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NEW SOUTH WALES

## **2012 HSC Vietnamese Continuers 'Sample Answers'**

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## **Section I — Listening and Responding**

### **Part A**

#### **Question 1**

*Sample answer:*

Fur colour: Brown

Size: small

Contact: Hung after 5 pm on 0411 222 345

#### **Question 2**

*Sample answer:*

Yen is upset because Thanh did not come to the party and did not let her know. Therefore, she had to change the speech at the last minute.

#### **Question 3**

*Answers could include:*

- Welcome Year 7 students and their parents
- Introduce the school and its facilities
- Introduce teaching staff
- Introduce school curriculum and extra-curricular activities

#### **Question 4**

*Sample answer:*

The news is about Prince Anthony and Princess Sophie visiting Jackville in Australia. Sophie was born and grew up there.

Specialty shops have opened temporarily and more new products have been added in other stores.

There will be a week of fashion parades.

The main performances/entertainments have been scheduled. Christmas is coming early and a large tree will be lit up.

**Question 5 (a)*****Sample answer:***

He slept in because the alarm did not work then he missed the train.

**Question 5 (b)*****Sample answer:***

Nam is now likely to stay in Australia. He doesn't like the career his parents have chosen for him. He did not know that it is possible to work in Australia for 18 months and sponsor his parents to come here. This way he can work as a lawyer and can care for his parents. His tone at the end of the interview suggests he is excited by this advice.

## Section I — Listening and Responding

### Part B

#### Question 6

*Answers could include:*

- Apologise for leaving urgently
- Reasons for leaving: Got message from Mum
- Busy with her cousin
- Clarify the relationship with Trung

#### Question 7

*Sample answer:*

Although an SRC member of a school should be a good role model (sound academic, punctual, formal attitude) Kim would still be a good candidate because he is very popular at school. He is a typical Aboriginal student at a school where 80% of students attending are Aboriginal and he is a good link between the school and the Aboriginal community. He promises to change his attitude and attend school punctually. He has some good ideas to promote links between the Aboriginal community and the school.

## Section II — Reading and Responding

### Part A

#### Question 8 (a)

*Sample answer:*

Trung is a 70-year-old retired man and Thanh is a 25-year-old man, working in Goldfield.

#### Question 8 (b)

*Sample answer:*

To Trung, the change is not necessary. His attitude towards the change is negative. He compares the building to an evil giant stepping cruelly on the small but friendly market. His use of this simile shows that he doesn't like the new building at all. He also uses personification in the image of the trees waving sadly goodbye to the residents of Goldfield. It expresses a sad feeling of an old retiree.

However, to Thanh the change is necessary and amazing. His attitude towards the change is positive. He also uses a simile when he compares the building to the image of a giant but this giant is more helpful. He is a hero who comes to bring the town from the darkness to the brightness. It shows that Thanh feels very excited about the changes. The speed of the change can be seen in the image of a mushroom grown quickly in the forest. The metaphor of 'the magic wand' at the end of the article expresses his appreciation of the technology that can save the town.

#### Question 9 (a)

*Sample answer:*

The themes of the book are the journey to paradise and what the concept of paradise means.

#### Question 9 (b)

*Sample answer:*

The first time Thiên đàng is put in quotation marks because the meaning doesn't match its context. (Le Thu family could not find happiness yet.)

The second time Thiên đàng is not put in quotation marks because it's the place where they can find their happiness.

**Question 9 (c)*****Answers could include:***

The author:

- admired her parents when she read the article in a newspaper announcing her parents' success with their little vegetable farm in the desert area
- regretted what she did before when she left her parents
- was proud of her parents being chosen as Vietnamese role-models in Australia
- wanted to have more understanding between the two communities – Vietnamese community and Australian community
- decided that using her personal experience would make writing her first book easier
- wanted to emphasise the stronger sides of older generations that can overcome difficulties in life.