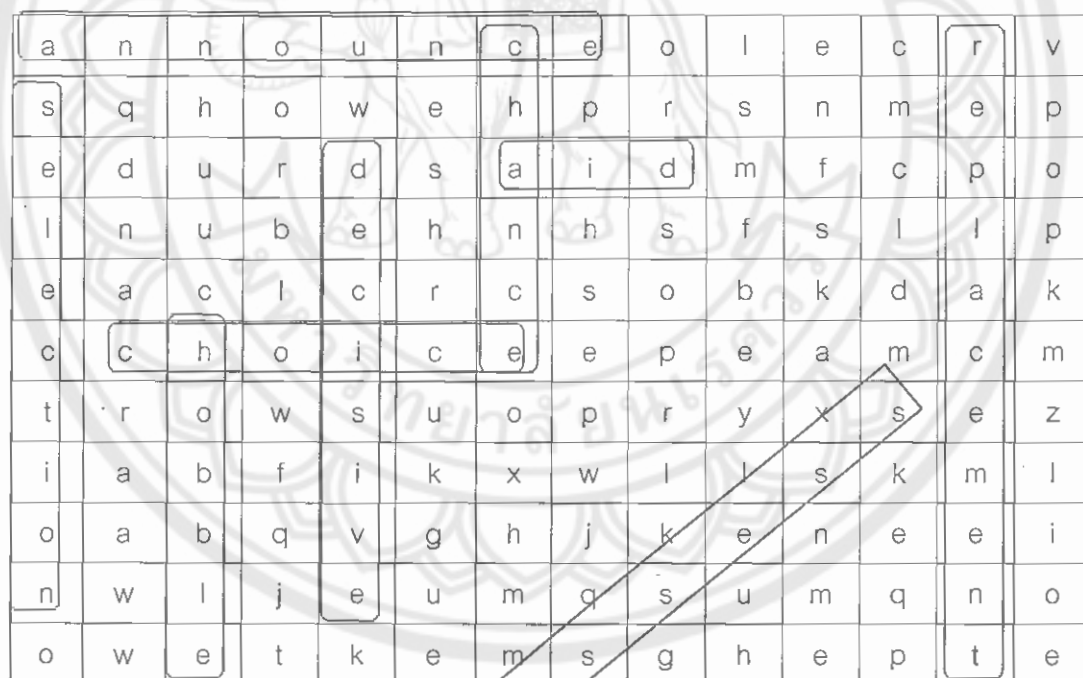
3. a

4. d

5. b

Part II: 1. aid 2. selection 3. chance 4. duties 5. secure

Part III:



a	n	n	o	u	n	c	e	o	l	e	c	r	v
s	q	h	o	w	e	h	p	r	s	n	m	e	p
e	d	u	r	d	s	a	i	d	m	f	c	p	o
l	n	u	b	e	h	n	h	s	f	s	l	l	p
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t	s	v	w	k	k	l	k	e	u	e	l	r	t
y	o	s	u	b	s	t	i	t	u	t	e	p	c

Sarayuth scores but Thailand are held.

1 In a warm-up match for the upcoming World Cup qualifying tournament, Thailand's national team drew 1-1 with Iranian club side Pas at Rajamangala Stadium yesterday.

2 A goal from prolific striker Sarayuth Chaikumdee put Thailand ahead in the 12th minute and the Iranian side equalized in the 37th minute through former AFC Player of the Year, Kodadad Azizi.

3 Thailand were without their overseas players or those involved in the AFC Champions League matches this week. Of the 22 players in the squad, eight are based overseas and 14 play in the Thailand League.

4 Head coach, Carlos Roberto Carvalho, said he was pleased with the performance. "We played quite well as we did not have our full squad."

