English Lesson on Martin Luther King Jr. Day

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a U.S. holiday that (1) _____ the birth date of one of America's greatest (2) _____ rights leaders. Dr. King's date of birth is January 15th, but the actual holiday is on the third Monday in January. The holiday (3) _____ the great achievements Martin Luther King made to American society. His leadership in the campaign to achieve (4) _____ rights for black Americans changed America forever. His focus (5) _____ non-violent protests led to new laws that ended racial discrimination in America. The USA became a more equal society. The holiday is only (6) _____ of four national holidays in America to commemorate a person. This shows just how important Martin Luther King was – one of the greatest Americans ever.

Dr. King was assassinated in 1968. Just 15 years (7) _____, in 1983, then President Ronald Reagan signed this holiday into U.S. law. People first observed the holiday three years later, in 1986. At first, the holiday was not (8) _____ with all American states. Some didn't like the name and so they called it "Civil Rights Day". However, in the year 2000, all 50 states observed the holiday (9) _____ its correct name. The musician Stevie Wonder helped the campaign (10) _____ the holiday. He released a hit single called "Happy Birthday" in 1980. The song made millions of Americans aware of the campaign. Six million people (11) _____ a petition for the American Congress to create the holiday. It is still the largest petition in U.S. history in favour of an (12) _____.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1.	(a) celebration	(b) celebrates	(c) celebrated	(d) celebratory
2.	(a) civil	(b) civilian	(c) civility	(d) civil war
3.	(a) recognize	(b) recognition	(c) recognizes	(d) recognized
4.	(a) equality	(b) equals	(c) equaled	(d) equal
5.	(a) at	(b) in	(c) by	(d) on
6.	(a) once	(b) ones	(c) one	(d) oneness
7.	(a) earlier	(b) later	(c) time	(d) then
8.	(a) popularity	(b) population	(c) popularize	(d) popular
9.	(a) used	(b) used to	(c) using	(d) uses
10.	(a) for	(b) by	(c) at	(d) at
11.	(a) signed	(b) signature	(c) sign	(d) signs
12.	(a) issued	(b) issue	(c) issues	(d) issuing

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