

VII. Choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D for each of the gaps to complete the following test.

There are many Chinese festivals in Hong Kong. The Western New Year starts on the first day of January but the Chinese begin New Year on the first day of the first moon of the Chinese calendar. Before New Year's Day comes, people clean and decorate their houses, (48) _____ a lot of traditional food and go shopping for presents and new clothes. New Year's Eve is the time (49) _____ every family gathers its members together for dinner.

People (50) _____ the New Year with a music performance and a firework display to light up the sky.

On New Year's Day, they visit their friends and relatives. The children get lucky money in red envelopes. Many people go to the (51) _____ to wish for good health and good luck. Chinese people in Hong Kong celebrate the New Year with (52) _____ and happiness.

48. A. take	B. bring	C. cook	D. sell
49. A. when	B. after	C. before	D. during
50. A. meet	B. see	C. end	D. celebrate
51. A. houses	B. pagodas	C. family	D. camps
52. A. hopeful	B. hopeless	C. hope	D. hoping

VIII. Read the text, and then choose the correct answers.

The most important celebration holiday in China is the Lunar New Year. At this time, shops are closed. People celebrate by having parties, by paying friendly phone calls to their neighbours, and by visiting the temples or pagodas to promises for the New Year. Children walk through the streets, carrying colourful lanterns and paper figures. Fireworks are also set off to light up the sky.

The time of the New Year is also the time at which Chinese people decorate their homes. For example, the windows, which are made of thick paper are torn down, and new ones are put up. This is also the time during which people pay their debts. Everyone tries to settle all his bills before the beginning of the New Year. Before New Year's Eve, people make their homes attractive by decorating them with flowers and plants, and hanging brightly-coloured decorations.

53. This passage as a whole is _____ about _____.

A. paying debts	B. China	C. the Chinese New Year	D. New Year's promises
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54. The Lunar New Year is _____.

A. an important Chinese holiday	B. the time for having large meals
C. a special time for children	D. the time when no one is in debt

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55. What can we infer from the passage?

- A. The Chinese have only one holiday.
- B. The Chinese New Year is happy.
- C. The Chinese New Year celebration lasts seven days.
- D. People don't go to church during the Chinese New Year.

Câu nào trong bài chứa thông tin này?

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56. Which of these sentences is NOT true?

- A. Fireworks are set off to light up the sky.
- B. Chinese houses are made of paper.
- C. Chinese people pay debts at New Year's.
- D. People also decorate the windows.

Câu nào trong bài chứa thông tin này?

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57. How can people make their homes attractive?

- A. By decorating them with flowers and plants.
- B. By decorating them with brightly-coloured decorations.
- C. By hanging brightly-coloured decorations outside their homes.
- D. By decorating them with flowers and plants, and hanging brightly-coloured decorations.

Câu nào trong bài chứa thông tin này?

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