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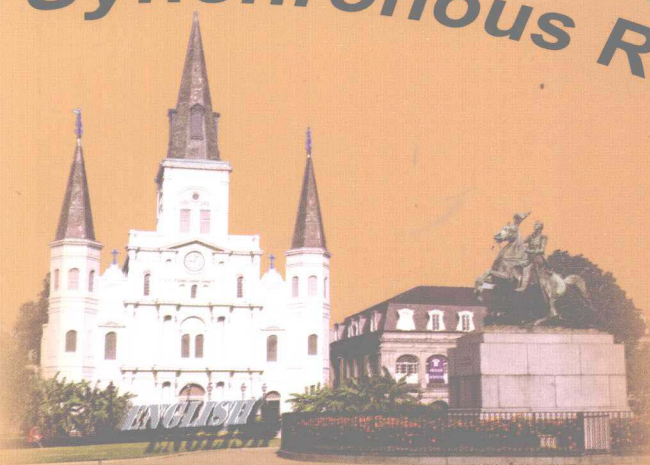
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前 言

阅读是理解和吸收语言文化信息的重要手段。对学生来讲,阅读又是语言文化信息最便捷的输入源,没有足够的语言理解能力,就不可能有高质量的语言表达能力。

学生要达到课程标准的要求,获得良好的学习成绩,单靠教科书是远远不够的,必须开展大量的阅读和训练。为此我们根据国家英语课程标准对阅读技能的要求,组织编写了本套读物,可供选择与各版本教材配套使用。

本套教材紧扣新课标学习原理和要求,具有针对性强、实用性强、趣味性强、自主性强的特点。每章节紧扣教材配有阅读。阅读习题形式多样,让学生课后即练,学以致用。本套读物将成为学习英语的一个宝典,让你从中受益匪浅。我们以后也会不断增加新的内容以飨读者,祝愿广大读者能在使用过程中提高对英语阅读的兴趣和能力,以达到课程标准的要求。

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Unit 1 Festivals Around the World

Passage A

Having stepped into January of 2006, Spring Festival is waving at us. Have you planned what to do on lunar New Year's eve?

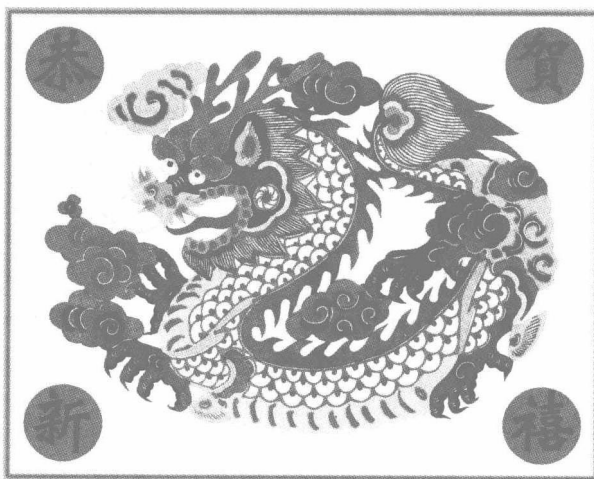
Whatever your plan is, please don't forget to include your family, because Spring Festival is a time for family activities.

In most children's eyes, Spring Festival means delicious food, new clothes, pocket money and sleepless nights with carnivals (狂欢). According to Chinese tradition, however, it is more a time for family reunions (团圆).

Ahead of the feast, millions of Chinese are on their way to go back home, despite cold weather and long journeys. Even traditional Spring Festival foods, like jiaozi, are associated (相关的) with reunions.

During the past 23 years, watching the CCTV annual Spring Festival Eve Variety Show (SFEVS) has been popular. At eight o'clock on lunar New Year's Eve, families gather in front of the TV, watching, chatting and waiting for the lunar New Year's arrival.