5 Thailand face the UAE in the first leg of the World Cup qualifying round in Dubai on February 18.

6 The team will leave for Dubai on February 13.

From Bangkok Post, February 9, 2004. p. 16.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

1. The first paragraph tells us that _____.
 - a. Thailand's national team got score before the other's
 - b. Thailand's national team win champion in the warm-up match
 - c. Thailand's national team was not lucky in the warm-up match
 - d. The other team got more scores than Thailand's
2. According the second paragraph, _____.
 - a. Iranian got score before the 12th minute
 - b. Iranian got a yellow card in the 12th minute
 - c. Sarayuth scored 1 before the 12th minute
 - d. Sarayuth got a red card in the 12th minute
3. From the third paragraph, which sentence is true?
 - a. Thailand's national team had a lot of oversea players.
 - b. Thailand's national team had two matches at the same time.
 - c. Thailand's national team were no oversea players.
 - d. Thailand's national team involved in AFC Champion League.
4. What is Thailand's national team going to do after warm-up match?
 - a. They will celebrate the party.
 - b. They will compete in the UAE.
 - c. They will fly to compete in New York.
 - d. They will leave for Dubai.
5. How did the coach feel about this match?
 - a. He was happy to the performance.
 - b. He was moody for the performance.
 - c. He was worried about the players.
 - d. He was glad to set the party for all players.

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

held	score	qualified	performance	league
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1. The _____ at the end of the game was five goals to tournament against us.
2. After three years training he was _____ to be a teacher. He has the qualification for this work.
3. Kob, a super star of Thailand, gives a good _____. The people in Thailand love her.
4. Our team will complete in the Youth Club football _____.
5. Mr. Williams has _____ the office of chairman for thirty years. He worked hard in his position.

Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words in the table.

