

HAKUSAN FOLK MUSEUM QUIZ RALLY



About the Dezukuri Farmers of the Mt Hakusan Foothills

Mt. Hakusan has been considered as a sacred mountain since long ago. As the god of the fields and of sea voyage, Mt. Hakusan has provided many blessings of life, and is beloved by many.

The Mt. Hakusan foothills are one of Japan's few high snowfall areas, resulting in a diverse ecosystem and rich water supply. This harsh yet bountiful nature allowed people to live a self-sustaining lifestyle called *dezukuri*, building a unique history and culture with it.

A *dezukuri* lifestyle involves a family living deep in the mountains away from the village, clearing a small farm in the forest, building their own house to live in, and growing their own food. This is because in the village, land is sparse, and it's difficult to grow food close to one's house. The key features of *dezukuri* are the practice of slash-and-burn *yakihata* agriculture, supplemented with silkworm raising, and making charcoal.

In the Hakusan Folk Museum you can see the deep mountain culture of the Mt. Hakusan foothills. Through this quiz, you can get a sense of the wisdom and culture of the people living amongst a harsh nature, and imagine life in the past.



Main Exhibition Hall



By the front door there's a man carrying a backboard (*seita*). It's a tool for carrying heavy loads. What's the heaviest amount of load that was carried?

- A. 20 kg B. 50 kg C. 100 kg D. 150 kg



There are 5 cups of rice in the bowl pictured. The rice will be used to feed approximately how many plates worth of meals?



- A. 1 plate B. 3 plates
C. 5 plates D. 10 plates



Former Sugihara Residence



The tool pictured is called *hinoshi*. What is it used for?



- A. To mix the ash in the hearth B. To scoop hot water from pots
C. To make roasted chestnuts D. To remove creases from clothes (like an iron)



In the main exhibition hall and 2nd floor of the former Sugihara Residence, you will find the tool pictured. This is used to hunt a certain type of animal in winter. Which animal?



- A. Weasel B. Bear C. Rabbit D. Wild boar



Former Oda Residence



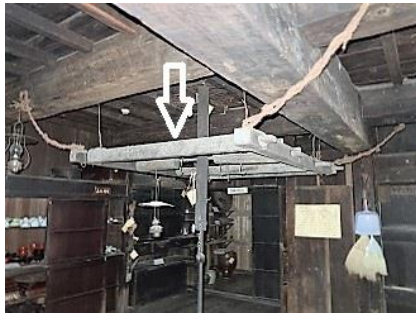
The former Oda Residence, was like a modern-day convenience store, and sold many types of food products. Some of them were made in-house. Take a look at the tools in the kitchen, and guess which products were made in-house.

Choose 3 answers.

- A. Tofu
B. Mochi rice cakes
C. Sake (Japanese rice wine)
D. Miso paste



Former Nagasaka Residence



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Above the hearth you can find a wrack called *hiama*. What was it used for? Choose three answers.

- A. To dry clothes
- B. To make dried sweet potato
- C. To dry wild plants
- D. To dry wet footwear in winter



Former Kogura Residence

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Pictured is a urinal found inside the house. Where was the main toilet located?

- A. Outside
- B. They would borrow their neighbor's toilet
- C. It was in a separate location from this building



Former Omote Residence

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There is a small bell hanging from the second floor above the front door. In what situation would it be rung? Choose two answers.

- A. To alert the presence of a fire
- B. Like a temple, to announce Buddhist services
- C. To scare away bears and monkeys



Former Bita Residence



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Beside the front door there's a small hole. What was this used for?

- A. To allow airflow through the house
- B. As a cat door
- C. As a peephole, to see who was at the door
- D. As a mailbox, to receive mail

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In the back there is a hole in the floor. What was it used for?

- A. To raise chickens
- B. To raise pigs
- C. It would be filled with water to raise koi fish
- D. To keep vegetables throughout winter



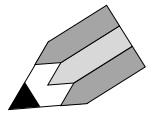


Test Your Knowledge of the Deep Mountain Lifestyles!

Name

Answer Sheet

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Circle the answer you think is correct. Some have more than 1 answer.

1	A	B	C	D
2	A	B	C	D
3	A	B	C	D
4	A	B	C	D
5	A	B	C	D
6	A	B	C	D
7	A	B	C	
8	A	B	C	D
9	A	B	C	D
10	A	B	C	D

《 Folk Museum Map 》

