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Christmas Exam Practice



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PART 1: LISTENING

Listen and watch the video about the history of Candy Canes. Then complete the following activities.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKn1IK101IE>

Task 1:

Read the statements and say if they are true (t) or false (f).

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| 1.1. Candy Canes are striped. | T / F |
| 1.2. You can buy Candy Canes only at Christmas. | T / F |
| 1.3. The first Candy Canes were white and red. | T / F |
| 1.4. In 1900 the peppermint flavour was added to the Candy. | T / F |
| 1.5. Candy Canes come in different flavours. | T / F |

Task 2:

Listen and complete the sentences:

- 2.1. Undoubtedly, the most popular form of candy that _____ consume during the holiday season is the candy cane.
- 2.2. A candy cane is a _____ hard candy stick.
- 2.3. No one knows who started making these treats, but by the mid - _____ they were already widely consumed across 2.4. _____.
- 2.5. It's not clear who _____ the stripes to the candy.

Task 3:

Listen and answer the questions:

- 3.1. What were the first candies made of?

- 3.2. When did the characteristic shape of the candy canes appeared?

- 3.3. Why are the candy canes perfect for Christmas decoration?*



PART 2 READING



Read the text and complete the following activities:

The Covid-19 pandemic influenced Christmas. It will be a bit different this year, but it may turn out you will spend less money. 4.1. ____

First - Don't plan the perfect Christmas

You should work out what you can afford. 4.2. ____ and then only afterwards consider: "How will I pay for it?" That's a recipe for ending up broke. Instead, calculate your budget, and ask: "What can I afford to spend?" Christmas is one day – don't ruin the whole of the next year for it.

Second - Be careful when buying gift cards.

If you're considering giving gift cards there are four key things you should be aware of: Sometimes shoppers get into trouble. When this happens, they usually stop accepting cards altogether and there's very little you can do to get your money back. 4.3. ____ Most gift cards must be bought within a certain period of time, so the recipient needs to spend them before time runs out. Beware of admin fees. Some companies will begin reducing your balance if you don't use the card within a certain time frame, such as the multi-shop gift card provider One4all, which deducts 90p a month from your balance once you've had the card 18 months. They could forget or lose them. Often people forget to use them, lose them or accidentally run them through the wash.

Third - Get sophisticated perfumes for a basic price

Forget department stores. A whole bunch of specialist online sellers offer perfume for a part of the high street price. 4.4. ____

(adapted from: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/shopping/christmas-savings/>)

Task 4. Look at these sentences. Insert these sentences into empty places.

- A. What is more, buy the even cheaper unboxed bottles, then get a pretty box and wrapping for a few pounds.
- B. Gift cards have expiry dates.
- C. There are some things you can do to reduce the financial stress.
- D. Many people decide to buy dream gifts for all the family



Task 5: Fill in the blanks with the Polish words.

Ostatnio zaczęłam myśleć o prezentach na Święta. Przeglądając strony internetowe natrafiłam na artykuł z poradami jak wydać 5.1. _____ na prezenty świąteczne. Artykuł mówił że wielu ludzi 5.2. _____ decyduje się na kupno wyszukanych prezentów, a dopiero potem myśli jak za to zapłacić. Autorka radzi, aby najpierw zastanowić się na ile 5.3. _____.

Następnie artykuł porusza kwestię 5.4. _____. Mają one sporo wad, jak np. data ważności albo kłopoty finansowe handlowców, którzy potem nie chcą realizować bonów. Autorka mówiła jeszcze jak tanio kupić fantazyjne perfumy. Sugerowała żeby perfumy kupować w sklepach 5.5 _____.

