READING 1.

PREPARING A DINNER PARTY

Giving a dinner party is a wonderful way of entertain people. You can also make new friends and give others the chance to get to know each other better.

It needs planning, though. First, make a guest list, with different kinds of people and a mixture of women and men. Don't invite couples because they aren't so much fun.

When you know who can come, find out what they like to eat and drink. Note down any who are vegetarians, or who can't eat or drink certain things for religious seasons.

Then plan their menu. Include a first course, a choice of main courses and a dessert, plus lots of people's favourite drinks.

The next thing to do is the shopping. Make sure buy more than enough of everything, and that someone can help you carry it!

On the day, start cooking early. Give people appetizers like Greek mezze or Spanish tapas, so they don't get hungry if they have to wait. Serve the delicious meal, sit down with your guests and have a good time – you've earned it!

1. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as the purpose of giving a dinner party?
   A. to entertain people.
   B. to make new friends.
   C. to get people to know more about their host and hostess.
   D. to help people to know each other better.
2. when giving a dinner party, you should NOT invite ..... .
   A. husbands and wives. B. those who are vegetarians.
   C. both women and men. D. those who can't eat or drink certain things.
3. The menu should include these EXCEPT .....
   A. a first course B. a supper C. a dessert D. main courses
4. According to the passage, starters should be served .....
   A. because the guests want to have a good time together
   B. because the guests like eating them
   C. because the guests want to eat them while having to wait
   D. because the guests may be hungry while having to wait

READING 2

PARENTS' DREAMS

Parents often have dreams for their children's future. They hope their children will have a better life than they had. They dream that their children will do things that they couldn't do. Parents who come to the U.S from foreign countries hope their children will have better education here. They think their children will have more **career** choices and more successful lives. They make many sacrifices so that their children will have more opportunities. They think their children will remain **close** to them because of this. Some children understand and appreciate these sacrifices and remain close to their parents. However, other children feel ashamed that their parents are so different from other Americans.

1. Parents often dream of _____
   A. their children's making a lot of money in the future.
   B. one day seeing their children become famous people.
   C. one day living on their children's money.
   D. a bright future for their children.
2. Parents who come home from U.S from foreign countries hope that _____
   A. their children will have a lot of careers.
   B. their children become successful directors.
   C. their children will have more opportunities for good education.
   D. their children will make a lot of sacrifices.
3. Parents think their children will remain close to them because_____..
   A. they give their children a lot of money.

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B. of the sacrifices
C. they know their children will be successful in the future.
D. they are living in a foreign country.
4. The word career in line 5 is closest in meaning to _____
A. education B. travel C. subject D. profession

READING 3

THE QUIZ SHOW

My best friend Jenny ... (1) ... on a TV quiz show a few nights ago. It was very exciting. We all knew that she ... (2) ... be on, so all our friends met at her parents' house to watch it. Her parents videoed it too, of course. The programme started at half past seven. We screamed and clapped when we saw Jenny. She looked great. She had had her hair done, and was wearing the new top she had bought the day before. She sat in the chair in the middle of the studio while the ... (3) ... asked her some questions. The questions got harder and harder as they increased in ... (4) ... . If she didn't make any mistakes and get the most difficult question right, she would win a million pounds. By this time, jerry had won a thousand pounds. That was definitely hers, whatever happened. She answered the next question correctly, which was worth five thousand pounds. I didn't know the answer, but she did know! Then with the next question, she took a risk but got the answer wrong. She was gone out of the game. Still, she had her thousand pounds, and we were very proud of her.

1.	A. appeared	B. turned	C. presented	D. participated
2.	A. might	B. should	C. would	D. could
3.	A. presenter	B. leader	C. producer	D. director
4.	A. value	B. cost	C. award	D. difficulty

READING 4

The nuclear family, consisting of a mother, father, and their children may be more an American ideal than an American reality. Of course, the so-called traditional American family was always more varied than we had been led to believe, reflecting the very different racial, ethnic, class, and religious customs among different American groups.

The most recent government statistics reveal that only about one third of all **current** American families fit the traditional mold and another third consists of married couples who either have no children or have none still living at home. Of the final one third, about 20 percent of the total number of American households is single people, usually women over sixty-five years of age. A small percentage, about 3 percent of the total, consists of unmarried people who choose to live together; and the rest, about 7 percent, are single, usually divorced parents, with at least one child.

1.With what topic is the passage mainly concerned?
A. the traditional American family B. The nuclear family.
C. The ideal family. D.The current American family.
2. The writer implies that _____.
A. there has always been a wide variety of family arrangements in the U.S
B. racial, ethnic, and religious groups have preserved the traditional family structure.
C. the ideal American is the best structure.
D. fewer married couples are having children.
3. Who generally constitutes a one-person household?
A. A single man in his twenties B. A single woman in her late sixties
C. An elderly man D. A divorced woman.
4. According to the passage, married couples whose children have grown or who have no children represent _____.
A. 7 percent of households B. 20 percent of households
C. 33,3 percent of households D. 3 percent of households

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In Viet Nam, there is great excitement built up well before Tet Nguyen Dan. First, every family organizes a trip to the cemetery to visit the graves of their ancestor. After that, to create an air of prosperity, wealth and fun for the first three days of the Lunar New Year, people are kept busy cooking traditional foods, buying gifts, and making other preparations. Certain items deemed to be bought or made are banh chung, dried watermelon seeds, tea, dried sausages, fruit (fresh and candied), ornamental plants and flowers. Red and yellow flowers are ideal as they make the house more welcoming. On the New Year's days, only good comments and wishes can be expressed. Children receive their Ii xi (or red envelopes with lucky money inside). People make a visit to family members, neighbors, and close friends. And people who live apart from their family try to get together on these days. Clearly enough, games and various forms of entertainment are staged and these often last a week. Varying traditional specialties including wrestling, buffalo fighting, dragon or unicorn dancing take place in different regions.

1. Before Tet, people usually _____.

A. are very busy with the preparations B. have great excitement and fun
C. rebuild their ancestral graves D. spend time on traveling

2. Why are red and yellow flowers popular in decorating the house at Tet?

A. Because they are friendly and pleasant B. Because they make the house look comfortable to be in.
C. Because they represent good luck. D. Because they are attractive and cheap.

3. On the New Year's days, _____.

A. people are busy cooking traditional foods B. everybody receives their 'lucky money'
C. only good comments can be made D. houses are cleaned and decorated with trees and flowers

4. Which of the following is not mentioned in the passage?

A. Tet is period of concord and hope. B. Tet is a sort of bond that ties the living and the' dead.
C. Tet is a great season of joy and of entertainment. D. Tet is an occasion for a family reunion.

READING 6

GOING TO A WEDDING

I am going to a wedding (1) _____Saturday. My great friend, Marie, and her fiance, George, are getting married. They have known each other for five years, but they have only been going out together a short time. I must say, we were all rather (2) ____when they announced that they were engaged.

The wedding will be in the church near Marie's home and afterwards there will be a party in the Church Hall. There will be almost a hundred guests at the party. Besides bot (3)_____ families, all Marie's friends from college will be at the wedding and Marie and George have also (4)_____a lot of people from the office where they both work. The party should be great fun. There will be lots of food and drinks. There is also going to be a band. We all expect that it will go on until late in the evening.

1. A. last	B. next	C. at	D. from
2. A. delightful	B. surprised	C. amazing	D. shocking
3. A. my	B. their	C. her	D. his
4. A. called	B. discussed	C. met	D. invited

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