

## Supplementary Tasks

### Task A.

#### I. Answer the following questions.

1. Where is Bangkok International Airport?  
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2. What is the name of the canal in front of the Marble Temple?  
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3. What are some of the centers of interest in Wat Pho?  
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4. How many English-language daily newspapers are there in Thailand? What are they?  
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5. When is the normal check-out time of a hotel?  
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6. Name two tourist class hotels in Bangkok.  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What do Thais generally have for lunch?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What kind of knife do Thais use for fruit carving?  
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9. What is the population of Thailand?  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. When is the Royal Ploughing Ceremony held?

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**II. Complete the dialogue.**

Tourist : I'm wondering if Thailand has a common border with China.

Guide : \_\_\_\_\_

Tourist : Which countries are Thailand's neighbors?

Guide : \_\_\_\_\_

Tourist : I see. By the way, is it hot all year round in Thailand?

Guide : \_\_\_\_\_

Tourist : How many seasons does it have?

Guide : \_\_\_\_\_

Tourist : When is the best time to visit Thailand?

Guide : \_\_\_\_\_

Tourist : I'll remember that. Thank you very much.



IV. Mary and Susan are interested in renting a car and driving to different places in Thailand. They are asking Danai, their guide, about driving and car rental services in Thailand. Construct a conversation between Mary, Susan and Danai.

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**V. Describe only one of these 6 items in 6-8 sentences.**

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| 1. Chanthaburi      | 2. The Marble Temple        |
| 3. The Golden Mount | 4. Rocket Festival          |
| 5. Bangsaen         | 6. Royal Ploughing Ceremony |

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**Task B.**

**I. Complete the dialogue.**

Clerk : Red Rose Inn. May I help you?

Tourist : \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk : I'm extremely sorry. All our rooms are fully occupied at this time.

Tourist : \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk : Why don't you try the White Orchid Hotel ? It's a bigger hotel, and it's only a few blocks away.

Tourist : \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk : You're welcome.

## II. Complete the dialogue.

Tourist : I want to buy some Thai silk. Can you recommend a place to me?

Guide : \_\_\_\_\_

Tourist : Are the prices reasonable?

Guide : \_\_\_\_\_

Tourist : What are the shop's business hours?

Guide : \_\_\_\_\_

Tourist : Now, how do I get there?

Guide : \_\_\_\_\_

Tourist : How much should the taxi cost?

Guide : \_\_\_\_\_

Tourist : Thank you very much.

Guide : \_\_\_\_\_

III. Ladda is a guide at Rainbow Tour Company. She goes to meet Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson from New York at Bangkok International Airport to accompany them to the Landmark Hotel. Construct a conversation at the airport between Ladda and the Johnsons.

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IV. Mr. and Mrs. John Smith get caught in the traffic while they are riding on a tour bus from the Regent Hotel to the Grand Palace. So, they ask Montri, their guide, about the traffic in Bangkok and the efforts of the government and the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration to solve the traffic problems. Construct a conversation between Mr. and Mrs. Smith and the guide.

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**V. Describe one of your favorite tourist attractions in 6-8 sentences.**

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**Suggested Answers**

**Task A.**

**I. Answer the following questions.**

1. It is located at Don Muang, north of Bangkok.
2. It is Prem Prachakorn Canal.
3. They are the main chapel or the bot, the four great chedi and the Reclining Buddha.
4. There are two--the Nation and the Bangkok Post.
5. It is 12:00 noon.
6. They are the Victory Hotel on Silom Road and the Jasmin Hotel on New Petchaburi Road.
7. We generally have a bowl of noodles or fried rice for lunch.
8. It is a special bronze knife with a very thin blade.
9. Thailand has a population of some 65 million.
10. It is held in May.

## II. Complete the dialogue.

Guide : No, Thailand has no common border with China.

Guide : They are Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Malaysia.

Guide : No, it isn't. It's very hot only in summer.

Guide : Thailand has three well-defined seasons--the hot season from March to May, the rainy season from June to October and the cool season from November to February.

Guide : The cool season from November to February is a nice time to visit Thailand.

## III.

Linda : Suchat, look at this! I just bought it yesterday.

