Japanese subject report

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Introduction



The annual subject reports seek to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement of internal and external assessment processes for all Queensland schools. The 2024 subject report is the culmination of the partnership between schools and the QCAA. It addresses school-based assessment design and judgments, and student responses to external assessment for General and General (Extension) subjects. In acknowledging effective practices and areas for refinement, it offers schools timely and evidence-based guidance to further develop student learning and assessment experiences for 2025.

The report also includes information about:

- how schools have applied syllabus objectives in the design and marking of internal assessments
- how syllabus objectives have been applied in the marking of external assessments
- patterns of student achievement.

The report promotes continuous improvement by:

- identifying effective practices in the design and marking of valid, accessible and reliable assessments
- recommending where and how to enhance the design and marking of valid, accessible and reliable assessment instruments
- providing examples that demonstrate best practice.

Schools are encouraged to reflect on the effective practices identified for each assessment, consider the recommendations to strengthen assessment design and explore the authentic student work samples provided.

Audience and use

This report should be read by school leaders, subject leaders, and teachers to:

- inform teaching and learning and assessment preparation
- assist in assessment design practice
- assist in making assessment decisions
- help prepare students for internal and external assessment.

The report is publicly available to promote transparency and accountability. Students, parents, community members and other education stakeholders can use it to learn about the assessment practices and outcomes for senior subjects.

Subject highlights

143 schools offered Japanese



90.65% agreement with provisional marks for IA3



98.23% of students received a C or higher



Subject data summary



Subject completion

The following data includes students who completed the General subject.

Note: All data is correct as at January 2025. Where percentages are provided, these are rounded to two decimal places and, therefore, may not add up to 100%.

Number of schools that offered Japanese: 143.

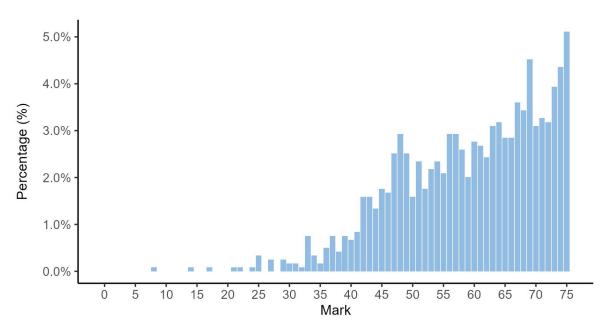
Completion of units	Unit 1	Unit 2	Units 3 and 4
Number of students completed	1,390	1,298	1,188

Units 1 and 2 results

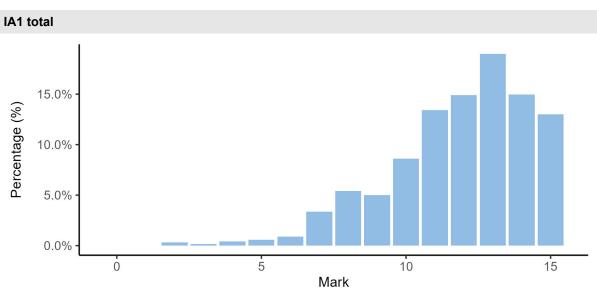
Number of students	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Unit 1	1,312	78
Unit 2	1,257	41

Units 3 and 4 internal assessment (IA) results

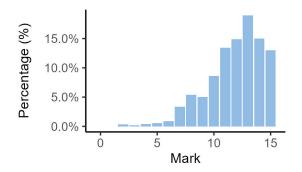
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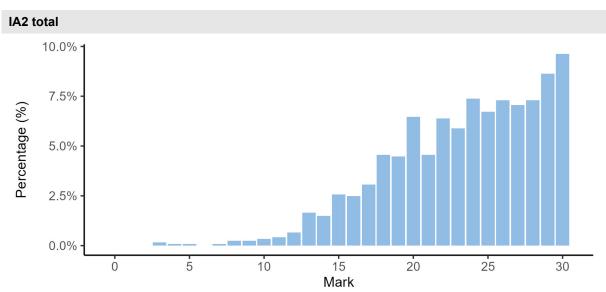
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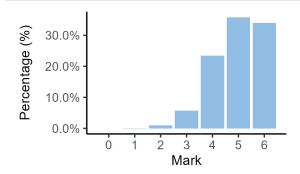
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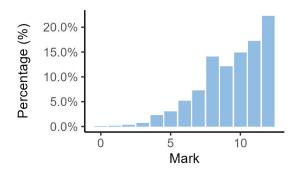
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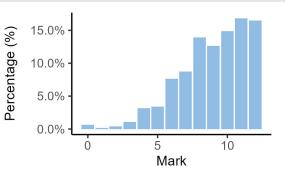
IA2 Criterion: Analysing Japanese texts in English



