Unusual Festivals

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Direction: Matching pictures with the Context. Fill in the banks with suitable vocabulary.

1. .....

A. _____

_____ (1) is known for snowy winters, reindeers, forests, and swamps. _____ (2) stretch across the countryside as far as the eye can see. Once a year, the town of Hyrynsalmi, about 650 kilometers north of Helsinki, hosts a very unusual sports event: The World Swamp _____ (3) Championship. This major spectacle attracts some 5,000 participants from a number of countries. The players play soccer in the _____ (4) mud, and often there is more wading and crawling than actual kicking of the ball. The game lasts for two periods of 25 minutes each in a marked soccer field that looks more like a pig pen. After kickoff, the participants' brightly colored team shirts soon become_____ (5) rags.

2. .....

B. _____

_____ (6) is the most important of Thai festivals and holidays, and it marks the start of the astrological _____ (7). The festival is celebrated in April over a period of four days. Songkran is closely associated with water. Traditionally, people _____ (8) on elders and family members to bring good fortune. In the home, people clean images of Buddha with scented water. Nowadays Songkran has become a festival in which people splash strangers on the streets using a water gun, a bucket, or a hose. Fortunately, it takes place during _____ (9) time of the year, so a cool shower is a welcome relief. Everyone gets _____ (10) in water, all in the spirit of good fun, except for monks, who are spared from the showers.

3. .....

C. _____

_____ (11) festival in India is definitely the most _____ (12). It is similar to Songkran, but instead of water, colorful _____ (13) are thrown. The festival is hugely popular in the villages around Mathura, the _____ (14) of Krishna, the central figure of Hinduism. The festival is supposed to celebrate the love between Krishna and Radha. People throw powders to commemorate such love, and the mixture of bright colors _____ (15) energy, life, and joy

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D. _____

Can you imagine the result of thousands of people throwing tons of _____ (16) at one another? Each year, on the _____ (17) of August, over 30,000 people come to Buñol, a small town near Valencia, Spain, to take part in the *Tomatina*. It all started when unhappy citizens threw tomatoes at council members.

Today it is actually the city council that organizes this messy battle. _____ (18) unload their cargo of ripe tomatoes in _____ (19). Excited crowds grab the tomatoes, and the fight begins. Soon the walls of houses are covered in red, and participants are _____ (20) in tomato juice. The fight lasts for one hour, after which people head for the river to wash.

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