The Carnival of Venice



(1)..... Italy's most beloved carnivals, particular mention (2)..... to the Carnival of Venice.

The first official document with which the Carnival of Venice was (3)..... a public celebration dates back to 1296 – an edict by the Senate of the "most Serene Republic," (4) ..... the day before Lent a holiday.

Established (5)..... the Venetian oligarchy as a concession to the people , its (6)..... was fun and merrymaking, where the mask dominated as a means to briefly ignore any (7)..... of belonging to social class, gender or religion.

Today the Carnival of Venice is an evocative and much-anticipated (8) ..... fest, unique in terms of its history, its masks and its atmosphere. (9).....-reputed and appreciated in all the world, it brings (10)..... of tourists to Italy (11)..... year.

(12)..... the Lagoon's two-week Carnival celebration, all can watch and take (13) ..... in the numerous events and displays (14)..... the piazzas and main waterways of the city.

As in the past, private parties and masquerade balls (15)..... happen behind the scenes today, (16)..... Venice's grand noble palaces. In these places, (17)..... time seems to stand still, guests (18) ..... jump into this world of ancient splendor, reliving the Carnival tradition of (19)..... ago.

Some of the (20)..... spectacular moments during the Venetian carnival are the "Flight of the Angel" (or "Flight of Colombina"), a (21)..... that began with a Turkish acrobat in mid-1500s. In this amazing spectacle an artist in flesh and (22)..... hangs from a metal cable, and, suspended in air, makes his (23)..... from the top of St. Mark's Bell Tower to the Doge's Palace. It is a magnificent (24) ..... to see!

Venice, city of art and UNESCO World Heritage Site, exudes its charm all throughout the year, but only Carnival can render it even more (25)..... than it already is!

http://www.italia.it/en/travel-ideas/culture-and-entertainment/italian-carnivals/the-carnival-of-venice.html



1. Choose the best option:

1.	A- between	B- about	C- among	D- of
2.	A- takes	B- goes	C- brings	D- gives
3.	A- declared	B- declaring	C- declares	D- to declare
4.	A- to make	B- making	C- made	D- make
5.	A- by	B- to	C- of	D- for
6.	A- subject	B- idea	C- object	D- objective
7.	A- times	B- signs	C- means	D- ways
8.	A- popularity	B- popular	C- populated	D- population
9.	A- highly	B- really	C- strangely	D- only
10.	A- many	B- numerous	C- millions	D- thousands
11.	A- any	B- only	C- every	D- all
12.	A- for	B- in	C- since	D- during
13.	A- part	B- apart	C- place	D- parts
14.	A- following	B- feeling	C- filling	D- feasting
15.	A- yet	B- already	C- just	D- still
16.	A- outside	B- inside	C- in	D- out
17.	A- there	B- where	C- when	D- that
18.	A- must	B- need	C- can	D- should
19.	A- months	B- days	C- long	D- sometimes

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20. A- most	B- more	C- main	D- much
21. A- competition	B- tradition	C- exhibition	D- mission
22. A- meat	B- air	C- bone	D- skin
23. A- descend	B- descent	C- ascend	D- descending
24. A- sight	B- vision	C- look	D- looking
25. A- magic	B- magically	C- magician	D- magical

2. Match these words from the text with their meaning:

edict	a party or other gathering to which the guests wear masks and costumes
Lent	all through; through the whole of (a place or a period of time)
oligarchy	dating from very long ago
briefly	to portray or depict (something)
evocative	the evidence of the past (historical sites, buildings, the unspoilt natural environment) considered collectively as the inheritance of present-day society
waterway	a decree or proclamation issued by an authority and having the force of law.
masquerade	to exhibit in abundance; to radiate
ancient	a form of government in which power is vested in a few persons or in a dominant class or clique
Heritage	tending to evoke, to bring to mind (a memory, mood, or image); suggestive
to exude	(in the Christian religion) a 40-day period of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter
throughout	a river, canal, or other navigable channel used as a means of travel or transport
to render	for a short time

3. Read the following statements and say if they are False or True:

The Carnival of Venice is less popular than other carnivals. .....
The official documents have no mention of the Carnival of Venice. .....
People used masks to make fun of each other. .....
The Carnival of Venice is similar to other carnivals in the world. .....
Today lots of tourists come to Venice for the Carnival. .....
The duration of the Carnival is variable. .....
Everybody can participate in the events throughout the city. .....
Everybody can take part in the masquerade balls inside the Venice's palaces. .....
The tradition of "The Flight of the Angel" is a recent one. .....
"The Flight of the Angel" is an aviation show. .....
Venice is an UNESCO World Heritage Site. .....



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