

## TIẾNG ANH 10

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## UNIT 7: READING - CULTURAL DIVERSITY

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**Ex 1: Read the text, and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D for each question.****HOW CASUAL IS TOO CASUAL?**

Thirty years ago or so, most people in the United States, Canada, and Europe didn't think much about what to wear to work in an office. Men always wore suits and ties. Women wore suits or conservative skirt outfits. But in the 1990s, that started to change.

It began with "casual Fridays". During the summer, some companies invited their employees to "dress down", or wear more casual clothes to work on Fridays. The policy quickly became popular with employees. After this, it didn't take long for employees to start dressing more casually every day of the week.

Many employees welcomed the new dress policy and the more comfortable work environment that came with it. Etiquette had definitely changed, and suits and ties were rarely seen in many offices. Some employees went as far as wearing jeans, T-shirts, and sneakers to the office. Many people felt that casual clothes made the workplace a friendlier place. Co-workers were more relaxed with each other. People enjoyed coming to work knowing it was a comfortable place to be.

Then some people began to change their minds about casual dress at work. Many managers felt that casual dress had led to casual attitudes toward work. Some people started to notice an increase in employees being late for work. If "clothes make the man", as the saying goes, then casual clothes make a casual person become less committed to company productivity and quality.

One of the biggest reasons why there have been such mixed opinions about dressing down is that there is no real standard for appropriate casual dress. Is it shorts, T-shirts, brightly coloured tops, and flip-flops? Is it designer jeans, polo shirts, and trendy sneakers? Is it khakis and sport jackets? Or are Hawaiian shirts and torn jeans OK? Without casual dress code policy, the etiquette for dress in many companies is beginning to change back to more formal business attire - a style that everyone understands.

1. Thirty years ago or so, people working in offices in the United States, Canada, and Europe \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. didn't know what to wear to work in an office  
B. changed their clothes in the 1990s  
C. tended to wear in a more formal way  
D. wore the same whether male or female
2. When the policy of "casual Fridays" became popular, employees \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. started dressing more casually on weekdays  
B. started wearing more casually on Fridays  
C. wore casual clothes to work in summer  
D. got dressed as formally as possible in offices
3. Many employees welcomed the new dress policy because \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. casual clothes made co-workers more relaxed after work  
B. people enjoyed coming to work with suits and ties  
C. they enjoyed wearing torn jeans, T-shirts all the week  
D. they enjoyed the more comfortable work environment
4. Many managers felt that the new dress policy \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. brought many benefits to their companies

- B. had some negative impact on their companies
  - C. increased company productivity and quality
  - D. led to casual attitudes toward “clothes make the man”
5. The viewpoint that the writer certainly supports is that \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. there should be a casual dress code policy at work  
 B. employees have to wear formal business clothes  
 C. people should wear Hawaiian shirts and torn jeans to work  
 D. it's not necessary to have standards for casual clothes

**Ex 2: Read the passage carefully, and do the tasks that follow.**

Culture is the lens with which we evaluate everything around us; we evaluate what is proper or improper, normal or abnormal, through our culture.

If we are involved in a culture that is unlike our own, we may experience culture shock and become disoriented when we come into contact with a fundamentally different culture. People naturally use their own culture as the standard to judge other cultures. Having our own judgement could lead us to discriminate other cultural values which are different from our own because we do not understand them.

Cultural diversity is important because we can increase our level of understanding about other cultures by interacting with people outside of your own culture - meaningful relationships may never develop simply due to a lack of understanding.

Learning about other cultures also helps us understand different aspects in the world, and helps remove negative stereotypes and personal biases about different groups.

In addition, cultural diversity helps us recognize and respect other ways of life that are not necessarily our own, so that as we interact with others we can build bridges to trust, respect, and understanding across cultures.

Cultural diversity supports the idea that every person can make a unique and positive contribution to the larger society because of, rather than in spite of, their differences. Imagine a place where diversity is recognized and respected: various cultural ideas are acknowledged and valued, contributions from all groups are encouraged, people are empowered to achieve their full potential, and differences are celebrated.

**Task 1: Match a word with its definition, writing the answer in each blank.**

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| _____ 1. lens        | A. a wrong idea about someone or something                      |
| _____ 2. disoriented | B. something that provides you information about something else |
| _____ 3. stereotype  | C. an act of removing differences between two things            |
| _____ 4. bias        | D. not knowing where to go and what to do                       |
| _____ 5. bridge      | E. prejudice or unfair judgement                                |

**Task 2: Read the passage again, and answer the questions below.**

6. What is the function of culture?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Why may people experience culture shock?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
8. Why is cultural diversity important?  
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9. What are the benefits of cultural diversity?  
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10. Which interesting idea does cultural diversity support?  
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**Ex 3: Read the text, and fill in each blank (1-10) with the correct given phrase (A-J).**

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| A. add Wood              | B. add Metal in the northwest | C. add Earth in the northeast |
| D. add Metal in the west | E. add Wood in the north      | F. add Water in the north     |
| G. add Fire              | H. add Water in the northwest | I. add Wood in the west       |
| J. add Earth             |                               |                               |

### **Making Good Feng Shui for Chinese Zodiac Signs**

According to traditional Chinese culture, good feng shui brings good luck, while bad feng shui brings bad luck. You might want to know how you can make good feng shui for yourself according to your Chinese zodiac sign.

- Rats:** \_\_\_\_\_  
The Water element helps people born in a year of the Rat to make a fortune. They should place a water tank with some gold fish in the north of their office, and then fortune will find its way to them.
- Oxen and Pigs:** \_\_\_\_\_  
People born in a year of the Ox or the Pig can only make a great fortune with the help of a strong Fire element according to the Five Element Theory. So they should put some ceramic articles in their offices or bedrooms to bring themselves good luck, because ceramic articles are heated by fire.
- Tigers:** \_\_\_\_\_  
The Earth element is very helpful for the people born in a year of the Tiger. It's necessary for them to add something prominent representing the Earth element, for example a potted plant, to their life to make a great fortune.
- Rabbits:** \_\_\_\_\_  
When it comes to making a fortune, people born in a year of the Rabbit need an invisible Earth element in their life; they should hide a jade item in the northeast of their bedrooms to bring themselves good luck.
- Dragons:** \_\_\_\_\_  
The northwest direction is ideal for people born in a year of the Dragon to make a fortune. They should put a basin of clear water with a handful of soil in the northwest of their bedrooms, and then place several lotus flowers in the basin to bring them good luck in their life.
- Snakes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
As far as making a fortune is concerned, the direction west is ideal for people born in a year of the Snake. Wearing metal ornaments, particularly gold or silver ones, will bring good luck.
- Horses:** \_\_\_\_\_  
The direction northwest is ideal for people born in a year of the Horse to make a huge fortune. They should place a bronze toad (something of the Metal element) in the northwest of their bedrooms, and it will bring them good luck both in career and fortune.
- Goats:** \_\_\_\_\_  
The direction north is ideal for people born in a year of Goat to make a huge fortune. They should place a mahogany box (a Wood element item) in the north of their offices, and then put an object related to their professions in the box.
- Monkeys:** \_\_\_\_\_  
In terms of making a fortune, the direction west is ideal for people born in a year of the Monkey. They should put a plant (it is better if the plant is taller than the person) in the west of their houses.
- Roosters and Dogs:** \_\_\_\_\_  
When it comes to making a fortune, people born in a year of the Rooster or the Dog should put some grass seeds in a non-metal container, not Metal. The grass seeds in the container contain limitless possibilities, which will bring people born in a year of the Rooster or the Dog huge fortune.