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Read the text and answer the questions below.

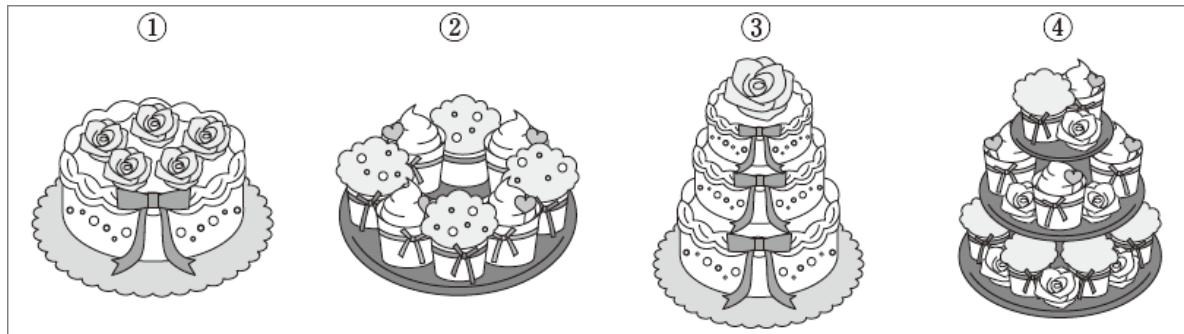
At wedding ceremonies in many countries it is common to have a large cake. (1)This custom is actually quite old. Back in *medieval times, each guest at a wedding would bring a small cake. All of the cakes would be placed on top of each other, which was thought to bring good luck. Later, instead of these small individual cakes, a large, single cake appeared. It looked like the wedding cakes that we see today. A typical wedding cake has the largest layer at the bottom and smaller (2)ones on top. The shape is based on that of a medieval church in England.

(3)Another tradition is for the wedding couple to cut the cake together, often (4)using a long knife or even a sword. Usually the *bride and groom will eat the cake first, feeding each other a *bite of it. Today it is common to put decorations on the top of wedding cakes. They are usually small figures of a couple, which are meant to *symbolize togetherness. This custom is not very old, and seems to have started in the United States back in the 1950s. (5)Whatever their style, however, cakes are now an important part of wedding ceremonies throughout the world.

【注】 medieval 中世の bride and groom 新郎新婦 bite 一口分, 一切れ
symbolize togetherness (夫婦の) きずなを象徴する

1 What is (1)This custom? Answer in Japanese.

2 What did wedding cakes look like in medieval times? Choose one of the pictures below.



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3 What does (2)ones mean?

- ① cakes ② layers ③ bottoms ④ people

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4 Translate (3)Another tradition is for the wedding couple to cut the cake together into Japanese.

5 Which of the following can be used instead of (4)using?

- ① in ② for ③ with ④ to

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6 Which of the following has the closest meaning to (5)Whatever their style?

- ① Unlike their style ② Every kind of style they use
③ As long as their style is good ④ No matter what their style is

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7 Which of the following is true of the article?

- ① People in medieval times usually didn't have cakes at wedding ceremonies.
② A typical wedding cake that we see today was first made at a church in England.
③ The bride and groom give a piece of cake to each guest at their wedding.
④ Americans probably started the custom of putting decorations on wedding cakes.

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