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# UNIT 01 : INTRODUCING MALEE -----



This is Malee. She is fifteen years old. She lives in **Paknam** on **Sukhumwit Road**. There are five people in her family. She has one younger brother and one older sister. Malee and her brother **both** go to Sriwittayapaknam School. Her elder sister goes to Satee Secondary School. They live with their parents in a **townhouse**. It has four floors with a small garden at the front. In the house they have three bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen and a study. Malee **shares** a bedroom with her sister. Her brother sleeps alone.

Malee's father is an **accountant**. He works in Bangkok. He goes to work by car at about 7 a.m. He works very hard and does a lot of **overtime**. Malee's mother works in the local market. She sells fruit. She often brings some fruit home for everyone to eat. Malee's younger brother is called Mani. He is 12 years old and he is in Primary 6. He likes playing video games and reading cartoon books. Malee's elder sister is called Meena. She is 18 years old and she is in Grade 12. She studies hard because she will go to **university** soon.

Malee has a **penfriend** called Jane. She is 17 years old and comes from England. She lives in the south of England near London. For the past two years they have been writing letters to **each other**. It started as a school project but they enjoyed it so much that they didn't stop. In their letters they talked about their family, friends, life at school and other **gossip**. Jane doesn't have any brothers or sisters. She lives in a two storey house in a town called Sevenoaks. They have two bedrooms upstairs and a living room and kitchen downstairs. They also have a small garden at the back of the house where her father grows some vegetables. Jane's father is a bus driver. Her mother is a teacher in a primary school.

Next week, Jane will be coming to Thailand for the first time with her parents. They will be on holiday in Thailand for two weeks. During the first week they will go to Bangkok and **Phuket**. Then, for five days Jane will stay with Malee in Samut Prakan. Her parents will fly to **Chiang Mai**. Both Malee and Jane are very excited about meeting for the first time. Malee is planning on showing Jane around Samut Prakan.

# UNIT 01 : QUESTIONS -----

1. How old is Malee?  
(a) 12 years old (b) 15 years old  
(c) 17 years old (d) 18 years old
2. How many people are there in Malee's family?  
(a) Three people (b) Four people  
(c) Five people (d) Six people
3. Who works in a market?  
(a) Malee's mother (b) Jane's mother  
(c) Malee's father (d) Jane's father
4. Who is a bus driver?  
(a) Malee's father (b) Jane's father  
(c) Malee's brother (d) Jane's mother
5. Who has a garden at the back of the house?  
(a) Malee (b) Meena  
(c) Manit (d) Jane
6. How many rooms are there in Malee's house?  
(a) Six rooms (b) Five rooms  
(c) Four rooms (d) Three rooms
7. How long has Malee and Jane been writing to each other?  
(a) One year (b) Five years  
(c) Two years (d) Four years
8. How many times has Jane been to Thailand?  
(a) One time (b) Two times  
(c) Three times (d) Never
9. How long will Jane stay in Thailand?  
(a) Fourteen days (b) Five days  
(c) Seventeen days (d) One week
10. How many people will go to Chiang Mai?  
(a) Three people (b) Two people  
(c) Four people (d) Five people

## NOTES -----

## UNIT 02: SAMUT PRAKAN PROVINCE -----



Samut Prakan **Province** is in Central Thailand. To the North and West is Bangkok. To the East is Chachoengsao Province. To the South is the **Gulf of Thailand**. Samut Prakan is one of the smallest provinces in Thailand at only 1,004 **square kilometers**. However, it is one of the most **densely** populated provinces. This is mainly due to the large number of factories. Samut Prakan has a **population** of just over 1 million people.

There are six **districts** in Samut Prakan Province. These are Muang Samut Prakan, Phra Pradaeng, Bang Phli, Bang Bo, Phra Samut Chedi and Bang Saothong. The province has 50 **sub-districts** and 405 **villages**. The **emblem** of Samut Prakan shows a picture of Phra Samut Chedi. The province flower is **Marigold** and the province tree is **Portia tree**.

Samut Prakan is split in half by the Chao Phraya River, which empties out into the Gulf of Thailand on its Southern **border**. The old name for the city is Paknam which means “river mouth” or “**estuary**”. Most people live on the East side of the river where you will find the city and many factories. The West side is mainly shrimp farms and there aren’t many roads. People have to travel by boat.

People started to live here during the **Ayutthaya period** in about 1620 A.D. That was when the first temples were built. However, Samut Prakan wasn’t built properly until 1819 when King Rama II **commanded** for forts to be built on both sides of the river at the old fishing town of Paknam. The name of the new city, Samut Prakan, means “ocean forts”.

Samut Prakan has played an important part in Thai history. The modern Thai flag was first flown here. The first railway in Thailand was opened in 1893 between Bangkok and Paknam. The first **telegraph** was used with a line going between Bangkok and the **lighthouse** in the Gulf of Thailand.

Some of the famous local food include “khanom chak” (flour mixed with coconut), “pu khai” (popular crab), “pla salit” (dried gourami fish), “mamuang nam dok mai” (sweet mango), “kapi” (shrimp paste), “nam pla wan” (sweet fish sauce), and “kung yiad” (sweetened long shrimp).

