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**Block parties** are extremely popular in some neighbourhoods, from small towns to the largest cities. Usually, residents of one particular block – a street from one crossroads to the next – receive official permission from the city to close the street to traffic for a whole Saturday or an evening. Local people bring their garden chairs and sit on the pavements and in the middle of the street. They bring something to eat or drink, and chat, listen to music (live or recorded), and help organize contests or games for children. In this relaxed atmosphere, people get to know each other, which intensifies the neighbourhood's identity and helps improve the local quality of life.

**25 What is the main purpose of 'block parties'?**

- A) to bring something to drink and eat
- B) to organize contests or games for children
- C) to connect one crossroads to the next
- D) to get to know the neighbours

**Slumber<sup>1</sup> parties**

There are various reasons for organizing parties. Slumber parties are held by groups of girls. All the girls in a social group go to one girl's house to spend the night (usually sleeping on the living room floor). They listen to music, eat junk food, chat, and try to stay awake as long as possible. An unofficial requirement for some successful slumber parties is that boys of the same age try to 'crash' the party, knocking on the doors and windows and trying to enter the house late at night. The purpose usually is to scare<sup>2</sup> the girls. Slumber parties are most popular among older children and young teens, however, also some people in their 80s have slumber parties from time to time!

<sup>1</sup> slumber: spánek, dřímota; <sup>2</sup> scare: postrašit

**26 Who usually organizes slumber parties?**

- A) boys
- B) girls
- C) elderly people
- D) children



I'm a writer, like my father's best friend Richard. Richard loves writing short stories about his childhood home, and sometimes he writes poems, too. He is retired, but when he worked he used language to make people think about important issues. I work in advertising to pay the bills, but writing poems and song lyrics is my true hobby. Once a year, Richard and I go to Orcas, an island northwest of Seattle, Washington, to have a rest from the demands of day-to-day life. We spend a long weekend talking about art, books we've read, powerful movies or unusual exhibitions we've visited. We write down our thoughts in our notebooks.

**27 What does the author like doing most?**

- A) writing poetry
- B) reading short stories
- C) travelling
- D) going to exhibitions

**Living in a 'planned community'**

Some Americans choose to live in a 'planned community' which sets very strict rules about how each property must look. People who live in these neighbourhoods never have to worry about a car left alone in the street, or be annoyed by flashing Christmas lights in a neighbour's window. The whole neighbourhood always looks picture-perfect because all the residents have agreed to paint their homes the same colour, have got permission to plant a tree, and even keep their lawns<sup>1</sup> cut to the same height.

<sup>1</sup> lawn: trávník

**28 Which is the basic law of a 'planned community'?**

- A) The residents have to leave their cars alone in the street.
- B) The residents have to put Christmas lights in the neighbour's windows.
- C) The residents have to have their houses and gardens looking almost the same.
- D) The residents have to plant at least one tree in their gardens.

**English in the USA**

In 1620, the Pilgrim Fathers sailed from Plymouth in England, leaving because of persecution<sup>1</sup>, but taking their English language to America. There another whole family of American English was born in the settlements<sup>2</sup> of New England, created by a small group of immigrants surrounded by hundreds of native Indian and European languages. Many books have been written and films made about the English language surviving among the Indians to become the dominant language in the American colonies and for that reason in much of the modern world. Of course, nowadays there is a specific American English spoken in the USA.

<sup>1</sup> persecution: pronásledování, perzekuce; <sup>2</sup> settlement: osada

**29 Where does the American variant of English come from?**

- A) from books and films
- B) from American colonies
- C) from the Pilgrim Fathers
- D) from one American family