GAPPED TEXT: PRACTICE 2

The folded paper crane is a legendary origami symbol in Japan. Since ancient times, the Japanese have acknowledged the crane as a symbol of longevity and good fortune. Apparently, everybody in Japan has made at least one origami crane. The Japanese believe that folding a thousand origami cranes is one way to pray for good health. Chains of a thousand paper cranes relieve pain abd misery and bring hope to people who see them. Occasionally, friends will work together to fold a thousand cranes and string them on thread into long chains, which they take to the sick friend. (1)_____. But in the past, "a thousand origami cranes" generally referred to a large number of paper cranes and did not have to be exactly 1,000.

Every Japanese knows "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes", the story of a girl who died of leukaemia. Sadako Sasaki was just two years old when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. (2) _____. However, she developed leukaemia when she was 11 years old. Like any typical Japanese, Sadako believed that she could make her wish come true by folding a thousand paper cranes. (3) _____. But she died at age 12, before her project was completed. It is said that after she died, her classmates finished folding her cranes for her.

In memory of her and the children who had been victims of the atomic bomb, Sadako's classmates collected donations from schools throughout Japan to build a monument. (4) _____. Universally, the story of Sadako has come to symbolise the hope that no child will ever again be killed by an atomic bomb.

Japan now has a museum dedicated to origami. Located in the city of Kaga in Ishikawa Prefecture, The Nippon (Japan) Origami Museum has a collection of an amazing 100,000 origami figures. (5) _____. As there are origami lovers everywhere, the Nippon Origami Museum has a special section for figures sent by people from all over the world. The quality of many of these figures is different from native Japanese origami pieces. Another area of the museum is dedicated to a display of ultra-miniature origami figures while Dinosaur Land exhibits origami dinosaurs. To give visitors a chance to enjoy the world of origami more deeply. The Nippon Origami Museum also offers origami lessons and has a multimedia space.

A. These origami figures are not only from Japan.
B. The phrase "a thousand origami cranes" today really means a thousand.
C. Wishing for good health, Sadako began folding a thousand paper cranes.
D. The bomb did not kill her and she suffered no immediate injury.
E. They wish their sick friend can recover by folding a thousand cranes.
F. Every day the monument is surrounded by piles of thousand-crane chains sent by people across the globe.
G. These origami figures have many different colours and patterns.

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