Lesson 1

Reading 1-A

よし子さんは、二月二十日から一週間、北海道に行きました。一日目は、つかれて何もできませんでしたが、二日目からは、スキーをしたり、温泉に入ったり、カラオケに行ったりして、とても楽しかったです。来年の冬は、スノーボードを習いたいです。

Yoshiko san wa, nigatsu hatsuka kara isshūkan, hokkaidō ni ikimashita. Ichinichime wa tsukarete nanimo dekimasendeshita ga, futsukame kara wa sukii o shitari, onsen ni haittari, karaoke ni ittari shite, totemo tanoshikatta desu. Rainen no fuyu wa, sunōbōdo o naraitai desu.

Questions 1-A

1. Yoshiko came home on

   (A. February 10, B. February 27, C. October 20, D. October 27).

2. Yoshiko could not do anything on the fi rst day because

   (A. she was too excited, B. she had a cold, C. she was tired, D. it was very far).

3. Apart from skiing, how did Yoshiko enjoy her trip?

   (A. Bathing in a hot spring, B. Snowboarding, C. Riding a bullet train, D. Eating sushi).

4. Yoshiko is looking forward to (A. going skiing again, B. having a Japanese bath next winter, C. going to Hokkaido again, D. learning snowboarding next winter).

Reading 1-B

ぼくはグレッグです。大阪にいる中学三年生の太郎くんに一月からメールを送っています。太郎くんに日本語と英語でメールを書くので、いい勉強になります。日本の中学校のことや太郎くんの趣味について話ができるので、とてもおもしろいです。太郎くんは、三月に中学を卒業して、四月から高校生になるそうです。

Boku wa Gureggu desu. Ōsaka ni iru chūgaku sannensei no Tarō kun ni ichigatsu kara mēru o okutte imasu. Tarō kun ni nihongo to eigo de mēru o kaku node, ii benkyō ni narimasu. Nihon no chūgakkō no koto ya Tarō kun no shumi ni tsuite hanashi ga dekiru node, totemo omoshiroi desu. Tarō kun wa, sangatsu ni chūgaku o sotsugyō shite, shigatsu kara kōkōsei ni naru sō desu.

Questions 1-B

1. What grade is Tarō in?
   (A. 3rd, B. 6th, C. 9th, D. 12th)
2. When did Greg begin writing his Japanese pen pal?
   (A. January, B. March, C. June, D. September)
3. What language did Greg use to write his pen pal?
   (A. Japanese, B. Japanese and English, C. mostly English, D. English)
4. When does the school year begin in Japan?
   (A. January, B. April, C. August, D. September)

Reading 1-C

日本では五月にゴールデンウイークがあります。学校もお父さんの仕事も休みだったので、家族で山に行ってピクニックをすることにしました。その朝、私も弟もワクワクして六時におきました。お母さんは、おむすびを六つ作ってくれました。山の上で食べたおむすびは、おいしかったです。

Nihon dewa gogatsu ni gōrudenwiiku ga arimasu. Gakkō mo otōsan no shigoto mo yasumi datta node, kazoku de yama ni itte pikunikku o suru koto ni shimashita. Sono asa, watashi mo otōto mo wakuwaku shite rokuji ni okimashita. Okāsan wa, omusubi o muttsu tsukutte kuremashita. Yama no ue de tabeta omusubi wa, oishikatta desu.

Questions 1-C

1. What month is Golden Week in Japan?

   (A. March, B. May, C. July, D. September)

2. Where did the narrator's family go for Golden Week?

   (A. the mountains, B. the river,
   C. the beach, D. the countryside)

3. What time did the narrator wake up?

   (A. 4 o'clock, B. 5 o'clock, C. 6 o'clock, D. 7 o'clock)

4. How many rice balls did the narrator's mother make?

   (A. four, B. five, C. six, D. seven)

Reading 1-D

けい子さんは晩ご飯に、サラダを食べたいと思いました。だから、駅前の八百屋で、レタスときゅうりとにんじんを買いました。トマトも買うつもりでしたが、四つで七百円もしたので、買いませんでした。かわりに、八十円のセロリを買いました。

Keiko san wa bangohan ni, sarada o tabetai to omoimashita. Dakara, ekimae no yaoya de, retasu to kyūri to ninjin o kaimashita. Tomato mo kau tsumori deshita ga, yottsu de nana hyakuen mo shita node, kaimasen deshita. Kawari ni, hachijūen no serori o kaimashita.

