**TASK 11 SECOND QUIMESTER**

**SECOND BGU**

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What do you do on Christmas Eve?

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Do you think that the way to celebrate holidays are different depending on each culture?

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• Read the text and answer the questions that follow in your notebook

**Festivals in Cuenca**

Cuenca’s Christmas Eve Pase del Niño parade, or the Procession of the Child, is a colorful mixture of the religious and the profane. It is a festival of thanksgiving that combines Catholic and indigenous traditions.

The parade usually lasts more than eight hours, and it includes floats and cars decorated with flowers, fruits and vegetables. Bands, dancers, street performers, and various Biblical characters participate, and the infant Jesus is carried through towns and villages. The parade takes place on Christmas Eve but the Pase del Niño celebration begins the first Sunday after Advent and continues until Carnival in March. Besides this celebration, Christmas in Cuenca also means nightly firework shows, concerts, and craft sales.

Questions:

1. Have you ever been to Cuenca?

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1. Is parade of the Baby Jesus a tradition in your hometown?

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1. What other Ecuadorian festivals do you know?

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