



Listening

Question 1: According to the passage, how does the perception of anime fans in Western countries differ from that in Japan?

- (A) Western countries view anime fans as role models.
- (B) Western countries often perceive anime fans as geeks.
- (C) Japan considers anime fans as purely materialistic.
- (D) Japan restricts adults from watching anime.

Question 2: Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a lesson learned from Japanese anime? (

- A) Pursuing dreams despite facing hardships.
- (B) Helping others even if it requires self-sacrifice.
- (C) Making money quickly in a materialistic society.
- (D) Remembering a worldview forgotten in modern times.

Listening script

Japan is globally recognized as an anime superpower, where people of all ages, from children to adults, enjoy watching it. On the other hand, in Western countries, anime fans are often perceived as geeks. However, Japanese anime offers much more than simple entertainment.

Many stories are complex enough to captivate adult audiences. They teach us valuable life lessons, such as never giving up on our dreams in difficult situations, and doing our best for others, even at our own expense. Furthermore, some anime remind us of a worldview that we have forgotten in today's modern materialistic society. By watching these shows, viewers can find role models or their favorite characters, known as "oshi," which can inspire them to improve their own lives.



Questions

- 1 Do you have a favorite anime?
 - 2 Have you ever been inspired by anime?
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Expressions

- 1 An 'oshi' serves as an excellent role model, inspiring people to work harder in their studies or careers.
 - 2 In today's stressful society, focusing on an 'oshi' provides emotional support and psychological comfort.
 - 3 This culture fosters extreme consumerism, where fans feel pressured to spend too much money on merchandise and events.
 - 4 Relying too much on a fictional character can lead to unhealthy escapism, preventing people from facing real-life problems.
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Debate Topic

Relying too much on a fictional character can lead to unhealthy escapism, preventing people from facing real-life problems.