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FCCI EXTRA PRACTICE 11

1. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

The Romans *introduce / introduced* the custom of making the birthday of an important person into a national holiday; after the death of Julius Caesar, his birthday *marked / was marked* by a parade, a circus, gladiator fights and a play.

Today some countries *have / will have* national holidays on the anniversary of the birthday of important political figures. The US for example *is going to honour / honours* the birthday of George Washington, the first president of the US and Martin Luther King, the civil rights leader who *killed / was killed* in 1968. In India the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, the political and spiritual leader known as the 'Father of the Nation', *was celebrated / is celebrated* as a national holiday on 2 October. In 2007 the United Nations decided that Gandhi's birthday *will / would* be an international celebration. Since then 2 October *was / has been* the International Day of Non-Violence.

Whose birthday would you celebrate in your country if you *have / had* the choice?