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1. Are the following sentences true or false? Put T (True) or F (False) next to the statement. Then write your answers on the answer sheet.

1. Another name for Shrove Tuesday is Pancake Day. _____
2. The Prime Minister is the head of government in the US. _____
3. St. Valentine's Day is celebrated only in Great Britain. _____
4. Madison Square Garden is the place in San Francisco where important sports events are held. _____
5. The Statue of Liberty is a present that France gave to the Americans in 1884. _____
6. Abraham Lincoln was the US president who fought for racial equality. _____
7. Bonfire Night is celebrated by the British on 5th November. _____
8. The capital of the USA is Washington DC. _____

2. You are going to read a text about the Orient Express. Some words are missing from the text. Your task is to choose the most appropriate word from the list (A-O) for each gap in the text. There is one extra word that you do not need to use. Then write the letter of the appropriate word in the box on the answer sheet.

(1) _____ the end of the nineteenth century, on October 4, 1883, the most luxurious train in the history of the railways, set off (2) _____ Paris on its first journey. It was (3) _____ the Orient Express.

Forty rich and well-known people had received an invitation to go (4) _____ a journey different from anything they had ever experienced. (5) _____ them were bankers, journalists, and diplomats. In a time when international train journeys were very (6) _____, this train offered every luxury imaginable. The (7) _____ of the carriages were richly decorated and staff were there to look (8) _____ the passengers' every need. Only the rich would be able to afford to travel on the Orient Express.

The man behind the idea was Georges Nagelmackers. He wanted to set up a network of trains which would travel (9) _____ the European Continent without stops and delays. He had been trying to make this dream come (10) _____ for many years.

The journey began in Paris, continued through Strasbourg, Stuttgart, Munich, Vienna, Varna, and ended in Constantinople (now Istanbul). (11) _____ reaching Constantinople, the train stopped in Varna, a city on the Black Sea. There, the passengers had to get (12) _____ the train and they were taken to Constantinople by steamship. In (13) _____ days, going on a trip with the Orient Express was considered very (14) _____ and daring.



- A) among
- B) at
- C) in
- D) uncomfortable
- E) called
- F) after
- G) inside
- H) before
- I) those
- J) adventurous
- K) off
- L) true
- M) through
- N) on
- O) from

3. Match the words (1-15) with the nouns/expressions (a-o) they collocate with. Then write the answers on the answer sheet.

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| 1. wedding | a) reunion |
| 2. get | b) office |
| 3. bring up | c) gap |
| 4. extended | d) chores |
| 5. generation | e) with someone |
| 6. family | f) a shower |
| 7. shack up | g) a family |
| 8. take care | h) reception |
| 9. do | i) of a child |
| 10. household | j) home |
| 11. belong to | k) engaged |
| 12. registry | l) a child |
| 13. spoilt | m) the shopping |
| 14. foster | n) family |
| 15. have | o) child |

4. You are going to read a text about a climbing adventure. Some sentences have been removed from the text. Choose the right sentences from the list (A-G) to fill the gaps. There is an extra sentence that you do not need to use. Then write the answers on the answer sheet.

AMOST THERE!

It had always been my dream to climb Mount Everest. (1) _____. I was determined not to let a lack of fitness prevent me from standing on the highest mountain in the world. After several months of training, I went to Nepal, where I met the other members of my group. (2) _____. Before we could start climbing, we needed time to get used to the thinner air on the mountain. After several weeks of training, I realised just how difficult this



journey was going to be. I even considered giving up. (3) _____. I also became aware that, even though I had only known the members of my group for three weeks, I had got really close to them.

A couple of days before leaving for Everest, there was a heavy snowstorm in the area. The groups that had already set off had to be turned back. (4) _____. There were stories of an avalanche killing some climbers. We were heartbroken. It looked like the weather wouldn't let us realise our dream. As an alternative, eight of us decided to climb another great mountain, called Ama Dablam. (5) _____. We managed to reach the base camp and went on to reach an altitude of 5500 m. When we got to the top, I thought to myself, 'It is not destination or the journey that makes this a memorable experience. (6) _____. That is something special'.

