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Reading Comprehension

Unit 1, Week 1

Directions: Read the article. Then answer the questions about the article.

Island Dance

If you travel to Hawaii, you will probably see some dancing. Both the men and women perform a dance called the *hula*. This dance is so old that nobody knows for sure where it came from. The Hawaiian people have been dancing the hula for as long as anyone can remember.

Hula dancers usually wear a necklace made of flowers called a *lei*. Skirts are made of grass, leaves, or cloth. Some dancers put beads made of bone or shell around their wrists and ankles.

Hula dancers use their bodies to tell a story. Their hands might make the leaves of a palm tree. Their bodies might bend like a shark. Their stories are about the world around them. As they dance, they keep the history of their people alive.

1 Which sentence **best** states the main idea of this article?

- (A) Hawaii is a popular place to travel.
- (B) The history of Hawaii is alive today.
- (C) Hula dancers wear flower necklaces called *lei*.
- (D) Hula is an ancient dance still performed in Hawaii.

2 What do hula dancers use to tell their stories?

- (A) dance music
- (B) spoken history
- (C) dance costumes
- (D) body movements

3 How do the Hawaiian people keep their history alive through the hula? Use details from the article to support your answer.

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Food in Japan

In Japan there are food traditions that have been followed for hundreds of years. Many of these traditions are about using good manners.

Most people in Japan eat with chopsticks. When serving from a platter, it's polite to use the other end of the chopsticks, not the end they put in their mouth.

Rice is served with every meal. It's the custom to take the rice bowl from the server with both hands. Soup is served with most meals. Sometimes it has pieces of seaweed in it. First people eat the pieces of seaweed with chopsticks, and then they sip the soup broth from the bowl. It takes skill to make good soup, so it is polite to say how good it is.

At the end of a meal, it's important to say thank you. That's good manners in any country!

4 Which sentence **best** states the main idea of the article?

- (A) In Japan, food on a platter is served with chopsticks.
- (B) People in Japan have traditional ways of eating.
- (C) In Japan, it is polite to say the soup is good.
- (D) People in Japan eat rice with every meal.

5 Which detail from the article supports the main idea?

- (A) It is polite to take a rice bowl with both hands.
- (B) Some foods are served on a platter.
- (C) It takes skill to make good soup.
- (D) Some soup has seaweed.

DONE!