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SOCIAL STUDIES

OTHER NATIONS, OTHER CULTURES - JAPAN

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the information and study the map carefully below, then answer question (a). Use your background knowledge about JAPAN to answer questions (b), (c), (d), and (e).

CLIMATE

“Temperate monsoon” in central and southern parts: winters are dry and cool, and summers are hot and wet.

In the north, summers are cooler and winters are very cold. There is more rain in the south. Snow may fall anywhere in the winter

Area 378 000 square kilometers

Population 126.8 million

Capital city Tokyo

Sports karate, judo, sumo wrestling

Industries electronics, textiles, banking
Electrical engineering
heavy engineering
(cars, ships)

Companies Hitachi, Nissan,
Toshiba, Matsushita
Sony, Honda,
Toyota, NEC



(a) What is the name of the second largest island in Japan?

_____ [1]

(b) ‘Like The Bahamas, Japan celebrates many special days. One such day is Children’s Day.’ What is another name for the Children’s Day festival and when is it held?

[2]

Event: _____ Date/Time _____

(c) In Japan, Iris leaves are placed in the bath water of little boys.

According to Japanese culture, this action is important because it gives them _____ and _____. [2]

_____ and _____.

(d) **‘The Bahamas and Japan share many similarities.’**

I. How are Japan and The Bahamas alike in their geographical makeup? [1]

- A. Volcanic islands
- B. Peninsulas
- C. Archipelagos
- D. Continents

(e) **“In Japan, traditional New Year’s Day foods have special meanings.”** Write the name of one food next to its correct meaning in the table below.

SPECIAL MEANING	FOOD ITEMS
_____ Brings happiness to you	A. rice cakes (mochi) B. foods made from seaweed C. potatoes D. iris leaves E. carp F. sweet rice
_____ Brings you good fortune	
_____ Drives away evil spirits	
_____ Gives you energy and power	