

READING

1/ Read the passage and choose the best answer A, B or C

In 1977 Governor Raul Castro signed a paper suggesting that August 7, 1977 was American Family Day. One year later, Governor Bruce Babbitt signed the day into law as an official Arizona holiday. American Family Day is now celebrated across the United States on the first Sunday in August. It encourages people to enjoy the warming summer days with those dearest to them. Principally, the day encourages families to spend time with one another. Unlike some other family holidays, people do not give gifts on this day. Instead, they celebrate the day by focusing on family relationships. People believe that the best gift one can give their families is themselves. So on this day, people enjoy being with their families. The most **“common”** activities family members often do together include playing games outdoors or going for a walk in the park, watching a movie, visiting grandparents and bringing **“them”** a picnic lunch. Some families enjoy taking an art class together, visiting a museum or trying out a new recipe and getting the whole family involved in the cooking. Whatever people do, the most important thing should be that they do it with their families. Americans love their Family Day because it reminds them to express their love to their family and helps strengthen their family bonds.

(Adapted from: <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/american-family-day>)

1. When did Governor Raul Castro signed a paper suggesting that August 7, 1977 was American Family Day?
A. In 1970 B. In 1975 C. In 1977
2. When is the American Family day usually celebrated?
A. On the first Sunday in August B. On the second Sunday in August
C. On the last Sunday in August
3. What does the word **“common”** in line 10 has the closest meaning to?
A. unusual B. important C. ordinary
4. What does the word **“them”** in line 13 refer to?
A. parents B. grandparents C. cousins
5. What is the most important thing should be done during this day?
A. Doing things with families B. Going on vacation
C. Sending gifts to others
6. What is the best title for this passage?
A. What is American Family Day? B. How to celebrate American Family Day.
C. When is American Family Day?

2/ Read the text and choose the best answers.

The most obvious advantage of living green is that it helps reduce environmental pollution. This is done by practicing the 3Rs. The first R means choosing products very carefully to reduce waste as much as possible. Reusing involves the repeated use of items. The third R is about separating materials that can be recycled and later used for a new purpose.

There are also economic benefits to living green. Reducing the use of energy and water can help save money on household bills. Furthermore, reusing products and materials is another way to make saving. It helps save on production costs since creating new products wastes materials and is expensive. Recycled products also last longer than new ones, making them a better and more eco-friendly option.

Lastly, going green offers health benefits. It reduces air pollutants by making the air we breathe cleaner and healthier. This means fewer diseases and doctor's appointments. Another way to improve your health is to purchase organic foods and green products for your household. They don't use harmful chemicals that can lead to health issues. In turn, you are also supporting responsible farming methods that protect the environment.

1. What is the main idea of the text?

- A. The pros of a green lifestyle.
- B. Difficulties in adopting a green lifestyle.
- C. Trends in green living.

2. According to the text, how can we practice the 3Rs?

- A. By reducing waste as much as possible
- B. By reusing and recycling items
- C. By doing both A and B above

3. Which of the following is **NOT** given in the text as a benefit of living green?

- A. health benefit
- B. community benefit
- C. economic benefit

4. The word **“it”** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. creating new products
- B. reusing products
- C. making savings

5. The word **“purchase”** in the last paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. exchange
- B. sell
- C. buy

6. What is the best title for this passage?

- A. The advantages of living green
- B. The disadvantages of living green
- C. How to adapt living green

3/ Read the text and choose the best answers.

Gilberto Gil is a Brazilian singer and guitarist, and one of his country's most (1) _____ songwriters. As a young (2) _____ in the 1950s, he was influenced by the style of Joao Gilberto, but he didn't release his first album, Louvacao, (3) _____ 1967. He travelled in the 1970s, recorded an album in English (4) _____ in 1980, introduced reggae to Brazil when he released his version of Bob Marley's song, 'No woman, no cry.' He has played (5) _____ many musicians, while continuing his career as a solo artist. In all he has produced over 40 albums. His music appeals to people because of its rhythms and (6) _____ but people also admire him for his work in politics and for social causes.

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| 1. A. talent | B. talenting | C. talented | D. talents |
| 2. A. music | B. musical | C. musically | D. musician |
| 3. A. before | B. until | C. after | D. in |
| 4. A. but | B. so | C. and | D. or |
| 5. A. for | B. with | C. by | D. to |
| 6. A. melodies | B. songs | C. music | D. sound |

4/ Read the text and choose the best answers.

Nowadays more and more teenagers are getting involved in community activities. Some may join different charity groups to help the needy (1) _____ their neighborhoods or other areas. (2) _____ may set up volunteer clubs at their schools and develop their own plans to help people in the community. These may include various community activities, (3) _____ donating old clothes, cleaning up the environment, and organizing after-school activities for children.

When teenagers take part in community activities, they gain numerous benefits. (4) _____ they come into contact with other teenagers (5) _____ share similar interests. Second, teenagers can learn (6) _____ improve essential life skills. And, finally community activities can increase teenager's self-confidence and boost their well-being.

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| 1. A. in | B. on | C. at | D. between |
| 2. A. Other | B. Others | C. The other | D. Another |
| 3. A. examples | B. such a | C. such as | D. that is |
| 4. A. At first | B. At the beginning | C. First of all | D. First |
| 5. A. who | B. whom | C. which | D. whose |
| 6. A. so | B. but | C. and | D. because |

5/ Unit 5: Read the text and choose the best answers.

E-READERS

An e-reader is a small (1) _____ on which you can store and read texts downloaded from the Internet. Compared with printed books, e-readers are often more (2) _____ because an e-reader allows us to store thousands of books while it is only as heavy as a single book. Besides, it has a lot of useful features that a (3) _____ does not have. The first e-reader was (4) _____ by a small company in 1999. However, it was not until people became interested in e-books that e-readers became (5) _____ around the world. In 2007, Amazon created Kindle, a famous e-reader which has been widely used since then. (6) _____ e-readers have become less popular since tablets and smartphones were introduced, they are still used by many book lovers today.

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| 1. A. device | B. hardware | C. software | D. vehicle |
| 2. A. expensive | B. inexpensive | C. convenient | D. Inconvenient |
| 3. A. smartphone | B. laptop | C. computer | D. printed book |
| 4. A. introduced | B. advertised | C. published | D. announced |
| 5. A. convenient | B. popular | C. helpful | D. cheap |
| 6. A. Although | B. Because | C. When | D. Until |