## UNIT 02: QUESTIONS ----- จังหวัดสมุทรปราการ-----

1. What does Paknam mean in English?  
(a) Ocean Fort (b) River mouth  
(c) Chaophraya (d) Gulf of Thailand
2. What is the population of Samut Prakan?  
(a) 1.004 million (b) 2 million  
(c) 1.819 milliom (d) 1 million
3. What year was the first railway in Thailand opened?  
(a) 1620 (b) 1819  
(c) 1893 (d) 1918
4. Where was the first lighthouse in Thailand?  
(a) Gulf of Thailand (b) Paknam Market  
(c) Chao Phraya River (d) Bangkok
5. Which part of Thailand is Samut Prakan?  
(a) Northern Thailand (b) Central Thailand  
(c) Southern Thailand (d) Eastern Thailand
6. How many districts are there in Samut Prakan?  
(a) Six districts (b) 50 districts  
(c) 405 districts (d) One district
7. Where are most of the factories?  
(a) West of the river (b) East of the river  
(c) In Paknam (d) in Phra Pradaeng
8. What is “pla salit” in English?  
(a) Crab (b) Sweet fish sauce  
(c) Dried gourami fish (d) Sweet mango
9. Which province is to the East of Samut Prakan?  
(a) Bangkok (b) Gulf of Thailand  
(c) Thonburi (d) Chachoengsao
10. What is the province flower?  
(a) Portia tree (b) Rose  
(c) Marigold (d) Orchid

## NOTES -----

## UNIT 03: CROCODILE FARM



Jane arrived last night and is now staying with Malee at her house. This morning, Malee is taking her to visit the **Crocodile Farm**. It is not very far from Paknam. They go there by **songtaew**, which is a local public bus, and by **motorcycle taxi**.

- Malee:** Can you look in the **brochure** to see when the next Crocodile Show starts?
- Jane:** It starts at 9 a.m. We only have five minutes. We'd better be quick.
- Malee:** On our left there are some crocodile pens. There are thousands of crocodiles there. We can come back here later to take a look. You can buy some chicken to feed them.
- Jane:** That sounds good. I think the show is about to begin. I can hear the music. Let's find a seat.
- Malee:** Here come the **crocodile wrestlers**. I think they must be very **brave** to do this every day. Look closely at his right arm and you will see a **scar**. That is where a crocodile bit him when he got too close.
- Jane:** That is so **scary**. How many shows do they do a day?
- Malee:** There are shows every hour but I think they have other wrestlers as well. Once this show is finished, we can go to the elephant show.
- Jane:** I thought they only had crocodiles. What other animals do they have?
- Malee:** They have over 60,000 crocodiles. But they also have tigers, monkeys, hippos, camels, emus, snakes and other animals.
- Jane:** How long does the crocodile show last?
- Malee:** I think it lasts about 20 minutes. Look over there, he is going to put his hand in the crocodile's mouth!
- Jane:** Oh no! I cannot look. Have you seen this show before?
- Malee:** Yes, I used to come here often when I was **younger**. On **Children's Day** we can go in for free. But it always makes me jump when they snap at the man's hand. Sometimes they pretend that the crocodile has **bitten off** their fingers.
- Jane:** I don't think I could ever be brave enough to do anything like that.
- Malee:** After the show they let people go down and have their picture taken with the crocodile. Do you want to do that?
- Jane:** No way!

## UNIT 03: QUESTIONS ----- ฟาร์มจระเข้ -----

1. What time do they arrive at the Crocodile Farm?  
(a) 9 a.m. (b) 8.50 a.m.  
(c) 9.30 a.m. (d) 10 a.m.
2. How do they go to the Crocodile Farm?  
(a) Songtaew (b) Motorcycle Taxi  
(c) Songtaew and Motorcycle Taxi (d) Bus
3. How many crocodiles are there at the farm?  
(a) 40,000 crocodiles (b) 45,000 crocodiles  
(c) 50,000 crocodiles (d) 60,000 crocodiles
4. When is it free to go to the Crocodile Farm?  
(a) Every day (b) At the weekend  
(c) On Children's Day (d) Never
5. Does Jane want to take a picture with the crocodiles?  
(a) Yes, she does (b) No, she doesn't  
(c) She is not sure (d) She will think first
6. What show do they watch next?  
(a) Elephant Show (b) Crocodile Show  
(c) Monkey Show (d) Snake Show
7. How long does the Crocodile Show last?  
(a) Five minutes (b) Sixty minutes  
(c) About 20 minutes (d) Twenty minutes
8. Can you see tigers at the Crocodile Farm?  
(a) Yes, you can (b) No, you cannot  
(c) On Children's Day (d) The story doesn't say
9. What can you feed the crocodiles?  
(a) Snakes (b) Monkeys  
(c) Carrots (d) Chicken
10. Where does the wrestler have a scar?  
(a) On his left arm (b) On his right arm  
(c) On his left leg (d) On his right leg

## NOTES -----

## UNIT 04: ANCIENT SIAM

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Malee and Jane **spend** about two and a half hours at the Crocodile Farm. They then take a taxi to **Ancient Siam** which is only about ten minutes away. Ancient Siam is a large 320 **acre** (800 rai) **open air museum**. It is too big for them to walk around so they rent two bicycles for 50 baht each.

**Jane:** This is fun riding around on a bicycle. I am glad that there are no hills here and so it isn't too difficult.

**Malee:** Usually we come in my father's car and he drives us around the park. He then stops the car whenever we want to get out and **explore**. We usually bring a **picnic** and eat lunch on the grass in the shade of a tree. But this is the first time I have **rented** a bicycle.

**Jane:** What are we going to do about lunch today? I am getting hungry.

**Malee:** There are some restaurants in the **floating market**. We can go there next. I want to show you **Sanphet Prasat Palace** first. It is over there.

**Jane:** It is very big and beautiful. Did the King used to live there?

**Malee:** Yes, there used to be a **palace** just like this in Ayutthaya about three hundred years ago. Ayutthaya used to be the capital of Thailand. It was **destroyed** in 1767 when the **Burmese attacked** the city and burned it to the ground.

