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## Introduction

Candidates made a good effort to answer all aspects of the paper, including questions that required a short-written answer in English.

### Question 1

This question was about hobbies and tested reading of hiragana and katakana. Most candidates were able to match the correct people with the statements they made.

### Question 2

This question was about future dreams. (d) and (e) were the hardest. Presumably the vocabulary item おかねもち was hard in (e).

### Question 3

This question required short written answers in response to a text about a town. Candidates were unfamiliar with the words きょうかい and みなみ, although they were able to read the kanji number. In part (b), most candidates were able to pick out the words おじいさん (although some thought this meant grandmother) and バッグ.

### Question 4

This was one of the two literary texts. Many candidates were able to pick out the key information and respond to the multiple choice questions.

### Question 5

This question was about Miyuki cleaning the head teacher's room. (b) was the easiest, with many candidates being able to pick out the colour "white". In (c), the word はこ was often missed.

### Question 6

This question was about a boating holiday. It was generally well answered, although some candidates found the inference question in (ii) challenging.

### Question 7

Candidates were required to pick out details about what each person was doing, from a text about an eco festival at school. The concept of the teacher caring about food waste seemed to be the hardest.

### Question 8

This was an extract from a literary text. (a) and (b) were generally well answered, although some candidates offered "Munich" for (b). (c) was the most challenging, with some candidates picking out the word 安い but then writing things like "It wasn't cheap".

**Question 9**

This question was about what various family members were going to do, to prepare to welcome a refugee family. (b) appeared to be quite hard – candidates may have been unfamiliar with the word かべ.

**Question 10**

This was the translation. Most candidates were able to translate 楽しかったです correctly. The majority also knew the word しゃしん. However very few were familiar with the word しか.