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

1. What is one of the main ideas of the section titled "Where Is It?"
 - Ⓐ The capital city of Japan, Tokyo, includes the Imperial Palace.
 - Ⓑ People travel to Tokyo on high-speed trains called *bullet trains*.
 - Ⓒ Japan is smaller than the state of California.
 - Ⓓ The capital city of Japan, Tokyo, is a busy, crowded city that includes both modern businesses and ancient places.
2. What is the author's purpose for including information about tsunamis?
 - Ⓐ to support the idea that Japan is located in a geologically unstable area
 - Ⓑ to persuade people not to visit Japan because of the dangers of tsunamis
 - Ⓒ to explain how calderas can fill with water
 - Ⓓ to support the idea that monsoons influence Japan's climate
3. **Monsoons** are _____.
 - Ⓐ destructive ocean waves
 - Ⓑ giant circular storms
 - Ⓒ seasonal storms that can bring heavy rain
 - Ⓓ Japanese robes or gowns
4. Why do you think Japan built high-speed bullet trains?
 - Ⓐ because people in Japan needed a very fast way to travel from city to city
 - Ⓑ because people in Japan enjoy creating new high-tech devices
 - Ⓒ because Japan is such a large country that people need a way to travel through it
 - Ⓓ because Japan is the leading country in the world on transportation issues

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5. Which detail supports the idea that the Japanese writing form is very complex?
 - Ⓐ Japan's main language is Japanese.
 - Ⓑ Japanese writing uses two scripts, and each script contains about fifty different symbols.
 - Ⓒ Japan was heavily influenced by its Chinese neighbors.
 - Ⓓ The Latin alphabet is used in English writing.

6. **Extended Response:** How did Japan's location near Asia influence its culture? Give three examples.

1. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Answers will vary but should include three examples of how Japan's location near Asia influenced its culture. For example: *Japan is an archipelago near Asia. Its location near Asia allowed people to gain ideas from China and Korea. For example, its writing system was influenced by China's writing system. In addition, the Japanese likely started growing rice because they learned this skill from the Chinese. Finally, the religion of Buddhism spread from Korea to Japan long ago.*