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## All About Dussehra Celebration in South India

Join our friend Beautiful  Butterfly to read the passage and answer the following question. 

In South India, in Tamil Nadu, the nine days preceding Dussehra have been equally divided for worshipping the three Goddesses namely Lakshmi (the first three days are dedicated to the Goddess of wealth and prosperity), Saraswati (the next three days are dedicated to the Goddess of learning and arts) and Durga (the last three days are dedicated to Mother Goddess, Shakti).



The women and children of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka arrange small statues and dolls, known as 'Bomma Golu', on artificial steps and decorate the steps and the nearby place with beautiful lamps and flowers. They visit their friends and relatives' house and sing devotional songs.



From the very first day of the festival, songs and stories form a part of the celebration and a dish made out of chickpeas known as 'sundal' is made for the dolls as prasada to relish on. Vijayadashmi is the day when the Bommai Golu is taken down ceremoniously. On the day of Vijayadashmi, vidya aarambh (vidyaarambam) is observed. The day is considered very auspicious, especially for the children to begin their

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education in academics as well as art. Saraswati puja is done on Vijayadashami. A similar tradition can be seen in Kerala as well.



Mysore is famous for a gala procession of richly bedecked elephants on the brightly lit streets of the city on Dussehra. In Mysore, effigies of Ravana, Meghnath and Kumbhakaran are burnt. The Mysore palace is illuminated for a whole month during the festive season of Dussehra. Caparisoned elephants lead a colourful procession through the vibrantly decorated streets of the princely city. In Andhra Pradesh, Dussehra is popularly referred to as Dasara.



Answer the following question form the passage.

1. How Dussehra is celebrated in Tamil Nadu?

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2. What is 'Boomai Golu'?

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3. A dish made out of chickpeas for the dolls as prasad to relish on is known as.....

4. Which is auspicious day for the children to begin their education in academic and as well as art?

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5. In Mysore whose effigies are burnt?

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6. In Andhra Pradesh, Dussehra is popularly referred to as

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