

Practice Test One: Diagnostic Test

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44. What type of food does Dan's specialize in?
45. Which word best describes the atmosphere at Dan's Place?
46. What item is not found on the menu?
47. What is the main subject of the passage?
48. In which of the following classes would this lecture most likely be given?
49. Which location is mentioned as a place where many cultures come together?

(narrator) *Questions 47 through 50 are based on the following talk.*

In 1846 Englishman William J. Thoms defined folklore as "manners, customs, observances, superstitions, ballads, proverbs, etcetera, of the olden time." But folklore doesn't happen only in the distant past. As we go about our lives, forming and participating in different groups and activities, we create modern-day folklore. The folklore of the United States can be described as a convergence of cultures and an exchange of many folk traditions. In New York City, for instance, cultures interact constantly. At the city's West Indian Day parade, celebrants dance down the avenues to the beat of reggae and soca. In many neighborhoods, Hassidic Jews walk around wearing the distinctive black hats and clothing of their ancestors, and speaking with a New York accent. At the Puerto Rican Day parade, marchers wave cardboard machetes. The machete, a large metal knife used for chopping sugar cane, symbolizes the independent spirit of farmers on the island of Puerto Rico.

50. What does the machete symbolize for farmers in Puerto Rico?