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(Time: 50 minutes)	

Vocabulary

A Fill in the missing word. There are three words you do not need to use.

- march • raised • strong • life • display • make • feel • transformed • return
- bright • street • spare • contest

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| <p>1 Over the years, this organisation has a lot of money for different local charities.</p> <p>2 If you see a spider, sure you don't kill it; I've heard it's bad luck.</p> <p>3 The night sky burst with colour when the magnificent fireworks began.</p> <p>4 Henry really enjoyed the opportunity to experience as a knight at England's Medieval Festival last month.</p> <p>5 Throwing Mum and Dad a surprise party for their anniversary this year is really a idea!</p> | <p>6 We always sing Christmas carols during the holidays, as it is a tradition in my family.</p> <p>7 Why don't you take part in the cooking? I'm sure you'll be the winner!</p> <p>8 It's amazing how the town residents have the local square into an open-air theatre for next week's music festival.</p> <p>9 Take a change of warm clothes with you on your camping trip; I've heard it gets quite cold in the mountains at night.</p> <p>10 The children were thrilled to see Disney floats at this year's colourful parade.</p> |
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B Underline the correct item.

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| <p>11 Annabel always makes a wish before she blows out/lets off the candles on her birthday cake.</p> <p>12 Bob and Sue always exchange/receive gifts with each other on Christmas Eve.</p> <p>13 Many people in the US dress up/decorate their Christmas trees with popcorn.</p> <p>14 The Nice Carnival is a winter event which invites/attracts millions of festival-goers to France each year.</p> <p>15 The Tulip Festival takes place every May and is one of Holland's most popular monthly/annual events.</p> | <p>16 Please remind/remember me to call Linda tonight. I forgot to tell her about the costume party on Saturday.</p> <p>17 Are Rosie and Sue winning/entering the school's singing competition this year?</p> <p>18 Everyone at the party made/took a toast to Lisa and wished her a Happy Birthday.</p> <p>19 In many countries around the world, people throw/pull streamers and dance in the streets to celebrate New Year's Eve.</p> <p>20 Don't expect the children to wait patiently/slowly for the treasure hunt to begin; they're too excited!</p> |
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Grammar

C Choose the correct answer.

- 21 Georgia many fancy dress costumes. Why don't you borrow one from her for tonight's party?
A is having B has C has had
- 22 stunning costumes they're wearing!
A What B How C What a
- 23 That dress great on Maria; pink is really her colour.
A is looking B has been looking
C looks
- 24 The children in the garden all morning; that's why their clothes are dirty.
A have played B have been playing
C play
- 25 The Prague Spring International Music Festival in the middle of May and lasts for about two weeks.
A starts B is starting
C has started
- 26 Has Mark found time to buy a costume for the Halloween party?
A just B now C yet
- 27 Kate has not walked under a ladder she heard it was bad luck.
A for B since C ago
- 28 Why this cheese? Is there something wrong with it?
A you are smelling
B do you smell
C are you smelling
- 29 My brother plays April Fool's jokes on people because he doesn't want to embarrass them.
A usually B sometimes C never
- 30 Janet about taking part in the Mardi Gras parade next week.
A think B is thinking C thinks

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D Fill in: *when, who, which, where, whose.*

- 31 John, brother is a clown, is throwing a costume party next week.
- 32 December 25th, Christmas takes place, is also my parents' anniversary.
- 33 Perugia, the Eurochocolate Festival is held every year, is a city in central Italy.
- 34 Lyn is the girl..... is having the party on Friday.
- 35 The costume..... George has chosen for the fancy dress party is very funny.

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Everyday English

E Choose the correct response.

- 36 I'm a bit anxious about something.
- 37 I found 20 pounds in the street!
- 38 Oh, no! There's a huge spider in the bath!
- 39 I didn't do well in the competition.
- 40 It's bad luck to break a mirror.

- A It's alright. It's quite harmless.
- B That's a load of rubbish!
- C What's the matter?
- D Lucky you!
- E Better luck next time.

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Reading

F Read the text and mark the sentences *T* (True), *F* (False) or *Ns* (Not stated).

Hanami: A Flowering Celebration!

The beginning of spring (March-April) is a very special time in Japan, because this is when Japan's famous cherry trees come into flower. The Japanese celebrate this happy time with festivals and flower-viewing parties.

At the end of winter, everyone's excitement starts to grow. The whole country wants to know the exact day when the cherry flowers ('sakura') will appear. Starting in February, weathermen try to guess when this day will be.

When the first flowers open on the trees, national joy breaks out! There are rides and games for children in the street, music and dance performances, tea ceremonies, flower displays, and much more. But the most special thing that people do at this time is have 'hanami' parties. *Hanami* means flower watching. In *hanami* parties, families and friends take a picnic and go and sit under a cherry tree to look at and admire the flowers. *Hanami* parties take place during the daytime and also at night, because when it is dark, lights light up the cherry trees.

Hanami is very important to the Japanese. Cherry blossoms appear on trees for only one week before they fall to the ground and die, and for the Japanese this symbolises the short nature of childhood and life. So *hanami* is a time when Japanese people like to think about how important life is.



- 41 Spring is the Japanese people's favourite time of year.
- 42 It is not easy to know the day the cherry flowers will open.
- 43 *Hanami* takes place a week after the cherry trees blossom.
- 44 The cherry flowers do not stay on the trees for very long.
- 45 When the cherry flowers appear, people hope for long lives.

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Writing

G An international teenage magazine is putting together a series of articles on festivals around the world. Write an article on a popular festival in your country to send in to the magazine. (120-180 words).

You may use the plan and ideas below to help you write your article.

Para 1: • what is the name of the festival?
• when/where/why does it take place?

Para 2: • what preparations do people make for this festival?

Para 3: • what happens on the actual day?

Para 4: • how do people feel before/during and after the festival?
• what do you most like about it?

Useful Expressions:

- colourful clothes • enthusiastic crowds • stay up all night • dance the evening away
- brightly decorated • cheer excitedly • fantastic time • festive atmosphere

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It takes place every This festival celebrates

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People prepare for

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When the big day comes,

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..... is truly a fantastic event. We all feel

..... What I love most about it is

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Listening

H Listen to some people talking on a radio programme about special occasions and match the speakers (1-5) to the statements (A-E).

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| A This event lasts for seven days. | 46 | Speaker 1 | |
| B This event signals the end of childhood. | 47 | Speaker 2 | |
| C We look very colourful during this event. | 48 | Speaker 3 | |
| D This event goes back to medieval times. | 49 | Speaker 4 | |
| E We become very wet during this celebration. | 50 | Speaker 5 | |

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