

# Optional Final Exam 2

Directions: For each of the 12 chapters in this textbook write down two questions along with an opinion that you might share with someone if you were to discuss this topic.

## Chapter 1. Ancient Nara Forest being Destroyed by Deer

1. Your Question: \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Your Opinion: \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 2. How to Become a Musical Genius without Trying

3. Your Question: \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Your Opinion: \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 3. July 2005 Jobless Rate is at 4.4 Percent

5. Your Question: \_\_\_\_\_?
6. Your Opinion: \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 4. Bullying Bosses: Sign of the Times?

7. Your Question: \_\_\_\_\_?
8. Your Opinion: \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 5. O-Soji: The Way of the Japanese

9. Your Question: \_\_\_\_\_?
10. Your Opinion: \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 6. Free Speech at School

11. Your Question: \_\_\_\_\_?
12. Your Opinion: \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 7. Bailout for Universal Studios, Japan

13. Your Question: \_\_\_\_\_?
14. Your Opinion: \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 8. Sex Selection Sparks Controversy

15. Your Question: \_\_\_\_\_?
16. Your Opinion: \_\_\_\_\_.



# Fluency Review

*Directions: Ask the questions to your partner quickly. Do not write down his or her comments.*

## **Chapter 1 Ancient Nara Forest being Destroyed by Deer**

1. What did you learn from this chapter that you think is important?
2. What are your opinions on this topic?
3. Is this topic important for most Japanese people? Why or why not?
4. Would you support a deer cull (killing deer) if it were to help save the forest? Why or why not?
5. What other environmental issues have you recently read about in newspapers or magazines?
6. How serious is this problem? Explain.
7. Which is more important: the forest or the deer?

## **Chapter 2 How to Become a Musical Genius without Trying**

8. What did you learn from this chapter that you think is important?
9. What are your opinions on this topic?
10. Is this topic important for most Japanese people? Why or why not?
11. What do you think about most Japanese music? Is it noise, or is it really music? What's the difference?
12. Describe the music of the musical groups and artists that you feel is good, and how this music is different from the music you dislike.
13. Has music gotten better or worse over the past ten years? Explain.
14. Are there any lyrics that you have found interesting or important to you?

## **Chapter 3 July 2005 Jobless Rate is at 4.4 Percent**

15. What did you learn from this chapter that you think is important?
16. What are your opinions on this topic?
17. Is this topic important for most Japanese people? Why or why not?
18. Do you think the job market will improve in Japan soon? Why or why not?
19. How is the job market changing in Japan? Is it easier or hard to get a good job now?
20. Will a richer and more productive, competitive China be good for Japan? Explain.
21. What should young Japanese know about the job market in Japan?

## **Chapter 4 Bullying Bosses: Sign of the Times?**

22. What did you learn from this chapter that you think is important?
23. What are your opinions on this topic?
24. Is this topic important for most Japanese people? Why or why not?
25. Do you think bullying bosses are common in Japan? Why or why not?
26. What is the best way of dealing with a bullying boss?
27. Do people work harder under a strict or nice boss? Explain.
28. Do you think the problem of bullying bosses will get better in the future?

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## **Chapter 5 O-Soji: The Way of the Japanese**

29. What did you learn from this chapter that you think is important?
30. What are your opinions on this topic?
31. Is this topic important for most Japanese people? Why or why not?
32. Do you think young Japanese are as clean as older Japanese? Why or why not?
33. Does cleaning in schools help men later on in life to help their wives? Explain.
34. Is the expression *ie wa onna no takara* true? Is the house the woman's treasure 'as men are bound to disappoint'?

## **Chapter 6 Free Speech at School**

35. What did you learn from this chapter that you think is important?
36. What are your opinions on this topic?
37. Is this topic important for most Japanese people? Why or why not?
38. Do you think young Japanese care about free speech? Why or why not?
39. Do you think Japanese universities will have similar problems with free speech like other universities in the future?
40. Should universities and schools allow students to hold protests that might disturb some people?
41. Are free speech zones a good idea?

## **Chapter 7 Bailout for Universal Studios, Japan**

42. What did you learn from this chapter that you think is important?
43. What are your opinions on this topic?
44. Is this topic important for most Japanese people? Why or why not?
45. Do you think young Japanese care about the problems of amusement parks or of Japanese companies? Why or why not?
46. Should amusement parks be given financial help by city governments?
47. If government is to give money to business, what kinds of business should get money first?
48. Should government keep helping businesses that are failing and are never profitable such as SeaGaia or Huis Ten Bosch?

## **Chapter 8 Sex Selection Sparks Controversy**

49. What did you learn from this chapter that you think is important?
50. What are your opinions on this topic?
51. Is this topic important for most Japanese people? Why or why not?
52. Do you think Japanese should be allowed to choose the sex of their baby?
53. If PGDs were allowed and parents could decide on the sex of their baby, do you think that most parents in Japan would want to do have this option?
54. Do you think if we start choosing the sex of babies, this would lead to choosing other traits like eye color, hair color, height, etc.?
55. If sex selection was allowed in Japan, would most Japanese parents choose to have boys? Explain.

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## **Chapter 9 American Beef Banned**

56. What did you learn from this chapter that you think is important?
57. What are your opinions on this topic?
58. Is this topic important for most Japanese? Why or why not?
59. Do you think Japanese would care if American beef was permanently banned? Is it safe to eat?
60. Is Japanese beef safer to eat than beef from other countries? Explain.
61. Do you think a lot more cows have BSE?
62. Do you think the government should be stricter with farmers and ranchers? Can you trust these people to provide you with safe food?

## **Chapter 10 Japanese Now Allowed to Change Sex**

63. What did you learn from this chapter that you think is important?
64. What are your opinions on this topic?
65. Is this topic important for most Japanese? Why or why not?
66. Do you think Japanese would care about others changing their sex?
67. Is gender identity disorder something that comes from the environment (movies, friends) or from biology (hormones)?
68. Do you think younger Japanese below 20 should be allowed to change their sex if they want to?
69. Do you agree with the LDP politicians who believe that children would be shocked if their parents were allowed to change their sex?

## **Chapter 11 Jumping to the Work You Really Love**

70. What did you learn from this chapter that you think is important?
71. What are your opinions on this topic?
72. Is this topic important for most Japanese? Why or why not?
73. Do you think Japanese now would change their jobs if they were unhappy?
74. Should people really expect to be happy with their jobs? Isn't work supposed to be hard?
75. It is said that people now in the 21st century will have five careers (jobs) in their lives. Do you think this will be true with you? Explain.
76. Do you think working for yourself (setting up your own company) is possible? Explain.

## **Chapter 12 Japan Launches Asteroid Probe**

77. What did you learn from this chapter that you think is important?
78. What are your opinions on this topic?
79. Is this topic important for most Japanese? Why or why not?
80. Would any information gathered from this probe would help most Japanese? Why or why not?
81. Would you support more space probes to explore asteroids? Explain.
82. Should the government pay for such expensive space probes? Would it be a better idea to have private companies explore asteroids?
83. Do you think information gathered from an asteroid will really give information about substances making up the solar system?