

CPI2 – Oral Assessment

A Midsummer Daydream

By Tom Shakespeare

1. How many festivals do the British celebrate each summer? 4
2. Nowadays, Shakespeare suggests that festivals are mostly for young people to listen to music. True or false? True
3. Fifteen hundred years ago, what did the Anglo-Saxons and Celts celebrate? Marks passage of seasons and the cycle of the sun
4. What are 2 “recycled Pagan holidays” now called? Easter and Christmas
5. What does the Harvest Festival celebrate? The end of summer
6. What is Midsummer” also called? The summer solstice
7. What does Norway’s “midsummer” festival include? A bonfire
8. What 3 Catholic countries celebrate the festival of St. John (2 points)? Brazil, Argentina, Portugal
9. How are the lives of the British usually “broken up” during the summer? (3 points) New Years sales, school holidays, bank holidays
10. How many weeks of regular holiday do the British receive? 4 weeks
11. What do the Japanese celebrate? The seasons
12. Why does Shakespeare like festivals? They give rhythm to the year
13. What does “equinox” refer to? The 2 days of the year when night and day are the same length
14. What is Andy Gibson’s job? A community worker
15. According to Shakespeare, what is the “second main point” about festivals? They bring people together
16. Does Shakespeare suggest we should be worshipping something? No
17. What could we celebrate at Midwinter? The shortest day of the year
18. What does Tom Shakespeare want to do on November 2nd? Light a candle in remembrance of his father