



## GUIDE TO GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE 5

To complete each Geography Challenge card, answer the questions in complete sentences. Label the map on the opposite page as directed.

**Question 1** The seas may have provided food to a country with limited agricultural land. They might also have protected Japan from foreign invaders.

**Question 2** Honshu probably became the center of power in Japan. This island is centrally located and has the most land to be used for agriculture.

**Question 3** The mountains might have allowed small, independent kingdoms to develop.

**Question 4** 15%; Answers will vary, but a crop that produces a large yield for a relatively small area (such as rice) would be more likely to be grown in such an area.

**Question 5** Nara and Kyoto were good locations for capitals because they were centrally located.

**Question 6** Most people in Japan live along the coast.

**Question 7** The Kanto Plain may be the most populated area in Japan because it is the largest flat area, which makes agriculture easier, and is centrally located.

**Question 8** Possible answer: China, Korea, and the Philippines are Japan's neighbors. They could have been areas Japan tried to conquer or cultures from which Japan borrowed ideas.