

I. READING

New Year's Eve in the UK

New Year's Eve is on 31st December. People all around the UK celebrate it. They have parties to say 'Goodbye' to the old year and say 'Welcome' to the new year.

In London, we go to the city centre to celebrate New Year's Eve. There are thousands of people in the streets around the River Thames and the London Eye. We count down the seconds to midnight, then we hug our friends and family and we sing Auld Land Syne, a traditional Scottish song about friends.

Nick

There are lots of New Year's Eve traditions in the UK. One tradition is to open the front door of your house at midnight. The idea is that the new year comes in and the old year goes out. In the past the tradition of 'first footing' was popular in the north of England and Scotland. The first visitor to a house after midnight brought some coal, some bread and some money. These things symbolize a warm home, food and success.

Scott

In Scotland, New Year's Eve is called Hogmanay. It's the most important winter festival for us and celebrations continue for four days. The celebrations in Edinburgh are very famous. My family and I go to Edinburgh Castle in the city centre. Lots of the men wear kilts! There's traditional bagpipe music and there are also rock and pop concerts. There's usually a *ceilidh* – a traditional Scottish dance party. People can learn traditional Scottish dances and they dance in the streets of the old city.

Rachel

I live in Stonehaven, in the north of Scotland. There's a very special New Year's Eve celebration in our town. It's a fireball swinging procession. People make 'balls' of old newspapers and clothes. At midnight, they light the balls and walk through the streets. They swing the fireballs above their heads. Some people think the fireballs represent the sun in the middle of winter. I love this exciting tradition in my town.

Cameron

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1. People celebrate New Year's Eve to

- ☐ A) forget about the old year.
- ☐ B) sing Auld Lang Syne.
- ☐ C) welcome the new year.
- ☐ D) meet friends.

2. Some people open the front door of their house at midnight to

- ☐ A) have more coal.
- ☐ B) make the new year's arrival easier.
- ☐ C) get some money from a visitor.
- ☐ D) invite a stranger.

3. People can hear music in Edinburgh.

- ☐ A) only rock
- ☐ B) only bagpipe
- ☐ C) only pop
- ☐ D) different types of

4. Nick usually welcomes the new year

- ☐ A) close to the Thames.
- ☐ B) in the north of England.
- ☐ C) in Stonehaven
- ☐ D) in Edinburgh.

5. In the north of Scotland, represents the sun in the middle of winter.

- ☐ A) burning kilts
- ☐ B) big parties
- ☐ C) burning balls made of paper
- ☐ D) traditional dances

6. Choose the true sentence.

- ☐ A) People sing at New Year's Eve only in Scotland.
- ☐ B) Stonehaven is in the north of England.
- ☐ C) Edinburgh Castle is in the centre of the city.
- ☐ D) 'First footing' was popular in the south of England.

II. COMMUNICATION

7. A: Who's the fastest runner in your school?

B:

- ☐ A) I have no idea.
- ☐ B) How fast can he run?
- ☐ C) I hope he's fast enough.
- ☐ D) You could be right.

8. A: Which exercise do we have to do?

B:

- ☐ A) Yes, we do.
- ☐ B) I often do exercises.
- ☐ C) I'm afraid we haven't.
- ☐ D) I don't remember.

9. A: Thanks a lot for your advice.

B:

- ☐ A) I think your advice will help me.
- ☐ B) You're welcome.
- ☐ C) Will you help me?
- ☐ D) Never mind.

10. A: How did you feel there?

B:

- ☐ A) I was really lucky.
- ☐ B) I'm fine.
- ☐ C) I was absolutely terrified.
- ☐ D) Not bad, thank you, Sue.

11. A: How was your visit to the art gallery?

B:

- ☐ A) It was 3 pounds fifty.
☐ Б) I really enjoyed it.
☐ B) Did you like impressionists?
☐ Г) It lasted 2 hours.

12. A: Can you tell me the way to the train station, please?

B:

- ☐ A) Turn right at the traffic lights.
☐ Б) You can't miss it.
☐ B) The train leaves in 15 minutes.
☐ Г) It takes 10 minutes to get to the train station.

III. VOCABULARY

13. When you are feeling, you want something that someone else has.

- ☐ A) confident ☐ Б) ashamed
☐ B) amused ☐ Г) jealous

14. The sky was lit up by (1), then there was the sound of (2)

- ☐ A) (1) clouds; (2) bolt
☐ Б) (1) lightning; (2) thunder
☐ B) (1) blizzard; (2) rumble
☐ Г) (1) drizzle; (2) howl

15. Match the opposites.

- ☐ A) 1 - D; 2 - A; 3 - C; 4 - B
☐ Б) 1 - C; 2 - A; 3 - D; 4 - B
☐ B) 1 - A; 2 - B; 3 - D; 4 - C
☐ Г) 1 - B; 2 - C; 3 - D; 4 - A

1. generous	A. shy
2. confident	B. liar
3. polite	C. mean
4. truthful	D. rude

16. Mr Rand is completely



- ☐ A) bald ☐ Б) moustache
☐ B) scar ☐ Г) curly

17. This is made of plastic. It's used to hold water in case of fire.

- ☐ A) bulb ☐ Б) tap
☐ B) bucket ☐ Г) wallet

18. Could you buy a of soap at the chemist's?

- ☐ A) can ☐ Б) jar ☐ B) loaf ☐ Г) bar

19. If I'm having a three-course meal, I always choose soup as a

- ☐ A) dish ☐ Б) starter
☐ B) menu ☐ Г) desserts

20. Mark is my sister's husband. He is my

- ☐ A) cousin ☐ Б) uncle
☐ B) brother-in-law ☐ Г) cousin-in-law

21. I don't know about that accident.

- ☐ A) nothing ☐ Б) anything
☐ B) everyone ☐ Г) someone

22. I'll phone you as soon as I to Ben.

- ☐ A) will talk ☐ Б) talked
☐ B) was talking ☐ Г) have talked

23. If you hard, you will be rich in the future.

- ☐ A) worked ☐ Б) will work
☐ B) was working ☐ Г) work

24. Tim's grandfather playing table tennis at the age of 70!

- ☐ A) took up ☐ Б) looked up
☐ B) put up ☐ Г) gave away

25. You come with us to the park if you don't want to.

- ☐ A) mustn't ☐ Б) can't
☐ B) don't have to ☐ Г) should

26. There's (1) loaf of bread on (2) table.

- ☐ A) (1) the; (2) the
☐ Б) (1) a; (2) the
☐ B) (1) a; (2) —
☐ Г) (1) —; (2) a

27. Luke (1) Kathy tomorrow if he (2) some free time.

- ☐ A) (1) will visit; (2) will have
☐ Б) (1) will visit; (2) had
☐ B) (1) visits; (2) will have
☐ Г) (1) can visit; (2) has

28. As George (1) home, he (2) a flat tyre.

- ☐ A) (1) drove; (2) got
☐ Б) (1) was driving; (2) was getting
☐ B) (1) drove; (2) was getting
☐ Г) (1) was driving; (2) got

29. Linda is very happy. She an English competition.

- ☐ A) wins ☐ Б) was winning
☐ B) has won ☐ Г) won

30. (1) Lake Baikal is much deeper than (2) Baltic Sea.

- ☐ A) (1) —; (2) —
☐ Б) (1) —; (2) the
☐ B) (1) the; (2) the
☐ Г) (1) the; (2) —