

Use of English

The Oldest Recipe in the World

Read the text below, choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D)

The oldest recorded recipe dates back to around 1750 BCE and was discovered in the 20th-century. For years, it sat in a museum collection (1) _____ experts began deciphering the mysterious writing. Imagine their surprise when they realized the ancient symbols were describing something as relatable as dinner—stews!

These recipes aren't what you'd find in a modern cookbook. There are no (2) _____ measurements or cooking times; instead, they list ingredients like onions, garlic, meat, and spices, leaving the rest to the cook's (3) _____. It's believed the Babylonians were masterful with flavor, (4) _____ herbs and ingredients in ways that wouldn't feel out of place in a contemporary kitchen.

Even though modern recipes are more precise, the spirit of these ancient dishes (5) _____ on. The desire to experiment, create, and share a delicious meal is something that hasn't changed for thousands of years.

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ | 3. _____ | 4. _____ | 5. _____ |
| A) until | A) swift | A) thought | A) turning | A) lives |
| B) during | B) clean | B) complexion | B) blending | B) moves |
| C) while | C) exact | C) viewpoint | C) folding | C) takes |
| D) since | D) stiff | D) imagination | D) blinding | D) survives |

One Special Night

This year, Christmas dinner is going to be (6) _____ special event, and I'm already feeling both excited and nervous. By the time the guests (7) _____, I will have prepared the table, and the smell of roasted turkey with a little cinnamon will fill the house. I've been having some troubles with my oven, but I (8) _____ yesterday by a professional, so I know everything will go smoothly. My aunt will probably bring some cookies, and if they're anything like last year, they'll be delicious. If only I had started preparing earlier! I wouldn't feel so rushed now.

As soon as we sit down, my grandmother will tell her favorite stories about past Christmases, while the kids try to sneak (9) _____ extra candies. If we don't treasure these gatherings, we (10) _____ regret it someday. And until that happens, I'll keep making sure every Christmas dinner is as special as this one.

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| 6. _____ | 7. _____ | 8. _____ | 9. _____ | 10. _____ |
| A) such | A) arrive | A) was cleaned | A) a little | A) would |
| B) so | B) arrives | B) cleaned it | B) little | B) might |
| C) such a | C) arrived | C) had it cleaned | C) few | C) should |
| D) such as | D) will arrive | D) had cleaned it | D) a few | D) must |

