

## E7- UNIT 9- READING 1

### I. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

Two of the most important holidays in the United States are Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day. The fourth of July marks the American declaration of independence(độc lập) from Britain. Most towns, big or small, celebrate the fourth of July with parades(diễu hành) and fireworks. Families (1)\_\_\_\_\_with barbecues or picnics. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in fall, on the fourth Thursday in November. It is a day (2)\_\_\_\_\_ people give thanks to the harvest(mùa màng). Most families (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a large dinner with roast turkey. (4)\_\_\_\_\_ Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day are national (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

1. **A.** celebrating            **B.** celebration            **C.** celebrate            **D.** celebrated
2. **A.** where            **B.** when            **C.** which            **D.** in which
3. **A.** have            **B.** buy            **C.** help            **D.** take
4. **A.** Besides            **B.** Both            **C.** Either            **D.** Nor
5. **A.** chances            **B.** months            **C.** holidays            **D.** times

### II. Read the text carefully, and then answer the questions.

#### *Day of the Dead – Mexico*

Day of the Dead is celebrated on November 1 in Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala and other parts of Central or South America. Families gather to pray(cầu nguyện) to the souls(linh hồn) of dead relatives, asking them to return for one night. People decorate(trang trí) altars(bàn thờ) in their homes and graveyards(mộ) with food , candles, candy skulls and marigolds(cúc vạn thọ) to welcome the souls back to Earth. Skeletons are displayed(trưng bày) throughout cities, and people dressed as skeletons parade through the streets. *Pan de los muertos* (bread of the dead) is baked in the shape of skulls and crossbones, and a toy is hidden(dấu) inside each loaf. The person who bites into the toy is said to have good luck. Day of the Dead is a time to celebrate and remember the lives of dead family members.

1. Where and When is the Day of the Dead celebrated?
2. What do families gather to pray for?
3. What do people do to welcome the souls back to Earth?
4. What is the custom with *Pan de los muertos* (bread of the dead)?
5. What is the purpose of the Day of the Dead?