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TEXT 1

Read the following text about zodiac signs and complete each blank with the best option from the box. Each option can be used only ONCE. There are **five extra options** that you will not need. *Item 0* is an example. Do not forget to write your answers in the white boxes on the next page. (4 marks: 0.4 each)

BINGE-WATCH	CAULDRON	ICING	POTLUCK
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<i>BRIMS</i>	ENDURE	INSIGHTS	RESTRAINED
CAUGHT UP	EXPOSE	LUNACIES	SOAK

ZODIAC FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We spoke with astrologer Kirah Tabourn about the best ways to celebrate the holidays, and life itself, according to your zodiac sign.

Aries (0) **brims** with action-oriented energy, so if you're one of these lively fire signs, host a game night for your friends and family. Aries loves to play games, any competitive gaming activity. Try out some party games to get started, and give the night an extra dash of competition with a grand prize for the ultimate winner.

"Taurus, ruled by planet Venus, loves comfy and cozy," says Tabourn. She suggests you host friends and family for a movie screening and serve warm drinks "like mulled wine and spiked hot drinks." If your group wants to (1) _____ in your horoscopes by holiday, choose to stream one or two of the most romantic movies to keep the entertainment festive, sweet, and soothing.

Gemini is communicative, connective, and witty. "Gemini goes with TV," says Tabourn. She recommends you "host a TV marathon where you watch the whole season of something." Since you're going to (2) _____ the entire show or season, load up on snacks like your zodiac sign's favorite candy. Don't forget the popcorn!

Tabourn explains that "Cancer is ruled by the moon and has a lot to do with food and nourishing yourselves." Host a cookie decorating party, complete with a contest and tasting component. Deck out the kitchen with sprinkles, (3) _____, and sweet supplies. What's your sign's favorite cookie? Put that recipe on the menu.

Leo is ruled by the sun, which has a lot to do with being seen and expressing your talents and gifts. Tabourn says that "karaoke is a moment of being seen by others and being witnessed." She explains that "you don't necessarily have to be a great singer. Karaoke allows you to express your passion and humor as well." So (4) _____ your favorite Christmas songs and get ready to belt.

Virgo is a sign with connections to wheat and grain. Tour a distillery with a group of friends to see the process of getting something to its most perfect and best form. Be sure to taste samples and bring home some gifts. Or, go completely homemade and (5) _____ your own favorite alcohol.

The planet Venus rules Libra and is associated not only with music but with a love for music. Tabourn recommends that you celebrate with a double date "because Libra is so much about partnership and one-on-one relationships." Pick your favorite people and go get (6) _____ in live music and the great company you're sharing it with.

Scorpio is a sign ruled by the planet Mars, so it tends toward things dark and mysterious. Tabourn suggests Scorpios celebrate with "psychic readings, tarot readings, or astrology group readings." Scorpios will especially enjoy "getting some (7) _____ into what may be unseen to you or underneath the surface." Host a party with metaphysical readers so guests can peer into new and mysterious realms.

Tabourn advises that Sagittarius will enjoy hosting a Friendsgiving (8) _____ where everyone shares a recipe that represents their heritage. Looking at their horoscopes by holiday allows guests to expand their horizons and learn about different cultures.

If you're a Capricorn, invite your friends and family over for a major gingerbread building event. Tabourn offers that "Capricorn has a lot to do with structures and building things that have lasting value, that (9) _____." While gingerbread houses won't last beyond the season, the memories will.



Aquarius are the humanitarians of the zodiac. Tabourn suggests they're the perfect people to organize holiday card writing parties for those who tend to be forgotten during the holidays, like the elderly or the incarcerated.

If you're a Pisces, your horoscope by holiday should focus on self-care that nurtures your sensitivity. Tabourn advises getting "immersed in water in a way that's really nourishing and cleansing." Go for hot springs, hot tubs, or hot baths. Revel in a long (10) _____ and feel the sweetness of me-time — especially during a busy holiday season. You'll probably love to relax by the shore.

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ANSWERS		
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TEXT 2

Read the following article about a man whose mum became a nun and choose the correct answer (a, b or c) according to the text. *Item 0* is an example. Write your answers in the white boxes on the right. (3.2 marks: 0.4 each)

MY MUM THE NUN

Vivacious, wealthy and charismatic, my mother threw an extravagant party for her 61st birthday. It was like a beehive. A buzzing mass of 800 guests gathered around the queen, their larder of honey replaced by shrimp croquettes and caviar.