Although in recent years, more and more people have found the show boring, most of them still watch it and give their opinions afterwards. Much more than a



TV programme, the show brings the whole family together and offers them a good topic for conversation.

Perhaps that's why many Chinese living abroad are eager to see the show online. It helps make them less homesick at the big moment by sharing the fun with their fellow countrymen.

Now China's most important festival is drawing near. Cheer up and make your plans for family activities. If you don't like watching the show, try other fun games like playing cards and enjoying DVDs alongside your parents and relatives. With family members getting together, anything could be extremely sweet.

Exercises:

I. Choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following about Spring Festival in most children's eyes is NOT mentioned?
 - A. Pocket money and delicious food.
 - B. Sleepless nights with carnivals.
 - C. Watching the SFEVS.
 - D. New clothes and delicious food.
2. Which of the following is TRUE?
 - A. The traditional Spring Festival foods like jiaozi, are associated with carnivals.
 - B. More and more people like the SFEVS.
 - C. Many Chinese living abroad watch the show on TV.
 - D. Spring Festival is the most important festival in China.
3. Many Chinese living abroad are eager to see the show online. Which of the following is NOT the reason?
 - A. The show helps make them less homesick.
 - B. They don't like other fun games like playing cards and enjoy DVDs.
 - C. The show offers them a good topic for conversation.
 - D. The show attracts the whole family to watch together.

II. Finish the following sentences with the given words and phrases in their proper forms.

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1. There is a _____ in Rio every year.
2. Spring Festival is a time of family _____.
3. She was always _____ the rest of the class.
4. I always _____ the smell of baking with my childhood.
5. Many Chinese living abroad feel _____ when festival comes.
6. A great _____ went up from the crowd.
7. Traditional beliefs still flourish _____ a modern urban lifestyle.
8. The _____ celebration for Christmas is coming.

III. Answer the following questions according to the passage.

1. What's the best title for the passage?

2. On Spring Festival Eve, what do Chinese people usually do?

3. What does the show mean to Chinese people at home and abroad?

4. Are there any alternative activities for the show?

Passage B

Oyster Festival-Veterans' Park in Norwalk, Connecticut, is the setting for the Norwalk Seaport Association's 30th annual Oyster Festival. Highlights of the September 7-9 event include musical performances, children's activities and rides, an arts & crafts show, oyster and environmental exhib-



its and, of course, oystersgalore (大量)! For information, call 203-838-9444.

Potato Blossom Festival-The 60th annual Maine Potato Blossom Festival is July 17 to 26 in Fort Fairfield, Maine. Did you know that potato plants have beautiful white, pink or lavender (淡紫色的) flowers? Join in the celebration of one of Maine's most important crops with dozens of events. For more information, call the Fort Fairfield Chamber of Commerce at 207-472-3802.

Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass Festival-Thomas Point Beach in Brunswick, Maine, is more than 50 years old, and Labor Day Weekend is the perfect time for a visit. From August 30 to September 2, the beach's 29th annual Bluegrass Festival features an all-star line-up of musicians, performing in a picturesque seaside setting. In the rough camping is free for multi-day ticket holders. For details and ticket information, call 207-725-6009 or toll free, 877-TPB-4321.

Vermont Festival of the Arts-The towns and villages of the Mad River Valley in Vermont celebrate the arts during this month-long festival, August 3 through September 3, which celebrates its 11th anniversary in 2008. Events include open studios, concerts, gallery (美术馆) exhibits, theatre performances, demonstrations and workshops. For more information, call 802-496-6682 or toll free, 800-517-4247.

Exercises:

I. Choose the best answer.

1. Which of the four festivals has the longest history?
 - A. Oyster Festival.
 - B. Potato Blossom Festival.
 - C. Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass Festival.
 - D. Vermont Festival of the Arts.
2. Which of the four festivals last the longest?
 - A. Oyster Festival.
 - B. Vermont Festival of the Arts.
 - C. Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass Festival.
 - D. Potato Bloosom Festival.

