

Compare and contrast ideas - China and Japan

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4. ____ Although China and Japan have strong economies, Japan is richer.
5. ____ Chinese people are free, but political participation remains them limited.
6. ____ Also in language and some customs between these two countries are similar.
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11. ____ The main religions in China are Buddhism, Chinese folklore, Taoism, and Confucianism, but they are still minorities.
12. ____ In Japan, they practice capitalism to the hilt. On the other hand, China is building socialism.

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