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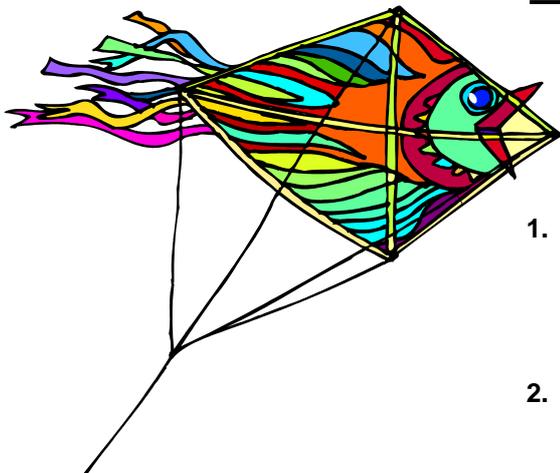
Arts and Culture – Year 5

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:-

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Chinese Arts and Culture



China gave the world many famous inventions. The Chinese invented paper and printing. They made the first silk, the first porcelain, and the first compass. Do you like fireworks or kites or playing cards? The Chinese were the first to make these things, too. These inventions gradually spread to other parts of the world.

1. **What is the main idea of this passage?**
 (a) To discuss the inventions of China.
 (b) To inform the reader of China's inventions.
 (c) To explain the different inventions of China.
 (d) To analyse the inventions of China.
2. **What is porcelain?**
 (a) A type of paper. (b) A type of fabric.
 (c) A type of pottery. (d) A type of painting.

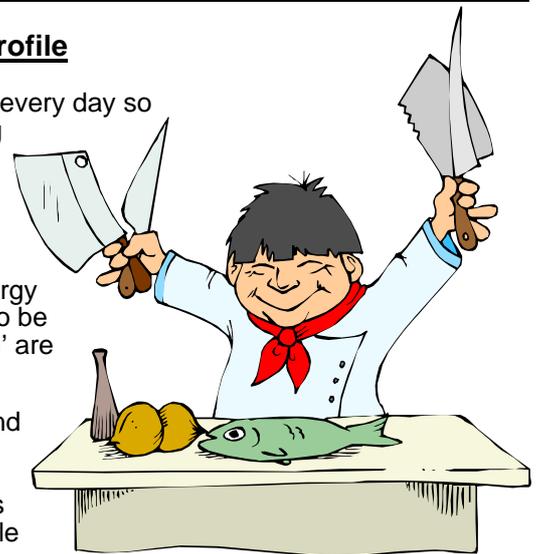


Chinese Food Cultural Profile

Food is an important part of daily life in China. The Chinese shop every day so that they can get fresh food. This means choosing from swimming fish, snappy crabs and squawking chickens. The people in China are more concerned with the food's texture, flavour, colour and aroma than its nutritional value.

The Chinese culture believes that there is a positive energy and a negative energy in the universe. 'Yin' represents the negative energy and 'Yang' represents the positive energy. These energies have to be balanced for a person to stay healthy. Foods belonging to the 'Yin' are known as cold food. Those belonging to the 'Yang' are hot food.

The Chinese hardly waste any section of the animal and have found ways to cook nearly every part. They believe that by using any shape or part of the animal, the same part of the human body can be strengthened or healed. For example, shark fin soup and bird's nest soup (bird's saliva) is served to increase the appetite, crocodile meat strengthens the lungs, while monkey brains add wisdom.



3. **Which of the following is 'Yin' food?**
 (a) curry (b) pepper (c) chilli (d) melon
4. **Why do people shop everyday in China?**
 (a) They like to hear the sounds and see the movements of animals. (b) They like their food to be fresh.
 (c) They are interested in the nutritional value of food. (d) They have no fridges.
5. **Which of the following dishes do the Chinese believe will give you better judgement?**
 (a) Shark Fin Soup. (b) Bird's Nest Soup. (c) Crocodile Steak. (d) Monkey Brain.
6. **What is a common name for saliva?**
 (a) spit (b) blood (c) mucus (d) sweat

