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## **Introduction**

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

### **Question 1**

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

### **Question 2**

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

### **Question 3**

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 4**

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.

### **Question 5**

This question was about Elizabeth Oliver's project in Japan running an animal sanctuary. These questions were well answered by most candidates.

### **Question 6**

This question was about an unusual overnight hike in a Japanese high school. Part (c) about running or singing at the start was the easiest. Part (e) was the hardest, because it was difficult for candidates to get across the full idea that "If they didn't attend school the next day, their results from the walk the day before wouldn't be counted".

### **Question 7**

This question was about someone who queued for others as a part time job. Candidates made a good attempt at this question, even though the concept was presumably rather unfamiliar. (d) was the easiest, with many candidates correctly picking out the information that the person could not go to the toilet. Again in part (e), some candidates did not get the mark as they did not give the full explanation: "the salary/pay was about the same as the supermarket" and simply wrote "salary" or "the same". Candidates need to read each question carefully and think through whether a single word will suffice as an answer, or whether fuller details are required to be a complete answer to any given question.

**Question 8**

This question was about planning a cycling trip on the Shimanami Coastal Path. Being a multiple choice set of questions, most candidates attempted all the items and generally did well.

**Question 9**

This question was about how a young person turned their hobby of manga into an activity through which they could earn some money. In part (a), the “baby sitting” and “washing Dad’s car” in (i) were generally well understood, although some candidates did not give sufficient detail (for example about ordering the comics) in (ii). In part (b), the word 政治 was often unknown. Most candidates showed some understanding of the idea that “her parents said she wouldn’t earn through this hobby, but she is in fact making money”, but some had difficulty in expressing this in sufficiently clear English to convey the point.

**Question 10**

This question was about an environmentally friendly school. Part (i) was generally answered better than (ii), possibly because the various different groups of people who were mentioned in (ii) caused some confusion.