

2009 HSC Japanese Continuers

Sample Answers — Written Examination

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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 and Responding

Question 1

Sample answer:

She has a new apartment with water/ocean views.

Question 2

Sample answer:

Lost: Dog
Description: Small and white
Last seen: Park near the school

Question 3

Sample answer:

The product is a diet cookie which is tasty but a little hard and expensive. The cookie should be consumed with water and should substitute dinner.

Question 4*Sample answer:*

(B)

Question 5*Sample answer:*

Line 1: History

Line 2: Biology

Line 3: English

I definitely want to study Biology because I came first in it. I don't want to do Maths because the tests are hard and so will do History. Everyone has to do English.

Question 6*Sample answer:*

They are discussing the names that parents give their children and whether or not the meanings suit. While Jirou's name is apt because it means 'second son', Jirou resents brother's name Daiichi. 'Daiichi means 'big intelligence' but Daiichi isn't interested in school and only does sport. Jirou is in fact the son who considers study and passing exams important, so Daiichi's name would suit Jirou better.

Question 7*Sample answer:*

She is very likely to travel with Makoto because she does not put up much resistance to her father's arguments. Even though she finds Makoto boring both her parents think it would be safer for her to travel with Makoto. She can spend time with her friend apart from Makoto.

Question 8*Sample answer:*

Jun would recommend a singing career to people who love travelling the world, being recognised, free clothes and meals at great restaurants. However this career would come at a cost to family life (lack of privacy and time with family). Also it is a competitive career as you get older, trying to maintain popularity against new younger singers.

Section II — Reading and Responding

Part A

Question 9 (a)

Sample answer:

She loves anime and wants to make Japanese friends.

Question 9 (b)

Sample answer:

Tom's learning style is traditional, focussing on reading, writing (grammar, vocab and Kanji). By contrast Mei's style is more modern, focussing on listening and speaking (anime, computer software and talking with people)

Question 9 (c)

Sample answer:

Alice cannot learn Japanese through friends – that differs from the most popular survey response. However all of her other learning methods closely match the survey findings. She uses software and internet a lot, textbooks, cds and movies. She never uses music to learn Japanese at all, because she finds it too hard to understand what they are singing.

Question 10 (a)***Sample answer:***

There are more magazines and websites to cater for fathers raising their children.

Question 10 (b)***Sample answer:***

He is glad to have found such a magazine that understands the male perspective. He finds the features useful, e.g. easy to understand recipes and children's health advice

Question 10 (c)***Sample answer:***

He used to work long hours, now he works 2 days a week from home. He did not have time to play with his son but now takes him to the park. He used to fight with his wife, now he is happy.

Question 10 (d)***Sample answer:***

Masa feels discriminated against, as a father raising children (eg children's clothes are near women's clothes). He feels frustrated because clothes are too hard to do up. He is embarrassed by cute designs on children's products. Masa is discouraged from raising children. He wants to help but these things make it hard.

Question 10 (e)***Sample answer:***

Osamu would advise Masa to stop worrying about trivial things (eg buttons, colours and design of products). He would tell Masa to feel lucky that he can spend time with his children because Osamu's generation were always working and couldn't do so. Osamu would tell Masa to make the most of help such as this magazine. He would also tell Masa to treasure the time he has with his children because they are only small for a short time. Osamu would further advise Masa to have fun with his children because it's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy being with his children.