



2010 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:

The train leaves at 9.15.

Question 2

Sample answer:

The purpose is to announce that exchange students are coming next month.

Question 3

Sample answer:

Takeshi is unhappy because of his poor English. He didn't understand any of the conversation at the party.

Question 4

Sample answer:

Although Emma doesn't want to go out because she has a French exam, Satoru persuades her by saying that the movie is in French so it would help her studies and also a break would be good for her study.

Question 5

Sample answer:

- Workers must arrive by 9 o'clock
- Wear your uniform
- Wear white shoes
- You must not use mobile phones
- Greet the customers.

Question 6

Sample answer:

Janet found her host family very kind and the home stay and school were both great. The problem was that the family gave her many expensive presents. She didn't have any money to buy gifts for the family and she feels embarrassed as giving expensive gifts is not done as much in Australia.

Question 7***Sample answer:***

B

Question 8***Sample answer:***

Mie is a very determined person, even though is 70 years old. She participates in dance concerts and started dancing 5 years ago. She is sociable, as she prefers dancing to going to the gym or swimming. She is fashion conscious, as she likes the outfits she wears dancing. She is fit/healthy as she practises 3 hours everyday.

Question 9***Sample answer:***

In the beginning she is pleased and flattered that he invites her to the school formal. When she realises that he wants her to pay for both the tickets she becomes angry and disappointed. When he says he has lots of other girls who would like to go with him, she says she doesn't think other girls would want to buy two tickets.

Question 10***Sample answer:***

I think that Ben's host mother will ask him to leave. Although he is Jun's best friend and Jun has become good at English and more outgoing, she is very worried about Ben's drinking and partying and his influence on Jun. Jun doesn't bring his new friends home and is not doing homework. Also Ben is not attending school sometimes.

Section II — Reading

Question 11

Sample answer:

1. Shaded boxes correctly marked.

Question 12 (a)

Sample answer:

He is inviting her to go to a concert (at the Opera House) to see the band Big Mama which Yuki likes.

Question 12 (b)

Sample answer:

Tom is annoyed because Yuki is always busy when he invites her out. She is always concentrating on her study and thinks this is more important than him.

Question 13 (a)

Sample answer:

If you go overseas, you will meet your future partner.

Question 13 (b)

Sample answer:

All three are giving advice relating to money.

Question 13 (c)

Sample answer:

(B) is predicting a better year because they are not going to get sick and they are also going to make a lot of interesting friends. (C) has to take care of their health and work/study will get hard.

Question 14 (a)

Sample answer:

The school building has been renovated and is now clean/beautiful. The library is larger and has lots of computers.

Question 14 (b)***Sample answer:***

I think Masaki was chosen because although he hated studying, he did work hard on the things that interested him. Even though he didn't get good results and couldn't go to university, he is now living overseas and doing a job he loves. He is a good role model to encourage students to work hard at what interests them and follow their dream.

Question 15 (a)***Sample answer:***

Masao says he is happy because he went skiing with his new girlfriend Rumiko. He didn't expect that he would ever be her boyfriend because she's so nice and pretty and he's not handsome.

Question 15 (b)***Sample answer:***

In comment 1 the writer says that Masao should just ignore what the parents say, like he does, and go out with his girlfriend. I think the second comment is more helpful because it makes suggestions about things he could talk to the parents about. These are the balance between study and having fun, the fact that his exam results have improved since the new girlfriend and the fact that they have hobbies in common.