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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is the main idea of the "Celebrations" section?
 - Ⓐ Japanese New Year is an important holiday.
 - Ⓑ Japanese people clean their homes on New Year's.
 - Ⓒ Japanese people send cards to celebrate New Year's.
 - Ⓓ Children often get gifts on New Year's.
2. Which detail supports the idea that the Japanese traded ideas with Chinese people?
 - Ⓐ Like China, Japan is thousands of years old.
 - Ⓑ Japanese writing borrows from Chinese writing.
 - Ⓒ Japan was once an empire and was ruled by emperors.
 - Ⓓ Japan's biggest cities are on the coast.
3. **Shoguns** are _____.
 - Ⓐ shaking of Earth's crust
 - Ⓑ raw fish
 - Ⓒ very tall buildings
 - Ⓓ military rulers
4. The author's purpose for comparing the size of California to Japan is _____.
 - Ⓐ to show how small Japan is
 - Ⓑ to show how large Japan is
 - Ⓒ to show how large the United States is
 - Ⓓ to show how California is far away from Japan
5. What is the main idea of the "Food" section?
 - Ⓐ Noodles are an important food in Japan.
 - Ⓑ Japanese people eat raw fish called sushi.
 - Ⓒ Rice, noodles, and fish are important foods in Japan.
 - Ⓓ Japanese people like to eat rice.

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6. Extended Response: How are Japanese New Year celebrations different from the ways you celebrate a new year? How are they the same?

1. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Answers will vary but should compare and contrast Japanese New Year celebrations with the students' own New Year's celebrations.