

PRACTICE READING – E8

I. Choose the best option A, B, or C for each gap to complete the following passage.

Line dancing

Thousands of people in Britain (1) a new hobby – line dancing. In almost every town, you will find clubs and classes for this new (2)

“Line dancing is easy to learn. If you have two feet and can walk, then you can do it.” Fiona, a teacher, says. “You don’t need a partner because you dance (3) groups. It’s the (4) way to make new friends. In my classes, (5) are young and old people. The boys like it because they can make a lot of noise with their feet during the dances!”

When did line dancing begin? Most people think it started fifteen years ago when American country music became famous in Britain.

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| 1. A. have | B. had | C. having |
| 2. A. action | B. acting | C. activity |
| 3. A. at | B. in | C. to |
| 4. A. best | B. better | C. good |
| 5. A. here | B. there | C. they |

II. Read the passage and choose the best option for the answer.

If you are invited to someone's house in America for dinner, you should bring a gift, such as a bunch of flowers or a box of chocolates. If you give your host a wrapped gift, he or she may open it in front of you. Opening a present in front of the gift-giver is considered polite. It shows that the host is excited about receiving the gift and want to show his or her appreciation to you immediately. Even if the host doesn't like it, he or she will tell a "white lie" and say how much they like the gift to prevent the guest from feeling bad.

If your host asks you to arrive at a particular time, you should not arrive exactly on time or earlier than the expected time because this is considered to be potentially inconvenient and therefore rude, as the host may not be ready.

1. Why shouldn't you arrive exactly on time if you are invited to a dinner at a particular time?
- Because
 - A. the host may not be ready.
 - B. the host is not at home.
 - C. you are impolite.
2. When should you arrive if you are asked a particular time?
 - A. earlier than the expected time
 - B. exactly on time
 - C. later than the expected time
3. Opening a present in front of the gift-giver is considered
 - A. polite
 - B. good
 - C. bad
4. What will the host do if he or she doesn't like the present?
 - A. tell a "white lie".
 - B. say how much they dislike the present.
 - C. prevent the guest from being happy.
5. What should you bring if you are invited to someone's house in America for dinner?
 - A. a book
 - B. a gift
 - C. a wine