**Jane:** So this isn't the real building?

**Malee:** No, it is a copy that they made from drawings made by foreign visitors. But some of the buildings here are real. For example, that one over there was going to be **knocked down** so that a condo could be built. But the owners of the Ancient Siam bought the old building and brought it here.

**Jane:** That is good. That means we can see what Thailand looked like hundreds of years ago. I like the Thai style wooden houses. Why do they build them on stilts?

**Malee:** In some areas they are built on stilts as they are near rivers. If there is a flood then they will stay dry. In other areas the animals will sleep on the ground floor and the family live in the room above.

**Jane:** Let's go and eat now. I am **starving**.

# UNIT 04: QUESTIONS ----- เมืองโบราณ -----

1. How big is Ancient Siam?  
(a) 800 acres  
(b) 320 acres  
(c) 50 acres  
(d) 1767 acres
2. Where will they eat lunch?  
(a) Under a tree  
(b) At Sanphet Prasat Palace  
(c) At the Floating Market  
(d) In a wooden house
3. How do they explore Ancient Siam?  
(a) By car  
(b) By bicycle  
(c) On foot  
(d) By bus
4. Who destroyed Sanphet Prasat Palace?  
(a) The Burmese  
(b) The Thai  
(c) Malee  
(d) Malee and Jane
5. Are all buildings in Ancient Siam copies?  
(a) Yes, they are  
(b) They are all copies  
(c) No, they are not  
(d) They are all real
6. How much does it cost to rent two bicycles?  
(a) 50 baht  
(b) 800 baht  
(c) 200 baht  
(d) 100 baht
7. Where did the King used to live?  
(a) In Sanphet Prasat Palace  
(b) In the Floating Market  
(c) In a wooden house  
(d) In Ancient Siam
8. What kind of building does Jane like?  
(a) Palace  
(b) Floating Market  
(c) Condo  
(d) Thai Style Wooden House
9. Where was the capital of Thailand in 1767?  
(a) Bangkok  
(b) Krung Thep  
(c) Ayutthaya  
(d) Ancient Siam
10. Who is hungry first?  
(a) Malee  
(b) Jane  
(c) Malee and Jane  
(d) No-one is hungry

## NOTES -----

## UNIT 05: BANG PU SEASIDE RESORT -----



Malee and Jane stayed at Ancient Siam for more than four hours. They were feeling hot and tired. Malee **suggested** that they should finish by going to **Bang Pu Seaside Resort** to feed the **seagulls** and to enjoy the cool fresh air. They **catch** a songtaew that is going to Klong Dan and get off at Bang Pu.

- Malee:** My parents used to bring us here a lot when we were younger but I haven't been here since I was in Primary 5. Let's go onto the pier.
- Jane:** It is very windy here. I was hot before but now I feel very cool. I can see it is a very popular place to come, as there are lots of people.
- Malee:** Yes, it is **popular** in the late afternoon and at weekends. But, it is too hot to come here during the day. Let's buy some food for the birds, it is only 10 baht per cup.
- Jane:** There must be thousands of seagulls here. Look, that one nearly hit me. It came down so low. Are they here all year?
- Malee:** My father says that they come here from **Siberia** when it is too cold for them. They stay in Thailand between October and March.
- Jane:** Look, they are very clever. I just throw the food up into the air and they can catch it as they fly past.
- Malee:** Stand there and I will take your picture feeding the birds.
- Jane:** Thanks. What are those people doing over there walking on the mud?
- Malee:** I think they are fishermen. You often see them when it is **low tide**. They are either looking for crabs or shellfish like **cockles** or **mussels**. When it is **high tide** they then go out on their boats to catch fish.
- Jane:** I wish we could go out on a boat. I think it would be good fun.
- Malee:** We can catch the ferryboat tomorrow if you like. It will take us across the river and we can then explore the other side.
- Jane:** That sounds like fun. What are all those sticks in the mud?
- Malee:** I think they were put there to stop **land erosion**. A lot of land along here has been lost to the sea. My sister came here last month with her school. They helped plant hundreds of **mangrove saplings** in the mud here.
- Jane:** That is great. I think it is time to go home. I am very tired.

# UNIT 05: QUESTIONS ----- สถานตากอากาศบางปู -----

1. How long did they stay at Ancient Siam?  
(a) Four hours (b) 10 hours  
(c) Two hours (d) Three hours
2. How much is the bird food?  
(a) 5 baht (b) 4 baht  
(c) 2 baht (d) 10 baht
3. How do they go to Bang Pu Seaside Resort?  
(a) By Bus (b) By Bicycle  
(c) By Songtaew (d) By Car
4. When was the last time Malee went to Bang Pu?  
(a) About 4 years ago (b) About 2 years ago  
(c) Last year (d) Last week
5. When is the best time to see seagulls?  
(a) Before October (b) After March  
(c) Between October and March (d) Between March and October
6. Who takes a picture?  
(a) Jane (b) Malee  
(c) A friend (d) A stranger
7. How can they stop land erosion?  
(a) By feeding the seagulls (b) By eating crabs  
(c) By planting mangroves (d) By taking pictures
8. Who is tired and wants to go home?  
(a) Malee (b) Jane  
(c) Malee and Jane (d) No-one is tired
9. What are the fishermen doing?  
(a) Catching fish (b) Feeding the seagulls  
(c) Taking pictures (d) Looking for crabs
10. When is the best time to visit Bang Pu Seaside Resort?  
(a) In the late afternoon (b) In the morning  
(c) At noon (d) At night

## NOTES -----

## UNIT 06: ON THE RIVER

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Today, Malee is going to take Jane across the river to visit **Phra Samut Chedi**. This is an important temple in Samut Prakan as it is on the **emblem** of the province. To go there, they need to first take a taxi to **Paknam Market** where they can catch a **ferry** across the Chao Phraya River.

