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**Reading**  
**Question Booklet**

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Instructions:

1. There are 16 pages in this Question Booklet.
2. Time allowed is 35 minutes.
3. Do not write anything in this Question Booklet.
4. **Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet provided.**

## Part 1

*All Form 3 students are going to attend a travel expo to gather information for the class trip. Your English teacher has given you extracts from a travel brochure and a fact sheet to help you prepare for the expo.*

Read the travel brochure and fact sheet and answer the questions.

### Travel Brochure

## LET'S VISIT JAPAN

### THE COUNTRY OF THE CHERRY BLOSSOM, RAMEN & SUMO WRESTLING

#### SAKURA OR CHERRY BLOSSOM

Cherry blossom time runs from early March to the end of April. This time of year is very popular with both locals and visitors. Springtime in Japan is full of images of trees awash with pink blossoms.

##### Why are they so popular?

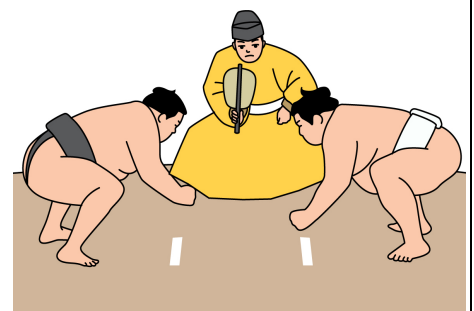
The cherry blossoms are painted, written about in poems and photographed. The flowers are also a symbol of new beginnings.



Before the start of the season, there is a countdown called the Cherry Blossom Forecast. It can be seen daily on television and shows the blooming of the blossoms as they sweep from the south to the north. Since 1951, scientists have been tracking the blossoms as they bloom. Today it is very hi-tech with scientists using mathematical equations to forecast the blooming of the sakura.

#### SUMO WRESTLING...

is a professional sport in Japan. It is also a way of life. The wrestlers fight in a ring called a dohyo. They also wear a special hair style called an oichomage. The sport appeals to many foreigners because it is exotic. Many have tried to break into the ranks but few succeeded until recent years. The language factor has made it difficult, as has the way of life of the sumo wrestler.



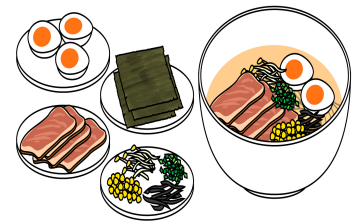
#### RAMEN

Ramen spread from China to Japan. They are thin egg noodles served in a hot broth, flavoured with miso. Ramen are usually topped with slices of roast pork, bean sprouts, sweetcorn and butter.

##### The noodles...

are made from egg, wheat flour, water, salt water and salt.

Noodles are judged on their thickness, the percentage of water used to make them, the degree of wave, shape and their colour.



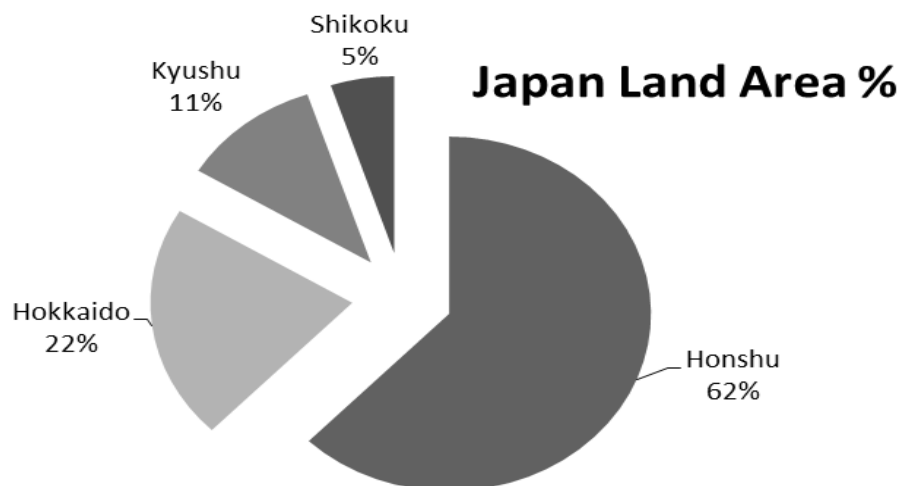
##### The soup...

is a key factor. It is usually made with salt, soy sauce and miso. To finish the broth, pork bone broth or chicken bone broth is added as well as a soup which may include sardines, other seafood or vegetable ingredients.

