

READING 2

READ THE FOLLOWING BLOG ENTRIES, WRITTEN BY PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES WHO GIVE THEIR OPINIONS ABOUT THE U.K. MATCH THE QUESTIONS TO THE ENTRIES:

- A) JAPAN - British scientists are enthusiastic, almost manic, in particular categories. But they are doing something that really doesn't matter.
- B) SINGAPORE - They have a group of white trash, you know, skinheads. That group is very, very racist. But I think the majority is fine. In fact, I know there are some community leaders that are black.
- C) HUNGARY - It's so fantastic that they are able to laugh at themselves with self-irony. I think this is exceptional. They write books and make movies that tell a negative picture about them and they show it.
- D) THAILAND - There are bad points such as discrimination but also good points such as the parliamentary government.
- E) SPAIN - Out of the European countries I think the closest to the US is England; but you can't separate them from Europe.
- F) VIETNAM - UK is a small island but it has a global trading system.
- G) RUSSIA - People are very involved in the life of society, politics. They are very well aware of what is going on.
- H) GREECE - I'm thinking about music. It's not by accident that the most innovative trends in music come from England.
- I) MEXICO - The British are limited. They don't try new things.
- J) KOREA - Underlying the British people's ideologies is their deeply rooted tradition, long history, long history of the Royal family and democracy, and the class structure.

QUESTIONS

1. Which text mentions both injustice and democracy?
2. Which text mentions British originality?
3. Which text refers to Britain's role in different parts of the world?
4. Which text says the British are capable of self-criticism?
5. Which text accuses some British people of being keen but not doing significant things?
6. Which text claims that the British know what's happening around them?
7. Which text refers to Britain's international business interests?
8. Which text refers to the origins of British people's beliefs?
9. Which text claims that the British don't like novelty?
10. Which text speaks of both prejudice and multicultural integration?

ANSWERS

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