



2011 Japanese Beginners HSC Examination 'Sample Answers'

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Section I — Listening

Question 1

Sample answer:

They both enjoy going to the mountains and bird watching.

Question 2

Sample answer:

Yukiko wants to go and see a movie and needs to have dinner early.

Question 3

Sample answer:

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Question 4

Sample answer:

Name:	Mr Tanaka (already written for students)
Date:	8/4
Time:	6.30
Number of People:	2
Phone Number:	7130-5963

Question 5

Sample answer:

His child is sick and he can't come to work today.

Question 6

Sample answer:

Students who want to travel and those who don't like sport.

Question 7***Sample answer:***

She had planned to meet her friend from Germany in London but because there was lots of snow the flight to London was cancelled and now she can't see her friend.

Question 8***Sample answer:***

- He wants to return the hiking boots because they hurt his feet
- The shop assistant says it's not possible to return them because he wore them for hiking
- He says he doesn't have enough money to buy some more boots.

Question 9***Sample answer:***

She is shocked because Yasushi is asking for a car. His friend was given a car for his birthday and she is also shocked because even though he has a part-time job, his parents pay for the petrol.

She thinks he is an adult and therefore should be paying for his own expenses.

Question 10***Sample answer:***

They are worried about Tom because he hasn't been socialising recently and doesn't go out. For various reasons, they think Tom is homesick. For example he is missing his family, the beach and eating meat.

They decide to have a BBQ party at the beach to cheer him up.

Question 11***Sample answer:***

Although he is intelligent and hard-working and wants to find new medicines for incurable illnesses, he doesn't like talking to people, even his parents. He isn't a 'people person'. He is quite arrogant and thinks his parents are not as intelligent as he is. His main motivation seems to be to become famous and make money so I think he wouldn't make a good doctor.

OR

Even though Yamamoto is quite arrogant and isn't really a 'people person', he is intelligent and hard-working and wants to find new medicines for incurable diseases. He would be a good research doctor.

(Students may argue that he may make a good doctor but need to justify this with good reference to the conversation.)

Section II — Reading

Question 12 (a)

Sample answer:

They ate ice cream while wandering around the town.

Question 12 (b)

Sample answer:

They went to a restaurant for dinner and had some alcohol before ordering. Hiroshi wanted to have some more but Yoko objected so they had an argument and she ended up eating alone.

Question 13 (a)

Sample answer:

She wants to buy a new computer and wants him to go shopping with her, as he knows a lot about computers.

Question 13 (b)

Sample answer:

A new school rule forbids Year 12 students from working, as they don't have enough time for study so he has given up his job and now cannot save any money towards a trip after graduation.

Question 14 (a)

Sample answer:

It's one hour by ferry, and then 10 minutes walk from the ferry.

Question 14 (b)

Answers could include:

- A famous maritime museum
- Fresh, delicious seafood cuisine
- Sightseeing by bike
- No cars.

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

Hiro is quite a negative person, and not open to new experiences; for example, he didn't like the food. He thought having the hot spring was good but didn't like the experience and found the Maritime Museum boring. He always complains about everything, such as the walk from the ferry. He seems intolerant and not interested in meeting people.

Yumi, on the other hand, seems more open to new experiences and is always positive. Even though her room was small, she was pleased to be able to see the ocean from the window. She thought the food was delicious, and although she was embarrassed to be in the bath with other people, she enjoyed meeting foreigners. She doesn't complain about things, such as having to ride bikes or walk from the ferry.

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

He is a singer who is very popular in Korea and Japan.

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

As a child he was always singing, and wrote his first song at the age of 5. He was also given a guitar for his 8th birthday. He had a wonderful music teacher at school.

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

Jun Ho's father has been a big influence in his life. He taught him to value things other than money, and to be kind to people. Now Jun Ho is not interested in money or expensive cars and wants to give the money from his next concert to a hospital in Africa. His father has always encouraged him in his dreams and told him not to give up. He loves his father even though his father was always working when he was a child. His father has also influenced his ideas about parenting. Jun Ho wants to spend more time with his children in the future because his father wasn't able to spend much time with him.