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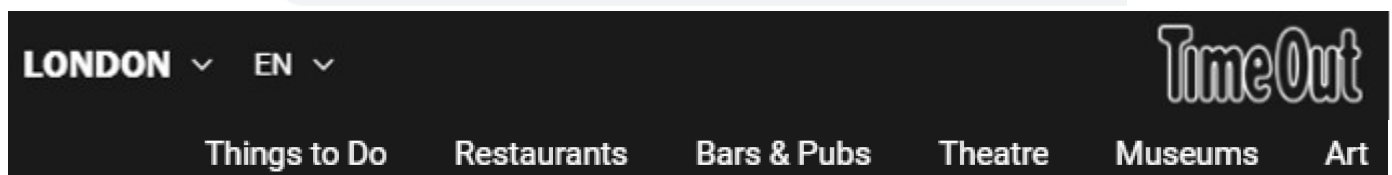
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Text A

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St Patrick's Day in London

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You don't have to go to Ireland to enjoy the party atmosphere of St Patrick's Day, there's plenty going on right here in London.



The Irish really know how to celebrate, so when it comes to St Patrick's Day in London the city's Irish community have no problem showing us how it's done. A day to celebrate the patron saint of Ireland, the occasion is always one big welcoming bash. Expect lots of dancing, hearty traditional dishes, a huge parade and as many pints as you can handle.

The official holiday lands annually on **March 17**, but this year the main London celebrations take place in Trafalgar Square on **March 13-17**.

At this year's three-day shindig, more than 50,000 revellers are expected to descend on [Trafalgar Square](#) for a lively parade of music and ceilidh dancing, plus plenty of [things to do with the kids](#), from an [Irish folk show](#) and [film festival](#) to Irish walking tours. Feeling peckish? Fill up on traditional grub from the Irish Street Food Market.

Heading 1

It's always March 17 but, in true Irish fashion, St Patrick's Day sessions usually run throughout Paddy's weekend.

Heading 2

The date marks the death of St Patrick, who travelled to Ireland in the fifth century to convince Irish pagans that Christianity is where it's at.

Do you associate Ireland with shamrocks? That's down to him too: the story goes that St Patrick used the three-leaved clover to describe the Holy Trinity to non-believers. Oh, and legend says he banished snakes from the country by chasing them into the sea.

Heading 3

[London's St Patrick's Day parade](#) lines the streets from Piccadilly to Trafalgar Square and cheers on a stream of leprechaun floats, traditional musicians and squads of Irish dancers. The main stage at Trafalgar Square will be surrounded by a street food market and a 'tea tent'. Basically, it's a big, rip-roaring one-day festival, only the pints are a shade of Gaelic green.

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A. Purpose and organisational features

1) The most likely place to find Text A is:

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|--|
| a | in a magazine. | |
| b | on the internet. | |
| c | in an email. | |
| d | in a printed newspaper. | |

Tick (✓) the correct answer. (E3.12R, 1 mark)

2) List 2 organisational features that helped you decide on your answer to 1) above.
Explain why each feature has been used.

E3.12R(2), L1.14R(2), 4 marks

3) What is the **main** purpose of the text?

| | | |
|----------|--|--|
| a | To inform you about St Patrick's Day events across the UK. | |
| b | To describe the history of Saint Patrick. | |
| c | To advertise various St Patrick's Day events in London. | |
| d | To persuade you to visit Ireland on St Patrick's Day. | |

Tick (✓) the correct answer. (L1.16R, 1 mark)

4) Explain why some items in the text are underlined.

E3.12R, 1 mark

5) Three headings are missing in Text A. Write in the correct numbers below.

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Heading ____ is | Where is the London St Patrick's Day Parade? |
| Heading ____ is | When is St Patrick's Day? |
| Heading ____ is | What is St Patrick's Day? |

L1.14R, 2 marks

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B. Style and tone

- 1) Which two quotations from the text are examples of informal language?

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| a | the occasion is always one big welcoming bash | |
| b | legend says he banished snakes from the country | |
| c | the Irish really know how to celebrate | |
| d | to convince Irish pagans that Christianity is where it's at | |

L1.16R, 2 marks

- 2) Which **two** words best describe the style of the text?

| | | |
|---|----------------|--|
| a | conversational | |
| b | technical | |
| c | informative | |
| d | instructive | |

L2.19R, 2 marks

- 3) Explain why you chose the two answers to question 2) above.

L2.19R, 2 marks

- 4) Which word best describes the writer's tone?

| | | |
|---|------------|--|
| a | impersonal | |
| b | chatty | |
| c | critical | |
| d | serious | |

L2.19R, 1 mark

- 5) Provide **two** quotations from Text A that helped you decide on your answer to 4).

L2.19R, 2 marks

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C. Using punctuation

- 1) There is a punctuation error in the first paragraph of the text. (The one that starts with “You don’t have ...”). Find the error and write a correct version of the paragraph.

