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Halloween - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. When did the Celts celebrate Samhain?

- A. the beginning of August
- B. mid-September
- ☒ C. the end of October
- D. the beginning of November

2. The Celts celebrated the _____ during Samhain.

- A. end of the rainy season
- B. beginning of summer
- ☒ C. end of harvest season
- D. founding of their civilization

3. The Celts wore costumes on Samhain to

- A. celebrate their country's independence.
- B. imitate the crops they grew.
- C. hide from their neighbors.
- ☒ D. scare away spirits.

4. Today, we put out candy for trick-or-treaters. What did the Celts originally leave out for spirits?

- A. clothing and money
- ☒ B. food and money
- C. dolls and clothing
- D. food and drinks

5. Which of the following is true about the Celts?

- ☒ A. They believed in gods, ghosts and fairies.
- B. They lived in what is now Mexico.
- C. They invented candy.
- D. They celebrated Samhain twice a year.

6. Which of the following best describes All Hallows' Eve?

- A. a Celtic holiday that replaced a Christian holiday
- ☒ C. a Christian holiday that replaced Samhain
- B. a name for Halloween that originated in the United States
- D. another name for Samhain

7. What happened when the Christians arrived in Celtic civilization?

- ☒ A. Many Celts converted to Christianity.
- C. They moved Samhain to December.
- B. They all left after only a few months.
- D. The Celts rejected Christianity completely.

8. Which of the following **does not** describe how Halloween is celebrated in the United States?

- A. People dress up in costumes.
- ☒ C. Religious centers put out food to keep ghosts away.
- B. People carve pumpkins to make jack-o-lanterns.
- D. none of the above

9. True or False: Halloween is still a religious holiday.

- A. True
- ☒ B. False

10. Which of the following is a holiday similar to Halloween?

- A. Diwali
- C. Cinco de Mayo
- B. Boxing Day
- ☒ D. Día de los Muertos