- A. It's that complete strangers become your good friends in a matter of a few weeks.
- B. Everyone was from a different part of the world.
- C. Other groups had to be rescued by helicopter.
- D. So, a year ago, I started training very hard.
- E. The weather can be very unpredictable.
- F. As we were climbing, the snow got deeper and the mountain got icier.
- G. Without the support of the other group members, I might have gone home.

5. Do the crossword. Write the full words in the box on the answer sheet.

1. s _ _ _ _ (5 letters)

2. _ o _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (12 letters)

3. _ _ _ c _ _ _ _ (8 letters)

4. _ _ _ _ i _ _ _ _ (9 letters)

5. _ _ _ e _ _ _ _ _ (10 letters)

6. _ _ t _ _ _ (6 letters)

7. _ _ y _ _ (5 letters)

- 1. a nation or a country
- 2. a set of laws or principles that describe the rights and duties of the citizens of a particular country
- 3. an occasion when citizens choose a person or group of people by voting
- 4. the head of state of a country that doesn't have a king or queen
- 5. a group of people who represent the state and are responsible for governing a country
- 6. a nation's official song played on public occasions
- 7. the head of a city or a town that has been elected to represent it at official occasions



6. Choose *a*, *b* or *c*. Then write your answers in the boxes on the answer sheet.

1. Janet lives _____ 42 Riverside Drive.
a. on b. in c. at
2. The two swimmers are going to swim _____ the English Channel.
a. through b. across c. along
3. I'm leaving _____ ten minutes.
a. in b. at c. by
4. My brother has been in the army _____ 10 years.
a. since b. in c. for
5. Did you know that Lisa's birthday is _____ New Years's Day?
a. to b. in c. on
6. Melissa writes poems _____ her free time.
a. at b. in c. on
7. Diane has been working for that company _____ 1998.
a. for b. since c. until
8. Some species of tiger are _____ danger of becoming extinct.
a. in b. at c. on
9. _____ I have some more iced tea, please?
a. Must b. May c. Shall
10. You had better _____ rude to your teacher.
a. not be b. don't be c. not to be
11. _____ a beautiful day!
a. What b. So c. How
12. It's time you _____ rid of all those old magazines.
a. get b. got c. to get
13. Neither you _____ I like this arrangement.
a. nor b. or c. and
14. They caught Bill _____ to sell stolen jewellery.
a. tried b. to try c. trying



7. Read and complete the text with these words. Then write your answers on the answer sheet in the boxes.

ancient	associated	breaking	brings	broken
common	considered	crosses	falls	fingers
indoors	keeping	misfortune	originated	pass
pavement	to open	touching	unlucky	unpopular

What are the most common superstitions in Britain?

There are many superstitions in Britain, but one of the most widely-held is that it is (1) _____ to walk under a ladder – even if it means stepping off the (2) _____ into a busy street!

If you must (3) _____ under a ladder you can avoid bad luck by crossing your (4) _____ and (5) _____ them crossed until you've seen a dog. Alternatively, you must lick your finger and make a cross on the toe of your shoe, and not look again at the shoe until the mark has dried.

Another (6) _____ superstition is that it is unlucky (7) _____ an umbrella in the house – it will either bring (8) _____ to the person that opened it or to the household. Anyone opening an umbrella in fine weather is (9) _____, as it inevitably (10) _____ rain!

The number 13 is said to be unlucky for some, and when the 13th day of the month (11) _____ on a Friday, anyone wishing to avoid an inauspicious event had better stay (12) _____.

The worst misfortune that can befall you is incurred by (13) _____ a mirror, as it brings seven years of bad luck!

The superstition is supposed to have (14) _____ in (15) _____ times when mirrors were (16) _____ to be tools of the gods.

