

Read the text and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D for each of the gaps.

Spring festivals

From (31) times people have celebrated the end of winter and the new life that spring brings. One of the most important Christian festivals is Easter, (32) Christians remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter, however, it is not the (33) spring festival. In Sweden, people celebrate the end of the winter by (34) huge bonfires. Fire also plays an important part in the Hindu festival of Holi. In some villages children are carried around bonfires (35) their mothers to protect them (36) danger in the coming year. Buddhists in Thailand soak each (37) in water when celebrating their New Year, which falls in (38) middle of April. In Antigua in Guatemala they carpet the streets with flowers. Chinese spring parades (39) equally colourful, but instead of flowers they have large dragon puppets (40) dance in the streets.

31. A. earliest	B. latest	C. old	D. ago
32. A. that	B. who	C. which	D. when
33. A. one	B. only	C. best	D. first
34. A. make	B. to make	C. making	D. made
35. A. by	B. for	C. to	D. of
36. A. in	B. on	C. at	D. from
37. A. others	B. other	C. another	D. ones
38. A. the	B. a	C. an	D. x
39. A. is	B. are	C. was	D. were
40. A. who	B. whom	C. which	D. when

Read the passage carefully, then choose the correct answers:

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is celebrated in the US on the fourth Thursday in November. For many Americans it is the most important holiday apart from Christmas. Schools, offices and most businesses close for Thanksgiving, and many people make the whole weekend a vacation.

Thanksgiving is associated with the time when Europeans first came to North America. In 1620 the ship *the Mayflower* arrived, bringing about 150 people who today are usually called Pilgrims. They arrived at the beginning of a very hard winter and could not find enough food to eat, so many of them died. But in the following summer Native Americans showed them what foods were safe to eat, so that they could save food for the next winter. They held a big celebration to thank God and the Native Americans for the fact that they had survived.

Today people celebrate Thanksgiving to remember these early days. The most important part of the celebration is a traditional dinner with foods that come from

North America. The meal includes turkey, sweet potatoes (also called yams) and cranberries, which are made into a kind of sauce or jelly. The turkey is filled with stuffing or dressing, and many families have their own special recipe. Dessert is pumpkin made into a pie.

26. Thanksgiving is held _____.

- A. on the fourth Friday in November.
- B. on the fourth Thursday in November.
- C. on the fourth Thursday in December.
- D. on the fifth Thursday in November.

27. During Thanksgiving, American people _____.

- A. work harder.
- B. must work on the weekend.
- C. have days off.
- D. go to school.

28. Most of people on the ship *the Mayflower* died when they had arrived North America because _____.

- A. they didn't have enough warm clothes.
- B. they were sunk into the water along with the ship.
- C. they didn't have house to live
- D. they couldn't find enough food in a hard winter.

29. Pilgrims celebrated Thanksgiving to _____.

- A. eat food they had saved all the year.
- B. show that they have a lot of food for the next winter.
- C. thank God and the Native Americans for the fact that they had survived.
- D. thank the summer for giving them a lot of food.

30. The most important part of Thanksgiving _____.

- A. is performance in the theatre.
- B. is a traditional dinner with turkey, sweet potatoes and cranberries.
- C. is singing together.
- D. is giving many flowers.

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New Year's Day is the festival of the _____ (26) _____ expected to bring most joy to everyone _____ (27) _____ China. Most people insist on doing everything right to prepare _____ (28) _____ the celebration. Good luck wishes written on _____ (29) _____ paper are hung on the walls and _____ (30) _____ of the houses.

Living room decorated with a lot of _____ (31) _____ is always full of laughter. Many families leaving every door and window open at _____ (32) _____ on New Year's Eve believe in letting the old year out and the New Year in. On New Year's Eve and New Year's Day people get together and _____ (33) _____ feasts of delicious, traditional foods. Everywhere there are a lot of _____ (34) _____ playing around in their brand new clothes. They are very happy to get some lucky money from adults. They also enjoy _____ (35) _____ or unicorn dancing.

26. A. day	B. week	C. month	D. year
27. A. in	B. from	C. to	D. at
28. A. to	B. for	C. in	D. up
29. A. black	B. white	C. red	D. yellow
30. A. doors	B. floors	C. roofs	D. garden
31. A. trees	B. slogan	C. fruits	D. flowers
32. A. morning	B. noon	C. midnight	D. afternoon
33. A. drink	B. eat	C. see	D. smell
34. A. adult	B. boys	C. girls	D. children
35. A. lion	B. dragon	C. tiger	D. bear