3. If you want to see an art exhibition, you can call _____.
A. 207-472-3802 B. 207-725-6009
C. 203-838-9444 D. 802-496-6682
4. A person who would like to take his child for pleasure would go to _____.
A. Fort Fairfield, Maine
B. Veteran's Park in Norwalk, Connecticut
C. Mad River Vally in Vermont
D. Thomas Point Beach in Brunswick, Maine
5. Which of the following is a proper date if you want to enjoy some music?
A. August 31. B. September 3.
C. July 22. D. August 1.

II. Fill in the blanks with the words from the passage in their proper forms.

1. The report _____ (强调) the major problems facing society today.
2. There will be games and prizes _____ (大量) in the park.
3. The starting _____ (阵容) are the players who will begin the game.
4. The inn situated on the banks of the river is _____. (生动的,美丽的)
5. Some people use _____ (粗糙的,简单的) paper for making notes on.
6. The couple are preparing to celebrate their wedding _____. (周年纪念日)
7. His painting works will be exhibited at an art _____ (美术馆) next month.
8. We were given a brief _____ (演示) of the computer's functions.

III. Read the passage and decide if the following sentences are true or false.

1. () Oyster Festival has some activities for children.
2. () Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass Festival is the earlist among the four festivals.
3. () If you are a flower lover, you can go to Brunswick, Maine.
4. () You can enjoy some music at the end of August.
5. () The festival in Fort Fairfield has the longest history.
6. () There is a toll free call of Oyster Festival.
7. () If you want to know more about the youngest festival, you can call 802-496-6682.

8. () All of the festivals do not need to buy ticket.

Passage C

The Easter we celebrate today is a combination of different traditions. Partly, it comes from old festivals to celebrate Spring. And partly, it comes from the Christian celebration of the rebirth of Jesus Christ.

Most people agree that the word “Easter” comes from the Anglo-Saxon Goddess Easter, a symbol of Spring. It is easy to see how “Eastre time” became “Easter time” .

As a chief Christian festival, Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the 1st day of Spring. It can be as early as March 22, or as late as April 25! Many dates of the Christian calendar are depend on Easter.

The celebrations of Easter have many customs and legends that have nothing to do with Christianity. Of all the symbols associated with Easter, the egg, the symbol of richness and new life, is the most important. The customs and traditions of using eggs have been associated Easter for centuries. Originally, Easter eggs were painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring and were used in Easter — egg rolling contests or given as gifts. After they were colored and printed with various designs, the eggs were exchanged by lovers and romantic admirers. In the Middle Ages, eggs were traditionally given at Easter to the servants. In Germany, eggs were given to children along with other Easter gifts.

Different cultures have developed their own ways of decorating Easter eggs. Deep red colored eggs, to honor the blood of Christ, are exchanged in Greece. In parts of Germany and Austria green, eggs are used on Thursday of the Holy Week.

In Germany and other countries eggs used for cooking were not broken, but the contents were removed by making a hole from the end of each egg with a needle and blowing the contents into a bowl. The hollow eggs were dyed and hung from trees during the Easter Week. The Armenians would decorate hollow eggs with pictures of Christ, the virgin Mary, and other religious designs.

As with the Easter Rabbit and the holiday itself, the Easter Egg predates the Christian holiday of Easter. The exchange of eggs in the springtime is a custom that was centuries old when Easter was first celebrated by Christians.

From the earliest times, the egg was a symbol of rebirth in most cultures. Eggs were often wrapped in gold leaf or, if you were a peasant, colored brightly by boiling them with the leaves or petals of certain flowers.

Today, children hunt colored eggs and place them in Easter baskets along with the modern version of real Easter eggs — those made of plastic or chocolate candy.

Easter Egg Games

Eggs play an important part in Easter sports. The Romans celebrated the Easter season by running races on an oval track and giving eggs as prizes. Two traditional Easter egg games are the Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter Egg Roll.