It was 32 years ago when my mother, Ann Russell Miller, threw a combination 61st birthday and bon voyage party in the grand ballroom of a San Francisco hotel. Above her floated a balloon, tied to her wrist and emblazoned with the phrase: "Here I am." She manoeuvred about, dressed elegantly in sparkling black. Her makeup was flawlessly applied, her hair expertly coiffed, her shoes chosen from hundreds of exquisite pairs. But this was her last formal outfit. She would never wear makeup again. The following day her hair would be shorn close to her scalp and forever hidden under a veil. For the next three decades she would wear the simple brown habit, with sandals or work shoes, befitting her new life as a cloistered nun.

Long before her 61st birthday extravaganza, my mother's life was glittering. Her father was a railroad man who had risen from timekeeper to chief executive. He had been on the covers of *Time* and *Forbes* magazines. She had married well. Her husband's parents were the chief executive of California's largest utility and the co-heiress of Folgers Coffee. My parents' home was a nine-bedroom, ten-bathroom mansion in Pacific Heights in San Francisco. It was afterwards owned by the lead guitarist of Metallica. While life has numerous ups and downs, I hope he enjoys riding in the house elevator as much as I did.

In the months preceding her farewell bash, she systematically divested herself of every worldly possession. She sold her enormous house and disposed of each and every personal item. To friends she gave away her collection of dozens of specially made bamboo parasols that were crafted using Hermès scarves she selected. The contents of her cedar-lined closets, chock-a-block full of shoes, were parcelled out in multiple scenes reminiscent of Cinderella's stepsisters futilely cramming their toes into sculpted glass. Handbags, photographs, jewellery and all the myriad accoutrements of her life were donated, gifted and otherwise shed. Of course, she would be leaving behind her children as well as her grandchildren.

At her San Francisco farewell party she winked at those who declared that she would be back in less than a year. She tried to disarm with humour those who knew better. For those of us who were her children, this evening did not come as a surprise. Two years earlier she had taken, first her daughters, then her sons, to a pair of luncheons. She intended to become a nun in two years.

There was a full spectrum of reactions. Among the guests at her final party was a suitor who had been stung. The man was a lifelong friend and remained exceptionally fond of my mother. As he sipped from his continuously charged champagne flute, his thoughts must have returned to the enormous yacht he had chartered 18 months before. He invited my mother, and her inevitable entourage, to join him for two weeks cruising the coasts of the Adriatic and Aegean seas. On the final night of the voyage, he invited all those aboard to the aft deck at sunset. He knelt and offered his hand in marriage. She dismissed the idea with the words: "Oh, don't be silly."

I get asked a lot of questions as the child of a nun. My least favourite is some version of: "Was she religious?" Um, well, yes. I don't know of too many non-religious people who lock themselves up in a convent. She began going to church every day in 1971. Whenever she travelled, she brought along a priest so that she could attend daily mass wherever she was. White-water rafting in Idaho? Bring a paddle for the priest. Scuba-diving in a dormant Hawaiian volcano? Save a helicopter seat for the priest.

The question I never get asked is: "Was she a good driver?" Because my mother was a luridly bad driver. She perennially drove at breakneck speeds while distractedly chatting amiably from the driver's seat as breezily as if mingling at a cocktail party. She once drove a newly hired nanny from our family farm exactly 1.8 miles down a winding, narrow country road with a precipitous drop-off to one side. At the stop sign, the woman got out of the car, announced she was not proceeding one more inch in that death-mobile, and quit her job on the spot. I instantly liked her. I also never saw her again.



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0. The narrator's mum, Anne Miller,

- a. **hosted a gathering with myriads of guests.**
- b. organized a huge party for her daughter.
- c. was an eccentric affluent artist.

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1. Anne Miller

- a. had a balloon flying over her house at a party.
- b. joined a religious order some days after a party.
- c. meticulously took care of her appearance for the party.

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2. The narrator's mother

- a. climbed up the ladder thanks to her marriage.
- b. had a thriving life and marriage.
- c. had appeared on the covers of influential magazines.

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3. The narrator

- a. lived in a huge two-storey mansion.
- b. rode in the lift for fun.
- c. was fond of his family house new dweller.

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4. Some time before the party, the narrator's mum

- a. donated all her belongings to charity.
- b. parted with all her possessions.
- c. traded all her jewels and complements.

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5. The narrator's mother

- a. properly disclosed her future plans on her anniversary.
- b. reacted amusingly to her guests' doubts.
- c. simultaneously shared her plans with the whole family.

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6. One of the guests at the party

- a. got really distressed when he heard the news.
- b. had popped the question during a cruise.
- c. was dismissed for being a heavy drinker.