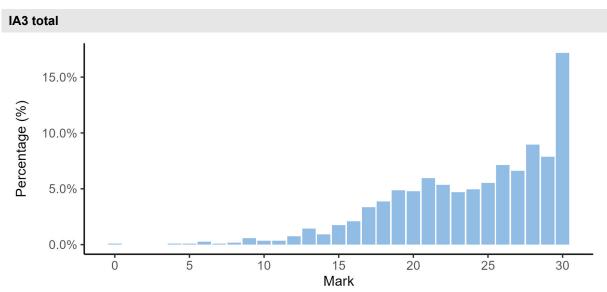
IA2 Criterion: Exchanging information and ideas in Japanese



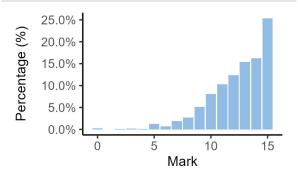
IA2 Criterion: Creating Japanese texts with Japanese stimulus



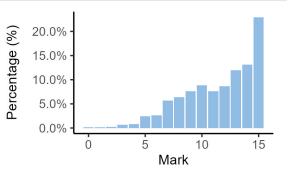
IA3 marks

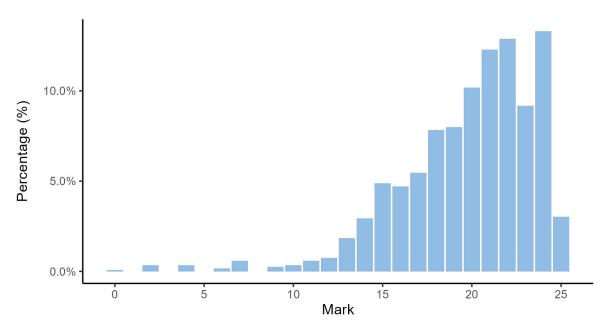


IA3 Criterion: Analysing Japanese texts in Japanese



IA3 Criterion: Exchanging information and ideas in Japanese

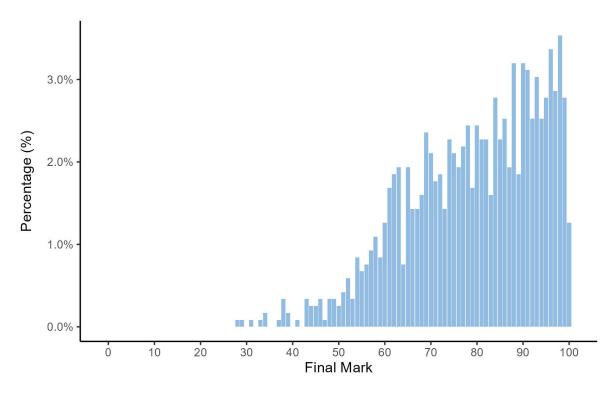




External assessment (EA) marks

Final subject results

Final marks for IA and EA



Grade boundaries

The grade boundaries are determined using a process to compare results on a numeric scale to the reporting standards.

Standard	Α	В	С	D	E
Marks achieved	100–84	83–65	64–45	44–19	18–0

Distribution of standards

The number of students who achieved each standard across the state is as follows.

Standard	Α	В	С	D	E
Number of students	541	441	185	21	0

Internal assessment



The following information and advice relate to the assessment design and assessment decisions for each IA in Units 3 and 4. These instruments have undergone quality assurance processes informed by the attributes of quality assessment (validity, accessibility and reliability).