- Malee:** Do you have any small **change**? The fare to go on the ferryboat is 3.5 baht each and I only have a 100 baht **banknote**.
- Jane:** Let me check. Yes, I have a ten baht coin.
- Malee:** There are a lot of people waiting on the **pier** because there are no bridges across the river in Paknam.
- Jane:** What do you do if you need to drive to the other side of the river?
- Malee:** We have to go to **Phra Pradaeng** where they have a car ferry and a bridge. Quick, follow me, the boat is about to leave.
- Jane:** How long does it take to cross to the other side of the river?
- Malee:** It only takes about ten minutes. The boats leave the pier often. Look over there. You can see another boat coming already.
- Jane:** I like it on the river. The fresh **breeze** makes it feel cool. Where are those big ships going?
- Malee:** They are going up-river to **Klong Toei Port** in Bangkok. The ships come from all around the world. That ship comes from America. You can see the American flag flying on the **stern** of the ship.
- Jane:** Is that a fishing boat?
- Malee:** Yes, my uncle is a fisherman. Sometimes he goes out on his boat for three or four days before coming home.
- Jane:** Is that an island? At first I thought it was the other side of the river.
- Malee:** Yes, there is a fort on the island called **Phi Sua Samut Fort**. You can see the big guns. The island also has thousands of bats. The temple where we are going used to be on an island too.
- Jane:** How many islands are there on the Chao Phraya River?
- Malee:** In Samut Prakan we only have one island.
- Jane:** I can see the temple now. It is very beautiful.
- Malee:** Yes, when they built this temple over 180 years ago, they wanted **foreigners** to know that we are a Buddhist **nation**.

## UNIT 06: QUESTIONS -----

1. Where do they catch the boat?  
(a) At Klong Toei Port  
(b) At Paknam Market  
(c) At Phra Samut Chedi  
(d) At Phi Sua Samut Fort
2. How much is the fare for the boat for two people?  
(a) 3.5 baht  
(b) 100 baht  
(c) 6 baht  
(d) 200 baht
3. How long does it take for the boat to cross the river?  
(a) Exactly ten minutes  
(b) About ten minutes  
(c) 100 minutes  
(d) Twenty minutes
4. What is the name of the temple that they are visiting?  
(a) Klong Toei  
(b) Phi Sua Samut  
(c) Chaimongkol Temple  
(d) Phra Samut Chedi
5. Where is the bridge to cross to the other side of the river?  
(a) Phra Pradaeng  
(b) Paknam  
(c) Bangkok  
(d) Phra Samut Chedi
6. What is the name of the port in Bangkok?  
(a) Bangkok  
(b) Paknam  
(c) Klong Toei  
(d) Phi Sua Samut
7. How many islands are there on the river in Samut Prakan?  
(a) One island  
(b) Two islands  
(c) Three islands  
(d) No islands
8. What is the name of the fort in the story?  
(a) Prakan Fort  
(b) Nakarat Fort  
(c) Phra Chulachomklao Fort  
(d) Phi Sua Samut Fort
9. Where are the bats?  
(a) On the island  
(b) At Paknam Market  
(c) At Phra Samut Chedi  
(d) On the ferryboat
10. What work does Malee's uncle do?  
(a) A ship captain  
(b) A market vendor  
(b) A fisherman  
(d) A sailor

## NOTES -----

## UNIT 07 : MAKING MERIT -----



Malee and Jane finally arrive at Phra Samut Chedi. They went there by boat from the Paknam Pier. Malee wants to show Jane an **important** temple that is the **symbol** of Samut Prakan Province. It was built in 1828 A.D.

- Malee:** We should first **pay respect** to the **Buddha image**. Take off your shoes here before we enter the temple.
- Jane:** I am glad that I took your **advice** and put on some shoes that are easy to **slip on** and off. What are you going to do with the **lotus flower** and **incense sticks**?
- Malee:** We use these to pay respect to the Buddha image. The lotus flower symbolizes how even beautiful things can grow out of dirty water. The three incense sticks **represent** the **triple gem**.
- Jane:** What is the triple gem?
- Malee:** This represents the **Buddha**, his teaching and the **brotherhood of monks**. I will say a short prayer now in front of the Buddha image.
- Jane:** Do you pray to the Buddha like **Christians** pray to our God?
- Malee:** Not really, as we don't see the Buddha as a God. When I see a Buddha image it reminds me that I should lead a good life.
- Jane:** Why is that Buddha image different? I usually see them sitting **cross-legged**. But this one is standing.
- Malee:** Buddha images show different stories in the Buddha's life. Each one means something different. This one is standing with his arms **stretched out**. He is stopping a flood of water.
- Jane:** That is interesting. Can you show me the rest of the temple now?
- Malee:** Yes, but first I will put this **gold leaf** onto the Buddha image.
- Jane:** Thanks. Why do you do that?
- Malee:** We cannot afford to have a beautiful gold Buddha image at home and so when we come to the temple we all help by putting gold leaf onto a Buddha.
- Jane:** I see most people have put the gold leaf on his face.
- Malee:** Yes. But my mother taught me to put the gold leaf on his back because we will make more merit if we do that. It is like doing something good without letting other people know.

