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Introduction

Candidates had been well prepared for all aspects of the examination.

Question 1

This question dealt with food which the speakers liked, and was well answered by almost all candidates.

Question 2

This question dealt with the situation where a girlfriend had moved back to Japan, and was again well answered by almost all candidates.

Question 3

This question was about extracurricular activities. Some candidates missed the fact that the discussion came back to Takeshi at the end. On both questions 3 and 4, candidates need to be careful that they don't accidentally "slip lines" as they move across the table to put crosses in boxes.

Question 4

This question was about the environmentally friendly activities various family members do. This is a topic area where the vocabulary is difficult, and some candidates had difficulty with the word 紙.

Question 5

This question was about how the weather might affect plans for the following day. Some candidates confused the vocabulary for the various seasons, and a large number of candidates did not know the word 動物園.

Question 6

This question dealt with dream jobs. Some candidates clearly knew the word 弁護士 but were thrown by the fact that this did not appear as one of the choices on the paper. A significant number of candidates did not know the word 給料.

Question 7

This question was about starting at a new school and was generally well answered, although some candidates erroneously chose "bought coloured pencils".

Question 8

This was about Tsutomu looking after his younger sister when she was in hospital. Many candidates recognised the word 妹 as being a family member, but wrote down the wrong person. A large number of candidates did not know the word 看護師.

Question 9

A tourist guide introduced a trip to 屋久島. Most candidates tackled these multiple choice questions well.

Question 10

This question was about how young people use social media. Whilst most candidates recognised the word for homework, few got the idea about taking photos of the rice fields.

Question 11

This question was about a family business running a bike shop. This question did not cause any particular difficulties for candidates.

Question 12

This was about a school which is putting effort into the teaching of Japanese language. Option B was a distractor but presumably felt very plausible to many candidates and was often erroneously chosen.

Question 13

This question was about climbing Mt. Fuji. (c) was the easiest, with many candidates able to pick out the correct number. (a) was the hardest – many candidates seemed to be unfamiliar with the word となり.

Question 14

This question was about different kinds of music. The variations on “unusual” in the text were hardest for candidates to pick out. Sometimes candidates wrote “powerful” as one of the answers, which was in the script but had not been given as one of the options from which to choose.