involve

performance

quality

league

score

squad

hold

equalise

tournament

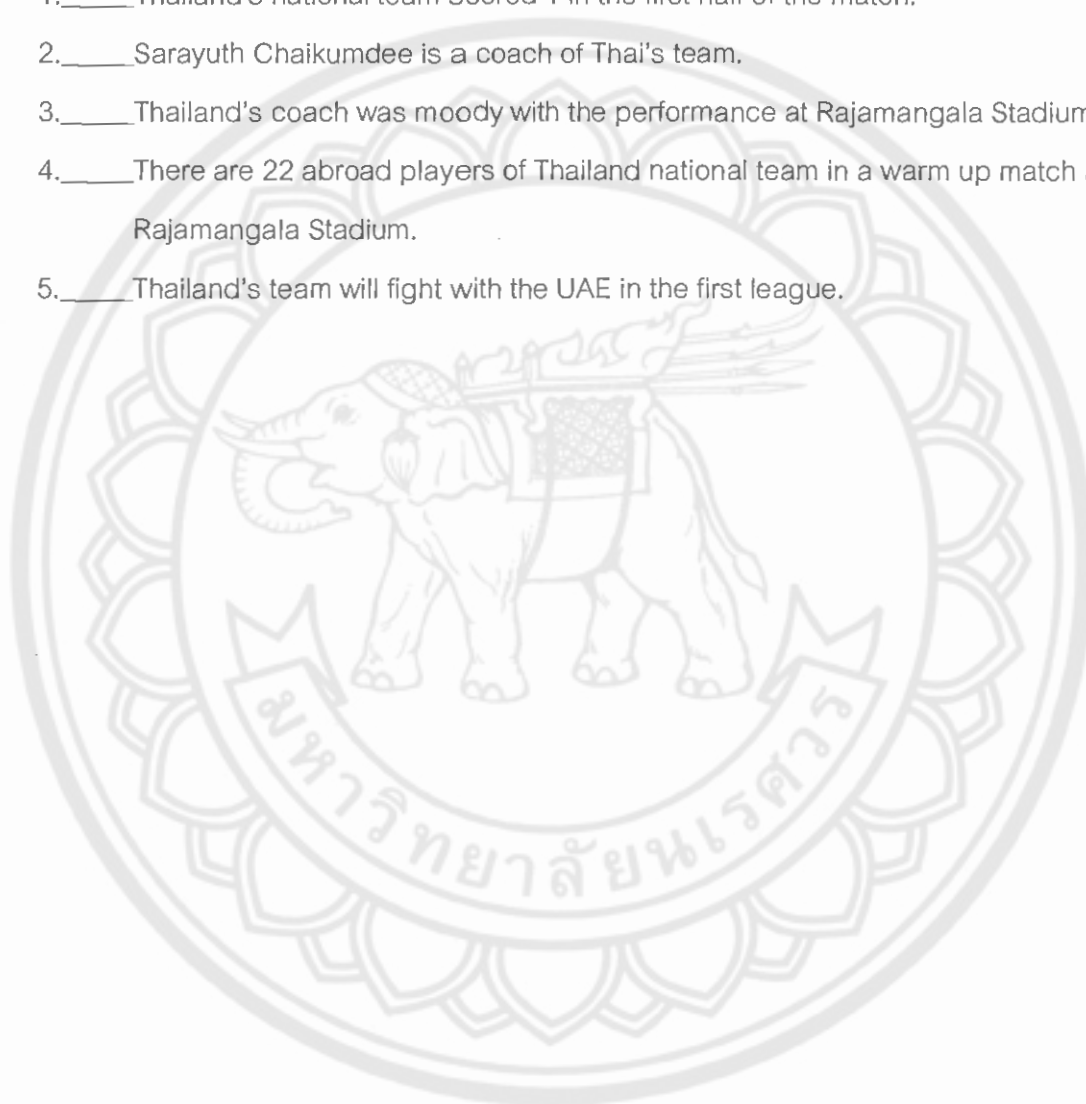
oversea

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n	r	c	f	s	m	d	e	s	o	b	t
c	t	o	u	r	n	a	m	e	n	t	k
e	t	j	l	w	b	j	g	a	a	l	e

Part: IV

Directions: Put the "✓" in front of the right statement and the "✗" in front the false statement.

1. ____ Thailand's national team scored 1 in the first half of the match.
2. ____ Sarayuth Chaikumdee is a coach of Thai's team.
3. ____ Thailand's coach was moody with the performance at Rajamangala Stadium.
4. ____ There are 22 abroad players of Thailand national team in a warm up match at Rajamangala Stadium.
5. ____ Thailand's team will fight with the UAE in the first league.



Answer key:

Part I:

1. a 2. c 3. c 4. d 5. a

Part II: 1. score 2. qualified 3. performance 4. league 5. held

Part III:

a	e	m	e	q	u	a	l	i	s	e	l
w	o	d	c	u	o	p	j	u	b	n	e
p	s	q	u	a	d	r	d	u	x	b	a
e	t	p	v	l	l	j	q	g	k	f	g
r	a	r	q	l	y	h	e	y	h	l	u
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a	y	l	s	f	b	e	h	r	y	j	k
n	r	c	f	s	m	d	e	s	o	b	t
c	t	o	u	r	n	a	m	e	n	t	k
e	t	j	l	w	b	j	g	a	a	l	e

Part IV:

1. ✓
2. ✗
3. ✗
4. ✗
5. ✓

Tammy, Sharapova crowned champions



Tamarine (right) and Sharapova display their trophies.-AP

1 Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn teamed up with Russian Maria Sharapova to claim the Japan Open women's doubles title yesterday.

2 Tammy and her 16-year-old partner beat the American pair of Ansley Cargill and Ashley Harkeroad 7-6(1),6-0.

3 Tamarine said, "The Japan Open is a very special tournament for me. I always do well here, so I'm very proud to win the doubles title."

4 The victory not only marked Sharapova's first WTA doubles title, but it was her first career title on the WTA Tour. She will play in today's singles final against Aniko Kapros of Hungary.

5 "Both of us are very happy to have won our first title together. It is the first time we have played together, so this is a great result," said Sharapova.

6 "I hope that I can come back and win the singles tomorrow."

From Bangkok Post. October 9, 2003. p 13.

