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Test & Quiz

Unit 4: Music & Arts

I. Fill in each blank with a word from the box



Dong Ho Painting is a kind of Vietnamese (1) _____ painting originating in Dong Ho Village, Bac Ninh Province. Dong Ho paintings have about 300 years of history in the (2) _____ of Vietnam.

Dong Ho pictures are (3) _____ on a special kind of Dzo paper. The printing paper is made of bark of a tree called "Dzo". Colours of the painting are refined from various kinds of tree (4) _____, which people can easily find in Vietnam. Traditional (5) _____ use all-natural colours for their pictures: burnt bamboo leaves for black, cajuput leaves for green, copper rust for blue, etc. The painting is covered by a (6) _____ of sticky rice paste to protect the painting and their colours. They are so (7) _____ lasting, so that it is very difficult to make them dimmer even time or daylight.

Vietnamese people used to buy Dong Ho pictures for (8) _____ during Tet.

II. Read the text carefully then decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

Many students listen to music while they are studying, and say that it helps them learn. Many parents and teachers say that music is just distracting, and that students are better studying in silence. Who is right?

In a study, some scientists asked three groups of students to listen to a piece of music by Mozart or a relaxation tape for ten minutes, or just sit in silence for ten minutes. The students then did a 'spatial reasoning' test (a test about remembering shapes and imagining looking at objects from different directions), and the ones who had listened to the Mozart did better in the test.

Taking part in musical activities and learning to play an instrument can improve verbal memory (the ability to remember words). The longer the training lasts, the better the improvement in the memory. So, there's no excuse to give up the piano lessons!

1. Many students think it's helpful to listen to music when studying.
2. Teachers say music helps students to better concentrate.
3. The students who had listened to Mozart did better in the spatial reasoning test.
4. Listening to Mozart music will not make you smarter.
5. Music training helps to improve memory.

III. Choose the word which best fits each gap.

While art may not be vital to fulfill our basic needs, it does make life (1) _____. When you look at a painting or poster hang on your living room wall, you feel happy. The sculpture on the kitchen windowsill create a (2) _____ of joy. These varieties of art forms that we are surrounded by all come (3) _____ to create the atmosphere that we want to live in.

Just like art, music can make life extremely joyful and can have a huge effect (4) _____ our mood. If you have something hard or difficult to work on or are feeling tired, an energetic song will likely (5) _____ you up and add some enthusiasm to the situation. Similarly when stress is high, many people find that relaxing to calming music is (6) _____ that eases the mind.

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| 1. a. boring | b. beautiful | c. joyful | d. helpful |
| 2. a. sense | b. feel | c. cause | d. way |
| 3. a. away | b. along | c. down | d. together |
| 4. a. on | b. in | c. at | d. of |
| 5. a. take | b. wake | c. pick | d. bring |
| 6. a. something | b. anything | c. everything | d. nothing |