

TEST 1A

9TH GRADE

A Fill in the missing word. There are three words you do not need to use.

• *march* • *raised* • *strong* • *display* • *make* • *feel* • *transformed*
• *life* • *return* • *bright* • *street* • *spare* • *contest* • *pull* • *place*

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| <p>1 Over the years, this organisation has _____ a lot of money for different local charities.</p> <p>2 It's amazing how the town residents have _____ the local square into an open-air theatre for next week's music festival.</p> <p>3 The night sky burst with colour when the magnificent firework _____ began.</p> <p>4 Henry really enjoyed the opportunity to experience _____ as a knight at England's Medieval Festival last month.</p> <p>5 Throwing Mum and Dad a surprise party for their anniversary this year is really a _____ idea!</p> <p>6 Remembrance Day takes ... on 11th November.</p> | <p>7 The children were thrilled to see Disney floats at this year's colourful _____ parade.</p> <p>8 Take a _____ change of warm clothes with you on your camping trip; I've heard it gets quite cold in the mountains at night.</p> <p>9 Why don't you take part in the cooking _____? I'm sure you'll be the winner!</p> <p>10 In many countries around the world, people _____ streamers and dance in the streets to celebrate New Year's Eve.</p> <p>11 We always sing Christmas carols during the holidays, as it is a _____ tradition in my family.</p> <p>12 If you see a spider, _____ sure you don't kill it; I've heard it's bad luck.</p> |
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B Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition

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| <p>13 A lot of people are afraid ... spiders and mice. What about you?</p> <p>14 Global warming is one of the reasons ... ecological problems.</p> <p>15 Don't turn ... this job. It's well-paid.</p> <p>16 The church was crowded ... the guests of the wedding.</p> | <p>17 Turn _____ the TV. I can't hear what they're saying.</p> <p>18 Turn _____ the radio. It disturbs me.</p> <p>29 My sister interested _____ learning foreign languages.</p> <p>20 There was a traffic jam on the road so we decided to turn _____.</p> |
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C Fill the gaps with past/present participles formed from words in bold.

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| <p>21 Everyone liked the party. It wasn't _____ (bore).</p> <p>22 No one was _____ (thrill). The party wasn't a success.</p> | <p>24 She always feels _____ (surprise) at how fast The New Year comes around each year.</p> |
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23 That smell is really _____ (annoy).

25 It would be so _____ (excite) to visit Paris.

D Fill in: when, who, which, where, whose.

26 The costume _____ George has chosen for the fancy dress party is very funny.

27 Lyn is the girl _____ is having the party on Friday.

28 John, _____ brother is a clown, is throwing a costume party next week.

29 Perugia, _____ the Eurochocolate Festival is held every year, is a city in central Italy.

30 December 25th, _____ Christmas takes place, is also my parents' anniversary.

E Choose the correct answer.

31 Georgia _____ many fancy dress costumes. Why don't you borrow one from her for tonight's party?

A is having B has C has had

32 The Prague Spring International Music Festival _____ in the middle of May and lasts for about two weeks.

A starts B is starting C has started

33 _____ stunning costumes they're wearing!

A What B How C What a

34 The children _____ in the garden all morning; that's why their clothes are dirty.

A have played B have been playing C play

35 Kate has not walked under a ladder _____ she heard it was bad luck.

A for B since C ago

36 My brother _____ plays April Fool's jokes on people because he doesn't want to embarrass them.

A usually B sometimes C never

37 Has Mark found time to buy a costume for the Halloween party _____?

A just B now C yet

38 That dress _____ great on Maria; pink is really her colour.

A is looking B has been looking C looks

39 Janet _____ about taking part in the Mardi Gras parade next week.

A think B is thinking C thinks

40 Why _____ this cheese? Is there something wrong with it?

A you are B do you smell C are you smelling

F Read the text and mark the sentences T, F or DS.

Hanami: A Flowering Celebration!

The beginning of spring (March-April) is a very special time in Japan, because this is when Japan's famous cherry trees come into flower. The Japanese celebrate this happy time with festivals and flower-viewing parties.

At the end of winter, everyone's excitement starts to grow. The whole country wants to know the exact day when the cherry flowers ('sakura') will appear. Starting in February, weathermen try to guess when this day will be.

When the first flowers open on the trees, national joy breaks out! There are rides and games for children in the street, music and dance performances, tea ceremonies, flower displays, and much more. But the most special thing that people do at this time is have 'Hanami' parties. Hanami means flower watching. In Hanami parties, families and friends take a picnic and go and sit under a cherry tree to look at and admire the flowers. Hanami parties take place during the daytime and also at night, because when it is dark, lights light up the cherry trees.

Hanami is very important to the Japanese. Cherry blossoms appear on trees for only one week before they fall to the ground and die, and for the Japanese this symbolises the short nature of childhood and life. So Hanami is a time when Japanese people like to think about how important life is.

- 41 Spring is the Japanese people's favourite time of year.
- 42 It is not easy to know the day the cherry flowers will open.
- 43 Hanami takes place a week after the cherry trees blossom.
- 44 The cherry flowers do not stay on the trees for very long.
- 45 When the cherry flowers appear, people hope for long lives.

G Listen to some people talking on a radio programme about special occasions and match the speakers (1-5) to the statements (A-E).

- A This event lasts for seven days.)
- B This event signals the end of childhood.
- C We look very colourful during this event.
- D This event goes back to medieval times.
- E We become very wet during this celebration.

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