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Introduction

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

Question 1

This question dealt with hobbies. Most candidates tackled this question well.

Question 2

This question was a telephone message about visiting a friend. Almost all candidates dealt with the multiple-choice questions very well. candidates.

Question 3

This question was about how various young people used their new year money. Both on question 3 and question 4, candidates need to be very careful about which column and which row they are putting their ticks in. Sometimes it looks as though candidate's hands "slip" as they work through the question and they end up ticking the wrong boxes.

Question 4

This question was about a family who lives in Korea and where they each use the language. Most candidates appeared to know most key vocabulary items.

Question 5

This question was a girl introducing her school On (a), the 8 from eight o'clock was usually correct, but candidates found it harder to transcribe the 50 minutes. (b) "Tortoise" was a vocabulary item not known by many candidates. However, "Friday" for (c) was known by most candidates.

Question 6

This question was about volunteering at an international event. The stronger candidates were able to pick out the correct jobs that the volunteers would be doing.

Question 7

This question was about a trip to the seaside. Option F, "She saw birds fishing" was often not chosen although it was a correct answer – possibly because the idea was a little unusual.

Question 8

This question asked candidates to write down information they heard about an international sports match. A large number of candidates did not know the word for baseball. (b) was generally well answered - many candidates understood that the taxi driver had spoken in Japanese and asked him a question.

Question 9

This was another multiple-choice question, introducing an unusual hotel. (ii) about the cost was the easiest of these questions. (iv) proved challenging for many candidates.

Question 10

This question was about young people's TV watching habits. In (a) many candidates were able to pick out the word "teacher", but fewer were able to give the precise details that the teacher was getting married. (b) was generally well answered. A good number of candidates knew the vocabulary item "bear" in (c).

Question 11

This question was about a school trip to a police station. The stronger candidates tackled this question well.

Question 12

This question was a young lady talking about visiting an elderly lady, Mrs. Yamamura. Candidates generally tackled this question well.

Question 13

This was a challenging question about Kimio's plans to support Asian mothers. Some candidates lost marks as they did not attempt this question at all. Amongst those who tackled it, (a) about the favourite school subject was tackled well. Candidates found (c) and (d) difficult, but this was expected as this is one of the hardest questions on the paper.

Question 14

This question was about a Japanese festival. Some candidates lost marks as they wrote in answers using their own words, and did not choose the answers from the list of words given. Candidates are reminded to follow the instructions on the examination paper.