

2009 HSC Japanese Beginners

Sample Answers

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- (a) as part of the development of the examination paper to ensure the questions will effectively assess students' knowledge and skills, and
- (b) in order to provide some advice to the Supervisor of Marking about the nature and scope of the responses expected of students.

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Section I — Listening

Question 1

Sample answer:

It's cool and his best friend is in it.

Question 2

Sample answer:

They have arranged to meet at the station at 7.50/10 to 8

Question 3

Sample answer:

She has a new brother but she wanted a sister. She already has two younger brothers.

Question 4*Sample answer:*

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Question 5*Sample answer:*

To inform students tomorrow's graduation cruise has been postponed. It will be next Tuesday starting at 8 o'clock. Students who cannot come, please tell the teacher.

Question 6*Sample answer:*

Hiroshi has to go to the supermarket, buy some soba and some fruit but not apples. He has to study for his physics test tomorrow.

Question 7*Sample answer:*

The appeal of this restaurant is that it is conveniently located for city workers and they will deliver to your company. There is an interesting new flavour every week. If you buy a pizza, you will get a drink. If you are working late, you can order until 12 o'clock.

Question 8*Sample answer:*

I think it is likely Melanie will return to Japan because although it was cold and expensive, she made many friends and friends are important to her. If she goes back to Japan she thinks her Japanese will improve. She has no Japanese friends in Australia and no opportunity to practise Japanese.

Question 9

Sample answer:

Ayumi thinks that Ben's parents are quite strict and controlling because they won't let him do things like a part-time job and going to Canberra on his own even though he is 18 years old. She thinks they make his decisions for him instead of letting him do what he wants.

Question 10

Sample answer:

Chris met Taro at the internet comic site. Both of them have the same interest (comics). Initially Chris had difficulty chatting in Japanese but later on she enjoyed chatting in Japanese with Taro. Taro sent Chris a photo of him and he looked like a really cool/interesting person. But when she met him in Japan she thought he was a really quiet, somewhat boring person. However, when he talked about manga he became really interesting and she wants to go to Japan to be with him forever.

Section II — Reading

Question 11 (a)

Sample answer:

It's smaller than Tokyo and you can see many famous places in a few days.

Question 11 (b)

Sample answer:

She is looking forward to riding on the Shinkansen.

Question 12 (a)

Sample answer:

Sarah is staying in Osaka. The house is an old house and the garden is spacious with lots of pretty flowers and trees.

Question 12 (b)

Sample answer:

Go to the doctor. Organise with Megumi to speak Japanese so that her Japanese will improve. Join a club and you will make friends and be less lonely. To experience Japanese culture, interact more with your host family, for example, have the host mother teach you flower arranging.

Question 13 (a)*Sample answer:*

Tsutomu wanted to go to the beach so she went with him.

Question 13 (b)*Sample answer:*

Tsutomu was better at sport than study and was probably not a hard-working student as he hated study and dropped out of school early. He was a bit rebellious and smoked in the toilets.

Question 13 (c)*Sample answer:*

She no longer seems to want the same things in life. She used to want to go to university and study classical music but Tsutomu thinks classical music is boring so she is trying to be interested in the same things as him. She used to be quite a serious person who went to church on Sunday and always attended school without missing days. Now, she doesn't want to go to church and is taking days off school.

Question 14 (a)*Sample answer:*

She grew up in a small apartment where she couldn't have any pets. It was a noisy place with lots of people. There were no parks near her apartment.

Question 14 (b)*Sample answer:*

Because it has mountains and hot springs, she thought the scenery was beautiful. Also she thought the milk was delicious but the cost of food was expensive.

Question 14 (c)*Sample answer:*

She is someone who prefers the countryside to the city as she likes quiet places and animals. She is probably quite shy, preferring animals to people. She is very determined person shown by the fact that she has gone against what her parents wanted and what is normal for Japanese women, to go and live in another country and do something very unusual. She is also hard working, in that she is happy to get up at 4 in the morning and wants to own a farm in the future.