On Easter morning, the children of the house join in a search to locate the eggs that the Easter Rabbit had hidden while they were asleep. Sometimes prizes of candy are awaiting the child finding the most eggs.

Easter egg hunts are also part of a community's celebration of the holiday. The eggs are hidden in public places and the children of the community are invited to find the eggs.

The rules of an Easter Egg Roll are to see who can roll an egg the greatest distance or can make the roll without breaking it, usually down a grassy hillside or slope.

Maybe the most famous egg rolling takes place on the White House Lawn in America. Hundreds of children come with baskets filled with brightly decorated eggs.

Exercises:

I. Choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following is NOT true?
 - A. The Easter is partly from the Christian celebration of the rebirth of Jesus Christ.
 - B. The Easter is partly from old festivals to celebrate Spring.
 - C. The celebrations of Easter have many customs and legends that have nothing to do with Christianity, although it is a chief christian festival.

- D. Easter is celebrated every year on a fixed date.
2. When is Easter usually celebrated?
- A. In February or March. B. In March or April.
C. In April or May. D. From March to April.
3. People from which country tend to decorate hollow eggs with pictures?
- A. America. B. Greece.
C. Germany. D. China.
4. Which of the following does NOT belong to the Easter Egg Games?
- A. Running races on an oval track.
B. Decorate the hollow eggs.
C. Easter Egg Hunt.
D. Easter Egg Roll.
5. The two main popular symbols of Easter are _____.
A. Easter egg, Easter tree B. Easter Bunny, Easter man
C. Easter Bunny, Easter egg D. Easter man, Easter egg

II. Finish the following sentences with the given words and phrases in their correct forms.

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1. He was only _____ responsible for the accident.
2. White has always been a _____ of purity in Western Cultures.
3. The union _____ over 30,000 workers.
4. She _____ her hair blonde.
5. I wish he would _____ with the other children.
6. The local _____ was shocked by the terrorism attack.
7. I'd have liked to have gone but I wasn't _____.
8. The film festival _____ in October.
9. The firm is working on a new product in _____ with several overseas partners.
10. _____, we had intended to go to France, but then we won the trip to Italy.

**Passage D****Thanksgiving Day**

Thanksgiving Day is an important American holiday. According to tradition, the first American Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in 1621 in Plymouth, now in the state of Massachusetts. In 1863, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln named the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. Now it is a national holiday in America.

The holiday is usually connected with the Pilgrims. They were a group of people who wanted to escape from religious persecution in England. On September 16, 1620, they got onboard a ship named the Mayflower. The ship sailed from England and carried the Pilgrims across the ocean. The ocean was stormy. On many days, the passengers had to stay below in their cold, crowded quarters. Many people became sick and died. A baby was born during the trip.

On 21st November, after 66 days at sea, the Mayflower reached the continent. The Pilgrims began to settle down there. But their first winter in the new country was very difficult. However, the Indians gave them gifts and offered help. They taught the new settlers how to hunt and fish and plant their crops.

The next year there was an abundant harvest. People were so happy that they prepared a big feast in the fall of 1621. They invited their Indian friends as guests. For three days running the Pilgrims and Indians feasted together around outdoor tables piled high with food. This was considered to be the first Thanksgiving Day in America.

Now, Thanksgiving Day is observed as a national holiday in America on the fourth Thursday in November every year. Besides Americans, people in Canada and some other countries also celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

Exercises:**I. Choose the best answer.**

1. Thanksgiving Day _____.

A. has long been a popular holiday in the West

- B. has long been a popular holiday for the Americans
 - C. became traditional in America in the 16th century
 - D. is celebrated in the last month of year
2. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true?
 - A. The Pilgrims started their sailing from England.
 - B. They got on board a ship named the Mayflower.
 - C. The Mayflower reached the continent within two months.
 - D. The Mayflower arrived at Plymouth.
 3. Which of the following is NOT the description of the Pilgrims' first winter in the new country?
 - A. Their first winter there was very difficult.
 - B. The Indians gave them gifts and offered help.
 - C. The Indians taught them how to hunt and fish and plant their crops.
 - D. They celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day in America.
 4. Today, Thanksgiving Day is _____.
 - A. a national holiday in America
 - B. a day of family reunion
 - C. a popular holiday in the West
 - D. all of the above

