Part I : Vocabulary Multiple Choice Questions: Celebration of "Ethiopian new year"

1. What does the word *colonized* mean in the sentence "Ethiopia has never been colonized"?

   A. Ruled by its own people

   B. Taken over and ruled by another country

   C. Left alone by foreign powers

   D. Divided into regions

2. The word *ceremonial* in "ceremonial connotations" most likely means:

   A. Expensive and fancy

   B. Related to formal traditions or rituals

   C. Political or legal

   D. Unusual or strange

3. What does *festivities* mean in "various festivities"?

   A. Religious services B. Celebrations and joyful events

   C. Preparations D. Purchases and shopping

4. The word *gatherings* in "family gatherings" means:

   A. Shopping trips B. Cooking events

   C. Group meetings or reunions D. Dancing competitions

5. What does *slaughter* mean in the context "an animal... to slaughter"?

   A. Sell in the market B. Cook with spices

   C. Kill for food D. Wash and feed

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6. The word *renew* in "renew and furnish their homes" most likely means:

A. Decorate with balloons
B. Replace or restore
C. Clean quickly
D. Build a new house

7. What does *furnish* mean in "furnish their homes with new tables"?

A. Paint walls
B. Decorate with curtains
C. Provide with furniture
D. Renovate completely

8. The word *ingredients* in "buy different ingredients" means:

A. Tools for cooking
B. Foods or items used in recipes
C. Dishes already prepared
D. Cleaning supplies

9. What does *typical* mean in "typical Ethiopian dishes"?

A. Rare
B. Traditional or common
C. Fancy or new
D. Imported

10. The word *symbolise* in "torches... that symbolise the coming of the new season" means:

A. Cause something to happen
B. Stand for or represent
C. Replace something
D. Burn something completely

11. What does *ushering* mean in "ushering in the New Year"?

A. Ending something
B. Welcoming or bringing in
C. Delaying it
D. Questioning it

12. The word *significant* in "food has a significant place" means:

A. Unimportant
B. Religious
C. Large in size
D. Important or meaningful

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13. What does *common* mean in "singing and dancing is also common"?

A. Rare or unusual

B. Frequently done or shared

C. Only allowed for some

D. Secret

14. The word *gradually* in "gradually being replaced" means:

A. Very quickly

B. By force

C. Slowly over time

D. Permanently

15. What does *revolve around* mean in "revolve around family gatherings"?

A. Avoid

B. Focus mainly on

C. Argue about

D. Change frequently

Part III. Fill in the blanks using words from the reading given below: Put the letters in the space provided

Word Bank Vocabulary Activity

Word Bank:

a) colonized	b) festivities	c) slaughter	d) ingredients
e) symbolise	f) gatherings	g) usher	h) typical
i) significant	j) furnish		

Paragraph 1

Ethiopia is a country that has never been **(1)**_____, allowing it to preserve its traditions. Its New Year celebration, called Enqutatash, is filled with cultural

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(2)_____. Families hold large **(3)**_____ to celebrate and enjoy traditional meals together.

Paragraph 2

In preparation for the holiday, each family must plan carefully. Many parents save money to buy animals such as goats or chickens to **(4)**_____ for the feast. Mothers also purchase **(5)**_____ like spices, vegetables, and meat to prepare **(6)**_____ Ethiopian dishes. If possible, families try to **(7)**_____ their homes with new items such as tables and chairs.

Paragraph 3

The celebration begins the night before, when people light wooden torches that **(8)**_____ the start of a new season. The next morning, families continue to **(9)**_____ in the New Year by sharing meals and giving gifts. Food plays a **(10)**_____ role in this joyful occasion.

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