

Own it 1

Class A Gymnasium

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TASK 1

(5x2=10 marks)



Read the article about three people who write about their favourite foods. Then answer the questions that follow.

A. Asahi, Japan

I am from Tokyo, Japan. I usually have *ramen* for lunch. Ramen is a vegetable soup with noodles and pork. Although I like it, my favourite dish is *fugu*. Fugu is a famous Japanese fish dish for people who love taking risks! It has a deadly poison which is enough to kill 30 people. That's why in Japan only trained chefs in special restaurants are allowed to cook the dish. The funny thing is Fugu doesn't have an interesting taste; the excitement comes from surviving the experience of eating it. One negative thing about my favourite food is that it's expensive to buy.

B. Giuseppe, Italy

I come from Sardinia, Italy. I love traditional Italian dishes like pizzas and spaghetti, but my favourite food is *Casu Marzu*. *Casu Marzu* (also known as casu becciu, casu fattittu, casu muhidu, formaggio marcio) is a rare kind of cheese people make in Sardinia. They make it with fly larvae which help the cheese become soft and creamy. A larva is an insect when it has just come out of an egg and looks like a short fat worm. The cheese smells awful and when you see it you think it's disgusting but, in reality, it's delicious.

C. Alejandra, Colombia

I come from Colombia and my favourite food is *Hormigas Culonas*. *Hormigas Culonas* are large ants which people in Colombia pick in the spring. They are very good for you because they have more protein than meat and less fat. They are also good for the environment because they need less care and are not expensive to feed. My mum cooks them fried in butter or roasted with salt. You can also buy them from fast food restaurants in small paper bags. Visitors to our country sometimes think it's dangerous to eat them, but they are wrong.

Who says that their favourite food ...?	
1. is an unusual dairy product	_____
2. is for adventurous people	_____
3. is safe and healthy to eat	_____
4. tastes better than it looks	_____
5. costs a lot of money	_____

TASK 2

(5x2=10 marks)

Five sentences are missing from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

For each question write the correct answer . Write ONE word for each gap.

The couple at a traditional wedding in Japan change their clothes twice during their wedding day. Usually, both the bride and the groom wear a kimono. [1.] At first, grooms usually dress in *montsuki* – a formal black kimono with the groom’s family symbol on it. Brides, on the other hand, wear a white kimono with a white headdress called “uchikake”. [2.] These are formal, black kimonos with colourful designs. The fathers wear black suits with white ties.

After the wedding ceremony, the bride and groom change their clothes and get ready for a meal with their families and guests. The groom changes into suit and tie. The bride, changes into a brightly colored kimono with beautiful designs. [3.] Footwear consists of *tabi* socks and *zōri* sandals and accessories include a *hakoseko* wallet , a *sensu* folding fan, and sometimes a kaiken knife.

Female guests have to wear one-piece dresses or kimonos. [4.] Another thing female guests have to remember is never to wear white at a Japanese wedding! [5.] For men, the standard is a black suit with a white tie, but suits and ties in other colours are also fine.

- A. The Japanese think that wearing two-piece sets at weddings is bad luck .
- B. The mothers of the bride and groom also wear kimonos called “tomesodes”.
- C. Kimonos are long, loose Japanese robes with very wide sleeves.

- D. The colour white is a colour for the bride.
 E. The couple go round the tables and give gifts to all their guests.
 F. The designs on the bride's colourful kimono represent long life and happiness.

1. _____	2. _____	3. _____	4. _____	5. _____
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TASK 3

(10x1=10 marks)

For each question write the correct answer . Write ONE word for each gap.

People in my family take cooking very seriously! Take my grandmother, for example. Every meal is special, and she always takes time to prepare it. She 1. _____ the best homemade *Olio E Peperoncino* (Spaghetti With Garlic, Olive Oil & Chili Peppers) you have ever tried. It tastes so 2. _____ I always go back for more. The secret is that the ingredients she uses are always 3. _____ - vegetables from her garden and cheese from the local dairy. Granny knows exactly how 4. _____ of everything to put when making this recipe. For example, we love cheese, so she uses 5. _____ it to make the dish but never too much. She knows that cheese has a lot of salt in it, so too much cheese will make the spaghetti 6. _____ while too many chili peppers in the sauce will make it very 7. _____ and spicy! My grandmother generally hates food that is quick and easy to prepare but bad for you. She will never make us hotdogs or sweets which are too sugary. She says they are 8. _____ to eat. Mum 9. _____ have the time to cook the food grandma cooks because she spends a lot of time at work. So, every day when we finish school at 1.30, we go to our grandmother's house for 10. _____. Mum makes us a light dinner at about 8.30.

TASK 4

You recently went on a beach holiday and took lots of photos. This is your favourite one. Write an email to your English-speaking friend describing the photo. In your description , you should :

- say who the people in the phot are and what they are doing
- describe the people in the photo (including their clothes and accessories)
- say why this is your favourite photograph