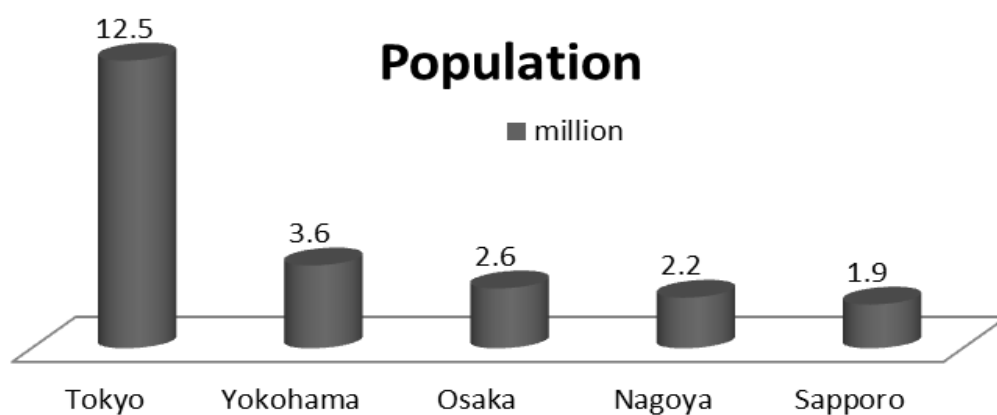
# JAPAN

**Country Name:** Japan

**Land Area:** 377,887 square kilometres spread out over 4 main islands and 6,852 smaller islands



**Population:** Tokyo is the capital city. It is also the largest city, followed closely by Yokohama, Osaka, Nagoya and Sapporo.



Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

### Travel Brochure

1. Cherry blossoms start blooming \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. in late March
  - B. on television
  - C. with the help of scientists
  - D. in spring
  
2. Cherry blossoms \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. only bloom when visitors come to Japan
  - B. only bloom for two months every year
  - C. have been blooming since 1951
  - D. are only written about in poems
  
3. Trees are 'awash' with blossoms. This means the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. trees are covered with blossoms
  - B. blossoms are painted with a colour wash
  - C. blossoms are washed
  - D. trees are washed before being photographed
  
4. Ramen noodles are topped with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. salt
  - B. salt water
  - C. butter
  - D. water
  
5. Ramen noodles are made from eggs, water and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. roast pork
  - B. sardines
  - C. seafood
  - D. wheat flour
  
6. Ramen noodles are judged on \_\_\_\_\_ factors.
  - A. 2
  - B. 3
  - C. 4
  - D. 5

7. Not many foreigners are sumo wrestlers because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. sumo wrestling is very dangerous
  - B. it is a difficult sport to get into
  - C. only Japanese men know how to wear the oichomage
  - D. foreigners are not allowed in the dohyo

**Fact Sheet**

8. Japan is made up of a total of \_\_\_\_\_ islands.
- A. 377,887
  - B. 6,852
  - C. 4
  - D. 6,856
9. According to the pie chart, the largest island is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Hokkaido
  - B. Kyushu
  - C. Shikoku
  - D. Honshu
10. The smallest of the main islands is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Hokkaido
  - B. Kyushu
  - C. Shikoku
  - D. Honshu
11. The population of Tokyo is \_\_\_\_\_ million.
- A. 12.5
  - B. 3.6
  - C. 2.6
  - D. 2.2

12. The smallest of the main cities in Japan is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Yokohama
- B. Sapporo
- C. Nagoya
- D. Osaka

## Part 2

*You are going to visit the Hong Kong Museum and do a report on dinosaurs. Your English teacher has given you a poem to help you get started.*

Read the poem and answer the questions.

### I Tried to Find a Dinosaur

I tried to find a dinosaur.  
I started in my yard.  
I dug and dug for days and days.  
The work was long and hard.



I dug through dirt and mud and muck.  
I dug through rocks and soil.  
My arms grew sore. My legs grew weak  
from all the sweat and toil.



I shoveled tons of gravel out.  
I moved a bunch of stones,  
until, at last, to my surprise,  
I found some fossil bones.



I put the bones together in  
my bedroom on the floor.  
When I was done, those bones had formed  
a half a dinosaur.



My parents weren't too happy when  
I told them of my goal.  
I found a half a dinosaur,  
but then they found the hole.



Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

**Stanza One**

1. The poet is trying to find a dinosaur. This means he is trying to find \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. rocks
  - B. soil
  - C. a skeleton
  - D. a live animal
2. The rhyming words in the first stanza are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. dinosaur and yard
  - B. yard and hard
  - C. days and days
  - D. dug and dug

**Stanzas One and Two**

3. In stanza one the poet writes the work was 'long and hard'. The words that show this in stanza two are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. dirt and mud
  - B. rocks and soil
  - C. sweat and toil
  - D. arms and grew

**Stanzas Two and Three**

4. The words that describe the work the boy did are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. dug, shoveled and gravel
  - B. sweat, moved and stones
  - C. toil, found and bones
  - D. shoveled, dug and moved

**Stanzas Three and Four**

5. The boy actually found \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. lots of different dinosaurs
  - B. bones on the floor of his bedroom
  - C. an incomplete dinosaur
  - D. a bunch of stones



**Stanza Five**

6. In stanza five the word that rhymes with 'goal' is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. half
  - B. when
  - C. found
  - D. hole
7. In the poem, the boy wants to find a dinosaur because he \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. was asked to by his parents
  - B. is interested in dinosaurs
  - C. wants to be infamous
  - D. is bored at home
8. The poem is called 'I Tried to Find a Dinosaur'. It could also be called \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. I Made My Parents Angry
  - B. I Found Some Bones
  - C. My Yard Now Has A Hole
  - D. all of the above

### Part 3

*All Form 3 classes will be holding parties to celebrate different holidays. Your English teacher has given you a website extract, a sample invitation and some instructions to help you prepare for the party.*

Read the website extract, sample invitation, the instructions, and answer the questions.

