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Introduction

Most of the candidates worked through the entire paper, and showed evidence of having been well prepared for the examination. Please encourage candidates to not give up and keep trying all the way through, however hard they find some of the questions – there may be some words or phrases they understand even in the harder questions. Please also remind candidates of the importance of using the preparation time well, to anticipate words they might hear and so on. There could have been more evidence on the papers of candidates jotting down key words.

Question 1

This question was about school and required candidates to choose the three correct statements from a bank of statements. The option about “the school trip” seemed to be the hardest, presumably because the actual words “school trip” were not said.

Question 2

This was a multiple choice question on a trip to Japan, and was generally well answered.

Question 3

This was a table with crosses to tick. Candidates were clearly familiar with this exercise type and did not tick too many or too few boxes. Some candidates missed the need to come back to tick another box for Hiroshi at the end.

Question 4

The type of exercise is the same as in question 3, but the theme this time was what various groups of people were going to do to raise money to tackle homelessness. This question proved harder for some candidates, possibly as the options listed on the paper were slightly further away in terms of vocabulary than what candidates heard in the recording.

Question 5

This question was about a flower arranging class, and candidates were required to respond in short sentences. Candidates were generally good at picking out the day of the week, although the number 1000 caused more difficulties, with some candidates offering 100 and others 10,000.

Question 6

This question required candidates to complete sentences using phrases from a word cloud. Candidates sometimes lost marks because although they chose the correct phrase from the word cloud, they put it against the wrong speaker. Please encourage candidates to really concentrate and to check their answers to minimise the risk of this type of error.

Question 7

This was a question on the theme of daily life, with candidates required to pick out the three correct statements from a bank of statements. Sometimes the option with “sister” in it was chosen incorrectly – please

make candidates aware that there will be some harder questions where they will need to listen to the whole text and answer in context, and not just pick out key words.

Question 8

This question again required candidates to respond in short written answers, about a boy talking about his chosen high school. Most candidates were able to pick out the katakana words, but the idea at the end that he could choose which days to attend school was harder.

Question 9

This was a series of multiple choice questions on the theme of avoiding food waste. Some candidates found the final question about Kazumi's grandmother choosing to order only a child meal hard.

Question 10

This task had different young people each talking about their home town, and candidates had to pick out key details to answer short questions. Many candidates were able to pick out "Europe" for (c), although had greater difficulty with the first two parts of the question. In (d) the unit "years" was sometimes missed off by candidates who were able to hear and write down the number 100 correctly.

Question 11

This was a sentence completion exercise, with words to be chosen from a word gap. Publishing work online seemed to be difficult – either conceptually or linguistically – and many candidates erroneously chose "in magazines" for (d).

Question 12

This question was about a school trip to England, and candidates had to pick out the correct statements from a bank of statements. This question was tackled well by the majority of candidates.

Question 13

This question required short answer responses. A large number of candidates did not recognise the word for "underground" or "metro", although their knowledge of school subject vocabulary in (b) was more secure.

Question 14

This question was about a skiing holiday, and candidates had to complete sentences choosing the correct word from 4 adjectives. Candidates sometimes missed the negative, either in the material they were listening to, or printed on the question paper.

