

## 2021-2022年高二上半年12月检测英语试卷在线练习（江西省南昌市莲塘一中）

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The Strangest Tradition in Some U.S. States

Alabama: The MoonPie Over Mobile

What's the better way to ring in the New Year than with a snack(小吃, 点心)? Mobile, a city of Alabama, has a tradition of watching a huge moon pie drop. The tradition is called the MoonPie Over Mobile, which shines the past and also the future. As the 12-foot, 600 pound moon pie drops during the midnight countdown, the crowd will cut the world's largest moon pie to eat.

Florida: The Strawberry Festival

Other than The Beatles band's song Strawberry Fields Forever, the annual Florida Strawberry Festival is an ode(颂歌) to the fruit. The yearly celebration of the strawberry harvest occupies large farmland in Parkesdale Farms and Wish Farms. The festival has all the usual public festival attractions families love. What's unusual about the festival is its activity where people compete in eating strawberry noodles, strawberry-garlic potatoes, etc.

Kansas: The St. Lucia Festival

The town of Lindsborg is known as a Swedish capital in the United States. Because of the townspeople's Swedish tradition, the St. Lucia Festival every year for Christmas. The eldest daughter of every family would be dressed up in an unusual way. They would wear white clothing, lights and an evergreen plant as a way to stand for light and hope in the darkness of winter.

Iowa: The Hobo Days

Nowadays, the word "hobo" leads to the picture of a homeless and extremely poor person. In the late 19th century, however, the term simply referred to the people who left their home to look for jobs in the remote places of America and took the train going to the west. In honor of the hobo tradition, Iowa hosts the Hobo Days every August, which contains competitions, parades, food, and arts on the streets. The lucky man and woman will get crowned (被加冕) as hobo king and queen each year.

【1】What's the purpose of the MoonPie Over Mobile tradition?

- A. To treat the unfortunate people.
- B. To create the largest moon pie.
- C. To attract tourists to Mobile.
- D. To celebrate the New Year.

【2】What's the unique part of the Florida Strawberry Festival?

- A. The sharing of various foods.
- B. The farmland sightseeing.
- C. The eating competition.
- D. The Beatles band's performance.

【3】What did the word "hobo" use to describe?

- A. Poor people without homes.
- B. People joining in some parades.
- C. The crowned men and women.
- D. People going out to make a living.

2.

New Zealand is a land of beautiful lakes, and as we were driving down from Christchurch to Mount Cook