



### Diagnostic test first grade.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Read the text again. Then select the corresponding alternative.

##### How to Plan a Trip.

Traveling can be tricky for a newbie. If you want to take a trip to a new place abroad or which is far away from where you live, you may need to make a good plan in order to avoid troubles during the trip. So once you know where you want to go, you should decide when and how you are going to go there. Many people take a trip during holidays because that is the time when they can take a break from work or studies. Unfortunately, traveling during holiday season may not be a good choice as prices for flight tickets and hotel rooms are usually higher than the off-season period when tourism is not booming. If you have a limited budget, you may consider taking a day off work during the off season when prices are lower and discounted.

Your budget will also determine what means of transportation you are going to use. Taking a road trip might be cheaper, but you should be in good shape and prepare your car for a long trip. If you choose to fly, you may have to take public transportation to get around in your holiday destination. Whether you take a taxi, subway or bus, you should know where you are going based on the itinerary that you have planned before and make sure you know the routes and the fares.

Next, calculate your costs. What kind of accommodation do you want? If you take a road trip, you may prefer to stay in a motel. Hostels are cheaper, but today you can search online and find hotels offering rooms with low rates. If the costs are more than you can afford, make cuts where you can. You may cut expenses for eating out or even cut the trip short and get back before the holiday season ends.

Once you are exactly sure of where and when you want to go, how you will get there and where you are going to stay, make your reservations. You can book your flight and accommodation online and even many attractions have ticket sales online so you can skip the lines and enjoy the attraction right in. You may also consider taking travel insurance. You will have some protection in case you could not travel during the time your

tickets are booked for. If you plan to travel internationally, keep your passport, travel documents, visas and similar items in one place to ease you in accessing them.

Lastly, pack light. Heavy luggage will only restrict your movement and cause discomfort. A few basic shirts and pants or shorts will do and roll them when packing to save room for souvenirs.

1. According to the reading, what is the advantage of taking a road trip?

- A) It is shorter.
- B) It is cheaper.
- C) It is boring.
- D) It is tiring.

2. It is False.....

- A) There are not many people taking a trip during holidays.
- B) If you want to avoid troubles during your trip, you will need to make a good plan.
- C) Taking a road trip won't be cheaper.
- D) if you take a road trip you may prefer to stay in a motel.

**Look and complete.**



3. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a place where you catch the bus.

- A) airport
- B) bus stop
- C) square
- D) store



4. The correct expression is.....

- A) Travel by car
- B) Take a subway
- C) Get on
- D) Get in



5. The correct expression is.....

- A) visit a theme park
- B) take a subway
- C) try local food
- D) visit monuments

**Read and answer.**

**Halloween**

In pre-Roman times an ancient people lived in the North of Europe – the Celts. They were farmers and they raised cattle.

By the end of Summer, they came down from the high mountains with the cattle and they started harvesting to prepare for long, cold and hard times of Winter.

The Celtic calendar was divided in two halves; one, the dark half, starting in October / November and, the light half beginning in April/May lunation. The end of the year was in October, 31st. Samhain is the name for the month of November. and Samhain

seems to be also a kind of god for those ancient people. So, in the end of Summer time there was plenty of food and they had parties to thank their gods for the good times.

The Celts believed in magic places and moments – when something ends and another thing begins, that was a magic place, or a magic time. When land finishes and the sea begins, when day ends and night starts, those were special and magic places or times for them.

When an old year passes by and a new year starts it was a very special and magic moment.

The Celts believed that in those moments, the veil that separates the dead people from the ones who are alive became extremely weak, so communication between the two worlds was possible.

When the Roman Catholic Church tried to stop those ancient pagan traditions they decided to join this celebration of harvest and Samhain with the Christian worship of dead, in the day before the day of All Saints.

This way both cultures began to mix, so, nowadays we celebrate Halloween, all hallows (saints) eve.

6. When did Samhain change into Halloween?

- A) When the Catholic join the calendars.
- B) When the church tried to stop the tradition.
- C) When the people celebrated the Day of all Saints.
- D) When the Christians celebrated Halloween.

7. What is the main idea of the text?

- A) It is about the origin of Halloween.
- B) It is about the mix between Celts and Catholics.
- C) It is about the life and activities of the Celts.
- D) It is about the traditions of Halloween.

8. Read the answer and choose the best QUESTION.



I'm from Canada.

- A) When were you born?
- B) What nationality are you?
- C) Where are you from?
- D) Where do you live?

9. Look at the picture. Then, choose the correct word.



- A) Bottle
- B) Can
- C) Bowl
- D) Bucket

**Read the sentence. Complete with the correct words.**

10. New Year's day is \_\_\_\_\_ on January 1st with \_\_\_\_\_ and with a special family \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) gathered-dances-food
- B) celebrated-fireworks-dinner
- C) invited-music-festival
- D) organized-presents-religion

**Read the text and answer the question.**

Hello! I'm Kate. I want to write about my mobile phone. I got it from my parents for my birthday two years ago. I like it very much and I think it's sometimes good to have it in my bag. I always keep it in my bag or in my pocket so my parents and my friends can always telephone me. It's got a calculator in it so I sometimes use it at school. It's also a kind of information file. I can use my mobile phone to connect to the Internet and look through the news or read emails on my computer. Isn't it fantastic?

Last year I was on a cycling holiday with my friend. We went cycling but the weather wasn't good. It was cold and windy. It started to rain and it got dark. Suddenly my friend fell off her bike and she broke her leg. At first I didn't know what to do but then I thought about my phone. It was in my rucksack so I telephoned for help. After fifteen minutes a doctor arrived.

Sometimes people are not keen on mobile phones. They are a real problem because they always ring at the wrong moment. I'm not crazy about my mobile phone but I feel safe when I have it with me.

11. What happened with her friend last year?

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| A) She fell off her bike. | B) She was sick. |
| C) She cried.             | D) She smiled.   |

12. How does Kate feel when she has it with her?

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| A) Annoyed | B) Tired |
| C) Safe    | D) Happy |

13. Where does she always keep her mobile phone?

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| A) Bag-Pocket   | B) Bedroom-Hands   |
| C) Pocket-House | D) Rucksack-Pocket |

14. When did Kate get her mobile phone?

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| A) This week     | B) One month ago |
| C) Four days ago | D) Two years ago |

**Read the definition and choose the corresponding word.**

15. "A website containing a writer's or group of writers own experiences, observations, opinions, etc., and often having images and links to other websites".

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| A) Broadcast  | B) Application |
| C) Mass media | D) Blog        |

16. "An online community of people with a common interest who use a website or other technologies to communicate with other and share information resources".

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| A) Digital technology | B) Technological tool |
| C) Learning tool      | D) Social network     |

Read and select.

17. He shouldn't.....in the rain without an umbrella.

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| A) to walk | B) to walking |
| C) walk    | D) walking    |

18. She doesn't mind.....the piano.

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| A) to play | B) play    |
| C) plays   | D) playing |

19. Just click.....the link to get to the site.

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| A) on | B) under |
| C) at | D) up    |

20. We \_\_\_\_\_ our grandparents next week.

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| A) visit    | B) visits       |
| C) visiting | D) are visiting |