

# Magazine Article

Peter is reading a magazine article about a festival.

## A Festival for Girls

The third of March in Japan is a very special day for girls. It is called *Hinamatsuri*, a traditional festival commonly known as  
5 Dolls' Day or Girls' Day. On 3<sup>rd</sup> March, families with daughters put beautiful dolls called *Hina* dolls on display. It is believed that **this** can bring good luck, happiness and success to the girls. During the festival,  
10 people eat diamond-shaped rice cakes called *hishimochi* which are pink, white and green. Pink represents the spring season and is believed to keep evil spirits away. White  
15 represents snow and purity while green represents nature.

*Hinamatsuri* started in the early 1600s. It was said that the festival developed from doll-playing games, which were popular among rich families. Traditional *Hina* dolls  
20 are made with long-established techniques. Most of the dolls have an oval face and narrow eyes. Their delicate costumes, hairstyles and facial expressions have made them look elegant and real.

25 Over the years, *Hinamatsuri* has become more and more popular. Nowadays, Dolls' Day is a widely-celebrated festival in Japan. People like the festival not only because they can have a day off, but also  
30 because they can show respect to their unique tradition. A Japanese woman, Yosatsu, who has lived in the USA for more than twenty years, said, 'I want my 8-year-old daughter to know more about Japanese  
35 culture even though she was born abroad. We love the festival since it represents our traditional culture!'



## A Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

1. *Hinamatsuri* is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. a Japanese festival                       B. a kind of traditional doll
- C. a special kind of rice cake               D. on the third of May every year
2. According to the passage, what do Japanese girls do to celebrate *Hinamatsuri*?
- (1) Display beautiful dolls                      (2) Make traditional dolls
- (3) Dress up as a *Hina* doll                      (4) Eat pink, white and green rice cakes
- A. (1) and (2)       B. (1) and (4)       C. (2) and (3)       D. (1), (2) and (4)
3. What is / are TRUE about the traditional *Hina* dolls?
- A. They look elegant and real.
- B. They appeared four hundred years ago.
- C. They have an oval face and narrow eyes.
- D. All of the above

### Q4

Read the last paragraph carefully.

4. Which of the following about *Hinamatsuri* is TRUE?
- A. Nowadays Japanese people no longer celebrate *Hinamatsuri*.
- B. Japanese people enjoy *Hinamatsuri* only because it is their day off.
- C. Not all Japanese families display beautiful dolls on the third of March.
- D. *Hinamatsuri* is not celebrated by Japanese families who are staying overseas.
5. How does Yosatasu feel about *Hinamatsuri*?



A.



B.



C.



D.

## B Answer the questions in complete sentences.

### Q7

The word refers to an action. What is it?

6. Find a word in the article which means the opposite of 'modern'.
- \_\_\_\_\_

7. Read line 8. What does the word 'this' refer to?
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