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English Drill 2

PART 4 (READING COMPREHENSION)

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO...????

- Read entire text carefully and try to understand what the text is all about.
- Underline the words that you are unsure of the meaning.
- Then, read the questions follow.
- Skimming the text and try to find the answers for each questions, put the answers in bracket "()".
- Make sure that your answer should be in short, simple yet precise answer.

TIPS

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TRICKS

- For the "finding word that suit the meaning given" question, you must use/find the word from the TEXT only

Meaning	Word
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Read the text carefully, then answer questions (a) - (h)

THE JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

The Japanese tea ceremony, also called the Way of Tea, is a Japanese cultural activity involving the ceremonial preparation and presentation of matcha—powdered green tea. The objective of the Japanese tea ceremony is to create relaxed communication between the host and his guests. It is partly based on the etiquette of serving tea (Temae), but it also includes these elements: architecture, landscape gardening, unique tea utensils, paintings, flower arrangement, ceramics, calligraphy and other elements.

Its ultimate aim is to achieve deep spiritual satisfaction through the drinking of tea and through silent meditation. On a different level, the Japanese tea ceremony is simply a form of entertainment where the guests are invited to drink tea in a pleasant and relaxing room. The bonds of friendship between the host and guests are strengthened during the ceremony when the host himself makes and serves the tea.

The ceremonial serving of tea used to be exclusively practiced by nobles and priests around the middle of the 14th century. Its popularity gradually spread to wealthy merchants, warlords during the era of civil warfare (in the 15th and 16th centuries), and their retainers.

The tea ceremony has been modified in many ways over the years. Until the end of the Edo period (1603–1868) it was practiced almost entirely by men. Women joined in only after the beginning of the Meiji era (1868–1912).

There are many schools of tea ceremony including the three Senke schools of Urasenke, Omotesenke, and Mushanokojisenke. They all uphold the spirit of the ceremony while observing their own distinctive styles of preparing and serving tea.

(a) What is another name for the Japanese tea ceremony ?

(b) What is the objective of the Japanese Tea Ceremony ?

(c) Name **two items** which are part and parcel of the tea ceremony ?

(i) _____
(ii) _____

(d) Who served the tea during the ceremony in the 14th century ?

(e) In what era were women allowed to join the ceremony ?

(f) How does the tea ceremony help one achieve spiritual satisfaction ?

(g) Fill in the table with an appropriate word from the text.

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(h) What are schools for the Japanese tea ceremony called ?