

Viral Japanese Pop Culture & 2025 Holiday Guide: From Anime Cons to Trends

Japanese Culture · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. Which major anime convention, a merger of two previous events, is scheduled to take place at Tokyo Big Sight in March 2025?

- A) Comiket
- B) Wonder Festival
- C) AnimeJapan
- D) Tokyo Game Show

2. In 2025, which holiday commemorates the legendary founding of Japan by its first emperor, Jimmu, and is observed on February 11th?

- A) Culture Day
- B) National Foundation Day
- C) Vernal Equinox Day
- D) Showa Day

3. What is the name of the popular period in late April/early May 2025 in Japan, known for a cluster of national holidays that often creates a long vacation period?

- A) Silver Week
- B) Obon
- C) Golden Week
- D) New Year's Golden Period

4. Which 2025 holiday, observed on November 3rd, was repurposed after WWII to celebrate arts, learning, and civic participation?

- A) Respect for the Aged Day
- B) Labor Thanksgiving Day
- C) Health and Sports Day
- D) Culture Day

5. The Japanese TV show 'Shogun,' a major entertainment story of 2024, made history at the Emmy Awards with how many wins?

- A) 12
- B) 18
- C) 24
- D) 8

6. Which of the following is a trending slang term among Japanese Gen Z in 2025, referring to specific industries or hobbies?

- A) Maji maji majingaa
- B) Kenchana
- C) ????
- D) Honnmoney

7. What is the name of the viral indie game, a walking simulator set in a Japanese metro station, that is expected to be released on multiple platforms including Nintendo Switch 2 in August 2025?

- A) Silent Hill f
- B) The Exit 8
- C) Metal Gear Solid Delta Snake Eater
- D) Death Stranding 2 On The Beach

8. In 2025, which holiday on August 11th is dedicated to mountains and is one of Japan's newer national holidays, first observed in 2016?

- A) Marine Day
- B) Mountain Day
- C) Respect for the Aged Day
- D) Autumnal Equinox Day

9. Which J-pop artist or group, known for hits like 'YOASOBI,' 'Ado,' and 'Atarashii Gakko!', is expected to continue their global success with world tours in 2025?

- A) Official Hige Dandism
- B) King Gnu
- C) Suchmos
- D) Multiple artists including YOASOBI and Ado

10. What is the name of the Japanese event scheduled for March 22-25, 2025, that is considered one of the world's premier anime conventions and is held at Tokyo Big Sight?

- A) Comiket
- B) AnimeJapan
- C) World Cosplay Summit
- D) Niconico Chokaigi

11. Which upcoming PlayStation 5 game, a standalone sequel to Ghost of Tsushima, is set for release in October 2025?

- A) Dragon Quest XII
- B) Ninja Gaiden 4
- C) Ghost of Yotei
- D) Kingdom Hearts 4

12. The holiday 'Coming of Age Day' in Japan, celebrated in January 2025, originally celebrated people reaching what age before the legal age of adulthood changed?

- A) 18
- B) 19
- C) 20
- D) 21

13. What cultural phenomenon, which involves expressing intense support for idols or characters, has evolved into a trillion-yen lifestyle in Japan by 2025, with fans organizing their lives around their 'oshi'?

- A) Kawaii culture
- B) Oshikatsu
- C) Yuru-chara
- D) Otaku

14. Which of the following is NOT a national holiday in Japan in 2025?

- A) Emperor's Birthday
- B) Constitution Memorial Day
- C) Cherry Blossom Day
- D) Marine Day

15. What trend, influenced by social media and short-form video content, has seen a surge in popularity among Japanese Gen Z in 2024-2025, with examples like 'Cat Pudding' being cited?

- A) Retro aesthetics
- B) DIY crafts
- C) Food culture
- D) Virtual reality experiences