

Test 2

Questions 1–4

Do the following statements agree with the claims of the writer in Reading Passage 1?

In boxes 1–4 on your answer sheet, write

YES	<i>if the statement agrees with the claims of the writer</i>
NO	<i>if the statement contradicts the claims of the writer</i>
NOT GIVEN	<i>if it is impossible to say what the writer thinks about this</i>

- 1 Only two Japanese pagodas have collapsed in 1400 years.
- 2 The Hanshin earthquake of 1995 destroyed the pagoda at the Toji temple.
- 3 The other buildings near the Toji pagoda had been built in the last 30 years.
- 4 The builders of pagodas knew how to absorb some of the power produced by severe weather conditions.

Questions 5–10

Classify the following as typical of

- A** both Chinese and Japanese pagodas
- B** only Chinese pagodas
- C** only Japanese pagodas

Write the correct letter, A, B or C, in boxes 5–10 on your answer sheet.

- 5 easy interior access to top
- 6 tiles on eaves
- 7 use as observation post
- 8 size of eaves up to half the width of the building
- 9 original religious purpose
- 10 floors fitting loosely over each other

Questions 11–13

Choose the correct letter, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

Write the correct letter in boxes 11–13 on your answer sheet.

- 11** In a Japanese pagoda, the *shinbashira*
- A** bears the full weight of the building.
 - B** bends under pressure like a tree.
 - C** connects the floors with the foundations.
 - D** stops the floors moving too far.
- 12** Shuzo Ishida performs experiments in order to
- A** improve skyscraper design.
 - B** be able to build new pagodas.
 - C** learn about the dynamics of pagodas.
 - D** understand ancient mathematics.
- 13** The storeys of a Japanese pagoda are
- A** linked only by wood.
 - B** fastened only to the central pillar.
 - C** fitted loosely on top of each other.
 - D** joined by special weights.



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