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Section A

Please answer the questions.



KAAMATAN FESTIVAL

The Kaamatan festival is celebrated with joy and pride in Sabah every May, especially by the Kadazan-Dusun community. It is a time when people come together to give thanks for a good harvest and appreciate the blessings of nature. The highlight of this celebration is when it happens on the 30th and 31st May at the Kadazandusun Cultural Association (KDCA) in Penampang, where all families and friends gather to enjoy and watch the cultural performances and activities. During the Kaamatan Festival, you can see the beautiful traditional dances like the graceful *Sumazau*, which is performed in pairs and it symbolises harmony and togetherness. This festival is also deeply connected to the touching legend of Huminodun, it is about a young girl who sacrificed herself for her people. This reminds everyone to values of love and gratitude. People proudly wear their traditional black velvet costumes decorated with gold trimmings, showcasing the unique designs of different districts. For people who wants to visit, they can enjoy various activities such as the Sugandoi singing competition, the Unduk Ngadau pageant, traditional sports, handicraft exhibits, and lots of delicious food stalls. The most popular dishes like hinava, bambangan, tuhau, linopot, etc it brings communities closer, while the adults may also enjoy traditional rice wine called Lihing. Other than celebration, this festival also strengthens the unity, preserves culture, and brings people together in a spirit of thankfulness.

1) Why is Kaamatan celebrated in Sabah?

2) When and where is the main Kaamatan celebration held?

3) Which traditional dance is commonly performed during the festival?

4) What does the Sumazau dance symbolise?

5) What is Kaamatan important for the community?
