FORM 9

LISTENING TEST

UNUSUAL BRITISH FESTIVALS

I. Check your understanding: true or false for these sentences

1. Many of these festivals are actually races or competitions. ***TRUE / FALSE***
2. The Burning of the Clavie brings good luck for the new year. ***TRUE / FALSE***
3. On Shrove Tuesday in Scarborough people dance with ropes. ***TRUE / FALSE***
4. Cheese rolling involves running away from a big, round cheese. ***TRUE / FALSE***
5. Snail racing started in the UK. ***TRUE / FALSE***
6. The competition to pull the ugliest face is an old tradition. ***TRUE / FALSE***
7. The Burning of the Clocks festival marks the summer solstice. ***TRUE / FALSE***
8. The Burning of the Clocks festival ends with people throwing water. ***TRUE / FALSE***

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II. Choose the best phrase to complete these sentences

1. The Clavie is …

a. a whisky container
b. a wooden cross
c. a bonfire made of things people don't need

2. In the Up Helly Aa festival, they burn

a. a wooden man
b. a Viking boat
c. a line in the grass

3. During a pancake race, you have to

a. eat as many pancakes as possible
b. run as fast as possible while tossing a pancake in a pan
c. run and jump over the ropes without dropping the pancake

4. Nowadays, the people who win the cheese rolling competition are usually

a. top athletes
b. people from the village
c. visitors from all over the world

5. The fastest snail in the Snail Racing is

a. cooked with garlic and butter
b. rescued from the barbecue
c. given a prize of extra lettuce

6. Black pudding throwing is similar to

a. pancake tossing
b. Olympic sports like javelin and shotput
c. bowling

7. To win the best gurner competition, one man

a. had all his teeth removed
b. grew a really long beard
c. had a lot of facial piercings

8. The Burning of the Clocks festival is

a. 2 years old
b. 20 years old
c. 200 years old

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