

Task 1. **Listening**

Listen to the friends talking about the folk music festival. For questions 1-6, choose a, b or c.

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| <p>1. Mandy tells Steven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. she is busy. b. he needs company. c. he is welcome to join her. | <p>4. Mandy advises Steven to bring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a rucksack. b. food. c. sun cream. |
| <p>2. Mandy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. only got one festival ticket. b. offers a festival ticket to Steven. c. wasn't able to buy a festival ticket. | <p>5. Steven says the park gates open at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 9.45 am. b. 10 am. c. 9.30 am. |
| <p>3. Steven asks Mandy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. if he can go alone to the festival. b. if Blue Moon is her favourite band. c. if she has a list of the festival bands. | <p>6. Steven is worried about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. arriving late at Mandy's. b. his dad letting him go to the festival. c. how safe the festival is. |

Task 2. **Vocabulary and Grammar**

Fill in the missing word. There is one extra word.

raise * strong * takes place * display * contest * attracts * special

1. The Rio Carnival is a festival that _____ in Brazil in February or March.
2. A sweet sixteen is a _____ type of birthday party for young girls in the USA.
3. The organizers of the festival hope to _____ enough money to build another playground.
4. This annual festival _____ people from all over the country.
5. Have you ever watched the New Year's fireworks _____ ?
6. Why don't you take part in the cooking _____ ? I'm sure you'll be the winner.

*Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition **off, down, into, up, back, with**. There is one preposition you do not need to use.*

7. We're too far from home; we can't turn _____ to get the camera now!
8. Don't turn _____ the TV, please. I want to watch the parade.
9. The quiet little town turns _____ a busy cultural centre during carnival time.
10. I don't believe how many people turned _____ for the music festival.
11. It's not a good idea to turn _____ their offer before you think about it properly.

*Fill in **which, who, whose, where, that**.*

Did you know that there are people (12) _____ are paid to predict the future? They're called 'actuaries'.
 I'd never heard of them until my friend Greg, (13) _____ mother is an actuary, told me about them. It's a
 job
 (14) _____ sounds quite interesting.
 Actuaries usually work for companies (15) _____ deal with the chances of things happening in the future.
 Actuaries have to decide how probable it is that sometimes will happen. For example, it's more probable that
 buildings will be flooded in places (16) _____ it rains a lot.

Task 3. Reading

*Read the text and mark the sentences 1-6 **T** (true), **F** (false) or **DS** (doesn't say).*

Many different countries have a national day. 12th June is the day when Russian people celebrate the beginning of modern Russian democracy. On that day in 1990, a document declaring Russian state sovereignty was signed by the country's leaders, making the start of the 'new' state of Russia as a nation. 12th June was declared a public holiday and this day is known as 'Russia Day'.

Because it is a national holiday, most banks, schools and public offices are closed. Public transport still runs, but with reduced timetables in most places.

In Moscow there's a big parade through the streets, and sporting events often take place outside the Kremlin. The President of Russia addresses the nation and takes the opportunity to present medals and awards to important and famous people in the arts and sciences.

Musical events and fireworks displays are common across the country. Some people take advantage of the day to celebrate their cultural heritage by dressing in traditional clothes and demonstrating the traditional dances of the various regions. A more modern way of celebrating includes attending pop concerts or going for a picnic in the countryside.

Some Russian communities abroad also celebrate the day. For example, in 2012 a formal dinner in Chicago, USA was attended by various VIPs representing both America and Russia, and included a speech given by the Russian Ambassador to the US. Russian classical music was performed and the dinner featured traditional Russian dishes.

Despite this variety of focus, the true meaning of the day is clear. No matter how people celebrate on 12th June, they are celebrating the relationship of a country to its past, present, and future, and – above all – its people.

1. No other country celebrates a National Day on 12th June.
2. Buses and trains operate as usual in most places on 12th June.
3. On 12th June, the Russian President gives a speech at midday.
4. There are only a few firework displays on 12th June.
5. Some people in other countries also celebrate Russia day.
6. The dinner in 2012 helped make some people become better friends.