Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

"Mardi Gras" is French for "Fat Tuesday". It is the name of a celebration that 1) _____ place on the day before Ash Wednesday, 2) _____ marks the beginning of the 40-day period of Lent. Mardi Gras is the 3) _____ day of a three-day period which starts on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. People eat 4) _____ the day before Ash Wednesday and hold celebrations. These 5) _____ be wonderful, colourful carnivals all over the world. The most famous are 6) _____ in Rio de Janeiro, New Orleans and Venice. The tradition of Mardi Gras 7) _____ back hundreds of years in Catholic Europe. Explorers, settlers and missionaries 8) _____ the tradition worldwide.

Today, Mardi Gras is full of colour, street carnivals, marching 9) _____, dancing and all-night partying in the streets. Many people dress up in spectacular costumes and wear beautiful masks. The biggest Mardi Gras carnivals are in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and New Orleans, Louisiana. Thousands of people from all over the world visit these cities to 10) _____ in the fun. Venice is 11) _____ to one of the oldest carnivals in the world, called *Carnevale di Venezia*. This dates back to 1268. Thousands of mask-wearing revellers fill the Venetian streets and 12) _____ special masked balls.

1.	A. has	B. sets	C. takes	D. puts
2.	A. that	B. which	C. it	D. when
3.	A. latest	B. end	C. finishing	D. final
4.	A. good	B. well	C. healthy	D. fully
5.	A. can	B. have to	C. should	D. must
6.	A. the	B. ones	C. some	D. those
7.	A. brings	B. sets	C. goes	D. takes
8.	A. imported	B. exported	C. transported	D. sent out
9.	A. bands	B. combos	C. groups	D. orchestras
10.	A. link	B. connect	C. incorporate	D. join
11.	A. birthplace	B. destination	C. home	D. residence
12.	A. go	B. show	C. wear	D. attend

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