II. Read the passage and decide if the following sentences are true or false.

1. () Thanksgiving Day is a holiday with long history.
2. () Thanksgiving Day is connected with Christianity.
3. () This holiday has not been named until the American Civil War.
4. () President Abraham Lincoln named the Thanksgiving Day.
5. () The Pilgrims' sailing to the new country was smooth and safe.
6. () The Indians helped the Pilgrims in living.
7. () The first Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in America in 1620.
8. () Thanksgiving Day is a popular holiday all over the world.

**Passage E**

Young adult filmmakers all hope to show their works in international festivals like Sundance and Toronto. But what about really young filmmakers who aren't in film school yet and aren't, strictly speaking, even adults?

They are at the heart of Wingspan Arts Kids Film Festival, tomorrow, in a setting any director might envy: Lincoln Center. Complete with "red carpet" interviews and various awards, the festival has much in common with events for more experienced movie makers, except for the age of the participants: about 8 to 18.

"What's really exciting is that it's film for kids by kids," said Cori Gardner, managing director of Wingspan Arts, a nonprofit organization offering youth arts programs in the New York area. This year the festival will include films not only from Wingspan but also from other city organizations and one from a middle school in Arlington, Virginia. "We want to make this a national event," Ms. Gardner added.

The nine shorts to be shown range from a Claymation biography of B. B. King to a science fiction adventure set in the year 3005. "A lot of the material is really mature," Ms. Gardner said, talking about films by the New York City branch of Global Action Project, a media arts and leadership-training group. "*The Choice* is about the history of a family and *Master Anti-Smoker* is about the dangers of secondhand smoke." *Dream of the Invisibles* describes young immigrants' (移民) feelings of both belonging and not belonging in their adopted country.

The festival will end with an open reception at which other films will be shown. These include a music video and a full-length film whose title is *Pressures*.

Exercises:**I. Choose the best answer.**

1. Which of the following about Wingspan Arts Kids Film Festival is TRUE?
 - A. It is as famous as the Sundance and Toronto Eastival.
 - B. The films are made by children.
 - C. It is organized by a middle school.

- D. It is a national event.
2. Which of the following will NOT include in this year's festival?
- A. Adult filmmakers' works.
B. Film from a middle school.
C. Films from Wingspan.
D. Films from other city organizations.
3. The word "shorts" of the first sentence in the fourth paragraph means _____.
_____.
- A. short stories
B. short plays
C. short films
D. short articles
4. Which of the following films is about the dangers of secondhand smoke?
- A. *The Choice*
B. *Master Anti-Smoker*
C. *Dream of the Invisible*
D. *Pressures*

II. Fill in the blanks with words from the passage in their proper forms.

- His job is about the _____ (国际的) trade.
- _____, (严格说来) the book is not a novel, but a short story.
- She was nominated for the best actress _____. (提名, 奖项)
- He has been an active _____ (参加者) in the discussion.
- The _____ (导演) was well-known by the public through this film.
- He is the president of a large international _____. (组织, 机构)
- As for film, he likes _____ (科幻影片) the best.
- Mark Twine wrote several novels about _____. (冒险, 奇遇)
- Tom is very _____ (成熟) for his age.
- Millions of _____ (移民, 华侨) come to the U. S. A. from all over the world.

Passage F

Every month of the year has something special to celebrate in the U. S. Throughout the years, the U. S. Congress has passed laws declaring special days as official celebrations known as federal holidays. Each federal holiday means a