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Read the text carefully. Then complete the following activities.

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Ecuador is famous for its colorful festivals, and every town in the country has its own traditional celebrations and events throughout the year. One of them is on November 2. It is the celebration of the Day of the Dead, a memorial for loved ones who have gone to "the beyond". Families in urban and rural areas still prepare the traditional colada morada, which is made from black corn flour and fruits, and Guagua's, which is bread shaped and decorated in the form of a small child. These delicious treats are shared in the cemeteries as a tribute to the life and death of those who are on Earth and those who have departed. In rural areas, this ritual is still celebrated as part of religious traditions of mestizo and indigenous people. In urban areas, thousands of people gather in cemeteries to clean and decorate the graves of their loved ones. It is a national holiday. Businesses and schools are closed, and vendors line the streets that lead to the cemeteries, selling flowers, candles, candy, and food.

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CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER TO THE QUESTIONS ACCORDING TO THE READING.

1. When does the Day of the Dead take place?

a. It takes place on November 3.

b. It takes place on November 2.

c. It takes place on November 1.

2. How is colada morada made?

a. It is made from black flour and citrus fruits.

b. It is made from black oatmeal and fruits.

c. It is made from black corn flour and fruits.

3. What is the Day of the Dead?

a. It is a memorial to loved ones who have gone to another country.

b. It is a memorial to loved ones who have gone to heaven.

c. It is a celebration for loved ones who have gone to "the beyond".

4. What is a Guagua?

a. It is bread shaped and decorated in the form of a small dog.

b. It is bread shaped and decorated in the form of a small child.

c. It is a cupcake shaped and decorated in the form of a small bear.

5. What do Ecuadorians do in cemeteries on the Day of the Dead?

a. Colada morada and Guagua's are shared at home. People go to clean and decorate the graves of their loved ones.

b. Colada morada is shared in cemeteries. People go to clean and decorate the graves of their loved ones.

c. Colada morada and Guagua's are shared in parks and streets. People go to clean and decorate the graves of their loved ones.

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