Unit 12

A Complete the sentences with these words.

ancestry	disrespect	diversity	forces	long-gone	mannerisms	mists
strongly-held	tight	values				

1 He has such particular _____ he's very easy to imitate.
2 For most people the meaning of the Christmas tree is _____.
3 Fairytales are effective at transmitting _____, but they are also guilty of transmitting stereotypes.
4 I would love to know more about my _____; I think we're originally from France.
5 The belief that the moon affects your mood is _____ in these parts.
6 The _____ of London is one of its most attractive features.
7 It is often said that to wear white to a wedding is a sign of _____ to the bride.
8 We had to sit _____ and wait for the procession to pass.
9 The two communities joined _____ to organise a huge festival in honour of their shared traditions.
10 All memory of my first village fair are lost in the _____ of time.

B Complete the sentences with a word formed with the word in CAPITALS.

1 Some of their customs come from a _____fear of the dark. **ROOT**
2 When we travel, we may find that many of our _____ about a country are wrong. **ASSUME**
3 They have little _____ of people who do not observe the local traditions. **TOLERATE**
4 Working in a multicultural school, you will be expected to show _____ to the different traditions. **SENSITIVE**
5 At carnival in many cities, groups sing _____ satirical songs about popular figures. **REVERE**
6 Last weekend, my parents celebrated the _____ of their wedding vows. **NEW**
7 I have a particular _____ for some of the traditions from my grandmother's country. **FOND**
8 We leave the city during carnival, as the constant noise is not good for my _____. **SANE**
9 British traditions often reveal elements of the islands' Celtic _____. **HEIR**
10 Songs are a(n) _____ part of most of our traditions, as is cake. **PRESENT**

C Choose the correct answer.

1 The events calendar for our town looks a bit **culturally / traditionally** bleak this winter.
2 Every year in the UK, Pancake Day is **observed / offered** on the same day as Mardi Gras in some countries.
3 Young people are often accused of **tearing / turning** their backs on tradition, but is it true?
4 When you move to a different country, it is not always easy to **defy / integrate** into the new culture.
5 We usually go away for the Bank Holiday, but this year we're going to stay **fast / put**.
6 The **oral / vocal** tradition is strong in Northern countries, thanks to long nights and poor light.
7 The **indigenous / original** peoples of America spoke a great number of languages.
8 The tradition of a **dowry / legacy** when a woman marries is dying out worldwide.
9 There was a tremendous culture **battle / clash** when he first met her family, but it got much easier.

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D **Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the words in bold. You may use between three and eight words.**

1 This one great carnival fortnight included a little of everything I had ever seen written about the islands.
read
All _____ encapsulated in this one great carnival fortnight.

2 Before going, you really ought to watch this documentary.
need
What _____this documentary before you go.

3 The fact that people often say that traditions are dying out annoys me, as it isn't true.
it
It _____ said traditions are dying out, when it isn't true.

4 It wasn't until the Irish and Scottish emigrated to North America that Halloween arrived in the USA.
unknown
Halloween _____ people from Ireland and Scotland emigrated to America.

5 What appeals to me right now is trying some of the traditional food.
do
What I'd really _____ some of the traditional food.

6 The only thing on their mind from April to April are the preparations for the annual procession.
year
All they _____ preparing for the annual processions.

7 Not many people remember that *Oxford* was traditionally 'a place where cows cross the river'.
often
It _____ name Oxford traditionally meant 'a place where cows cross the river'.

8 Her knowledge of traditional songs and tales was a legacy from her grandmother.
taught
It _____ everything she knows about traditional songs and tales.

E **Complete the sentences with these words.**

all	it	it	it	that	what	what	what	when	who

1 _____ I thought was that chocolate was originally a drink.
2 It was my English teacher ____ gave me a love of haiku poetry.
3 _____ I know is that when we got there, the festival had finished.
4 _____ seems to me that we'd better find a fancy dress shop.
5 We couldn't agree on what to do that evening but _____settled it was a promise of fireworks.
6 _____ was the migrants from Europe who took their traditions to the USA.
7 It was the internet and social media _____ changed our birthday greetings habits.
8 _____ is the songs that I like best about most of our traditions.
9 It was _____Victoria was queen that Christmas cards became popular in the UK.
10 _____ we carved a face into at Halloween when I was a child, was a turnip.

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