# UNIT 07 : QUESTIONS ----- พระสมุทรเจดีย์ -----

1. What do they do before entering the temple?  
(a) Pay respect (b) Take a picture  
(c) Pray (d) Take off their shoes
2. What do the three incense sticks represent?  
(a) The Buddha (b) Beautiful things  
(c) The Triple Gem (d) Brotherhood of monks
3. What else does Malee hold in her hand?  
(a) Lotus Flower (b) Incense sticks  
(c) Buddha image (d) Her shoes
4. Where does Malee stick the gold leaf?  
(a) On the lotus flower (b) On the door  
(c) On her hand (d) On the Buddha image
5. Is the Buddha image sitting or standing?  
(a) It is standing (b) It is sitting  
(c) It is lying down (d) The story doesn't say
6. Why are the buddha images different?  
(a) They are made by different people (b) They show different Buddhas  
(c) They show different stories (d) They are more expensive
7. What advice does Malee give to Jane?  
(a) Say a short prayer (b) Wear shoes easy to slip on  
(c) Wear a hat (d) Keep quiet
8. The Triple Gem represents the Buddha, his teaching and what else?  
(a) Stories (b) Temple  
(c) Monks (d) Buddha images
9. Does Malee have a golden Buddha image at home?  
(a) Yes, she does (b) No, she doesn't  
(c) Her father has one (d) She doesn't know
10. When was the temple built?  
(a) 1828 A.D. (b) 1882 A.D.  
(c) 1828 B.C. (d) 1882 B.C.

## NOTES -----

## UNIT 08: EXPLORING THE TEMPLE -----



Malee and Jane are now **exploring** the temple grounds. In the center is the giant white **pagoda** which is called "chedi" in Thai. It was the idea of **King Rama II** to build a temple here but he died before he could start building it. His son, **King Rama III** built it for him. At first it was 20 meters high, but later it was made bigger.

**Jane:** What is the name of this temple?

**Malee:** It is called "**Phra Samut Chedi Klang Nam**". It means the pagoda in the middle of the river.

**Jane:** Why do they call it that? It is not on an island.

**Malee:** A hundred years ago it used to be on a small island. Everyone had to come here by boat. Now the river has changed **direction**.

**Jane:** Can you tell me about the tall white pagoda? It is very big. Can we go inside?

**Malee:** In Thai we call it a "chedi". You cannot go inside, as it is **solid**. This one is 38 meters high. In the old days they put the **ashes** of a king inside the pagoda. This one has some **relics** of the Buddha.

**Jane:** That is interesting. What is that white building over there? Can we take a look?

**Malee:** Yes, it is a **European style pavilion**. It has some beautiful **murals** on the walls.

**Jane:** Whose **statue** is that?

**Malee:** It is King Rama II. It was his idea to build the temple. Take a look at the pictures on the wall. They tell the story of our province.

**Jane:** In those two pictures it looks like they are building the pagoda. I can see that back then it was an island.

**Malee:** Yes, that is right. What about those pictures over there?

**Jane:** It looks like they are building a **fortress** along the river. Are those forts still here?

**Malee:** We used to have many forts but not many are **left** now. The name of our city means "ocean fortress". If you like, we can go and see a fort now.

**Jane:** Yes that would be good. Let's go.

## UNIT 08: QUESTIONS ----- พระสมุทรเจดีย์ -----

1. How tall is the pagoda?  
(a) 38 meters  
(b) 20 meters  
(c) 80 meters  
(d) 18 meters
2. Whose idea was to build the pagoda?  
(a) King Rama V  
(b) King Rama IV  
(c) King Rama III  
(d) King Rama II
3. Who built the pagoda?  
(a) King Rama II  
(b) King Rama III  
(c) King Rama IV  
(d) King Rama V
4. Can you go inside the pagoda?  
(a) Yes, you can  
(b) No, you cannot  
(c) Yes, on weekends only  
(d) Yes, every day
5. What is inside the pagoda?  
(a) Nothing  
(b) Buddha images  
(c) Buddha Relics  
(d) Ashes of the Kings
6. What does “Samut Prakan” mean?  
(a) Pagoda in the river  
(b) River mouth  
(c) Pagoda  
(d) Ocean Fortress
7. Where do they see the murals?  
(a) In the Pagoda  
(b) In the fortress  
(c) In the temple  
(d) In the Pavilion
8. How long ago was the pagoda on an island?  
(a) Fifty years ago  
(b) One hundred years ago  
(c) one hundred and fifty years ago  
(d) It is an island now
9. What does “Phra Samut Chedi Klang Nam” mean?  
(a) Pagoda in the middle of the river  
(b) Ocean Fortress  
(c) River Mouth  
(d) Phra Samut Chedi
10. Where will they go next?  
(a) To Phra Samut Chedi  
(b) To Paknam  
(c) To a fort  
(d) To the market

## NOTES -----

## UNIT 09: PHRA CHULACHOMKLAO FORT -----



From Phra Samut Chedi, Malee and Jane catch a bus to **Phra Chulachomklao Fort**. It takes them about 20 minutes to go there. The fort is at the mouth of the Chao Phraya River. From here you can see the **Gulf of Thailand**.

**Jane:** Can you tell me something about this fort?

**Malee:** Do you see that big statue over there? It is King Rama V. It was his idea to build this fort which was **completed** in 1893. Over there is **H.T.M.S Maeklong**. That is an old **warship** that was in use for 60 years.

**Jane:** Can we go on the ship?

**Malee:** Yes, we can explore the ship later. I am going to show you the big guns now.

**Jane:** This gun looks like it is new. Can they still fire it?

**Malee:** Yes, even though the seven guns are more than 100 years old, the navy looks after them very well. My teacher once showed me a picture of them being fired in 1998 for an **anniversary**.