Part I:

Directions: Read the news and then put a tick ✓ in front of the sentence that is true, and ✕ in front of that sentence that is false.

- _____ 1. Ansley Cargill and Ashley Harkeroad were the winners of this match.
- _____ 2. Sharapova is happy to win the first match.
- _____ 3. Sharapova is from America.
- _____ 4. Sharapova was the champion last year.
- _____ 5. Tamarine and her partner will play WTA double title.
- _____ 6. Sharapova is going to play single against Russian.
- _____ 7. The winner will receive US\$500,000.
- _____ 8. Tamarine Tanasugarn is 16 years old.
- _____ 9. Tamarine will play in single final next month.
- _____ 10. Aniko Kapros is from Hungary.

Part II:

Directions: Complete each sentence below with the following word. Use the word only once.

beat	tournament	claimed	teamed up	result
victory	career	title	trophy	crown

1. Paradorn reached the final French Open Cup _____.
2. Tommy _____ Jerry on " the racing cycling", so he awarded the Pataya Cup.
3. After the battle, both sides _____ triumph.
4. Toyota and Benz companies had _____ to develop a new car.
5. I missed my train, so I was late for the meeting with the _____.
6. I teach English in a secondary school. My _____ is teaching.
7. Our school won the difficult game. We have been very proud of this _____.
8. The Japan Open _____ will be in the mid year.
9. Tamarine posed proudly with her _____.
- 10 The _____ of seed won the match in India Cup.

Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words in the table.

display

title

claim

trophy

team

victory

result

career

crown

beat

v	i	c	t	o	r	y	i	p	e	k	l	e	c
c	y	r	r	r	e	t	t	u	o	c	b	d	a
t	p	h	o	o	s	o	r	e	w	n	a	q	r
o	i	j	p	p	u	p	y	i	o	w	m	x	e
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q	l	l	y	u	t	i	t	l	e	t	w	u	r
u	w	o	j	p	e	s	u	n	a	e	y	b	y
l	e	l	n	l	p	p	m	o	m	l	s	r	o
m	r	o	o	r	p	l	o	q	e	c	n	l	e
e	t	b	m	m	w	a	t	t	u	i	t	k	e
y	i	k	i	w	m	y	v	s	e	x	y	t	b
i	p	a	b	o	s	y	k	n	k	l	a	u	c
p	l	f	t	p	s	o	r	y	k	e	k	t	u
c	r	o	w	n	p	n	o	s	b	j	h	g	d

Answer Key

Part I: 1. ✗ 2. ✓ 3. ✓ 4. ✗ 5. ✗

6. ✗ 7. ✗ 8. ✓ 9. ✗ 10. ✓

Part II:

1. tournament 2. beat 3. claimed 4. teamed up 5. result

6. career 7. victory 8. title 9. trophy 10. crown

Part III:

v	i	c	t	o	r	y	i	p	e	k	l	e	c
c	y	r	r	r	e	t	t	u	o	c	b	d	a
t	p	h	o	o	s	o	r	e	w	n	a	q	r
o	i	j	p	p	u	p	y	i	o	w	m	x	e
u	q	k	h	e	l	d	y	x	t	c	b	x	e
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a	e	l	n	l	p	p	a	o	m	l	s	r	o
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e	t	b	m	m	w	a	u	t	u	i	t	k	e
n	i	k	i	w	m	y	p	s	e	x	y	t	b
t	p	a	b	o	s	y	k	n	k	l	a	u	c
p	l	f	t	p	s	o	r	y	k	e	k	t	u
c	r	o	w	n	p	n	o	s	b	j	h	g	d

World body drops gender testing

1 Volleyball players will no longer be subjected to gender verification tests before competing at top level, the International Volleyball Federation (FIVE) said on Wednesday.

2 The FIVB said in a statement the sport would fall into line with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), which dropped gender screening before the 2000 Sydney Games.

