

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

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

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 Enquataash, is filled with cultural

(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.
