**WRITING - TASK 1**

LETTER 1:

Topic: Your foreign friend, Nick, is going to live in Vietnam. Below is part of his letter. Read his letter and reply to him.

“I am going to live in Vietnam, and I want to know what kind of accommodation I can get. I want to study Vietnamese, too. Could you suggest what I can do to improve my Vietnamese? By the way, can a foreigner have a part-time job?”

**[1]** Dear Nick,

**[2]** *It’s been a long time since we last met. How are you and your parents?* I’m very happy (=delighted) because/as/since you’re going to Saigon. I’m writing this letter to (= **in order to**) give (=share with) you some useful information.

**[3]**  **First of all,** in your letter, you asked me about the accomodation**;** *I think* you could live in the school’s dorm (dormitary). **However,** **if** you want to have more freedom**,** you can **rent a house or an apartment** *outside the campus*. *I think* the **rent** (tiền thuê) is not very expensive, just about 200 dollars per (=each) month.

**[4]** **One more thing**, *I think that* **it is a good idea for you to learn Vietnamese** in a language center (for foreigners). I can suggest a good one/center for you**;** it’s quite *near the city center*.

**[5]** **Last but not least/ By the way,** because/since/as your **first language** (=**mother tongue**) is English, you can work as an English tutor/teacher. **Although** the salary is not quite high**,** *I believe* you can practice Vietnamese with your students.

**[6]** That’s all for now. Please send my regards to your parents. I **do** hope that my information is useful for you. Please write me a letter if you still have more questions.

**[7]** Best wishes,

*Dear …,*

*How are you? I’m very happy (excited/delighted) to know that you’re going to live in Vietnam/Saigon. I’m writing this letter to give you some useful information.*

***First of all,*** *I think you don’t need to worry too much about the accommodation. A foreign/An exchange student can live in the university dorm (dormitory).* ***If*** *you want to have more* ***freedom****, you can rent a flat/apartment/room outside the campus.*

*I’m glad that you want to learn Vietnamese.* ***To be honest,*** *I think our language is not too difficult. You can learn/enroll on/register a Vietnamese course/class in our school’s language center in district 5.* ***Also,*** *you can make friends with some Vietnameses****;*** *they can teach you Vietnamese.*

*Because/Since your first language (mother tongue) is English, you can work as a tutor to teach English for Vietnamese students.* ***Although*** *the salary/wage is not very high, you can practice Vietnamese when you do the part-time job.*

*Don’t you worry too much! I will support you (give you a hand) when you come here. Please send my love/regards to your parents. See you soon.*

*Best wishes,*

**Task 1: Giving information**

**Topic:** **Homework – favorite movie**

One of your friends has to write about her favorite movie for her homework. Below is part of her letter:

*“I have to write about my favorite movie for my homework****, but*** *I have never gone to the cinema. Could you help me? What is your favorite movie?”*

**Write a letter to your friend, you should say:**

- Suggest a good movie for your friend

- Describe your favorite movie

- Where and when did you see the movie

*Dear Mary,*

It’s been a long time **since** we last met. How are you and your parents? I’m very happy **when** I receive your letter**, and** I’m writing to give you some useful information **in order to** (để) help you do your homework.

[I’m writing in response to your letter.]

**First of all,** in your letter you asked me about my favorite movie**;** *I want to tell you that* I really love (=I’m really into/I’m crazy about/I’m interested in) watching movies**, and** my favorite movie is Kungfu Panda. **It** is a cartoon**; however,** I think you should watch it **because** it is a very good and funny (=**meaningful and entertaining)** movie.

**One more thing,** the film “Kungfu Panda” is about a panda in China. He is very funny and friendly. **Also,** he ,the main character, always helps his friends **when** they have troubles (=problems.) ***Personally*** *I believe that* this movie is suitable **for all ages**.

***Last but not least,*** *I watched the movie three years ago. I remember that I went to Lotte cinema with my best friend, My Lan.* ***To be honest,*** *we really enjoyed this cartoon. Do you like watching cartoons?*

That’s all for now. Please send my regards to your parents. I **do** hope my information will be helpful (=useful) for you. I’m looking forward to hearing from you soon.

*Best wishes,*

**Task 1: Letter 13**

You receive a letter from your friend, Helen. Below is part of her letter:

This morning I heard a song *on the Internet*. It’s a great song**, and** I **found out** (tìm ra) that it’s a Vietnamese song. I’m writing this letter to ask you about Vietnamese music. **What kind of music do you like? When** do you often listen to music**, and** what are you doing at that time?

