Christmas Around the World

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. Which plant is traditionally associated with kissing beneath it at Christmas in Britain?
   A. Mistletoe
   B. Lavender
   C. Rosemary
   D. Sunflower

2. In Australia's four-season calendar, Christmas falls during which season?
   A. Spring
   B. Winter
   C. Summer
   D. Autumn

3. The Spanish greeting 'Feliz Navidad' means what?
   A. Happy birthday
   B. Merry Christmas
   C. Good morning
   D. Happy Easter

4. Panettone is a Christmas sweet bread associated with which country?
   A. Greece
   B. Sweden
   C. Mexico
   D. Italy

5. In 'The Twelve Days of Christmas,' what is given on the first day?
   A. Two turtle doves
   B. A partridge in a pear tree
   C. Three French hens
   D. Four calling birds

6. Las Posadas, celebrated in Mexico and elsewhere, reenacts which search?
   A. Mary and Joseph seeking lodging
   B. The Magi seeking a ship
   C. Saint Nicholas seeking a reindeer
   D. Shepherds seeking a crown

7. In Italian folklore, La Befana traditionally brings gifts around which January holiday?
   A. All Saints' Day
   B. New Year's Eve
   C. Valentine's Day
   D. Epiphany

8. A French bûche de Noël cake is traditionally shaped like what?
   A. A star
   B. A bell
   C. A log
   D. A wreath

9. 'Silent Night' was first performed in 1818 in which present-day country?
   A. Austria
   B. Germany
   C. Switzerland
   D. Poland

10. Saint Lucia celebrations on December 13 are especially associated with which country?
   A. Thailand
   B. Portugal
   C. Argentina
   D. Sweden

11. Iceland's Christmas folklore features how many Yule Lads?
   A. Nine
   B. Seven
   C. Thirteen
   D. Twelve

12. Why do some Orthodox churches celebrate Christmas on January 7 of the civil calendar?
   A. They celebrate the solstice instead
   B. Their December 25 follows the Julian calendar
   C. They move Christmas to the first Sunday
   D. They use the lunar new year

13. The historical Saint Nicholas was a bishop of Myra in what is now which country?

A. Russia
B. Finland
C. Ireland
D. Türkiye

14. A Philippine parol is traditionally made in which shape?

A. A star
B. A bell
C. A candle
D. A snowflake

15. In the original 1843 A Christmas Carol, which spirit visits Scrooge first, before the three Christmas spirits?

A. The Ghost of Christmas Present
B. The Ghost of Christmas Past
C. Jacob Marley's ghost
D. The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come