Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

CHINESE NEW YEAR



Chinese New Year is the longest and most important **(1)** _____ in the Chinese calendar. The New Year begins **(2)** _____ the first day of the Chinese calendar, **(3)** _____ usually falls in February, and the festivities continue for 15 days. At Chinese New Year celebrations, people wear red clothes, give children "lucky money" in red envelopes and set **(4)** _____ firecrackers. Red symbolizes fire, which the Chinese believe drives away bad luck. Family members gather at each other's homes for extravagant meals. Chinese New Year ends with a lantern festival on the fifteenth day of the month. **(5)** _____ lanterns are hung in temples and **(6)** _____ to an evening parade under the light of the full moon. Some of the lanterns **(7)** _____ be works of art, painted with birds, animals, flowers, zodiac signs, and scenes from legend and history. The highlight of the lantern festival is often the dragon dance. The dragon, which is stretch a hundred feet **(8)** _____, is typically made of silk, paper and bamboo. The dragon is held **(9)** _____ by young men who dance as they guide the colourful beast through the streets. In the United States, where the New Year is celebrated with a shortened **(10)** _____, the dragon dance always takes place on a weekend.

The fireworks that shower the festivities are rooted in an almost similar ancient custom. Long ago, people in China **(11)** _____ to light bamboo stalks, **(12)** _____ that the crackling flames would frighten evil spirits. This is why they still use fireworks. The New Year is a time of family reunion. Family members gather at each other's homes for visits and shared meals, most significantly a feast on New Year's Eve.

1.	A. party	B. festival	C. celebration	D. event
2.	A. in	B. at	C. over	D. on
3.	A. that	B. which	C. when	D. where
4.	A. back	B. down	C. up	D. off
5.	A. painted	B. decorated	C. ornamental	D. decorative
6.	A. held	B. transported	C. carried	D. brought
7.	A. may	B. should	C. must	D. ought to
8.	A. wide	B. high	C. deep	D. long
9.	A. on	B. up	C. down	D. off
10.	A. plan	B. calendar	C. schedule	D. programme
11.	A. usually	B. need	C. have	D. used
12.	A. believing	B. imagining	C. regarding	D. guessing

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