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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is similar about most of the celebrations?
  - (A) People have fun and eat special foods.
  - (B) There are special colors that people decorate with.
  - (C) People give gifts to family and poor people.
  - (D) All of the above
2. What is a **tradition**?
  - (A) a special holiday celebrated in December
  - (B) a special candleholder used to celebrate a holiday
  - (C) customs that are passed down through generations
  - (D) a decoration
3. What are the Chinese people hoping will happen if they decorate with flowers during the Chinese New Year?
  - (A) They will have many visitors.
  - (B) They will keep away evil spirits.
  - (C) They will have good luck in the coming year.
  - (D) All of the above
4. Which of the following states a fact?
  - (A) Hanukkah is the best holiday of the year.
  - (B) Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 to January 1.
  - (C) Christmas should be longer than one day.
  - (D) All people should sing on New Year's Eve.
5. During Ramadan, what do most people do each day before the sun rises?
  - (A) say a sunset prayer
  - (B) eat a small meal
  - (C) celebrate with song and dance
  - (D) both A and C
6. Which celebration includes people spraying each other with colored powder?
  - (A) Hanukkah
  - (B) Christmas
  - (C) Ramadan
  - (D) Holi

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7. Why is Hanukkah known as the "Festival of Lights"?
  - Ⓐ People turn on many lights on their streets.
  - Ⓑ People light a candle for each of the eight nights.
  - Ⓒ People look to the stars to say special prayers.
  - Ⓓ Both B and C
8. All the celebrations in the book provide certain types of **merriment**. What is **merriment**?
  - Ⓐ fun and happiness
  - Ⓑ small hanging decorations
  - Ⓒ customs handed down through generations
  - Ⓓ all of the above
9. How are Christmas and Kwanzaa alike?
  - Ⓐ They both pass a special cup around the table.
  - Ⓑ They both use a special candle holder called a *kinara*.
  - Ⓒ They both have a custom of exchanging gifts.
  - Ⓓ They both use the colors of the African flag.
10. Why do people wear red clothes and eat oranges on Chinese New Year?
  - Ⓐ Red clothes look good on everyone.
  - Ⓑ Red and orange are the lucky colors for Chinese New Year.
  - Ⓒ They have too many oranges in their homes.
  - Ⓓ They want to stand out in the crowd at the parades.
11. **Extended Response:** What is the main idea of the story? What key details support the main idea?
12. **Extended Response:** Choose one holiday from the book and one holiday that you celebrate and explain how they are alike and how they are different.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Holidays Around the World

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
2. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
5. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
6. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
10. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers should include:  
*This story tells how people all over the world celebrate holidays. They celebrate by playing games, eating special foods, singing songs, and other activities.*
12. Answers will vary but should include details from the story.