Black cats are generally considered lucky in Britain, even though they are (17) _____ with witchcraft – a witch's animal-familiar is usually a black cat. It is especially lucky if a black cat (18) _____ your path – although in America the exact opposite belief prevails.

Finally, a commonly-held superstition is that of (19) _____ wood for luck. This measure is most often taken if you think you have said something that is tempting fate, such as 'my car has never (20) _____ down' – touch wood.



8. Read the text about eating out in Britain and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false). Then write your answers in the boxes on the answer sheet.

Restaurants, Pubs and Wine Bars

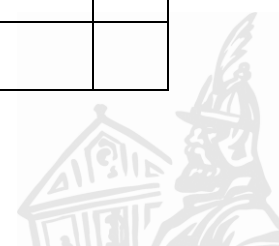
There is an enormous variety of places to eat in Britain, and standards have greatly improved. Most first-class restaurants offer an anglicized version of 'nouvelle cuisine', with an emphasis on fresh vegetables and relatively small portions of meat and fish.

Traditional English restaurants serving roast beef and steak and kidney pudding still exist, but it is mainly pubs and hotel restaurants which are keeping this style of cooking alive. 7 The variety of food is Britain's greatest strength. Nearly every country in the world is represented, and some of the best Indian and Chinese restaurants in the world can be found in cities such as London, Liverpool, Manchester and many others.

Fast food restaurants serving pizzas, hamburgers or fish and chips are convenient for visitors who just want something quick. They usually stay open all day, and welcome children, unlike some restaurants whose main customers are business people. Prices have to be displayed outside restaurants. Set price menus, common in some of the best restaurants at lunchtime, offer exceptionally good value for money. Restaurants in general serve lunch between 12.30 and 15.00, and dinner from 18.30 to 22.30 or later. Most pubs also serve food, especially at lunchtime. This can be cold food such as pâté or bread, cheese and salad (called a ploughman's lunch), or simple hot dishes such as sausages or chicken and chips. Apart from beer, wine is also available, and many pubs now also serve coffee. Wine bars also offer a relaxing atmosphere in which to enjoy a good meal. There are many different wines, and the food is usually more sophisticated than in pubs. Most pubs and wine bars open from 11.00 to 15.00, and from 17.30 to 23.00.

T (true) or F (false)?

	Restaurants in Britain are worse than before.	
	Steak and kidney pudding is a traditional English dish.	
	Most restaurants serve traditional English food.	
	Restaurants in Britain are very international.	
	Some restaurants do not like children to eat there.	
	The best way to eat well and cheaply in lunchtime is to have a set menu.	
	You can never have dinner after half past ten at night.	
	A ploughman's lunch is sausages and chips.	
	The food in pubs is usually simpler than the food in wine bars.	
	Pubs stay open later than wine bars	



9. Read the text and think of a word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. Then write your answers in the boxes on the answer sheet.

Elephant Art

Elephants can't jump but they (1) _____ certainly ... paint! Believe it or not, three elephant painting schools (2) _____ already been opened in Thailand. There, elephants (3) _____ taught how to paint using their trunks. The aim of this project, (4) _____ is run by the World Wildlife Fund, is to sell the paintings in the US. The profits will (5) _____ used to improve the living conditions of the Asian elephant. Unfortunately, the number of Asian elephants (6) _____ dropped considerably (7) _____ recent years. Now there are 3,100 elephants left in Thailand, compared to 3,600 just a few years (8) _____. (9) _____ average, elephants cost \$27 a day just to feed. (10) _____ this is quite costly, some of them are even killed when there is not enough money (11) _____ feed them.

Animal art is not a new idea; chimp paintings are already a big success all over the Western world. However, there are people (12) _____ claim that this can't be art. Their main argument is that elephants are not (13) _____ smart as humans, so they can't create real art. But do you (14) _____ to be smart to be (15) _____ artist? After all, art is all about feelings, not IQ! Furthermore, we can't say (16) _____ sure what art really is.

