Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



Saint Patrick's Day, *Lá Fhéile Pádraig* in Irish, is celebrated on 17th March, his religious **(1)** _____ day and the anniversary of his death in 461 AD. The Irish have **(2)** _____ this day as a religious holiday over a thousand years. On St. Patrick's Day, also called St. Paddy's Day or **(3)** _____ Paddy's Day, **(4)** _____ falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally **(5)** _____ church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were forgotten and people **(6)** _____ dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in the United States. Irish soldiers **(7)** _____ in the British military **(8)** _____ through New York City, on March 17th, 1792. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers to **(9)** _____ with their Irish roots, as **(10)** _____ as with fellow Irishmen serving in the British Army. Over the next thirty-five years, Irish patriotism **(11)** _____ American immigrants flourished.

Today, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by people of all backgrounds in the Unites States, Canada and Australia. **(12)** _____ North America is **(13)** _____ to the largest productions, St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated in **(14)** _____ locations far from Ireland, including Japan, Singapore and Russia.

In modern-day Ireland, St. Patrick's Day has traditionally been a religious occasion. **(15)** _____, up until the 1970s, Irish laws **(16)** _____ that pubs **(17)** _____ be closed on 17th March. Beginning in 1995, **(18)** _____, the Irish government began a national campaign to use St. Patrick's Day as an opportunity to drive tourism and showcase Ireland to the rest of the world. Last year, **(19)** _____ to one million people took part in Ireland's St. Patrick's festival in Dublin, a multi-day celebration featuring parades, concerts, **(20)** _____ theatre productions and fireworks displays.

1.	A) holy	B) saint	C) feast	D) patron
2.	A) observed	B) watched	C) seen	D) perceived
3.	A) easily	B) simply	C) plainly	D) purely
4.	A) when	B) what	C) that	D) which
5.	A) attend	B) go	C) assist	D) visit
6.	A) should	B) could	C) might	D) would
7.	A) serving	B) joining	C) assisting	D) working
8.	A) walked	B) marched	C) went	D) passed
9.	A) link	B) attach	C) reconnect	D) unite
10.	A) soon	B) far	C) well	D) long
11.	A) between	B) among	C) with	D) for
12.	A) However	B) Despite	C) Nevertheless	D) Although
13.	A) house	B) home	C) household	D) residence
14.	A) any	B) another	C) other	D) few
15.	A) Really	B) Truly	C) Currently	D) In fact
16.	A) obliged	B) forced	C) mandated	D) required
17.	A) could	B) should	C) would	D) ought
18.	A) while	B) whereas	C) even though	D) however
19.	A) almost	B) nearly	C) close	D) approximately
20.	A) outdoor	B) outdoors	C) outside	D) outer

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