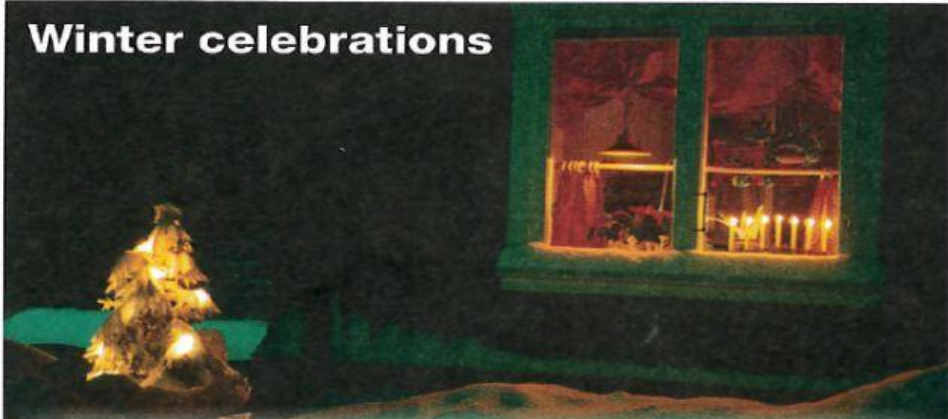


Reading and Use of English Part 1

Exam task

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning.

Winter celebrations



In the countries which are furthest north and south on Earth, the (0) A of light varies hugely between winter and summer. In the northern hemisphere, the shortest day is on or about 21 December. In (1) fact, in some places there is no daylight at (2) during the day in the middle of winter. In the southern hemisphere, 21 December is the longest day, of course.

Throughout history, people in (3) every northern country have (4) traditions to celebrate the fact that the days would (5) both lighter and longer after the middle of December. From then onwards, people would wait impatiently for the return of the sun, which they (6) on. They were hunters, so the seasons and the weather (7) a very important part in their lives. Food was in short supply in winter months, so a whole community would share meals. They lit fires and candles and sang and danced. Some of the traditions (8) to this day.

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| 0 | A amount | B number | C total | D size |
| 1 | A genuine | B actual | C true | D real |
| 2 | A least | B once | C last | D all |
| 3 | A about | B virtually | C approximately | D quite |
| 4 | A expanded | B advanced | C progressed | D developed |
| 5 | A increase | B happen | C get | D change |
| 6 | A depended | B demanded | C believed | D expected |
| 7 | A made | B played | C produced | D involved |
| 8 | A survive | B support | C keep | D maintain |