



Read the text and then select the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

### CHRISTMAS

Christmas, 1) \_\_\_\_\_ is celebrated on December 25<sup>th</sup>, is an important Christian 2) \_\_\_\_\_. The origin of the word "Christmas" comes from "Christ" and the "Holy Mass". It is 3) \_\_\_\_\_ that the day commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of people doubt that the Day corresponds to the actual date of his birth. 5) \_\_\_\_\_ its Christian origin, Christmas is 6) \_\_\_\_\_ celebrated by a lot of non-Christian countries and the celebration 7) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of non-religious customs. People exchange gifts and greeting cards. 8) \_\_\_\_\_ are decorated with Christmas trees, lights and garlands. Dinners are planned with special food and all the families gather to have a lot of fun.

A 9) \_\_\_\_\_ imaginary figure in Christmas is Father Christmas, also called Santa Claus. He is believed to fly on his sleigh bringing gifts for children.

Christmas is also an opportunity for economic 10) \_\_\_\_\_. It has become an important period for business activity. Shops make a lot of profit and a lot of countries realized this economic impact.

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| 1.  | A) what        | B) that      | C) it         | D) which        |
| 2.  | A) feast       | B) festival  | C) holiday    | D) celebration  |
| 3.  | A) imagined    | B) believed  | C) supposed   | D) regarded     |
| 4.  | A) although    | B) however   | C) despite    | D) nevertheless |
| 5.  | A) Even though | B) Therefore | C) Whereas    | D) In spite of  |
| 6.  | A) only        | B) also      | C) moreover   | D) too          |
| 7.  | A) comprises   | B) contains  | C) includes   | D) incorporates |
| 8.  | A) Houses      | B) Homes     | C) Households | D) Residences   |
| 9.  | A) central     | B) main      | C) principal  | D) fundamental  |
| 10. | A) increase    | B) rise      | C) growth     | D) improvement  |