#### Website Extract

www.theholidaysampler.com

## WORLD FESTIVALS



### Christmas

This festival is held all over the world on December 25<sup>th</sup>. People celebrate Christmas by getting a tree and decorating it with ornaments. They give each other gifts and cards. In some countries 'caroling' is a special activity where groups of people go through neighbourhoods and sing special Christmas songs.





### Chinese New Year

In Mainland China and Hong Kong, children celebrate Chinese New Year by dressing in new clothes. There are huge parades which are sometimes led by a silk dragon. The dragon is a symbol of strength. People also carry lanterns and throw firecrackers to keep the dragon awake. This year the festival will be held from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of February.



### Day of the Dead

In Mexico on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November relatives remember their loved ones who have died. They go to the graveyard and visit them. They have a meal in the graveyard. Stores sell sugar-candy coffins, breads decorated with bone shapes and toy skeletons.



### O-Bon

In Japan, O-Bon is a way to keep the memory of ancestors alive. It is held in the summer from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of August. People light candles and put them in lanterns. The lanterns are floated on rivers and seas. They also visit the graves of those who have died.



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## **Instructions for the Secret Santa Giveaway**

Each student will be asked to buy a present valued between \$10 & \$20.

Wrap your present and give it to Mrs. Mack or Mr. Tai.

All presents will be placed under the Christmas tree in the hall.

Before the end of the Christmas party, Mrs. Tsui, the School Supervisor, and the Principal will give the presents to the class teachers.

All students will then be given a different present in the hall by their class teachers.

## **School Decorations for the Christmas Party**

Each class will be asked to choose one decoration (tree, ornament, star...) and each student will be required to make one.

These decorations will be collected. They will be turned into banners or used to decorate the school, the notice boards and of course the school Christmas tree.

Don't forget to write your name and form somewhere on your decoration.

The School Supervisor will choose the best decorations from each form and prizes will be awarded.



Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

**Website Extract**

1. The festival held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Chinese New Year
  - B. Christmas
  - C. Day of the Dead
  - D. O-Bon
  
2. A feature of the Christmas celebrations is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. going for a walk to the river
  - B. buying new clothes
  - C. singing for others
  - D. buying a sugar-candy coffin
  
3. The two festivals that use lanterns are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Christmas / Chinese New Year
  - B. Chinese New Year / Day of the Dead
  - C. Day of the Dead / O-Bon
  - D. O-Bon / Chinese New Year
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ are used during Chinese New Year and \_\_\_\_\_ are used during O-Bon.
  - A. Firecrackers / candles
  - B. Trees / dragons
  - C. Graveyards / lanterns
  - D. Ornaments / firecrackers
  
5. The festivals that celebrate the dead are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Christmas / Chinese New Year
  - B. Chinese New Year / Day of the Dead
  - C. O-Bon / Christmas
  - D. Day of the Dead / O-Bon
  
6. The Day of the Dead is held in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. February
  - B. August
  - C. November
  - D. December

7. According to the website, \_\_\_\_\_ is a festival that is celebrated worldwide.
- A. Chinese New Year
  - B. Christmas
  - C. Day of the Dead
  - D. O-Bon
8. According to the website, the festival that features sweets and food is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Chinese New Year
  - B. Christmas
  - C. Day of the Dead
  - D. O-Bon

**Sample Invitation & Instructions for the Secret Santa Giveaway**

9. The Ho Ho Ho Holiday Party is being held for \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. The Secret Santa
  - B. all students at the school
  - C. Mrs. Mack and Mr. Tai
  - D. Mrs. Tsui and the Principal
10. The Ho Ho Ho Holiday Party is being held \_\_\_\_\_ days before Christmas.
- A. 3
  - B. 5
  - C. 10
  - D. 20

**Instructions for the Secret Santa Giveaway**

11. The Christmas tree with presents will be put up \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. by Mrs. Tsui
  - B. at the end of the party
  - C. in each classroom
  - D. in the school hall
12. The person(s) who will hand out the Secret Santa presents to students is/are \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Mrs. Mack and Mr. Tai
  - B. the Principal
  - C. Mrs. Tsui
  - D. the class teachers

13. The most expensive Secret Santa gifts will be worth \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.
- A. 3
  - B. 9
  - C. 10
  - D. 20

**School Decorations for the Christmas Party**

14. The decorations for the Christmas Party will be made by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the students
  - B. Mrs. Mack
  - C. the class teachers
  - D. Mr. Tai
15. The decorations for the party will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the same
  - B. related to Christmas
  - C. expensive to make
  - D. used as prizes
16. The best decorations will be chosen by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the class teachers
  - B. Mr. Tai and Mrs. Mack
  - C. the Principal
  - D. Mrs. Tsui

**END OF PAPER**

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