

I етап Всеукраїнської учицької олімпіади з англійської мови
8 клас

Task I. - READING

In America, the last Thursday in November is Thanksgiving. It is a well-known holiday. People travel to be with their families and friends and to enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal. In New York there is the Macy's Thanksgiving parade. More than 2 million people attend the parade and people all over America watch it on television.

The turkey is the symbol of Thanksgiving and it is sometimes called Turkey Day. This is because the traditional dinner is roast turkey with lots of vegetables.

Americans love eating turkey. Nowadays they eat twice as much turkey as they did 20 years ago – the average American eats 8.5 kilograms of turkey each year. 45 million turkeys live on factory farms. Many people think that factory farming is cruel. Up to 25,000 birds live in one shed.

About 100 years ago wild turkeys in America were nearly extinct because people destroyed the forests to build houses. Now, there are conservation programs to bring turkeys back. In 1959 there were 450,000 wild turkeys. In 1990 there were 3.5 million. Benjamin Franklin (a founding father of the United States) loved wild turkeys. He wanted the wild turkey to be the symbol of America (instead of the eagle).

shed – сарай;
extinct – вимерлий.

Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1. Thanksgiving is

- A) the last Tuesday in November in America.
- B) a holiday celebrated in the United States of America.

2. Most people in America during Thanksgiving

- A) meet their friends and families.
- B) go to New York to see the Macy's Thanksgiving parade.

3. The turkey is the symbol of Thanksgiving because

- A) this day is called 'Turkey Holiday'.
- B) it's the symbol of Turkey.

4. Twenty years ago the average American ate a year

- A) 4.25 kilograms of turkey.
- B) 8.5 kilograms of turkey.

5. Most turkeys live

- A) on small farms.
- B) in cruel conditions.

6. Nowadays there are

- A) more wild turkeys than 100 years ago.
- B) fewer wild turkeys than 100 years ago.

Task II – LISTENING

Do this exercise while you listen. Match the speaker with the celebration and write a – e next to the numbers 1 – 5.

1..... Speaker A	a. golden wedding anniversary
2..... Speaker B	b. Notting Hill Carnival
3..... Speaker C	c. end of term party at school
4..... Speaker D	d. Royal wedding
5..... Speaker E	e. surprise birthday party

Do this exercise while you listen. Complete the gaps with the speaker.

A (x2)

B (x2)

C (x 2)

D (x2)

E (x2)

1. Speaker _____ will see people dressed in amazing costumes.
2. Speaker _____ is going to decorate the venue with Chinese lanterns and projections on the wall.
3. Speaker _____ is worried about someone on Facebook spoiling the surprise.
4. Speaker _____ is going to be careful of people stealing things.
5. Speaker _____ is going to listen to old-fashioned music played on an old-fashioned machine.
6. Speaker _____ is in one of the bands that are playing.
7. Speaker _____ is going to taste food from all over the world.
8. Speaker _____ is going to celebrate with the whole family.
9. Speaker _____ is organising a party for her two best friends.
10. Speaker _____ is going to make sure there is no traffic on her street.

Task III - WRITING

Choose one of the two suggested topics. Write your answer in an appropriate style.

1. You find a magical mirror that can show you any country in the world. What country do you want to see? Why do you want to go there? Is travelling important for you? What can you learn from visiting other countries?

2. You have just celebrated an important event with your family. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her all about it. Include this information:

- what the celebration/occasion was;
- where you were;
- what you did;
- who you were with.