give them some **(5)** _____ and the children go on to the next house. Adults also enjoy **(6)** _____ up for Halloween. There are usually Halloween parties in the evening and usually there is a prize for the best most unusual costumes.

1.	A. interested	B. new	C. old	D. popular
2.	A. who	B. what	C. when	D. why
3.	A. from	B. on	C. until	D. at
4.	A. customs	B. costumes	C. traditions	D. dresses
5.	A. candy	B. books	C. sugar	D. turkey
6.	A. dresses	B. dressed	C. dressing	D. is dressing

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New Year (shogatsu or oshogatsu) is the most **(1)** _____ holiday in Japan. Most businesses shut down **(2)** _____ January 1 to January 3, and families typically together to spend the days altogether.

Years **(3)** _____ traditionally viewed as completely separate, with each new year providing a fresh start. Consequently, all duties are supposed to be completed by the end of the year, while bonenkai parties ("year forgetting parties") are held with the **(4)** _____ of leaving the old year's worries and troubles **(5)** _____.

Homes and entrance gates are **(6)** _____ with ornaments made of pine, bamboo and plum trees, and clothes and houses are cleaned.

1.	A. difficult	B. importance	C. important	D. difficulty
2.	A. at	B. from	C. until	C with
3.	A. to be	B. is	C. am	D. are
4.	A. understanding	B. purpose	C. view	D. point
5.	A. beside	B. next	C. between	D. behind
6.	A. built	B. gave	C. decorated	D. recieve

Exercise 14: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

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In the USA, people count down from 10 to 0. After that they kiss the person who is next to them. The most famous place to do this is Times Square, in Manhattan, New York.

In Spain, people have a big family dinner. At midnight, they eat 12 grapes. They also wear something red to welcome the New Year.

In Brazil, people go to the beach. They sing and dance they throw flowers into the water to **honor** lemanja, an African goddess. One of the most famous places to do this is in Copacabana beach. There is a big firework.

In the Philippines, people open all doors and windows in the house in order to allow negative energy to leave and good energy to enter.

In Italy, people eat lentils at their dinner. They also have to throw away old things. This **tradition** means bringing about good luck for the New Year.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
   A. Different traditions and ways people celebrate the New Year around the world.
   B. What people eat for dinner on New Year's Eve.
   C. Why people travel to different countries in January.
   D. How to have a party in New York.
2. The word "**honor**" in the third paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.
   A. avoid B. respect C. laugh at D. forget
3. What does the word "**tradition**" in the passage mostly mean?
   A. A bad habit that people want to stop.
   B. A place where many people go.
   C. A belief or way of doing things that has existed for a long time.
   D. A new type of food.
4. According to the passage, which of the following sentences is TRUE?
   A. In Italy, people must keep all their old things for the New Year.
   B. People in the Philippines open doors and windows to let good energy enter.
   C. People in Brazil throw flowers into the water to honor their family.
   D. People in Spain count down from 10 to 0 at midnight.
5. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?
   A. Spanish people eat 12 grapes at midnight.
   B. In the USA, the most famous place for the countdown is Times Square.
   C. Eating lentils in Italy is a tradition to bring about good luck.
   D. Brazilian people go to the beach to honor a sun god.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

New Year's Day is celebrated on January 1st. New Year's Day is a bank holiday. A bank holiday is a public holiday. Most shops and businesses close for the day. New Year's Day is a holiday for nearly everyone in the UK. Very few trains and buses run on New Year's Day. Most people stay at home and relax with their families.

There is an old tradition in Scotland and some others parts of the UK that the first person to enter someone's home on New Year's Day will bring all the luck for the coming year with them. This tradition is called first footing.

The first person to enter a house on New Year's Day is known as the first footer. Dark-haired people are thought to be the luckiest first footers, and it is traditional to carry a lump of coal when going first footing.

People often make New Year's resolutions at the start of the New Year. Resolutions are things that people have decided (or **resolved**) to do to make their lives better, such as stopping smoking or losing weight. Not everybody manages to keep their New Year's resolutions, though!

1. What can be the best title for the passage?

A. Bank Holidays in the UK
B. New Year's Resolutions
C. British New Year Traditions and Celebrations
D. Trains and Buses in the UK

2. The word "**resolved**" in the fourth paragraph is closest in meaning to _____

A. decided B. stopped C. changed D. forgotten

3. According to the passage, what is a bank holiday?

A. A public holiday.
B. A day when all trains and buses run.
C. A holiday only for business people.
D. A day for shopping at the bank.

4. What characteristic makes a person thought to be the luckiest first footer?

A. They bring a cake.
B. They are a neighbor.
C. They stay at home.
D. They are dark-haired.

5. Which of these is mentioned as a common example of a New Year's resolution?

A. Doing the first footing tradition.
B. Taking a bus or a train.
C. Buying a lump of coal.
D. Stopping smoking.

Exercise 15: Four phrases/sentences have been removed from the text below. Choose the correct answer to complete the text. Write only the letter A-D in each blank.

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Tet or Lunar New Year is the most important holiday in Viet Nam. (1) _____ Tet holiday is the best occasion for family gatherings. Before Tet, Vietnamese people often go shopping. The items of shopping are: food, new clothes, (2) _____ People often make *banh Chung*, the main food for Tet and other special foods. (3) _____ They wish family members, relatives, and friends good luck and give lucky money to children. (4) _____

A. During Tet, they always smile and behave nicely.
B. It usually happens in late January or early February.
C. The Vietnamese believe that Tet is an occasion to enjoy life after a hard-working year.
D. peach flowers and household decorations.

❷

Thanksgiving Day is a holiday that Americans celebrate (1) _____ When they first came to America, they saw that there were enough food and opportunity for everyone. They were even helped by the Indians, (2) _____
On Thanksgiving Day, it is traditional to eat a big meal together. Americans eat food that was found here by their ancestors. (3) _____
Every Thanksgiving Day, a giant parade is held by one of the most famous department stores in New York. It is an annual event. (4) _____ Santa Claus is invited to remind children…

A. who taught them how to grow all kinds of new vegetables, such as corn and yams or sweet potatoes.
B. the honor of everything the country offered to their ancestors, who were among the first immigrants to the United States.
C. They usually eat turkey with sweet potatoes, Indian cornbread, and have pumpkin pie for dessert.
D. And at the end of the parade, children can even see Santa Claus, who is visiting from the North Pole.

- **WRITING**

Exercise 16: Reorder the words and phrases to make meaningful sentences.

1. climb/ shouldn't/Children/ trees

□ Children

2. from my parents / some customs / I / about Tet / learn /.

□ I

3. Happy New Year / them / lucky money / us/ We / give / and / wish / they /.

□ We

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