3 The Lausanne-based FIVB had been the only sports federation still performing gender tests.

4 FIVB board members, at a meeting in Acapulco, Mexico, also paved the way for the return of Argentina to the sport, authorising a new association named the Federation of Volleyball in Argentina (FeVA).

From Bangkok Post. January 30, 2004. p. 13.

Part I:

Directions: Choose the best answer according to the news you have read.

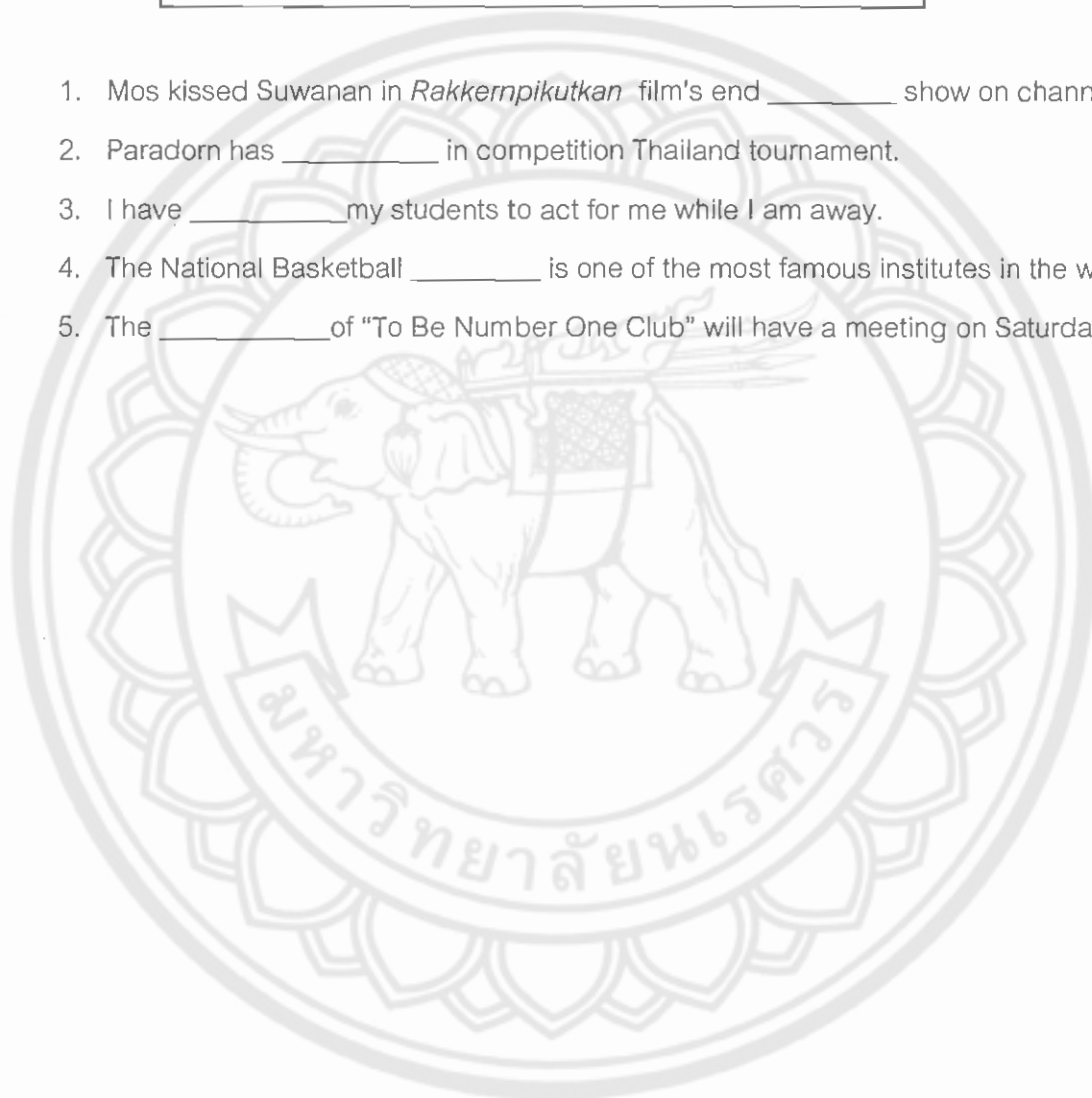
1. "Volleyball players will no longer be subjected to gender verification test...." The underlined word means _____.
 - a. brought to be under control
 - b. brought by someone
 - c. brought by someone to somewhere
 - d. affected by something unpleasant
2. The word "fall into line" in the second paragraph means to be able to _____.
 - a. be in line
 - b. break into line
 - c. be falling down to line
 - d. be divided into line
3. The main idea of the first paragraph is that volleyball players _____.
 - a. will no longer be sentenced to prove guilty
 - b. won't be accepted by International Volleyball Federation (FIVB)
 - c. will no longer be brought to be under control by the FIVB
 - d. will no longer be brought to be control before competing at top level
4. According to the third paragraph, which institute is still remaining the gender tests?
 - a. International Volleyball Federation.
 - b. Lausanne – based FIVB.
 - c. Acapulco Federation.
 - d. Mexico Federation.
5. According to the last paragraph, the FIVB board members prepared for the return of Argentina to the sport by _____.
 - a. naming the new federation for Argentina
 - b. authorising a new volleyball team in Argentina
 - c. authorising a new association for Argentina
 - d. setting a new location for Argentina