**Jane:** I don't understand how they can **aim** and fire. The guns are in a **pit**.

**Malee:** These are special guns called Armstrong Guns. Their nickname is "crouching tiger" as they stay hidden ready to **pounce** on their enemy. Do you see the **handle** over there? They have to turn the wheel, which raises the guns up. When it fires, the **force** of the **explosion** pushes the gun back into the pit.

**Jane:** That is very clever. It means that **enemy** warships won't be able to see the guns. Did they ever have a **battle** here?

**Malee:** Yes, on the 13th of July 1893. They fired at two French warships that were going to Bangkok without **permission**. It was the first and last time these guns were fired in anger.

**Jane:** This is a really interesting park. It is good that it is also free.

**Malee:** Yes, I have been here twice with my family. I am getting hungry. Do you want to go and eat seafood at that restaurant over there?

**Jane:** Yes, I am starving too. Let's go.

**Malee:** After we have eaten, I will go and show you the wild monkeys.

**Jane:** I have never seen wild monkeys before. That is so exciting!

## UNIT 09: QUESTIONS ----- ป้อมพระจุลจอมเกล้า ----

1. How do they go to the fort?  
(a) By boat (b) By car  
(c) By bus (d) On foot
2. How long does it take to go there?  
(a) About twenty minutes (b) About 30 minutes  
(c) About 100 minutes (d) About 60 minutes
3. Whose statue can be seen at the fort?  
(a) King Rama II (b) King Rama IV  
(c) King Rama III (d) King Rama V
4. What is the name of the ship that can be seen at the fort?  
(a) H.T.M.S. Maeklong (b) H.T.M.S. Chulachomklao  
(c) H.T.M.S. Chao Phraya (d) H.T.M.S. Seafood
5. How old is the warship?  
(a) Twenty years old (b) 100 years old  
(c) Sixty years old (d) 1998 years old
6. How many Armstrong guns are there at the fort?  
(a) Twenty guns (b) Seven guns  
(c) Seventy guns (d) Thirteen guns
7. Are the guns still working?  
(a) No, they are not (b) One gun is working  
(c) Five guns are working (d) Seven guns are working
8. When were they last fired in anger?  
(a) 1998 (b) 2009  
(c) 1820 (d) 1893
9. What is the nickname of the guns?  
(a) Crouching tiger (b) Big guns  
(c) Guns in a pit (d) Chulachomklao guns
10. How many times has Malee been to the fort?  
(a) She has been once before (b) She has been twice before  
(c) She has been three times (d) She has never been there before

## NOTES -----

# UNIT 10: BANG NAMPHEUNG FLOATING MARKET -----



Malee's parents take them to go and visit **Bang Nampheung Floating Market**. It is in Phra Pradaeng. Her brother and sister go too. They go there by car by crossing a big bridge. It is a weekend market and so it is not open during the week. They arrive at the market early in the morning at 8 a.m.

- Jane:** Have you been to this floating market before?
- Malee:** Yes, twice with my family. The food here is very delicious. My father likes buying house plants and my mother buys **handicraft**.
- Jane:** What do you like to buy?
- Malee:** I like looking for new **fashion accessories**. Last time I bought a bracelet. It cost only 95 baht. What do you want to do first?
- Jane:** I am not sure. Can we just walk around? Maybe buy some snacks.
- Malee:** Yes, I am a bit hungry. I told my father that we would meet him at 11.30 a.m. to have something to eat. Do you want to try this? It is called "**khanom krok**" in Thai.
- Jane:** What is it made from?
- Malee:** It is a **mixture** of flour and coconut milk. It is very delicious. It only costs Fifteen baht for a tray. Do you want to try some?
- Jane:** Yes, I will try.
- Malee:** Blow on it first, it might be a bit hot.
- Jane:** Yes, it **tastes** really nice. What are those over there?
- Malee:** Those are called "**khanom thuay**" in Thai. I like them very much.
- Jane:** What are they made from?
- Malee:** It is **similar** to the "khanom krok" as it is made from flour and coconut milk. But these are steamed and not grilled like "khanom krok".
- Jane:** Let's try some of those too. How much are they?
- Malee:** It is the same price. Fifteen baht for a tray.
- Jane:** I like these too. I can see they have two layers. What is the green layer made from?
- Malee:** It is coloured green from mixing it with the juice of the **pandanus leaf**.
- Jane:** I can see some people over there on a boat. Can we **rent** one?
- Malee:** Yes, it only costs 50 baht for one hour. Let's go.

# UNIT 10: QUESTIONS ----- ตลาดน้ำบางน้ำผึ้ง -----

1. When is the floating market open?  
(a) At the weekend  
(b) On weekdays  
(c) On Monday to Friday only  
(d) On Sunday only
2. When do they go to the market?  
(a) In the morning  
(b) In the afternoon  
(c) In the late afternoon  
(d) In the early morning
3. How much does the bracelet cost?  
(a) 1130 baht  
(b) 10 baht  
(c) 90 baht  
(d) 30 baht
4. Who likes to buy house plants?  
(a) Malee's mother  
(b) Malee's father  
(c) Malee  
(d) Jane
5. What is the first snack they buy to eat?  
(a) Khanom Krok  
(b) Khanom Thuay  
(c) Ice Cream  
(d) Cookie
6. What makes "khanom thuay" green on the bottom?  
(a) Flour  
(b) Coconut milk  
(c) Pandanus  
(d) Lotus flower
7. How much does it cost to rent a boat?  
(a) 50 baht  
(b) 90 baht  
(c) 11 baht  
(d) 10 baht
8. What is the main ingredient of "khanom krok"?  
(a) Pandanus leaf  
(b) Fish  
(c) Ice cream  
(d) Coconut milk
9. What time do they plan to eat lunch?  
(a) At noon  
(b) At 11.30 a.m.  
(c) At 8 a.m.  
(d) 10 a.m.
10. How many people go to the floating market?  
(a) Two people  
(b) Four people  
(c) Six people  
(d) Eight people

## NOTES -----

# UNIT 11: THE ERAWAN MUSEUM

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After eating lunch at Bang Nampheung Floating Market, Malee's father drives them home. Along the way they stop at **The Erawan Museum** which is shaped like a giant three-headed elephant. They join a tour of the museum, which costs 150 baht for adults and 50 baht for children under 15.