**Write a letter to your friend, you should say:**

* Talk about Vietnamese music
* What kind of music you like
* When you listen to music
* What do you do when you listen to music

Dear Helen,

It’s been a long time **since** we last met. How are you and your parents? *I’m really happy (=****delighted: phấn khởi)******because you’re interested in*** *(=you like) our music.* I’m writing this letter to give you (=share with you) some useful information *about Vietnamese music*.

**First of all,** ***in your letter you asked me about*** my favorite kind of music**;** *I think that* I like many kinds (types=genres: thể loại) of music. *In Vietnam*, there are *plenty of* kinds of music *such as* pop music or V-pop, rock music, traditional music, Bolero, ***and so on***. **To be honest,** I really like Bolero. **It** is very famous (=popular: phổ biến) *in the south and the west of Vietnam*. I like it **because** **it** (the melody: giai điệu/lyrics: lời bài hát) is very soft (=tender: dịu dàng, mềm mại) and **sweet**.

**One more thing**, I’m a teacher**, and** it means I’m very busy**, but** **whenever** I have free time, I often listen to music. *Sometimes*, I listen to music **when** I’m reading a book. I ***also*** listen to music **when** I’m taking a bath (I’m cooking dinner). *Personally I think that* music is very important in my life. ( *… music plays an important role in my life*)

That’s all for now. Please send my regards to your parents. I **do** hope that my information is useful for you. Can you share with me about your favorite music? I’m looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes,

**Situation:**Your foreign friend, Mary, is going to visit Hanoi in one week. Below is part of her letter. Write a letter to answer her questions.

Dear Hoa,

… I’m very **delighted** **because** I have finished my school year**, and** I’m planning to visit Hanoi *in one week*. I need your advice on the **accommodation (nơi ở)** **when** I stay there. What kinds of clothes should I bring? Oh, one more thing, can you suggest some activities I can do during my stay. Thank you.

**Answers:**

**(1)-accommodation (nơi ở)**

**(2)-what clothes: winter, summer**

**(3)-what activities**

Dear Mary,

It’s been a long **since** we last met. How are you and your parents? *(I’m very happy (=delighted)* ***because*** *you’re going to visit my country.)* I’m writing this letter to give you (=share with you) some useful information *for your trip*. **(Lý do)**

[I’m very happy when I receive your letter.]

[*How is everything?* ***It’s been a long time since we last met, and*** *I’m very happy* ***because*** *you are going to visit my country. I’m writing* ***in response to*** *your letter.*] **(lý do)**

[ I’m very happy **as (=since=because)** you’re going to visit my country. It’s been a long time **since** we last met *in London***, and** I really miss you. *I’m writing to give you some useful information* *to prepare for your trip.*]

**First of all,** in your letter, you asked me about the accomodation**;** *I think that* you should stay *at the New World hotel*. **It** is **a five-star hotel; therefore,** **it** is very safe, convenient, and comfortable. **Also,** the hotel is quite *near the city center* *(=It* ***is located*** *near the city center)****, so*** you can travel *around the city easily.)*

***Another thing I want to tell you is that*** you had better (=should) bring summer clothes **because** it is June (summer time) **when** you come to my country. ***By the way,***don’t forget to bring a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

**Last but not least,** there are *plenty of* **interesting activities** *in the summer*. **For example,**  there is a **flower festival** *at the weekend***, and** you can go there *with me* **if** you want. **In addition/Also,** *I believe that* you can enjoy a lot of **delicious local street foods**.

That’s all for now. Please send my regards to your parents. Feel free (=Don’t hesitate) to write me another letter **if** you still have more questions. I’m looking **forward to** seeing you soon.

Best wishes,

**Task 1: Letter 22**

Your friend is going to have a birthday party, and she is thinking about the present. Below is part of her letter:

I’m celebrating my birthday party, and my dad wants to give me a present. **There is a CD and a bike**. I know you have all of them. How do you use them? Do you like them? Can you give me some advice on what present I should choose?

Dear Marry,

It’s been a long time since we last met. How are you and your parents? I’m very happy when I receive your letter. Happy birthday to you! I’m writing to give you my advice to choose your birthday present.

[I’m writing in order to respond to your letter.]

**First of all,** I’m going to talk about the CD. I bought the CD many years ago**, and** now I don’t use it ***anymore***. *At the moment,* **when** I listen to music, I always use my smartphone or my laptop because I can download a lot of songs from the Internet. It’s is more **convenient** than the CD.

