

1. INTERMEDIATE LEVEL: USE OF ENGLISH

PART 2. MULTIPLE CHOICE CLOZE TESTS A and B. Read the following texts and then decide which of the words (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. The activity begins with an example (0).

A. St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is the **(0) national** holiday of the Irish people. It celebrates Saint Patrick, one of the patron saints of Ireland. It is an official holiday in the Republic of Ireland, and is (1) celebrated in many other English-speaking countries. This day is all about (2) fun. Many St. Patrick's Day parties are (3) around everything green and/or Irish. Many cities around the world have St. Patrick's Day parades. The (4) ones are in New York, Savannah (Georgia), and Dublin. Part of the tradition is that one has to wear at least one green item of (5) One very recognizable (6) of St. Patrick's is the "shamrock", a three-leaf clover. (7) lots of alcohol has, in many places, become synonymous with St. Patrick's Day. In Chicago, the river is actually (8) green every year for St. Patrick's Day. (9) , Saint Patrick's Day was celebrated as a religious holiday up until about 100 years ago, when it became a public holiday. You don't have to be Irish to celebrate this holiday. In fact, it is (10) for non-Irish people to think of themselves as "Irish for a day" on St. Patrick's Day.

- | 0. A nation | B national | C local | D summer |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. A great | B ample | C widely | D easily |
| 2. A enjoy | B making | C having | D taking |
| 3. A go | B centred | C focus | D deal |
| 4. A more biggest | B more big | C biggest | D most big |
| 5. A raincoat | B clothing | C suit | D jacket |
| 6. A symbol | B sign | C scene | D signal |
| 7. A Drinking | B Have | C Avoiding | D Drink |
| 8. A coloured | B paint | C dried | D colour |
| 9. A Historically | B Historical | C Presently | D Nowadays |
| 10. A use | B usual | C unusual | D usually |

B. A New Family

My mother and father **(0) got** divorced about ten years ago. Six years later, my mother met a kind, (1) man called Tom and she (2) He had two sons from his (3) marriage, Michael and Harry, who are now my (4) brothers. They (5) to live with their mother, but now we live together in an enormous house that Tom bought, and we are quite a big, (6) family. It was nice having brothers to play with because otherwise I would have been (7) child. My father lives with a woman called Sarah. She is a very (8) , friendly person and I really like her. She and my father are thinking of (9) a child. The problem is that Sarah works for an airline, so she is always flying around the world, and sometimes she is away from home for a whole week, but she says that she might stop working to (10) her baby.

0. A made

B had

C got

D went

1. A arrogant

B pessimistic

C considerate

D impolite

2. A united

B remarried

C related

D married

3. A previous

B actually

C earliest

D previously

4. A step

B blood

C only

D second

5. A would

B use

C used

D should

6. A generously

B arrogant

C loving

D sensitive

7. A an only

B a single

C one

D an individual

8. A cold

B hot

C icy

D warm

9. A taking

B adopting

C assuming

D accept

10. A look after

B care

C take care

D look into