

## SECTION 1 – GRAMMAR AND USAGE

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Read the following passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow.

*Junkanoo Preview*  
*They're Back With A Vengeance*

In the cool, early morning on the day after Christmas, when the dew is most heavy on the ground, there is a stirring, a swift but soft stirring – the element of surprise is in the air. All across New Providence, people prepare for keen competition, where only the steady of hand, sure of eye and quick of step can endure and be the victor in the Boxing Day Junkanoo parade.

Junkanoo began as a celebration of man's freedom. For many years it has been part of our culture celebrated only by the poor, underclass masses. However, with time and a greater understanding of what it really is, Junkanoo has become a representative of what is truly Bahamian. 5

Only a fellow Junkanoo participant can understand what it all means to sweat long, exhausting hours making beautiful costumes, then rush for five hours in the early morning draught. However, after the parade is over, only a few manage to respect and admire the rival's handiwork. 10

What it all boils down to is gaining top honours and walking away with the cash prize. So, do what must be done, say what must be said, but just make sure there is no holding back on Boxing Day. The idea is to keep the crowd rocking, costumes swaying and the music jammin' straight through! 15

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Fill in the blanks in each of the following sentences with a single word so as to complete the sense. The word you use should be made out of a word already used in the passage.

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In the cool, early morning on the day after Christmas, when the dew is  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground, there is an element of surprise in the air.  
(lines 1 & 2)

All across New Providence, people are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for a clash, where only  
(line 3)  
the steady of hand, sure of eye and quick of step could endure and be  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Junkanoo parade.  
(line 4)

In the (4) \_\_\_\_\_, Junkanoo was a celebration of man's freedom, and for  
(line 5)  
many years it was a part of our (5) \_\_\_\_\_ experience celebrated only by the  
(line 6)  
poor. However, with the passing of time, we came to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ what  
(line 7)  
Junkanoo really is and it has emerged into the forefront to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ what is  
(line 7),  
truly Bahamian.

Only those who (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in junkanoo understand what it means to sweat  
(line 8)  
long exhaustive hours making costumes of (9) \_\_\_\_\_. However, after the  
(line 10)  
parade is over, only a few show respect and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for the rival's  
(line 11)  
handiwork.