My dad bought a new bike for me *last year*. Now I use it every day. ***For example****,* I usually ***bike*** (đạp xe) to school and to the supermarket to buy things for my mom. *Sometimes,* I bike in the park *near my house* and do exercises. ***I suggest that*** you should choose the bike because it has plenty of wonderful advantages. [If I were you, I would choose the bike because …]

That’s all for now. Please send my regards to your parents. I **do** hope that my advice is useful for you. I’m looking forward to hearning from you soon.

Best wishes,

Task 1: Letter 10

**Topic:** Your friend, Mary, wrote a letter to you to ask you about your last birthday party. Below is part of her letter:

My birthday party was so great! Could you tell me about your last birthday party? Where did you **celebrate (tổ chức)** it? Who participated in the party? I wonder how you felt about it?

Write a letter to respond to your friend, you should say:

- Where you celebrated your birthday party

- Who participated in the party

- How you felt about it

Dear Mary,

It’s been a long time since we last met. How are you and your parents? I’m writing to tell you (=share with you) about my last birthday.

**First of all,** my 18th birthday **was** (= was held = was celebrated) two weeks ago. ***At first*** my mother wanted to have (=hold/throw) the party *in the restaurant* *near my house***, but** I decided to celebrate it *at home*. I feel more **comfortable** **when** we can do anything (=whatever) we like *at my home*.

**One more thing,** my parents and my younger sister helped me **prepare** the foods and drinks. My mother made a big birthday cake *for me*. I invited some of my best friends and classmates *to the party*. ***What a pity you could not come!***

I had/received many **birthday presents** (=**gifts**) from my **beloved family** and friends. We **also** played some **interesting board games** and took a lot of beautiful photos together. I was very happy (=I was *over the moon= on cloud nine*) **because *I had a great (=wonderful) time*** and **sweet, unforgettable memories** *that evening*.

That’s all for now. Please send my regards to your parents. **By the way,** please share with me about your present life (university life/student life/last birthday). I’m looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes,

**Task 1: Letter 27**

Your friend is going to Vietnam in an ***exchange program*** (chương trình trao đổi du học sinh) in your school. Below is part of his letter:

How are you? I’m going to study in your school, and I really want to know about **the school schedules.** What about the teachers and facilities (cơ sở vật chất)?

**Write a letter in response to your friend:**

- Talk about the school schedules (= timetable)

- Talk about the teachers

- Talk about the facilities

*Sample:*

Dear Stephen,

It’s been a long time since we last met. How are you and your parents? I’m very happy (=delighted) because you’re going to study in my school/university. I’m writing to give you some useful information about my school.

[I’m writing in order to respond to your letter.]

**First of all,** our school has two **semesters** (học kỳ) in a school year. (-…has many classes/students and courses). The school year (=**academic year**) usually starts/begins *in September*. Students go to school from Monday to Saturday. *In the summer*, we have a three-month summer break.

*I think that* **when** you come to my school, you will (definitly) like our teachers. **They** are very nice and friendly. **They** will help you study many interesting things and knowledge. **Also,** their English is very good. *I believe that* you will have *a wonderful exchange program (a wonderful time)* in Vietnam.

**One more thing,** in your letter you asked me about the school’s facilities. My university is very beautiful and modern. **It** has a big library and a stadium and a swimming pool. **Moreover,** students can use the computers and free wifi *in the campus*. **By the way**, you can have breakfast and lunch in the canteen.

That’s all for now. Please send my regards to your parents. Please write to me **if** you still have more questions. I’m looking forward to seeing from you soon.

Best wishes,

**Task 1: Letter 16**

You are a host, and a person is going to London to homestay with your family. She writes a letter for you:

How is weather in London now? What kinds of clothes should I bring? What is the distance (How far) from your house to my university? How can I get around? Can you suggest some activities I can do to learn more about the culture?

Dear Phong,

How are you? I’m very happy because you’re going to live with us next month. I’m writing this letter to respond to your questions.

[I’m writing in response to your letter.]

[I’m writing ***in order to*** give you some useful information.]

**First of all**, *at the moment* the we**a**ther in London is really good/nice**, but** it is going to be cold *next month*. **If** I were you, I would bring some warm winter clothes. **By the way,** don’t forget to bring an umbrella because it often rains *in London in the morning*.

**One more thing,** *I want to tell you that* my house is not very far from your university. *It takes* about ten minutes by bike/bicycle. It is great, isn’t it? In the winter, it is very cold**, so** I think you should take the bus to your school.

**If** you want to *learn more about* ***the local people, history and culture***, *I suggest that* you should visit the city’s museums. **Also,** you can join (=take part in/participate in) some **local festivals** to see people and their activities.

That’s all for now. I **do** hope that my information is useful for you. If you still have more questions, please write me another letter. I’m looking forward to seeing you soon.

Best regards,