

Japan's Latest Pop Culture Pulse: Top Dramas, Music Chart-Toppers, and Ani

Japanese Entertainment · Practice Test · 9 Questions

1. Which major Japanese broadcaster announced a significant partnership with Netflix in May 2026 to stream a wide selection of its drama series globally starting June 22?

- A) TV Tokyo
- B) Fuji TV
- C) NHK
- D) TBS

2. Which annual awards ceremony held its Premiere Ceremony on June 13, 2026, recognizing various Japanese artists across 78 categories?

- A) Japan Record Awards
- B) MTV Video Music Awards Japan
- C) Music Awards Japan
- D) Billboard Japan Music Awards

3. In May 2026, which idol group notably captured a number-one position on the Billboard Japan Hot 100 with their new release, 'BANG!!'?

- A) King Gnu
- B) Snow Man
- C) Mrs. GREEN APPLE
- D) Hinatazaka46

4. Which Japanese Netflix Original drama, adapted from a South Korean webtoon and starring Uji Suzuka, premiered on May 28, 2026, focusing on a bullied high school student who goes viral?

- A) My Offset Diary
- B) Mercator Knight
- C) Viral Hit
- D) Sins of Kujo

5. Where is Studio Ghibli opening its first U.S. pop-up store, 'Donguri Republic,' starting June 23, 2026?

- A) New York City
- B) San Francisco
- C) Los Angeles
- D) Seattle

6. Which fighting anime, featuring the resurrection of legendary swordsman Miyamoto Musashi, had its Season 1 Part 2 released on Netflix in June 2026?

- A) BAKI-DOU: The Invincible Samurai
- B) Record of Ragnarok
- C) Kengan Ashura
- D) Baki Hanma

7. Which film, directed by Taichi Kimura, was officially unveiled to international professionals at JAPANESE NIGHT in Cannes 2026 and had its Japanese theatrical release on June 5?

- A) The Ozu Diaries
- B) Unchained
- C) FUJIKO
- D) Part-Time Death Angel

8. What new feature was announced for the Japanese indie fighting game 'Rose & Camellia Collection,' set to be released in June 2026?

- A) New characters
- B) Online multiplayer
- C) Story mode expansion
- D) VR compatibility

9. Which anime series was highlighted for a Season 2 release in May 2026, known for its stylish and fast-paced action?

- A) One Piece: Elbaph Arc
- B) Witch Hat Atelier
- C) Devil May Cry Season 2
- D) My Hero Academia: More