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THE PARK WITH LOTS OF TRADITIONS

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Centre State Park is situated on the banks of the Suwannee River and pays tribute to the great American composer Stephen Foster, (23) _____ song by the same name is Florida's state song. The park's museum honours the man and his songs and the 97-bell carillon plays his music (24) _____ the day.

Today, the park is a popular (25) _____ for music and nature lovers alike. While the park can be a peaceful retreat, there is always something going on. A myriad of cultural (26) _____ fill the calendar each year — the most popular being the Florida Folk Festival, held Memorial Day weekend each year.

(27) _____ a gift shop that is open daily, artists and craft demonstrators are often on hand on weekends (28) _____ Florida's early traditions in blacksmithing, quilting, pottery and more. Weekend retreats offer instruction in building and playing early musical instruments, (29) _____ banjos and dulcimers.

The Florida National Scenic Trail follows the river through the park, so there are miles of (30) _____ to explore either by bicycling, hiking or horseback riding. The beautiful oak-shaded campground has 45 (31) _____ for either RV or tent camping and five riverside (32) _____ that are located near the canoe launch. Besides canoeing, kayaking or freshwater fishing (fishing licence required) are popular activities.

	A	B	C	D
23	who	whom	whoever	whose
24	over	about	throughout	along
25	destination	start	terminal	harbour
26	occurrences	milestones	events	miracles
27	Moreover	Besides	Beside	Despite
28	studying	learning	discovering	teaching
29	so	though	such as	alike
30	trails	streams	footprints	spooks
31	sights	sites	cites	habitats
32	cabins	buildings	castles	ranches

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GIANT SMELLY PLANT ATTRACTS THOUSANDS

Often people bring flowers into their homes because they have a pleasant scent. But the foul-smelling «corpse plant» is one flower that should stay (23) _____.

The (24) _____ name for the corpse plant is *titan arum*, but it got its nickname from the terrible odour it (25) _____ when it blooms. People have (26) _____ its smell to garbage or rotting meat. Corpse plants don't bloom often, though, and when they do, people often stand in line to get a (27) _____.

A corpse plant that recently bloomed at the US Botanic (28) _____ in Washington, DC, attracted thousands of visitors during the two days it stayed (29) _____ bloom. People also came because there are only about 12 corpse plants in the US, and most people never get to see — or smell — one.

Corpse plants usually bloom once every five years. This is the first time the one in Washington bloomed, and it is 14 years old. The plants have a very tall, cone-shaped bloom. They can grow to be 12 feet tall in Indonesia, their (30) _____ land. Scientists think the corpse plant is the largest flower in the world that does not (31) _____ on a tree.

(32) _____ the corpse plant may smell bad to us, it is very attractive to insects that like to lay their eggs in rotten meat. By smelling like bad meat, the plant attracts insects that spread the plant's pollen around and help make new plants.

	A	B	C	D
23	outside	indoors	inside	out
24	natural	actual	physical	real
25	radiates	transmits	emits	issues
26	correlated	compared	measured	contrasted
27	whiff	puff	smoke	air
28	Field	Garden	Forest	Valley
29	at	on	in	with
30	aboriginal	original	specific	native
31	grow	cultivate	produce	emerge
32	As if	In case	While	Unless

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APARTMENT AND COMMUNITY SMOKING BANS DEBATED

Owners of some apartment buildings are making new rules that prevent people from smoking in their apartments. The apartment owners say the new rules will protect people from smoke that (23) _____ under doors, through cracks, and through heat and air conditioning vents. «People in

apartment buildings share walls and ceilings — and air», they say. «Apartment (24) _____ have the right to breathe clean air».

Banning smoking in apartments could save building owners' money too. Landlords say it can cost thousands of dollars to clean carpets and paint apartments (25) _____ smokers have lived. Going smoke-free can lower the risk of fire and (26) _____ insurance costs too.

«Many people are willing to pay more to live in an apartment building (27) _____ is smoke-free», added one building owner.

In many communities, some apartment buildings are smoke-free (28) _____ others are not. But one community in California has taken the smoking ban a step farther. In Belmont, California, smoking is (29) _____ the law in any apartment that shares a floor or ceiling with another apartment. People who break the law might face a \$100 (30) _____.

Some people think smoking bans and the Belmont law have gone too far. «The government should focus (31) _____ improving our schools and fighting crime instead of sticking their nose into our homes», they say.

It's one thing to ban smoking in *some* apartments, people say. Smokers in those buildings can find another place to live. But banning smoking in *all* apartments in a community is not right, they add. Even many non-smokers agree. «If they ban smoking in all apartments, then it won't be long (32) _____ they take away other freedoms».

	A	B	C	D
23	drifts	flickers	dances	coasts
24	nations	citizens	population	residents
25	why	whose	where	when
26	weaken	increase	trim	reduce
27	that	who	what	if
28	still	while	whenever	though
29	again	for	versus	against
30	fee	fine	finance	fare
31	on	at	in	up
32	by	till	before	after