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CARNIVAL TUESDAY

Carnival Tuesday is very different from the Monday. The day opens like any other. Some businesses are opened as usual, although very trade is done except in restaurants and rum-shops. Most assistants are either late for work or getting ready for the day's celebrations, although neither of these two days is an official holiday. By 11 o'clock the bands begin to **emerge** and one sees resplendent costumes and gorgeous colours, **depicting** various periods of history. They range from pre-biblical times to the Victorian era, and include representation of present-day happenings in other parts of the world. Bands comprise from four hundred to as many as one thousand members, and here in our beautiful island can be seen Egyptians, Red Indians, Aztecs, Greek, Romans and the more modern Spacemen and Cubans. They are all **vying** with each other for popularity in the eyes of thousands of spectators.

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Select the most appropriate answer.

1. Most businesses are closed on Carnival Tuesday because:
 - a. bands parade the street.
 - b. it's a public holiday.
 - c. store workers take part in the festival
 - d. Restaurants and rum-shops are opened.

2. Most of the bands portray:
 - a. Popular events
 - b. Old fashion events
 - c. Past and present events
 - d. Current events

3. Which of these is true based on the passage?

- a. Bands compete for prizes
- b. Bands compete to present the best costumes
- c. Bands compete to attract onlookers
- d. Bands compete to be the biggest band

4. Which phrase from the passage implies an **opinion**?

- a. By 11 o'clock bands begin to emerge
- b. Bands comprise of 400 to as many as 1000 members
- c. Neither of these two days is an official holiday
- d. Here in our beautiful island can be seen Egyptians

5. Find the best definition of the word in **bold**.

- I. Emerge** a. March out b. Come out
 c. Form lines d. Gather

- II. Depicting** a. Portraying b. A picture
 c. Talking about d. Teaching

- III. Vying** a. sharing b. Dancing
 c. Competing d. Showing off