

PART 5 Reading

Read Jian's email and choose the best option for each of the following questions.

Hi Sammy!

Thanks for your email. We're celebrating Chinese New Year at the moment. We celebrate it in the first month of spring. It's a very important festival for Chinese people. Before the celebrations, we clean our house. This is a tradition – we wipe away all the bad things. On New Year's Eve, we have a special meal with our family. We eat traditional food and watch fireworks at

midnight. We also wear red clothes. Red means fire, so we believe that our red clothes help chase away bad spirits. When we wake up on New Year's Day, we always find red envelopes in our beds. There is money in them – they're presents from our parents and grandparents. We watch dragon dances, too. They're my favorite part of the festival. I love Chinese New Year, because I like all the traditions and I like being with my family.

Write to me about one of your festivals.

Take care.

Jian

33. When do Chinese people celebrate Chinese New Year?

- A. At the moment
- B. In the first month of spring
- C. In the first spring
- D. On New Year's Eve

34. What do people often do before the celebrations?

- A. wear red clothes
- B. eat traditional food
- C. have special meals
- D. clean their houses

35. What is the meaning of the color 'red'?

- A. fire
- B. bad spirits
- C. New Year
- D. fireworks

36. On New Year's Day, Jian usually _____.

- A. gets presents from her friends
- B. wipes away bad things
- C. gets red envelopes with money inside
- D. gives presents to her parents

37. _____ is Jian's favorite part of the festival.

- A. Eating traditional food
- B. Getting money in red envelopes
- C. Watching fireworks
- D. Watching dragon dances

Read the following passage and fill in each blank with a suitable word from the box. There are TWO words that you don't need.

GOLOWAN FESTIVAL

Golowan festival is one of the biggest (38)_____ festivals in Europe. Golowan means 'midsummer' in Cornish, the old language of Cornwall. 'Midsummer' is the longest day of the year and people celebrate 'midsummer' in many countries. The festival lasts for ten days. The celebrations begin with a big (39)_____ show and lots of different music events. People (40)_____ the streets with flags in different colors. School students make amazing animals out of paper. There aren't any cars and buses on the streets in the town center. Hundreds of people dress up in beautiful (41)_____ and walk

along the street in a big (42)_____. Musicians play guitars and drums while people dance. Visitors can also try Cornish food at the food stands.

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