Suchat : It's Thai silk. How nice! Where did you get it?

Linda : At the Star of Siam. I'm wondering if it needs special treatment. Could you give me any tips about its cleaning and care?

Suchat : Well, dry cleaning is recommended for Thai silk. It can be washed only with mild soap. Then, rinse the silk in lukewarm water as many times as necessary, but never wring it out. In the last rinse, add a spoon of clear white vinegar to retain its original lustre, and allow it to drip dry in the shade.

Linda : That doesn't sound very hard. I'm sure I can do it.

Suchat : Never put Thai silk in a washing machine or dryer. Thai silk should be ironed on the inside just before it is dry, or put a damp cloth over the silk and iron over it.

Linda : Thank you very much.

Suchat : Any time.

#### IV.

Mary : Susan and I plan to stay in Thailand a week longer. We want to get around by ourselves.

Danai : That's a good idea.

Susan : We'd like to rent a car and drive to places of our special interest.

Danai : Do you have a valid international driver's license?

Susan : Yes, we do. Where can we get a car?

Danai : Well, self-drive and chauffeur-driven cars are widely available. There's a list of car rental companies in the Bangkok Yellow Pages. You can also use AVIS or HERTZ. They offer an inexpensive daily and weekly unlimited mileage rental rate.

Mary : Do you think we will have problems if we drive outside of Bangkok?

Danai : No. A modern highway system reaches into all corners of Thailand. There are English road signs all over the country, and you can easily get a route map. Petrol pumps and service stations are commonplace.

Susan : We appreciate your useful information.

Danai : That's what I'm here for.

## V. (4)

### Rocket Festival

The Rocket Festival is also called Bang Fai Festival. It is an annual festival, taking place on the second weekend of May. The festival is best seen in Yasothon, northeast Thailand. Prior to the annual monsoons, northeast villagers construct gigantic rockets to fire into the sky. The ceremony is believed to ensure plentiful rain in the coming rice-planting season. The Rocket Festival is traditionally a period for letting off steam before the arduous field work begins in earnest. It features beauty parades, folk dances and stage shows before the rockets are launched.

#### Task II.

##### I. Complete the dialogue.

Tourist : Please. I'd like to reserve a single room for two nights.

Tourist : Oh, that's too bad. Could you recommend another hotel?

Tourist : Yes, I'll try it . Thank you very much.

## II. Complete the dialogue.

Guide : Yes, the Star of Siam is a very good shop for Thai silk.

Guide : Yes, I believe they are.

Guide : It is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Guide : I think you should go there by taxi. It's quite far from here.

Guide : About 80 baht.

Guide : You're welcome.

## III.

Mr. Johnson : We are Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Very good to meet you.

Ladda : Welcome to Thailand! Did you have a nice flight?

Mrs. Johnson : Yes, we did. The service was very good.

Ladda : We're going to the Landmark Hotel where you will stay for 3 nights. Is that right?

Mr. Johnson : Yes, but we'd like to extend our stay to 5 nights. Do you think it is possible?

Ladda : Yes, I believe so. But, I will have to check with Reservations when we get to the hotel. Our van is ready. Can I help you with the luggage?

Mrs. Johnson : That's very kind of you. Thank you.

#### IV.

Mr. Smith : The traffic in Bangkok is terrible! How can you live with it?

Montri : The government and the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration are trying very hard to solve this problem.

Mrs. Smith : What are you planning to do?

Montri : We plan to build subways in Bangkok. Hopefully, it will help smooth our traffic. We have also enlarged our old roads and built new ones. More roads and overpasses are also to be built.

Mr. Smith : That sounds good. I hope you can solve your traffic problems.

Mrs. Smith : Bangkok would be a nicer place without the traffic problems.

#### V.

My favorite tourist attraction is the Marble Temple or Wat Benjamabophit. It is called the Marble Temple because it was built of white marble from Italy. King Chulalongkorn or King Rama V ordered the temple to be built. It is a very beautiful temple, an example of modern Thai architecture. Inside the main chapel, one can see a very beautiful Buddha image called Phra Buddha Chinnaraj Chamlong. In the gallery around the courtyard, there is a good collection of beautiful bronze images of the Buddha.