- Jane:** Wow! That is a very big elephant! What is the tour guide saying? I don't understand Thai.
- Malee:** She is **explaining** how big it is. It is 43.6 meters high which is the same as a 14-floor building. The body weighs 250 tons.
- Jane:** That is very big. That must have taken them a long time to build.
- Malee:** I am not sure but I remember that they were building it for a long time. Maybe four or five years. There is a museum in the **basement** and later we can go up inside the elephant.
- Jane:** Really? Is it **hollow** then?
- Malee:** Yes, in the **belly** of the elephant there is a room with Buddha images. One of the back legs is a lift and the other is a **spiral staircase**.
- Jane:** Look up there. Is that a small window in the belly of the elephant? I think I can see someone.
- Malee:** Yes, there is a good view from up there. Come with me, we are going down into the museum now.
- Jane:** Can we take pictures here?
- Malee:** No, can you see that sign over there? It says pictures are **not allowed** inside the museum. But you can take some pictures upstairs.
- Jane:** How many times have you been here?
- Malee:** I have been here twice before. This part of the museum is a bit boring. There are only **porcelain** pots. Let's wait for my parents outside.
- Jane:** Are those people over there praying?
- Malee:** Yes they are praying for good luck. My sister came here once to pray for good luck to pass her exams.
- Jane:** Did she pass?
- Malee:** Yes she did. The next day she came back and put some **sugar cane** and bananas on the shrine for the elephant.

# UNIT 11: QUESTIONS ----- พิพิธภัณฑ์ช้างเอราวัณ -----

1. How do they go to The Erawan Museum?  
(a) By bus (b) By boat  
(c) By taxi (d) By car
2. How much does it cost for Jane to go into the museum?  
(a) 50 baht (b) 150 baht  
(c) 300 baht (d) 650 baht
3. What language does the tour guide speak?  
(a) English (b) English and Thai  
(c) Chinese (d) Thai
4. How high is the elephant?  
(a) 43.6 meters (b) 250 meters  
(c) 14 meters (d) 50 meters
5. Where is the museum?  
(a) In the belly of the elephant (b) Near the elephant  
(c) In the basement (d) In the back leg
6. What did Malee's sister pray for?  
(a) For good luck (b) For some bananas  
(c) For some sugar cane (d) For happiness
7. Where can't they take any pictures?  
(a) In front of the elephant (b) In the belly of the elephant  
(c) In the museum in the basement (d) In the lift
8. Where is the room with Buddha images?  
(a) In the basement (b) In the belly of the elephant  
(c) In front of the elephant (d) Behind the elephant
9. How much does the elephant weigh?  
(a) 150 tons (b) 250 tons  
(c) 43.6 tons (d) 14 tons
10. How many heads does the elephant have?  
(a) Three heads (b) Two heads  
(c) One head (d) No heads

## NOTES -----

# FINAL QUESTIONS -----

1. Which temple is on the emblem for the province?
2. Which province is to the East of Samut Prakan?
3. What is the population of Samut Prakan?
4. How much does it cost to go on a ferryboat from Paknam?
5. What is the province flower?
6. When can you see seagulls at Bang Pu Seaside Resort?
7. Which temple used to be on an island?
8. How many crocodiles are there at the Crocodile Farm?
9. How many islands are there in Samut Prakan?
10. What is the name of the warship at Phra Chulachomklao Fort?
11. How tall is Phra Samut Chedi?
12. What is the province tree?
13. What is the name of the large river in Samut Prakan?
14. Where can you find a copy of a palace from Ayutthaya?
15. How many districts are there in Samut Prakan?
16. Which tourist attraction is an open-air museum?
17. Which tourist attraction is a giant three-headed elephant?
18. What does Samut Prakan mean in English?
19. Where can you see thousands of bats?
20. Whose statue can you see at Phra Samut Chedi?
21. Who built Phra Chulachomklao Fort?
22. What year was the first railway in Thailand opened?
23. Where can you watch an elephant show?
24. When can you see seagulls at Bang Pu Seaside Resort?
25. What is the name of the fort on an island?
26. When was Phra Samut Chedi built?
27. What is the nickname of the Armstrong guns?
28. Where can you see a Standing Buddha with its arms stretched out?
29. When did the forts fire on French ships?
30. Whose statue can you see at Phra Chulachomklao Fort?
31. What are in the back legs of the giant three-headed elephant?
32. Where is Phra Chulachomklao Fort?
33. What animals can you see at the Crocodile Farm?
34. Where can you see a floating market in Samut Prakan?
35. How can you go from Paknam Market to Phra Samut Chedi?
36. Where can you see monkeys in Samut Prakan?
37. How long does it take to cross the river on a ferryboat?
38. Which side of the river do you find the most factories?
39. Where is the pier where you can feed seagulls?
40. What can you plant in order to help stop land erosion?
41. Where are the bridges crossing the river in Samut Prakan?
42. Who built Phra Samut Chedi?
43. What is inside the belly of the giant three-headed elephant?

