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New Year Celebrations Around the World

Directions: Circle the letter next to the answer that completes each sentence.

1. Ancient Egyptians celebrated the New Year _____.
 - a. in the spring, when crops started to grow
 - b. in the fall, when the harvest completed the growing season
 - c. in the winter, when the earth was quiet

2. January is named after the Roman god Janus, who is shown as a(n) _____.
 - a. harvest god
 - b. infant god
 - c. two-headed god

3. The Jewish New Year is celebrated in _____.
 - a. the winter
 - b. the spring
 - c. the fall

4. On New Year's Day in British Columbia and some other places, the polar bear swim takes place when people _____.
 - a. buy extra fish for polar bears
 - b. visit polar bears at the zoo
 - c. go swimming outside

5. The song "Auld Lang Syne" comes from _____.
 - a. Scotland
 - b. Germany
 - c. France

6. "Auld Lang Syne" roughly translates as _____.
 - a. "Happy New Year"
 - b. "Good Luck and Blessings"
 - c. "The Good Old Days"

7. The first Tournament of Roses Parade was held in _____.
 - a. 1896
 - b. 1912
 - c. 1946

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8. The Chinese New Year takes place in late January or early February and ends with _____.
- a. the battle of the dragons
 - b. the festival of lanterns
 - c. the dance of the flowers
9. New Year's Day is also _____.
- a. Eastern Orthodox Christmas
 - b. Twelfth Night
 - c. the last day of Kwanzaa
10. In Spain on New Year's Eve, it is traditional to eat 12 _____ at midnight.
- a. olives
 - b. almonds
 - c. grapes