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Introduction
Candidates demonstrated that they had been well prepared for this paper by their teachers, and that they had also prepared well for the examination themselves. The majority of the candidates attempted to work through the entire paper. Please remind candidates to write their answers legibly.

Question 1
This question required candidates to match the names of people to various statements about international experiences. This set of questions was well answered by candidates.

Question 2
Candidates had to read a passage about a local park, and then complete a gap-filling exercise. A significant minority of candidates used their own words to complete (a). Please remind candidates to choose words from the word cloud. There was evidence that quite a few candidates simply guessed (e).

Question 3
This question required short written answers in response to a text about school. The words "homework" and "drama" were known to the majority of candidates, whereas the word "factory" was not.

Question 4
This was a literary text with a set of multiple choice questions. This set of questions was generally well tackled by candidates.

Question 5
This question required short written responses in response to a text about Akira, who got confused when the clocks changed. Candidates found this question challenging, with (b) being the easiest.

Question 6
This question required candidates to respond to a series of multiple choice questions after reading a text about a test in an art lesson. This set of questions was generally well tackled by candidates.

Question 7
This text was about an experience of being off from school due to illness. Candidates were required to complete a gap fill exercise, choosing words from a word cloud. Parts (a) and (c) were the easiest, whereas candidates found parts (d) and (e) more difficult. There was evidence that candidates simply guessed these sections.

Question 8

This was a literary text to which candidates were required to respond by answering short questions. Most candidates knew the word for "apple" in (b), although fewer candidates knew "sanpo". The majority of candidates were not thrown by the "Oolong" part of "Oolong tea" and were able to answer "tea" correctly.

Question 9

This question required candidates to match the names of people to the descriptions of their holidays. This question was generally well tackled.

Question 10

Candidates were required to translate a short passage from Japanese to English. Most candidates were able to read the katakana word "anime" and also recognised "manga". Most were also able to correctly translate "I am studying Japanese."

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