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7. The narrator

- a. assumes that his mother was a fervent believer.
- b. found it foolish to travel everywhere with a cleric.
- c. gets really annoyed when asked about her mum's faith.

⑦

8. The narrator's mum

- a. led a babysitter to give up her long-standing job.
- b. was a reckless and careless driver.
- c. was never inquired about her driving skills.

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TEXT 3

Read the following article about some Bangladeshi cultural practices, and decide which of the options (A - K) is the most appropriate to fill in each gap. Each option can be used only ONCE. There are **three extra options** which do not match any gaps. *Item 0* is an example. Do not forget to write your answers in the white boxes on the next page. (2.8 marks: 0.4 each)

WHO NEEDS CUTLERY ANYWAY?

When I first introduced my now-husband to my family, he was met with open arms by everyone – except my nine-year-old niece. “Why does Auntie have to marry that man?” she asked, “I bet he can’t even eat with his hands.”

In fact, my British Jewish fiancé was adept at eating with his hands, but my niece’s assumption that he couldn’t maintain this most basic of Bangladeshi cultural practices (0) H . If he couldn’t even manage that, how was he going to be good enough to marry her beloved aunt? At our first family meal together, she eyed him curiously as he ignored the knife and fork laid out for him – the sole cutlery on the table – and studiously mixed the steaming rice and yellow dal with his fingers. My father put a piece of fried fish on his future son-in-law’s plate, a carefully selected piece usually reserved for children because it contains fewer bones. My mother reassured him that he could use a fork if he preferred, (1) _____.

I watched with apprehension, mixed with pride, as my husband-to-be carefully probed the fish, pressing for treacherous bones with his thumb and forefinger, as I had shown him how to. He ate slowly and deliberately, maintaining the correct conventions of hand eating, touching the food only with the right hand. My parents were impressed and reassured that their new son-in-law was able to maintain this cultural practice. After our wedding, we were invited to dine at the homes of my many aunts and uncles across the country, (2) _____. At each dinner, my husband impressed his hosts by expertly eating with his hands.

In the west, (3) _____: “finger food” exists as an entire category of culinary delights, and it is considered normal to eat certain foods with hands. Nobody would look twice at someone eating a burger with their hands in a restaurant, and eating a pizza with a knife and fork may even be considered a faux pas. But there remains a clear line; nobody is eating chicken tikka masala and pilau rice with their hands in their local curry house (save for in a few cherished eateries in parts of east London, (4) _____ who want to wash before and after partaking in their plates of aromatic kacchi biryani).

It is hardly surprising that the fascination about the “correct” way to eat goes the other way too. My grandfather, who owned an Indian-Bangladeshi restaurant in Manchester in the 1970s, referred to knives and forks as *sifkhata* – which literally translates to “chip cutter” – and was adamant that his children and grandchildren learned to use them properly, so we wouldn’t be flummoxed by the various rules (5) _____.

When I started at Oxford University, almost a decade after my grandfather had passed away, I was grateful again for his insistence, (6) _____ on those grand tables at formal hall. But just as there is an etiquette to using knives and forks (best simplified as: start on the outside and work your way in), eating with hands is no free-for-all. It is widely practised around the world, with cultures across the Middle East, Africa and Asia eating with their hands as a matter of course – but what is surprisingly common is the etiquette rules surrounding it.

There is, of course, the perennial debate about whether food really tastes better when eaten with our hands: something (7) _____, but there must be a reason why fish and chips eaten on a windy beach with fingers tastes infinitely better than when served on a warmed white china plate on a restaurant table.



- A. and the prospective groom had to scoop food into the mouth during each meal
- B. as I confidently navigated the cutlery laid out
- C. as is the custom for newlyweds
- D. but boldly he persisted
- E. of which hand to hold a fork in, or what a fish knife looked like
- F. so subjective can only be experienced personally
- G. that makes more careful and conscious bites
- ~~H. was apparently reason enough for her to withhold approval~~
- I. what was once considered taboo or ill-mannered has now become run of the mill
- J. where special sinks are installed for the Bangladeshi diners
- K. which hire authentic Bangladeshi cooks

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TEXT 1: ZODIAC FOR THE HOLIDAYS (4 marks: 0.4 each)

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1	INDULGE
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9	ENDURE
10	SOAK

TEXT 2: MY MUM THE NUN (3.2 marks: 0.4 each)

ANSWERS	
0	A
1	C
2	B
3	B
4	B
5	B
6	B
7	A
8	B

TEXT 3: WHO NEEDS CUTLERY ANYWAY? (2.8 marks: 0.4 each)

ANSWERS	
0	H
1	D
2	C
3	I
4	J
5	E
6	B
7	F