Some BIZARRE FACTS ABOUT Christmas

Fill in the gaps with the right preposition or conjuction

Early illustrations of St. Nicholas make him out to be a stern symbol of discipline rather _____ the jolly, overweight elf that children know today

There is a village in Peru where people settle the previous year's grudges _____ fist fighting. They then start the new year off on a clean slate

Some zoos accept donated Christmas trees _____ food for their animals

During Christmas in Newfoundland people called Mummers dress up in crude disguises and go from house _____ house dancing and playing music while the hosts try to identifv them

It is estimated that the song "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin is the best selling single in history with _____ 100 million copies sold

Paul McCartney earns nearly half a million dollars every year from his Christmas song, which many critics regards _____ his worst song ever.

A large part of Sweden's population has been watching Donald Duck cartoons every Christmas Eve _____ 1960

_____ the Christmas of 2010, the Colombian government covered jungle trees with lights. When FARC guerrillas (terrorists) walked by, the trees lit up and banners asking them to lay _____ their arms became visible. 331 guerrillas re-entered society and the campaign won an award _____ strategic marketing excellence.

In 1867, a Boston industrialist heard Charles Dickens read A Christmas Carol and was so moved he closed his factory _____ Christmas Day and gave every one _____ his employees a turkey

Between the 16th and 19th centuries was what is known as a "little ice age" where global temperatures were several degrees lower _____ normal. It is for this reason that many Christmas carols and songs stress a "White Christmas".

The Nazi party tried to turn Christmas _____ a nonreligious holiday celebrating the coming of Hitler, with Saint Nicholas replaced by Odin the “Solstice Man” and swastikas on top of Christmas trees.

An artificial Christmas tree would have to be reused _____ more than 20 years to be “greener” than buying a fresh-cut tree annually

The people of Oslo, Norway donate the Trafalgar Square Christmas tree every year in gratitude to the people of London for their assistance during WWII.

Christmas purchases account _____ 1/6 of all retail sales in the U.S annually

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