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Although Mahata and Kimi are pen pals, they have very different cultures. These are some differences they have learned about each other’s countries in their letters.

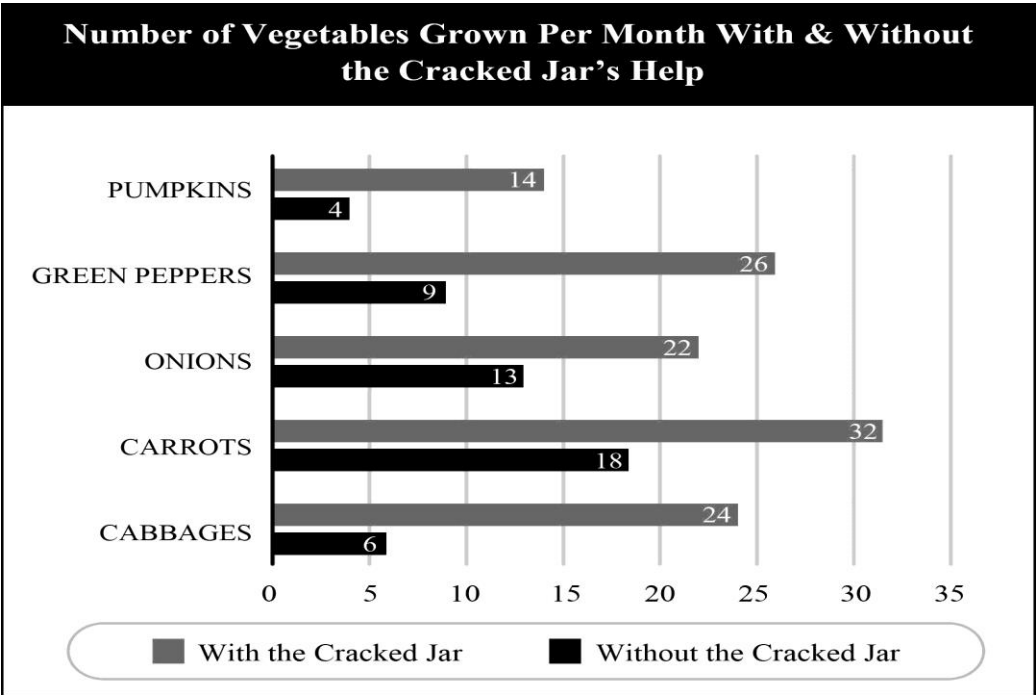


	Mahata's Country	Kimi's Country
Eating Habits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● eat with fork and spoon ● common foods: noodles and rice, beef and pork 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● eat with chopsticks ● common foods: potatoes, bread, fish
Tipping*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● required in taxis and restaurants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● not required
Clothes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● shorts and jeans are not allowed in temples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● casual* clothes are not acceptable in public places, such as museums and churches
Smiling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● always shows agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● can sometimes be used to make fun of people or to show disagreement

- () 1. According to the passage, which of the following customs is similar in Mahata’s and Kimi’s countries?
(A) Clothes. (B) Eating habits. (C) Tipping. (D) Smiling.
- () 2. Based on the information given by the table, who most likely comes from the same country as Kimi’s?
(A) Mark, who leaves extra cash to a waiter in addition to the bill.
(B) Vicky, who always wears a dress when she goes to church.
(C) Nelson, who smiles to show that he agrees his friend’s proposal for a trip plan.
(D) Joseph, who normally has his meals with a fork and a spoon.
- () 3. What is the purpose of this information?
(A) To sell a tour package.
(B) To explain the eating habits of two countries.
(C) To introduce two languages.
(D) To show cultural differences.

(2)

The graph below shows the changes in the number of different vegetables grown by an old man before and after he used the cracked jar on his farm.



- () 4. With the cracked jar’s help, how many extra onions could the old man grow every month?
(A) 0 (B) 9 (C) 13 (D) 22
- () 5. Which vegetable increased the most after the old man started using the cracked jar?
(A) Pumpkins. (B) Green Peppers. (C) Carrots. (D) Cabbages.
- () 6. Based on the graph, which of the following statements is true?
(A) When the old man started using the cracked jar, the number of carrots doubled.
(B) Before the old man started using the cracked jar, he grew more onions than carrots.
(C) With the cracked jar’s help, the old man grew almost three times as many green peppers.
(D) Without the cracked jar’s help, the old man could only grow 32 carrots every month.

(3)

How did you celebrate your last birthday? Perhaps you gathered with some family and friends. They sang “Happy Birthday” and brought out a cake with burning candles for you. You made a wish, blew out the candles, and then opened gifts. If this sounds familiar, it’s because

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these birthday traditions are shared by people around the world. However, did you know that birthday parties go back thousands of years?

