

**ORAL COMPREHENSION****THE MASCOTS OF JAPAN**

**1** You are going to hear an interview about Japanese culture. Listen to Part 1 and complete the sentences with one or two words. (5 x 1 = 5 points)

- 1 Compared to the West, the Japanese take mascots .....
- 2 The purpose of Hikonyan, the white cat mascot, was to ..... tourism.
- 3 A mascot which appears in crowds is a person in a .....
- 4 Seeing the success of Hikonyan, other cities and towns wanted ..... mascots.
- 5 Mascots ..... towns, cities, schools and organisations.

**2** Listen to Part 2 and choose the correct answer. (5 x 1 = 5 points)

- 1 We understand that Kumamon did not ...
  - a help raise funds for the area
  - b achieve its original purpose
  - c stay popular for many years
- 2 How many mascots were there at the 2015 Grand Prix?
  - a 2,010
  - b 169
  - c 1,727
- 3 You would not expect a mascot to ...
  - a act silly
  - b play tricks on the audience
  - c speak
- 4 What does Wendy claim about the Japanese love of mascots?
  - a It comes from Shinto outlooks and beliefs.
  - b It shows the effect of Western religions.
  - c It shows that the Shinto outlook has changed.
- 5 Wendy feels that mascots ...
  - a reflect Japanese individualism
  - b are enjoyed mainly by religious Japanese
  - c have replaced some aspects of religion