Carnival in Brazil

Each year a lot of tourists go to Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Salvador, Recife and other important Brazilian cities to participate at the most famous Brazilian celebration: the Carnival.
It's usually in February, starts on Saturday (some cities start the celebration on Friday) and lasts until the next Tuesday.

Rio de Janeiro

The most important event of the Carnival in Rio de Janeiro is the Parade when all the "Samba Schools" present to people on an avenue especially set for the occasion. Each samba school prepares a song theme (or "samba") and while it's song by the samba school official singers, the samba school members pass on the streets dancing "samba", wearing costumes and some go on floats. The floats, the singers, the members and the costumes have a unique theme, based in a story that is narrated by the "samba theme".

São Paulo

São Paulo city also has a popular parade that is similar to the one that happens in Rio de Janeiro. Carnival Balls are also common, people wear costumes and dance samba until 4 a.m. The most important clubs promote carnival balls each night, from Friday to Tuesday and in the afternoon there's a matinee ball for the kids.
The most popular character is the "King Momo", each city chooses a heavy man to wears the "King Momo" costume and he participates in the Carnival Balls, especially for the kids. He's kind of "King of Carnival".

Salvador, Recife and other big cities

In Salvador the people dance on the street, following the "trio elétrico", that is a truck with a band and some singers. They play during all the night and the people dance while following them.
In Recife the "trio elétrico" play and sing another rhythm – besides "samba": the "frevo", that is danced with costumes and holding a kind of small umbrella. It's a popular rhythm during the Carnival.
In Salvador they also have the "Olodum", a famous group that participated with Michael Jackson in some of his hits recordings when he was in Brazil.

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Mark true (T) or false (F)

1. There are samba school parades only in Rio de Janeiro during Carnival. ( )
2. Foreign artists can't participate in samba school parades. ( )
3. Carnival is celebrated only in Rio de Janeiro. ( )
4. Each city chooses a heavy man to be the "King of Carnival". ( )
5. In Salvador people dance on the street, whereas in São Paulo they prefer to dance in Carnival Balls.( )
6. In Recife a truck with sound and singers passes on the streets while the people go behind it, singing and dancing. ( )

Answer the following questions:



1. When do people celebrate carnival in Brazil?
2. How do people celebrate Carnival in Sao Paulo?
3. Is there a "King Momo" in Rio's Carnival?
4. How do people dance "the frevo"?

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