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## **Introduction**

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

### **Question 1**

This question was on the subject of holidays. Most candidates tackled this question well.

### **Question 2**

This question was about using your Japanese. Most candidates knew the days of the week and basic vocabulary for places in town.

### **Question 3**

This question was about what various young people were going to do at a fairtrade festival. 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.

### **Question 4**

This question was about Kaori's achievements as she went through the education system. Most candidates appeared to know most key vocabulary items.

### **Question 5**

This question was Kaori talking about an unusual training college. Most candidates were able to answer (d), as they were able to recognise the key word "teacher". The other parts proved harder, including taking down the year 2012 correctly.

### **Question 6**

This question was about school trips. Many candidates were able to pick out the correct phrases from those supplied.

### **Question 7**

This question was about going to visit a teacher who had just given birth to a new baby. Most candidates were able to pick out the correct vocabulary items.

### **Question 8**

This question asked candidates to write down information they heard about a project he did. This question was well answered this year, with many candidates correctly answering "geography" in (a); picking out the key word "fish" in (b); and mentioning future study in (c).

### **Question 9**

This was a set of multiple choice questions about Mrs. Kimura, whose hobby is origami. This set of questions was generally well answered.

**Question 10**

This question was about different kinds of weather. The word “umbrella” was often correctly identified as the answer to (a). (d) was also well tackled, with candidates recognising the key word “cocoa”. The middle two parts were harder.

**Question 11**

This question was about Junko talking about her ambitions to be a truck driver. Some of the candidates understood that she was going to deliver water after an earthquake, but failed to spot that this was going to be to a supermarket.

**Question 12**

This question was Takeshi talking about a trip to China. Candidates generally tackled this question well.

**Question 13**

This question was Takehiko discussing a book he had read. In (a), many candidates wrote down “Africa” but missed the “South”. (b) and (c) were harder and many responses were left blank, although “Watch the film of the book” was correctly given by some candidates for (d).

**Question 14**

This question was about a boy staying in a Japanese hotel with his older brother. (e) was the hardest in this set of questions, possibly because of the negative in the stem.