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Japanese

PAPER 1: Listening and understanding in Japanese

Higher Tier

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- All questions are set in English.
- Answer **all** questions in English.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Information

- You have 5 minutes to read through the paper before the first extract starts.
- You may make notes during these 5 minutes.
- You will hear the extract twice. You may write at any time during the tests. There will be a pause between each question.
- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Some questions must be answered with a cross ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

Junko's ambition

1 Junko is talking about her ambition.

Complete the gap in each sentence using a word from the box below.
There are more words than gaps.

earthquake	driving safely	lorry	electrical shops
traffic news	coastline	typhoon	helping people
supermarkets	ambulance	music	engineering features

Example: Junko wants to drive a(n) lorry.

- (a) She wants to take supplies to _____. (1)
- (b) She will listen to _____. (1)
- (c) She will be interested in the _____. (1)
- (d) She will transport water after a(n) _____. (1)
- (e) She will get job satisfaction from _____. (1)

(Total for Question 1 = 5 marks)



Mrs Kimura

2 Mrs Kimura is talking about her hobby.

Listen to Mrs Kimura talking and complete the sentences by putting a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

Example: Mrs Kimura loves...

☒	A origami.
☐	B the tea ceremony.
☐	C flower arranging.
☐	D karaoke.

(i) In Paris, she went with her husband to the...

☐	A shops.
☐	B restaurants.
☐	C art galleries.
☐	D cathedrals.

(ii) The girl on the train wanted her to make...

☐	A a house.
☐	B an animal.
☐	C a toy.
☐	D a box.

(iii) The girl's mother...

☐	A told the girl off.
☐	B gave Mrs Kimura money.
☐	C researched origami on her phone.
☐	D took photos.



(iv) Mrs Kimura was pleased because she...

☐	A spoke English.
☐	B made European friends.
☐	C spread Japanese culture.
☐	D found Japanese food.

(Total for Question 2 = 4 marks)

A trip to China

3 Takeshi is talking about a recent trip to China.

What does he say?

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in each one of the **three** correct boxes.

☒	Example: He went with a group from his town.
☐	A They visited a brand new sports centre.
☐	B The sport was played in pairs.
☐	C They had to wear shorts.
☐	D Trousers were part of the equipment.
☐	E The game was easier than it looked.
☐	F He learnt to count in Chinese.
☐	G The Chinese team won.

(Total for Question 3 = 3 marks)

A golfing holiday

- 4 Tomio is talking about being taken on a golfing holiday by his brother.

What does he say?

Choose from the following: **large**, **dangerous**, **attractive** and **quiet**. Each word can be used more than once.

Example: The golf course was large.

- (a) The golf course was a little _____. (1)
- (b) Their room was not _____. (1)
- (c) What they saw from their window was _____. (1)
- (d) The restaurant was _____. (1)
- (e) The big bath was not _____. (1)

(Total for Question 4 = 5 marks)

Getting to know the school

5 A high school student is talking about an event they have at her school.

What does she say?

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

Example: The event takes place in...

☒	A April.
☐	B July.
☐	C September.
☐	D December.

(i) During this event...

☐	A pupils work alone.
☐	B older pupils set challenges for younger ones.
☐	C pupils go all over the school.
☐	D pupils quiz their teachers.

(ii) The towers are made with Sellotape and...

☐	A plastic cups.
☐	B pasta.
☐	C paper.
☐	D drinking straws.

(iii) One of the ideas is to help new pupils...

☐	A assess their own skills.
☐	B get to know the buildings.
☐	C learn the school rules.
☐	D acquire study skills.

(Total for Question 5 = 3 marks)



A rather different rubbish bin

6 Hiroaki is talking about a new rubbish bin.

What does he say?

Answer the following questions **in English**.

(a) Why can the rubbish bin walk around the room?

(1)

(b) Why is it unable to pick up the rubbish itself?

(1)

(c) Apart from the appearance of the bin, why do people want to put rubbish into it?

(1)

(d) How does the rubbish bin indicate its thanks?

(1)

(e) Why does the rubbish bin need human help?

(1)

(Total for Question 6 = 5 marks)

A different kind of learning

7 Ben is talking about his school.

Listen to the conversation and answer the following questions **in English**.

(a) What is unusual about Fridays at his school?

(1)

(b) Why does Ben think this unusual approach is good?

(1)

(c) Why does Ben wear a suit to school on Fridays?

(1)

(d) How do the students make their videos interesting? Give **one** detail.

(1)

(e) What was the message of their recent video?

(1)

(Total for Question 7 = 5 marks)



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Future dreams

- 8 A teacher is asking her class about their experience of high school and their future dreams.

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

Example: The teacher asks about...

☐	A the lesson they find hardest.
☒	B what they enjoy most.
☐	C the teacher they like best.
☐	D the best food in the canteen.

Part (a)

- (i) Atsushi likes studying about...

☐	A people and society.
☐	B maths and computers.
☐	C nature and animals.
☐	D writers and poets.

- (ii) In the chat room, Ai learns about...

☐	A various countries of the world.
☐	B translating and interpreting.
☐	C computer games on the internet.
☐	D how the internet deals with different scripts.

- (iii) Tōru is...

☐	A passing on his skills.
☐	B planning for the new term.
☐	C composing music.
☐	D learning a new language.



Part (b)

(i) Atsushi wants to study...

☐	A philosophy.
☐	B politics.
☐	C medicine.
☐	D law.

(ii) Tōru worries about Atsushi's...

☐	A old-fashioned attitudes.
☐	B eyesight.
☐	C desire to reform society.
☐	D career prospects.

(iii) Ai and Tōru have in common a desire to...

☐	A be rich.
☐	B be famous.
☐	C go abroad.
☐	D be in a band.

(Total for Question 8 = 6 marks)

Buying presents

9 Eri is talking about buying presents.

Listen to what she says and answer the following questions **in English**.

Part (a)

(i) Why is Eri going to South America?

(1)

(ii) Why was Eri disappointed with the tie she bought?

(1)

(iii) What does the hat she bought have on it?

(1)

(iv) What did Eri first buy for her homestay brother? Give full details.

(1)

(v) Why did she end up buying him an additional present?

(1)

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Part (b)

- (i) Why did Eri decide against her first idea to buy model sushi for her friends? Give **two** details.

(2)

- (ii) What other presents did she consider, and why did she reject them? Give **one** example.

(2)

- (iii) In what way was her final choice of present appropriate as a gift from Japan?

(1)

(Total for Question 9 = 10 marks)

A trip abroad

10 Hiromi is talking about a trip abroad she recently made.

Listen to her speech and put a cross ☒ in each of the **two** correct boxes for each question.

(i) What does she say about looking after herself?

(2)

☒	Example: She went to Singapore.
☐	A She woke up with aching feet.
☐	B Her feet were really swollen.
☐	C Her friend told her not to worry.
☐	D She slept with her feet raised.
☐	E She slept under a sheet only.

(ii) What did she discover about taking walks?

(2)

☐	A Singaporeans walk amongst the buildings and traffic.
☐	B Walking trails are indicated by a green sign.
☐	C There was a walking trail along a disused railway.
☐	D The suggested walking trail was far from her hotel.
☐	E The walking trails were very disappointing.

(Total for Question 10 = 4 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS

