

REVISION I

Read the following paragraph and attempt the exercises given:

Carnival

There are many festivals and celebrations around the world throughout the year. However, carnival is one of the most famous and flamboyant festivities. Many carnivals take place in the build-up to the religious season of Lent. Lent happens during the six weeks before Easter Sunday, when people prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, the majority of carnivals take place during February. Lent is a time when, traditionally, people give up something that they will find difficult. This could be a type of food or a bad habit that they want to try to stop. Carnivals differ from place to place as many areas focus on their own traditions and pastimes and are often heavily influenced by the culture of their country. In most countries, carnival is often characterized by masks, flamboyant costumes, music and colourful floats and parades. Some carnivals have special trinkets or symbols. In New Orleans, they have sweet and very colourful cakes called King Cakes as a symbol of their carnival (Mardi Gras).

The most famous and largest carnival in the world takes place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Carnival in Brazil is not just a fun celebration, but a chance to experience the diverse culture of the country. Brazil is often referred to as a 'melting-pot' of culture. This is because there are a variety of different cultural influences brought about by the diverse population. There are many European, African and American influences in Brazilian society. Carnival epitomises the Brazilian way of life and their way of thinking. There are many parties, which take place throughout the day and during the night,

celebrating the songs, music and dances, typical of Brazilian culture. The most popular form of music and dancing at the Rio carnival is samba, a style unique to Brazil, which is often played on drums with traditional dancing. The 'Sambódromo' is an avenue, specially made to host carnival in Rio. Every year, thousands of people go to this area to celebrate carnival, including over 500,000 foreign visitors! Although carnival is linked to religious faith and traditions, it is a time of fun, excess and flamboyance, enjoyed by millions across the world.

Carnivals in Europe

There are several carnivals in Europe, for example:

Cadiz is where the largest Spanish carnival takes place. It is heavily influenced by local traditions along with current and political events. Like Rio, there are parades and floats with lots of music.

Nice, in France, is a carnival that is heavily influenced by Catholic traditions. People indulge in lots of rich food in the build up to Lent. One of the most popular street celebrations is the Battle of the Flowers, where there are lots of floats and costumes, brimming with plants and flowers.

Cologne is the principal carnival city in Germany. The carnival season actually begins in November here and culminates the week before (and including) Shrove Tuesday. There are lots of parades and people dress up - even at work and school. It is one of Germany's most important cultural events.

1. Fill in the blanks

_____ is one of the most famous and colourful festivities.

2. Carnivals take place in the religious season of Lent which is

_____ before Easter Sunday.

- a. four weeks
- c. six weeks

- b. five weeks
- d. seven weeks

3. The largest carnival takes place in New Orleans

True

False

4. Brazil is known as 'melting - pot' because :

- a. Samba music is played here.
- b. A variety of different cultural influences are brought about by a diverse population.
- c. There are about 5,00,000 foreign visitors to this area.
- d. It is about the Brazilian way of life.

5. Fill in the blanks:

During _____, people usually give up a type of _____ or bad _____ which they find _____ to do.

6. Sambodromo is an avenue made to host carnival in _____

- a. Rio
- c. New Orleans

- b. Brazil
- d. a & b

7. The place where one of the most popular street celebrations "Battle of Flowers" is held

- a. Nice
- c. Cologne

- b. Cadiz
- d. Rio

8. Pick out the INCORRECT statement about 'Cologne':

- a. The carnival actually begins in November.

- b. One of the most important cultural events.
- c. People eat lots of rich food.
- d. There are lots of parades at work and in school.

9. The most popular form of music and dance at the Rio Carnival is Lamba - A style unique to Brazil.

Pick out a word from the above sentence which means 'not like anyone else'

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| a. popular | b. carnival |
| c. style | d. unique |

10. 'King Cakes' which is a symbol of the carnival in New Orleans are :

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| a. masks | c. sweet and colourful cakes |
| b. costumes | d. parades |

Fill in the paragraph by changing the verbs in the brackets into past tense:

One day a lion _____(walk) through the forest when he (step) on a thorn. It _____(hurt) him a lot and he _____ (cry) in pain. He _____(limp) along the forest when he. (see) a shepherd. He _____ (go) near the shepherd. The shepherd _____ (see) that the lion _____(limp). He _____(examine) his paw. He _____(find) the thorn and _____(pull) it out. The lion _____(wag) his tail to thank him. Some people _____(do) not like the shepherd.

They _____(say) that he _____(is) a thief. One day, the shepherd _____(look) after his sheep when the King's soldiers _____(come) to arrest him. They (take) him to the King. The King _____(order) them to throw the shepherd into a lion's cage. The lion_____ (roar) loudly seeing the man, but when it _____(come) near him, it at once _____(recognize) the shepherd. It _____ (is) the same lion the shepherd had helped in the forest. When the King _____(know) why the lion wouldn't kill the shepherd, he _____ (give) orders to free both of them.

Fill the following paragraphs with is, am, are, has or have:

i) These days my cousins Tanu and Amit _____ in Delhi. Tanu _____fair and tall. Her eyes _____ black. She _____ black and curly hair. Amit _____also tall but he _____thin. Tanu and Amit _____many friends in Delhi. But I_____ their best friend.

ii) We _____ a Santro car. It _____ a small car. It _____ comfortable seats but it_____ no space for luggage. I _____ proud of my car. Ravi _____a Toyota Corolla. It_____ a much bigger car. It _____ plenty of space for luggage. It also _____a powerful AC. But we _____

no garage to park our cars safely. Both the cars _____luxury
cars. Which car do you _____?