accountant = นักบัญชี  
acre = หน่วยวัดเนื้อที่เป็นเอเคอร์ (2.53  
ไร่=1 เอเคอร์)  
advice = คำแนะนำ  
aim = เล็งเป้า  
Ancient Siam = เมืองโบราณ  
anniversary = การฉลองครบรอบ  
attack = รุกราน, โจมตี  
Ayutthaya period = สมัยอยุธยา  
Bang Nampheng Floating Market =  
ตลาดน้ำบางน้ำผึ้ง  
Bang Pu Seaside Resort = สถานตาก  
อากาศบางปู  
banknote = ธนบัตร  
basement = ห้องใต้ดิน  
battle = การสู้รบ  
belly = ท้อง  
bitten off = กัดจนขาด  
border = เขตแดน, ขอบเขต  
brave = กล้าหาญ  
breeze = สายลมที่พัดเบาๆ  
brochure = แผ่นพับสำหรับโฆษณา  
Brotherhood of monks = พระสงฆ์  
Buddha = พระพุทธเจ้า  
Buddha image = พระพุทธรูป  
Burmese = คนพม่า  
catch = โดยสาร, จับ  
Chachoengsao = ฉะเชิงเทรา  
change = เงินย่อย  
Chiang Mai = เชียงใหม่  
Children's Day = วันเด็ก  
Christians = คริสตศาสนิกชน  
cockles = หอยแครง  
commanded = ออกคำสั่ง  
completed = เสร็จ  
Crocodile Farm = ฟาร์มจระเข้  
crocodile wrestler = คนที่ปล้ำกับจระเข้  
cross-legged = นั่งขัดสมาธิ  
dense = หนาแน่น  
destroyed = ถูกทำลาย  
district = อำเภอ

each other = ซึ่งกันและกัน  
emblem = สัญลักษณ์  
enemy = ศัตรู  
estuary = ปากแม่น้ำ  
explaining = อธิบาย  
explore = สำรวจ  
explosion = การจู่ระเบิด  
factories = โรงงาน  
fashion accessories = เครื่องประดับ  
ferry = เรือข้ามฟาก  
floating market = ตลาดน้ำ  
force = ความรุนแรง  
foreigner = ชาวต่างชาติ  
gold leaf = ทองคำเปลว  
gossip = เรื่องซุบซิบ  
Gulf of Thailand = อ่าวไทย  
H.T.M.S Maeklong = เรือหลวงแม่กลอง  
handle = ที่จับ  
high tide = น้ำขึ้น  
hollow = ที่เป็นโพรง  
important = สำคัญ  
incense sticks = ธูป  
khanom krok = ขนมครก  
khanom thuay = ขนมถ้วย  
Klong Toei Port = ท่าเรือคลองเตย  
knocked down = ถูกทุบทิ้ง  
land erosion = การกัดเซาะของดิน  
Lighthouse = ประภาคาร  
lotus flower = ดอกบัว  
low tide = น้ำลง  
mangrove sapling = ต้นอ่อนของต้น  
โกงกาง  
Marigold = ดอกดาวเรือง  
mixture = ส่วนผสม  
motorcycle taxi = มอเตอร์ไซด์รับจ้าง  
mussels = หอยแมลงภู่  
both = ทั้งสอง  
nation = ประเทศ  
not allowed = ไม่อนุญาต  
open air museum = พิพิธภัณฑ์กลางแจ้ง  
overtime = ล่วงเวลา  
Paknam = ปากน้ำ

Paknam Market = ตลาดปากน้ำ  
palace = พระที่นั่ง, พระราชวัง  
pandanus leaf = ใบเตย  
pay respect = ไหว้พระ, ให้ความเคารพ  
penfriend = เพื่อนทางจดหมาย  
permission = ความยินยอม  
Phi Sua Samut Fort = ป้อมผีเสื้อสมุทร  
Phra Chulachomklao Fort = ป้อมพระ  
จุลจอมเกล้า  
Phra Pradaeng = อ.พระประแดง  
Phra Samut Chedi = พระสมุทรเจดีย์  
Phuket = ภูเก็ต  
picnic = ไปเที่ยวนอกบ้าน  
pier = ท่าเรือ  
pit = หลุม  
popular = เป็นที่นิยม  
population = ประชากร  
porcelain = เครื่องลายคราม  
Portia tree = โพทะเล  
pounce = จู่โจมอย่างรวดเร็ว  
province = จังหวัด  
rent = เช่า  
represent = เป็นเครื่องหมายของ  
Sanphet Prasat Palace = พระที่นั่ง  
สรรเพชญปราสาท  
scar = รอยแผลเป็น  
scary = น่ากลัว  
seagulls = นกนางนวล  
share = ใช้ร่วมกัน, แบ่งส่วน  
Siberia = ไชบีเรีย

similar = เหมือนกับ  
slip on = สวมใส่  
songtaew = รถสองแถว  
spend = ใช้ (เวลา)  
spiral staircase = บันไดวน  
square kilometers = ตารางกิโลเมตร  
starving = หิว  
stern = ท้ายเรือ  
stretched out = ยืดออกไป  
sub-districts = ตำบล  
sugar cane = ต้นอ้อย  
suggested = แนะนำ  
Sukhumwit Road = ถนนสุขุมวิท  
symbol = สัญลักษณ์  
tastes = มีรสชาติ  
telegraph = การส่งโทรเลข  
The Erawan Museum = พิพิธภัณฑ์ช้าง  
เอราวัณ  
townhouse = ทาวน์เฮ้าส์  
Triple Gem = พระรัตนตรัย  
university = มหาวิทยาลัย  
villages = หมู่บ้าน  
warship = เรือรบ  
younger =อายุน้อยกว่านี้  
และนำอาหารไปรับประทาน