TEXT I

STARS

1 Over millions of years, hot clouds of gas called nebulae expand until they explode and form huge, blazing balls of fire. Stars are born this way. Our own sun is a star. Eventually, like all stars, it will run out of fuel and die. In other words, all of its fuel will finish and it will die in the end. But don't worry. This won't happen for another 4 billion years!

2 Stars are sources of light. That’s why they shine so brightly in the sky. The moon, planets and comets also shine, but they don't give out, or produce, their own light. They just reflect it from the sun.

3 Stars are very, very far away. In fact, when their light reaches our eyes, we see them as they were thousands of years ago! Our sun is the nearest star to Earth, but it is still about 150 million km away! It is part of the Milky Way Galaxy, a white band of stars that stretches across the night sky. There are more than 100 billion stars in the Milky Way and many of them, like our sun, have planets that orbit around them.

4 Constellations are groups of stars. If you draw lines between the stars in them, (and use lots of imagination!) they sometimes look like objects, animals or people. For example, the ancient Greeks thought that Orion looked like a giant hunter with a sword attached to his belt!

5 As the earth moves around the sun, we see the constellations in different positions in the sky at different times of the year. The whole sky seems to move towards the west as the earth rotates on its axis during the night.

A. Match the words in column A with their definitions / explanations in column B and write the letters of the definitions in the blanks provided.

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<td>a) groups of stars</td>
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<td>_____1. to expand (para.1)</td>
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<td>_____2. blazing (para. 1)</td>
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<td>_____3. to run out of (para. 1)</td>
<td>d) to turn in a circle</td>
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<td>_____4. to give out (para. 2)</td>
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<td>_____5. to rotate (para.5)</td>
<td>f) to grow or become larger</td>
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B. What do the following words from the text refer to?

1. It (para. 1, line 3) refers to ________________________________.
2. They (para. 2, line 3) refers to ________________________________.
3. It (para. 3, line 3) refers to ________________________________.
4. Many of them (para. 3, line 5) refers to many of the__________________.

C. Answer the following questions. Use LONG answers.

1. Why do stars shine so brightly in the sky?
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________.

2. What is the Milky Way galaxy?
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________.

3. What happens as the earth moves around the sun?
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________.
A SEASONAL FESTIVAL OF THE TURKISH WORLD: HIDRELLEZ

1 Hıdrellez Festival, one of Turkey’s seasonal festivals, is celebrated on May 6 in Turkey. According to folkloric tradition, it is the day when the prophets Hızır and Ilyas met on Earth to awaken nature. This date is considered the first day of spring by Christians, too. The Orthodox celebrate this date as Hagia Georgi, and Catholics as St. George’s Day.

2 Hıdrellez is actively celebrated in villages and small towns. It is believed that Hızır will visit people during Hıdrellez and bring them good luck, health and prosperity (richness). Before Hıdrellez Day, houses are cleaned since people think that Hızır will not visit houses that are not clean. New clothes and shoes are bought to wear on that day.

3 Hıdrellez celebrations are always performed in places where there are a lot of trees or near sources of water. Eating fresh spring plants, lamb’s meat or lamb’s liver is another custom during Hıdrellez. It is believed that eating the first lamb of spring will bring health. It is also believed that picking flowers and plants in the countryside, boiling them and drinking the water will cure all diseases, and if you wash your face with that water for forty days, you will be beautiful.

4 Various practices are performed on Hıdrellez night. People believe Hızır will bring good luck and prosperity to the places which he visits and the things which he touches. Food bowls, kitchen cupboards and purses are left open. Those who want a house or garden believe that he will help them get such things if they make a small model of what they want. Young girls who want to get married put rings under rose trees in the evening and leave them there during the night. People also light fires and jump over them.

5 Hıdrellez Festival, has been celebrated since ancient times. Although it is celebrated under different names and at different times, it is possible to see the motifs of Hıdrellez in many places. The arrival of spring and awakening of nature have been seen as an event to be celebrated. In this way, Hıdrellez has gained a universal character.

A. What do the following words from the text refer to?

1. them (para. 2, line 2) refers to ______________________________________________________.
2. them (para. 3, line 4) refers to ______________________________________________________.
3. he (para. 4, line 3) refers to ________________________________________________________.
4. them (para. 4, line 5) refers to ______________________________________________________.
B. Fill in the blanks with one or more words from the 1st and 2nd paragraphs, keeping the same meaning.

May 6th is the day when (1)________________________________________________________
________________________ in Turkey. It is believed that the prophets Hızır and Ilyas met on
Earth to awaken nature on that day. This date is important for Christians, too. The Orthodox
give it the name (2)_________________________________________________________ and Catholics St. George’s
Day.
People (3)________________________________________________________before Hıdrellez
Day because they believe Hızır prefers (4)______________________________________
They also (5)__________________________________________________________and shoes
to wear on that day.

C. Read the text and answer the question.

1. Why do people leave food bowls, kitchen cupboards and purses open?
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__________________________________________
__________________________________________.
The Inuit (Eskimos) of central and western Canada live in igloos. Igloo originates from the

Inuit word “iglu”, which means house. Igloos are

(1)____________________ of blocks of snow. They are round and have

no windows. Air and light come in through a hole in the roof. They are

usually just big (2)____________________ for the family

to sit inside so they get warm faster. The entrance is a long

passage which is under the ground level. If you want to go into an igloo, it is

(3)____________________ for you to crawl* on your hands and knees.  * crawl

Native Americans lived in conical tents which are (4)________________
‘tepees’. They were about 3 meters high and 4.5 meters across at ground
level. Tepees (5)____________________ of four parts. They were the

frame, the outer covering, the inner covering and the door. They provided

warmth and comfort in winter, and they were dry during heavy rain. They

were also portable. In other words, the parts of tepee could be separated quickly and taken

away when the tribe decided to (6)____________________.

The people of the Kung tribe in Botswana, Africa, live in camps in the (7)______________.

There are ten to twelve huts in a camp. The women of the tribe build these huts with long

grasses. They also put leaves and grass on the floor. These huts are used mainly for sleeping in

and for storing things. Sometimes two families

(8)____________________ the same hut. In other words, they live

in the same hut. The people of the tribe spend most of their time

(9)____________________, so the area in front of each hut is used

as the kitchen, the dining room and the living room. There is a fire in

the middle of the camp to (10)____________________ the camp area from wild animals.