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Arts & Culture – Grade 6

Welcome to your Conquesta Olympiad. As you read and answer the questions, we hope that you enjoy and learn from the information. Once you have read the information and the questions carefully, you have to make a choice. When you have decided which of the answers is correct, completely fill in the matching square on your answer sheet using a 2B or a B pencil. For example, if the answer to question 4 is c, then neatly fill in the square containing c next to the number 4. See example below. Fill in only one square per question and make sure you completely rub out any mistakes so that the answer is clear.

Example:-

4.	a	b	c	d
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Dancing

Have you ever stretched your body and swept your arms above your head? Tapped your feet to happy music? All people dance, because the human body is made to move. Our bodies can twist, jump, stretch, and turn. Dance blends these movements together. Dance uses space, time, weight and energy.



Match the terms in (a) – (d) to the questions asked in questions 1–4.

(a) Space (b) Time (c) Weight (d) Energy

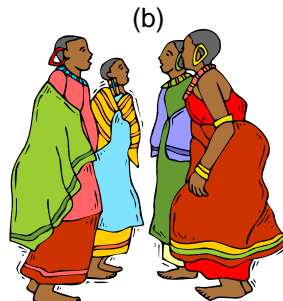
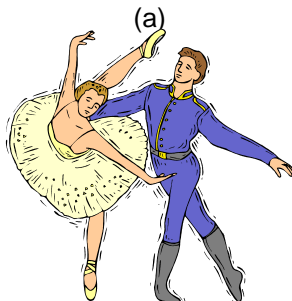
1. Are the steps light and quick or heavy and limp?
2. What patterns do the dancers make across the floor?
3. What rhythm throbs through the music?
4. Does the dance have fast, choppy movements, or flowing, soft ones?
5. According to the passage, why do people dance?
 - (a) It makes them feel happy.
 - (b) Our bodies are designed to move.
 - (c) People like to blend movements together.
 - (d) Dancing is part of our culture.

People around the world dance for different reasons. Some dances can express emotions. Other dances can tell a story.

Dance may shimmer as an art form, as ballet does, and be performed for an audience. People may dance as part of an important ceremony, even as part of their religion. Some cultures honour their ancestors through dance.

A dance might be used to help work go faster, as in the Japanese rice-planting dance. In some cultures a *shaman*, or healer, might dance to cure an illness. Some societies use dance to reach a state of trance so the dancers can perform acts of strength or courage, such as dancing on hot coals.

Match the dances below in (a) – (d) to what they are expressing in questions 6–9.



6. This dance is being performed in a healing ceremony.
 7. This dance could be performed to honour the ancestors.
 8. This dance is usually for an audience and is an art form.
 9. This European traditional dance is also performed for an audience.
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10. Which of the following describes a type of dance that is performed for acts of courage or strength?
- (a) Trance (b) Dancing on coals (c) Healing (d) Shaman