Part II:

Directions: Choose the most appropriate word given in the box to fill in the blank.

committee	authorized	screening
perform	association	

1. Mos kissed Suwanan in *Rakkernpikutkan* film's end _____ show on channel 7.
2. Paradorn has _____ in competition Thailand tournament.
3. I have _____ my students to act for me while I am away.
4. The National Basketball _____ is one of the most famous institutes in the world.
5. The _____ of "To Be Number One Club" will have a meeting on Saturday.



Part III:

Directions: Find 10 hidden words in the table.

committee federation pave authorising screen
 association gender drop subject perform

g	j	f	t	q	z	s	c	r	e	e	n	a
w	j	n	j	s	m	w	z	w	m	d	m	s
f	e	d	e	r	a	t	i	o	n	k	r	m
v	v	a	u	t	h	o	r	i	s	i	n	g
q	q	p	s	o	p	a	v	e	c	a	w	n
d	r	e	y	u	u	q	e	k	g	e	p	d
n	g	r	w	x	b	t	g	e	n	d	e	r
j	k	f	p	a	t	m	d	o	b	e	u	o
n	e	o	u	i	r	p	l	s	p	a	m	p
s	f	r	m	u	n	z	r	y	c	b	f	l
s	j	m	d	m	a	o	y	r	k	x	p	i
b	o	a	s	s	o	c	i	a	t	i	o	n
c	s	m	a	f	s	o	c	i	a	e	t	c

Answer Key

Part I: 1. a 2. d 3. d 4. b 5. c

Part II: 1. screening
2. performed
3. authorised
4. association
5. committee

Part III:

g	j	f	t	q	z	s	c	r	e	e	n	a
w	j	n	j	s	m	w	z	w	m	d	m	s
f	e	d	e	r	a	t	i	o	n	k	r	m
v	v	a	u	t	h	o	r	i	s	i	n	g
q	q	p	s	o	p	a	v	e	c	a	w	n
d	r	e	y	u	u	q	e	k	g	e	p	d
n	g	r	w	x	b	t	g	e	n	d	e	r
j	k	f	p	a	t	m	d	o	b	e	u	o
n	e	o	u	i	r	p	l	s	p	a	m	p
s	f	r	m	u	n	z	r	y	c	b	f	l
s	j	m	d	m	a	o	y	r	k	x	p	i
b	o	a	s	s	o	c	i	a	t	i	o	n
c	s	m	a	f	s	o	c	i	a	e	t	c