

### I. READING

Americans celebrate Thanksgiving every year on the fourth Thursday in November. It's an important festival for families. They try to be together for a special dinner of roast turkey, sweet potatoes, cranberries and pumpkin pie. It's a national holiday and schools, offices and many businesses are closed. Families get together and many towns and cities have parades with balloons, floats and people in fancy dress costumes.

The story of Thanksgiving goes back four hundred years. In the early 1600s, people from England went to North America for a new life. They were called Pilgrims. But the Pilgrims had problems. They couldn't find enough food to eat and many of them died in the first winter. One day in the spring the Pilgrims met two Native Americans. They showed the Pilgrims how to hunt and catch fish, and how to build homes. They also showed them how to grow corn, and by the autumn things were much better for the Pilgrims. They wanted to say thank you, so they invited the Native Americans to a special meal. They ate turkey, fish, green beans and soup. It was the first Thanksgiving dinner.

People in India celebrate Diwali in October or November. There are lots of people from India in Britain and they also celebrate an old Hindu festival. It's to celebrate everything good in life. The festival lasts three days. People clean and decorate their houses and streets with lots of colourful lights. They give presents to their family and friends. They eat vegetable curries and special sweets, and watch fireworks in the evening.

Scottish people celebrate Burns Night. This special occasion is to celebrate the life and work of a poet. Many people in Scotland have a special dinner on the evening of 25th January, because this day is Robert Burns' birthday. He's Scotland's most famous poet. On this evening people read out his poems during dinner. They eat traditional Scottish food – haggis (minced meat cooked in a sheep's stomach) - potatoes and turnip.

St Valentine's Day is for people to send a card to the person they love. It's on 14th February and the day is named after a saint. People all over the world buy more than one billion cards on this special day every year. They often give flowers and chocolates to their wives, husbands, boyfriends or girlfriends, too. Some Valentine's cards are anonymous. People send them but don't write their names in them!

*(Based on: S. Wheeldon and others 'Steps Forward' OXFORD)*

#### 1. Americans eat ..... at Thanksgiving.

- A) boiled fish                       ) roast meat  
 B) spicy curries                     ) haggis

#### 2. .... lasts for more than one day.

- A) Thanksgiving                     ) Diwali  
 B) Burns Night                         ) St Valentine's Day

#### 3. Haggis is traditional ..... food.

- A) American                             ) English  
 B) Indian                                  ) Scottish

#### 4. People watch firework shows

- A) at Diwali.                             ) on St Valentine's Day.  
 B) on 25th January.                     ) at Thanksgiving.

#### 5. A vegetable eaten on Burns Night is:

- A)                        )   
 B)                        ) 

#### 6. Choose the true sentence.

- A) The Pilgrims ate pumpkin for the first Thanksgiving dinner.  
 ) Native Americans came from Britain.  
 B) People read poetry loudly during dinner on Burns Night.  
 ) Sheep eat haggis in Scotland in January.

### II. VOCABULARY AND COMMUNICATION

#### 7. My mum works as ..... in a department store.

- A) a shop assistant                     ) a nurse  
 B) a teacher                               ) a chef

#### 8. Students can borrow interesting books from the

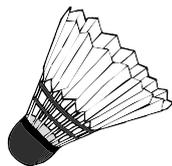
- A) bookshop.                             ) booking office.  
 B) library.                                  ) post office.

#### 9. Igor's father goes to work by ..... every day.



- A) coach                                  ) underground  
 B) minibus                                 ) tram

10. Children need a ..... to play badminton.



- A) puck                       ) stick  
 B) ball                         ) shuttlecock

11. .... starred as Indiana Jones in Spielberg's films. He's a famous American actor.

- A) Roger Moore               ) Daniel Radcliffe  
 B) Harrison Ford             ) Sean Connery

12. English is a native language in

- A) Ireland.                     ) Brazil.  
 B) Switzerland.               ) Norway.

13. You can buy fresh tomatoes and cucumbers at the

- A) newsagent's.               ) stationer's.  
 B) greengrocer's.             ) confectioner's.

14. A: .....  
B: Yes, please.

- A) Would you like a slice of pizza?  
 ) Are you eating a pizza?  
 B) Do you like pizza?  
 ) Do you eat any pizzas?

15. My uncle ..... collecting foreign stamps. It's his hobby.

- A) interesting at               ) is liking  
 B) is keen on                   ) fonds in

16. The British celebrate Guy Fawkes Night in

- A) February.                   ) June.  
 B) September.                 ) November.

17. .... is a famous British distance runner. He won four gold Olympic medals.

- A) Carl Lewis  
 ) Paul Chelimo  
 B) Mohamed „Mo“ Farah  
 ) Ryan Hill

### III. GRAMMAR

18. A: Jenny isn't answering her phone.  
B: ..... if she's online.

- A) I'm going to check       ) I'm checking  
 B) I check                       ) I'll check

19. My mum ..... read and write when she was five years old.

- A) can                           ) could  
 B) shall                         ) must

20. .... this animal! It's very dangerous.

- A) Don't touch               ) You touch  
 B) Don't you touch         ) Not touch

21. Yesterday at eight o'clock p.m., Tom ..... computer games.

- A) used to play               ) played  
 B) plays                         ) was playing

22. We ..... the reason of the disaster now.

- A) are knowing               ) know  
 B) knew                         ) knowed

23. Did you go to Sam's birthday party

- A) last Saturday?           ) tomorrow?  
 B) next Saturday?          ) at the moment?

24. My mum bought ..... very good bread at the baker's.

- A) a                               ) any  
 B) some                         ) a few

25. How (1) ..... cottage cheese and how (2) ..... potatoes do we need to make dumplings?

- A) (1) many; (2) much  
 ) (1) many; (2) many  
 B) (1) much; (2) much  
 ) (1) much; (2) many

26. What ..... you like for dinner today?

- A) should                       ) could  
 B) shall                         ) would

27. Look out! You ..... the vase.

- A) drop                         ) are going to drop  
 B) will dropping               ) are dropping

28. We have too ..... flour so we can't make noodles.

- A) much                         ) many  
 B) few                           ) little

29. Choose the correct sentence.

- A) Are there any mice under the cupboard?  
 ) I need an information about her health.  
 B) There isn't any children in the playground.  
 ) We have a lot of luggages for our journey.

30. .... trousers are these?

- A) Who's                         ) Where  
 B) Whose                       ) Who