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Section I — Listening and Responding

Question 1

Sample answer:
Takeshi entered the pool paying the child’s price of 500 yen instead of 1000 yen. He was running instead of walking.

Question 2

Sample answer:
Kanako is irritated because Ken is ignoring her directions and because they are going shopping and not to the beach as planned.

Question 3

Sample answer:
The customer had planned to buy a dog for her grandmother. But she has decided on a goldfish instead because the grandmother can’t walk the dog every day as she often travels and she doesn’t like cleaning.

Question 4

Sample answer:
- Harajuku is popular but becoming dangerous for foreigners
- People are being forced to buy overpriced T-shirts
- People should go to Harajuku in groups of at least three people
- People should go to the police when they need help

Question 5

Sample answer:
She is irresponsible as she hasn’t returned her overdue books. She is going out with friends tonight instead of doing her assignment which is due tomorrow. She is disorganised as she can’t find her library books and she hasn’t even started the assignment. She is very rude as twice she says, “Be quick, I’m in a hurry”. She is persistent as she refuses to give in.

Question 6

Sample answer:
A
Question 7

Sample answer:
Overall, she is very suitable because she comes from northern Honshu where the film is set so she understands local issues. In the film, her husband cannot work like her real father when she was a child. Kawamura’s family did not have enough money to buy food or enjoy things like going to the movies. Her background and local knowledge assisted her to develop her character, but as she is childless, playing the role of a mother had its difficulties.

Question 8

Sample answer:
The father is completely unjustified because he assumes there will be uninvited guests, drinking, damage and the police will come like at other parties. He doesn’t accept his daughter’s responsible planning – it’s not on Facebook, there will be no alcohol and the parents will be home. Also, it’s unfair to cancel the day before.

Section II — Reading and Responding
Part A

Question 9 (a)
Sample answer:
Tooru Yamashita became the first Japanese world motorcycle champion.

Question 9 (b)
Sample answer:
He was influenced by:
• Seeing his father deliver mail on a bike and encouraging him to ride everyday
• Winning his first race at the age of 10.

Question 9 (c)
Answers could include:
• He wasn’t expected to walk after his accident – didn’t give up and was able to walk again in six months and get back on his bike after only one year.
• He uses his race winnings and time to open a mechanics training school to help disadvantaged Japanese youth learn how to repair bikes and cars for free.
• He visits junior high schools to talk about his experiences and listens to troubled students.
Question 10 (a)

*Sample answer:*

Kenji saw an advertisement for a men’s beauty salon and he realised how the image of Japanese males has changed in 40 years.

Question 10 (b)

*Sample answer:*

Men’s Room is a beauty salon for men which provides:
- face cleansing and massage
- bath and body wash
- special beauty treatments for weddings

Question 10 (c)

*Sample answer:*

Kenji’s attitude towards Japanese young men is one of incomprehension because:
- they are more concerned with their appearance than their work
- they are careless with their money
- he doesn’t understand their values

Question 10 (d)

*Sample answer:*

- A person who does not work long hours, and does not go drinking with colleagues, like her father.
- Someone who has time to date.
- Someone who has interests outside of work such as cooking and grooming.

Question 10 (e)

*Sample answer:*

- Kenji wouldn’t agree with Yukari that men aren’t interested in grooming – he saw so many at the salon.
- Kenji regrets not having the time to spend with his daughters while working so he could sympathise with Jun.
- Kenji would probably support Jun’s idea of changing jobs if he is unhappy as Kenji enjoyed his own job. However, he would probably encourage Jun to find a job before quitting the current one.
- He would agree with Yukari that just work and no play is outdated – he missed his children’s childhood.