(L1.18R, 2 marks)

- 2) **“The official holiday lands annually on March 17, but this year the main London celebrations take place in Trafalgar Square on March 13-17.”**

The comma in the quotation above is separating:

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| items in a list | <input type="checkbox"/> | two clauses | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| unimportant information | <input type="checkbox"/> | two sentences | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Tick one answer. (L1.18R, 1 mark)

- 3) There are three apostrophes in this sentence:
The Irish really know how to celebrate, so when it comes to St Patrick’s Day in London the city’s Irish community have no problem showing us how it’s done.

Which apostrophe is representing a missing letter?

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| the first apostrophe | <input type="checkbox"/> | the second | <input type="checkbox"/> | the third | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|

Tick one answer. (L1.18R, 1 mark)

- 4) **That’s down to him too: the story goes that St Patrick used the three-leaved clover to describe the Holy Trinity to non-believers.**

The colon in the sentence above is introducing:

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| a list | <input type="checkbox"/> | an explanation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| a quotation | <input type="checkbox"/> | someone’s words | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Tick one answer. (L1.18R, 1 mark)

- 5) **It’s always March 17 but, in true Irish fashion, St Patrick’s Day sessions usually run throughout Paddy’s weekend.**

The commas in the sentence above could be replaced with:

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| dashes | <input type="checkbox"/> | quotation marks | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| apostrophes | <input type="checkbox"/> | full stops | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Tick one answer. (L1.18R, 1 mark)

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D. Using images

- 1) Give one reason why the image has been used in Text A.

(L1.15R, 1 mark)



- 2) What extra information does the image suggest to the reader? Suggest two points.

L1.15R, 2 marks

E. Facts, opinions and bias

- 1) Write an F (fact) or an O (opinion) next to each quotation from the text.

| | |
|---|--|
| The Irish really know how to celebrate | |
| The official holiday lands annually on March 17 | |
| the occasion is always one big welcoming bash | |

L1.11R, 3 marks

- 2) Find one more fact in the text.

L2.18R, 1 mark

- 3) Which of the following is an example of bias?

| | |
|---|--|
| You don't have to go to Ireland to enjoy the party atmosphere | |
| Do you associate Ireland with Shamrocks? | |
| legend says he banished snakes from the country | |

L2.17R, 1 mark

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F. Language and textual features

- 1) In the text, find four **adjectives** that are used in a positive way.

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|--|--|
| | |
| | |

E2.20W, L1.12R, 4 marks

- 2) **The parade lines the streets from Piccadilly to Trafalgar Square and cheers on a stream of leprechaun floats, traditional musicians and squads of Irish dancers.**

a. The text above includes an example of what language feature?

L1.12R, 1 mark

b. Explain the effect this feature has on the reader.

L2.14R, 1 mark

- 3) Draw lines to match each quotation to the most appropriate language feature.

You don't have to go to Ireland

a shade of Gaelic green

Feeling peckish?

rhetorical question

direct address

alliteration

L1.12R, 2 marks

- 4) **Name** one other language feature used in text, **give a quotation** from the text and **explain its effect** on the reader.

L1.12R (1), L2.14R (2), 3 marks.

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G. Alphabetical order, plurals and dictionaries

a) Put the words in the box into alphabetical order on the lines.

| | | |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| celebrate | ceilidh | century |
| community | country | clover |

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

E3.16W, 2 marks

b) Change the following words to plurals.

| Singular | Plural |
|------------|--------|
| country | |
| century | |
| leprechaun | |
| bash | |
| fifth | |

E2.14W, E3.14W, 5 marks

c) Find the meaning of the word **banish** in a dictionary.

Write the meaning here and the page number of the dictionary.

E3.11R, 1 mark

d) Find the meaning of the word **ceilidh** in a dictionary.

Write the meaning here and the page number of the dictionary.

E3.11R, 1 mark

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H. Spelling

Do **not** look at the text or any other pages of this resource.

- a. Listen to ten words and write them down.

Your teacher will say the word and use the word in a sentence.

Your teacher will then say the word again before you write it down.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

E2.16W, E3.17W, 10 marks

- b. What do all the spellings have in common?

_____ (1 mark)

- c. Use your answer to b. to help you check your spellings before handing them in.

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I. Detailed reading

a) Which statement is **not** true about the London St Patrick's Day parade?

| | | |
|----------|---|--|
| A | It takes place on the streets, from Piccadilly to Trafalgar Square. | |
| B | It only happens on March 17. | |
| C | It includes dancing and music. | |
| D | Food is available. | |

(L1.9R, 1 mark)

b) Find three details about St Patrick.

(L2.11R, 3 marks)

J. Working out word meanings

If you wish, you may use a dictionary, thesaurus or other reference materials for these questions.

a) 'stream of leprechaun floats' means that people dressed up as leprechauns are:

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| walking in the parade. | | suspended from wires or ropes | |
| floating in pools or rivers | | carried along on the back of trucks | |

(E3.11R, L1.13R, 1 mark)

b) 'At this year's three-day shindig, more than 50,000 revellers are expected'

Which word would best replace the word **shindig** in the text?

| | | | |
|---------|--|---------|--|
| feast | | concert | |
| funfair | | party | |

(L1.13R, 1 mark)

c) Suggest a word or phrase to replace the word **revellers** in the text.

(L1.13R, 1 mark)