Questions 1-D

1. Where did Keiko get the ingredients for dinner?

   (A. the grocery store, B. the farmers' market, C. the vegetable stand, D. her vegetable garden)

2. What did Keiko buy first?

   (A. tomatoes, lettuce, and cucumbers, B. lettuce, cucumbers, and carrots, C. cucumbers, carrots, and tomatoes, D. carrots, tomatoes, and lettuce)

3. How much did the tomatoes cost?

   (A. 400 yen for four, B. 400 yen for seven, C. 700 yen for four, D. 700 yen for seven)

4. How much did the celery cost?

   (A. 80 yen, B. 100 yen, C. 110 yen, D. 180 yen)

Reading 1-E

一男くんは、夏休みにお母さんと妹と九州へ行きました。その時、初めて新幹線に乗りました。そして十日間いとこの家に泊まりました。いとこの家族はみんなで六人ですが、家はとても広いので、せまいと思いませんでした。

泊まる　to stay at

Kazuo kun wa, natsuyasumi ni okāsan to imōto to kyūshū e ikimashita. Sono toki, hajimete shinkansen ni norimashita. Soshite tōkakan itoko no uchi ni tomarimashita. Itoko no kazoku wa minna de rokunin desu ga, uchi wa totemo hiroi node, semai to omoimasen deshita.

Questions 1-E

1. When did Kazu visit his cousins?

   (A. during winter break, B. during spring break, C. during summer vacation, D. during fall holiday)

2. Who did Kazu travel with?

   (A. his father and little sister, B. his father and little brother, C. his mother and little sister, D. his mother and little brother)

3. How many people are in Kazu's cousin's family?

   (A. six, B. seven, C. eight, D. nine)

4. Where does Kazu most likely live?

   (A. Hokkaido, B. not in Hokkaido, C. Kyushu, D. not in Kyushu)

Reading 1-F

私は来週ドイツから来た友達と日光へ行くことにしました。母はおこづかいを三千円くれるそうです。電車のきっぷは千六百三十円で、おべんとうは六百円です。のこりの七百円ぐらいで、家族におみやげを買うつもりです。

Watashi wa raishū doitsu kara kita tomodachi to nikkō e iku koto ni shimashita. Haha wa okozukai o sanzen en kureru sō desu. Densha no kippu wa sen roppyaku sanju en de, obentō wa roppyaku en desu. Nokori no nanahyakuen gurai de, kazoku ni omiyage o kau tsumori desu.

Questions 1-F

1. With whom is the writer going to Nikko?
   (A. a tour group, B. a friend, C. a parent, D. classmates)
2. How much is the train fare?
   (A. 1,360 yen, B. 1,630 yen, C. 3,130 yen, D. 3,630 yen)
3. How much will lunch cost?
   (A. 500 yen, B. 600 yen, C. 700 yen, D. 800 yen)
4. For whom will the writer buy souvenirs?
   (A. friends, B. classmates, C. teachers, D. family)

Reading 1-G

日本では十六才でバイクの運転免許が取れます。たろうさんは十六才の誕生日に十三万円のバイクがほしいそうです。お父さんが半分の六万五千円、おじいさんとおばあさんが四万円を払ってくれるそうです。のこりの二万五千円はたろうさんが払うつもりです。

払う　to pay

Nihon dewa jūrokusai de baiku no unten menkyo ga toremasu. Tarō san wa jūrokusai no tanjōbi ni jūsanman en no baiku ga hoshii sō desu. Otōsan ga hanbun no rokuman gosen en, ojiisan to obāsan ga yonmanen o haratte kureru sō desu. Nokori no niman gosen en wa Tarō san ga harau tsumori desu.

Questions 1-G

1. How old must one be to get a motorcycle license in Japan?
   (A. 16 years old, B. 17 years old, C. 18 years old, D. 20 years old)
2. How much does the motorcycle that Taro wants cost?
   (A. 90,000 yen, B. 110,000 yen, C. 130,000 yen, D. 150,000 yen)
3. How much will his father pay?
   (A. 55,000 yen, B. 60,000 yen, C. 65,000 yen, D. 70,000 yen)
4. How much does Taro need to pay?
   (A. 15,000 yen, B. 25,000 yen, C. 35,000 yen, D. 45,000 yen)