

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