We can thank the ancient Greeks for many of today's birthday party traditions. The ancient Greeks honored the moon goddess Artemis by baking round cakes to represent the full moon and putting candles on these cakes to make them glow. Smoke from the candles was believed to carry prayers to the gods up in the sky. This is where the modern custom of making a wish before blowing out the candles comes from.

At first, the ancient Greeks only celebrated the "births" of gods and goddesses. Later, they also celebrated the birthdays of kings and queens. Then, in ancient Rome, men started to celebrate their 50th birthday with a special cake. Unfortunately, however, women's birthdays weren't celebrated until over 1,000 years later.

- () 7. What's the best title for this passage?
- (A) Kings' and Queens' Birthdays.
(B) A Modern Tradition with Ancient Origins.
(C) The Invention of Birthday Candles.
(D) The Origins of the "Happy Birthday" Song.
- () 8. According to the passage, why were birthday candles blown out in ancient times?
- (A) To send people's prayers up to the gods.
(B) To celebrate the birthdays of gods.
(C) To drive evil ghosts away.
(D) To let people know the date of a birthday.
- () 9. Which of the following steps is most likely to be the final one in celebration of one's birthday?
- (A) The birthday boy/girl blows out the candles
(B) People sing "Happy Birthday" together for the birthday boy/girl.
(C) The birthday boy/girl makes his/her wishes.
(D) The birthday boy/girl opens his or her birthday gifts.
- () 10. Whose birthdays started being celebrated the most recently?
- (A) Fifty-year-old men. (B) Queens. (C) Regular women. (D) Goddesses.

(3)

India is one of the world's largest countries. People in different parts of India eat different kinds of food. But there's one custom they all share: eating with their hands.

In the south of India, rice is the most important dish. One common way to serve food is to put it on a large banana leaf instead of a plate. A pile of rice and several side dishes are placed on each person's leaf. Diners then mix the side dishes with the rice and scoop up bites with the

fingers of their right hand. Because southern India is near the sea, fish is also commonly eaten.


In the north of India, bread is more common. Each person is served a large, round piece of bread, and the dishes come in metal bowls and are shared. Diners rip off pieces of their bread and use them to scoop up bites of the dishes.

If you travel to India, eating might just be the best part of your trip. Don't be afraid to take food with your hands; it is part of the experience!

- () 11. What is this passage mainly about?
- (A) The importance of rice and bread in India.
(B) The eating customs in different parts of India.
(C) The weather in northern and southern India.
(D) The history of Indian foods.
- () 12. Which of the following statements is true about the south of India?
- (A) Bread is more common than rice. (B) It is far from the sea.
(C) Side dishes are mixed with rice. (D) People there eat with chopsticks.
- () 13. According to the passage, what do people use to pick up food in the north of India?
- (A) Banana leaves. (B) Bowls. (C) Spoons. (D) Bread.

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() 14. Who of the following can have free meals during the summer break?

- (A) A career woman. (B) An elementary school teacher.
(C) A retired man. (D) A high school student.

() 15. According to the leaflet (傳單), when can kids have a free lunch?

- (A) On weekends. (B) Anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
(C) On July 1. (D) On Wednesdays in August.

() 16. Which of the following statements is **NOT** true?

- (A) Adults are not allowed to have free meals there.
(B) Anyone that is interested in this activity has to sign up first.
(C) One can have at most two free meals a day.
(D) This activity is held to provide free meals during the summer break.

(5)

How do the ways of eating and diets differ around the world? Many countries have come up with their own solutions in order to maintain a healthier lifestyle. In China and Taiwan, for example, people use chopsticks in order to slow down the pace at which they are eating. Not only can this help prevent weight gain, but it can help with breaking down* the food on your plate as well. In some other parts of the world, for example in Mexico, people have their biggest meals during the daytime, at lunch time rather than* at dinner time. In this way, they can reduce the amount of food they eat at night, which has been proven to help with keeping down their weight. In still other countries, such as Italy, it is thought that drinking wine can help to lower the risk* of suffering from a heart disease and give you a longer life. No matter what part of the world you live in, you can always find the way of eating (and drinking) that best fits your diet and lifestyle.

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() 17. What's the article mainly about?

- (A) Examples of different ways of eating and diets in some countries.
(B) The reasons why people like to use different tools when eating.
(C) The best times and places for people to have their meals every day.
(D) How to develop healthy eating habits in different countries.

() 18. According to this article, why do people in Taiwan use chopsticks when eating?

- (A) It's convenient for them to pick up the food.
(B) They can slow down the speed at which they are eating in this way.
(C) Chopsticks are much easier to carry around.
(D) They are not used to using forks and knives.

() 19. In which country do people have food together with wine so as to live longer?

- (A) Thailand. (B) Mexico. (C) Italy. (D) China.

() 20. According to the article, which of the following health benefits may be brought to

a person who follows the ways of eating and diets in China?

- (A) having a lower risk of getting a heart disease
(B) digesting the food on a plate more easily
(C) having a better sleep at night
(D) losing weight quickly without any effort