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ELEMENTARY FINAL EXAM 202SECTION A: Reading ComprehensionNew Year's Eve AROUND THE WORLD

*Sandra Bendini, a journalist from Rome wrote an article about New Year's Eve around the world.*

New Year's Eve, also called Old Year's Night, is celebrated on December 31st, the final day of the year. People celebrate with their families and friends all over the world. There are parties everywhere, meetings, and a lot of fireworks, music and noise!

In the United States of America, New York is the centre of the celebration. People of all ages, Americans and tourists go to Times Square just before midnight to see the Ball Dropping. This tradition shows an enormous ball that falls down in the moment that the New Year starts. People all around the world can see the ball falling down on their TVs or on the Internet.

In London, the most exciting moment is when people can hear the Big Ben ringing exactly at midnight: the clock announces the New Year.

In France, there is a celebration called Le Réveillon. People prepare special food, and champagne is the drink that the French prefer to receive the New Year. People also go to the Eiffel Tower in Paris to see (and hear!) the wonderful fireworks.

In Japan, people traditionally clean their home deeply. In Brazil, people enjoy the most beautiful fireworks show in the world on Copacabana beaches. On New Year's Eve, people decide to make resolutions and important changes for the New Year.

What about you? Are you making your resolutions for next year?

Read the text and circle the correct option, true (T) or false (F).

1. New Year's Eve is celebrated after midnight. **T / F**
2. The celebration in New York is only for American people. **T / F**
3. If you live in Argentina, you can see the tradition of the Ball Dropping online. **T / F**
4. In London, the government announces the New Year exactly at midnight. **T / F**
5. The Eiffel Tower in Paris is not connected with the New Year celebrations. **T / F**
6. Le Réveillon is the name of the most popular champagne in France. **T / F**
7. Champagne is a favourite drink for the French in New Year's festivities. **T / F**
8. People don't usually use fireworks to celebrate the New Year in France. **T / F**
9. Japanese people like cleaning their house on New Year's Eve. **T / F**

Match questions A–H to gaps 1–5. There are some questions that you don't need to use.

Sandra Bendini had a conversation with a Japanese tourist in London.

Sandra: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Tourist: – No, I'm from Tokyo, Japan. What about you?

Sandra: I'm from Rome, Italy but I am working here in London at the moment.

Tourist: (2) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Sandra: Oh, I'm a journalist and a student. I'm studying English, too!

Tourist: (3) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Sandra: – No, I didn't. I spent Christmas in Italy with my lovely family. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Tourist: – Well, I don't usually celebrate Christmas but I like buying presents for everybody!

Sandra: – Presents are always welcome! (5) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Tourist: – Yes, I am! We love family time. First, we clean our house, after that we prepare some special food and the fireworks!

Sandra: – Great! I wish you a Happy New Year!

Tourist: – Happy New Year! Thanks!

- A. Where are you from?
- B. Are you from London?
- C. What are you doing in England? I'm doing an English course.
- D. Where did you spend Christmas?
- E. Do you celebrate Christmas in your country?
- F. Did you spend Christmas here in London?
- G. Are you going to go to Japan for New Year's Eve?
- H. Did you go to Japan for New Year's Eve?

SECTION B: Language in Use:

Choose a, b or c to complete the sentences.

1. Sandra thinks that Brazil is \_\_\_\_\_ place in the world.  
a. the most friendly                      b. the more friendly                      c. friendlier than
2. Sandra thinks that New Year is \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas.  
a. betterer than                      b. best than                      c. better than
3. Sandra thinks that Giuliana is \_\_\_\_\_ best friend.  
a. the                      b. her                      c. his
4. Sandra thinks that the \_\_\_\_\_ important things in life are family and friends.  
a. more                      b. most                      c. best
5. Sandra \_\_\_\_\_ helping and taking care of people.  
a. can                      b. could                      c. likes
6. Sandra loves \_\_\_\_\_ time with her friend Giuliana.  
a. spend                      b. spending                      c. spends
7. Sandra's brother \_\_\_\_\_ twenty-six years old.  
a. is                      b. are                      c. have
8. Sandra drinks coffee at 7 a.m. She likes feeling energetic \_\_\_\_\_ the morning.  
a. at                      b. in                      c. on
9. Sandra and Giuliana \_\_\_\_\_ in Rome. They are Italian.  
a. are born                      b. were born                      c. born

Read the invitation and complete it with the correct form of the verbs in brackets



Ciao Sandra,

Sandy! I miss you! I \_\_\_\_\_ (1. write) you this email now because I want to invite you to my New Year's party in London. Yes! I'm in London now, at my brother's house. I know that you \_\_\_\_\_ (2. often/work) on New Year but maybe you can do something about it. I'm a bit sad because my boyfriend can't come; he \_\_\_\_\_ (3. finish) work at 2 a.m.

Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ (4. buy) all the food and drinks. I \_\_\_\_\_ (5. spend) a lot of money, but a party is a party! My parents helped a lot and they \_\_\_\_\_ (6. make) lots of sandwiches. I love sandwiches! Last week I \_\_\_\_\_ (7. decorate) the house. Now there \_\_\_\_\_ (8. be) many lights and an enormous Christmas tree!

Oh, we \_\_\_\_\_ (9. not/have) a dessert. I think tomorrow I'm going to buy an ice cream. Everybody \_\_\_\_\_ (10. like) it.

Sandy, call me when you are free. C U

P.S.: What do you think about my English? I'm making progress very quickly!

Giuliana ☺

Complete the sentences with only ONE word

1. We celebrate Christmas and New Year's Eve \_\_\_\_\_ December.
2. I love listening \_\_\_\_\_ music when I go to work on the bus.
3. Simone is English; she is \_\_\_\_\_ Liverpool. She was born there.
4. I never work \_\_\_\_\_ the morning. I go to the gym or ride my bike.
5. I love Christmas trees. I bought mine two years \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Simone has a nephew called Ian. He \_\_\_\_\_ six years old.
7. We usually go \_\_\_\_\_ holiday in July.
8. In my house \_\_\_\_\_ are two bedrooms: one is mine and the other is my mum's.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend, I help in a shelter for abandoned dogs.
10. Yesterday was Tuesday, tomorrow is Thursday so \_\_\_\_\_ is Wednesday.

