St. Nicholas Day. Traditions in Ukraine.

- **Read the text, choose the best headings for every paragraph.**

St. Nicholas Day is a very special holiday for Ukrainian children and adults. Unlike Western Christian countries, where it is celebrated on December 6, Ukraine and other Eastern Christian countries celebrate St. Nicholas Day on December 19. Saint Nicholas has always been considered to be a patron saint of children.

Shortly before the holiday children write letters to Saint Nicholas where they list all their dearest wishes. St. Nicholas would definitely prepare the present for those who behaved well. Naughty kids get twigs. Special round cookies called 'mykolaychyky' are baked for this day. These cookies are put under the children's pillows as sweet presents as well as they are given to all friends and relatives as a wish of joy and health.

St. Nicholas Day presents can be different. It is up to parents to decide what gift to put under the child's pillow. It can be a toy, a book or sweets. Also, this holiday is often associated with numerous charity events, fundraisers, and gift drives for orphaned children and people who find themselves in need.

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History

Presents and Charity

- **Choose the right option.**

1. St. Nicholas Day is a very special holiday for Ukrainian children and ...
   a) adults *b) teachers*
2. Ukraine and other Eastern Christian countries celebrate St. Nicholas Day on December ...
   a) 6 *b) 19*
3. Saint Nicholas has always been considered to be a ... of children.
   a) hero *b) patron saint*
4. Shortly before the holiday children write letters to Saint Nicholas where they list all their dearest ...
   a) wishes *b) problems*
5. Special round ... called 'mykolaychyky' are baked for this day.
   a) pancakes *b) cookies*
6. Also, this holiday is often associated with numerous charity ...
   a) events *b) parades*

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