Endorsement

Endorsement is the quality assurance process based on the attributes of validity and accessibility. These attributes are categorised further as priorities for assessment, and each priority can be further broken down into assessment practices.

Data presented in the Assessment design section identifies the reasons why IA instruments were not endorsed at Application 1, by the priority for assessment. An IA may have been identified more than once for a priority for assessment, e.g. it may have demonstrated a misalignment to both the subject matter and the assessment objective/s.

Refer to QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook v6.0, Section 9.5.

Percentage of instruments endorsed in Application 1

Instruments submitted	IA1	IA2	IA3
Total number of instruments	143	143	141
Percentage endorsed in Application 1	72	46	58

Confirmation

Confirmation is the quality assurance process based on the attribute of reliability. The QCAA uses provisional criterion marks determined by teachers to identify the samples of student responses that schools are required to submit for confirmation.

Confirmation samples are representative of the school's decisions about the quality of student work in relation to the instrument-specific marking guide (ISMG), and are used to make decisions about the cohort's results.

Refer to QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook v6.0, Section 9.6.

The following table includes the percentage agreement between the provisional marks and confirmed marks by assessment instrument. The Assessment decisions section of this report for each assessment instrument identifies the agreement trends between provisional and confirmed marks by criterion.

Number of samples reviewed and percentage agreement

IA	Number of schools	Number of samples requested	Number of additional samples requested	Percentage agreement with provisional marks
1	139	792	3	87.05
2	139	789	3	87.77
3	139	785	0	90.65



Examination — short response (15%)

Summative internal assessment 1 assesses subject matter from Unit 3 Topic 1: Roles and relationships.

The examination assesses the application of a range of cognitions to multiple provided items — questions related to unseen Japanese stimulus texts.

Student responses must be completed individually, under supervised conditions, and in a set timeframe.

Assessment design

Validity

Validity in assessment design considers the extent to which an assessment item accurately measures what it is intended to measure and that the evidence of student learning collected from an assessment can be legitimately used for the purpose specified in the syllabus.

Reasons for non-endorsement by priority of assessment

Validity priority	Number of times priority was identified in decisions
Alignment	19
Authentication	0
Authenticity	1
Item construction	3
Scope and scale	13

Effective practices

Validity priorities were effectively demonstrated in assessment instruments that:

- allowed for unique student responses, using clear instructions and question cues
- allowed students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of Unit 3 Topic 1 subject matter through stimulus texts of relevant scope
- included questions where purpose, audience, context and tone elements could be thoroughly elicited from specific stimulus texts
- included three to five stimulus texts, of which
 - one was written, one was audio or audiovisual, and one was visual
 - the combined length was within 1,200–1,700 characters.

Practices to strengthen

It is recommended that assessment instruments:

• include questions that can be answered in up to 100 words while still providing the depth required to demonstrate at the highest mark range of the ISMG

- include questions that provide the opportunity to cover the required assessable objectives and performance-level descriptors in the ISMG
- provide stimulus texts that have sufficient detail for students to demonstrate the high-level performance descriptors when responding to questions
- use stimulus texts that do not feature URLs or other information in English that reveal contextual information to students without analysing Japanese language
- are accompanied by a transcript when submitting the instrument for endorsement to verify the length of the audio/audiovisual stimulus.

Accessibility

Accessibility in assessment design ensures that no student or group of students is disadvantaged in their capacity to access an assessment.

Reasons for non-endorsement by priority of assessment

Accessibility priority	Number of times priority was identified in decisions
Bias avoidance	10
Language	3
Layout	2
Transparency	6

Effective practices

Accessibility priorities were effectively demonstrated in assessment instruments that:

- provided clear instructions using cues that aligned to the specifications, objectives and ISMG
- avoided bias, inappropriate content, jargon and colloquial language.

Practices to strengthen

It is recommended that assessment instruments:

- include audio stimulus that is clear, audible and recorded at a moderate pace with judicious pausing
- include stimulus texts that are free of errors and model accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation
- label stimulus texts to align with questions.

Assessment decisions

Reliability

Reliability is a judgment about the measurements of assessment. It refers to the extent to which the results of assessments are consistent, replicable and free from error.

Criterion number	Criterion name	Percentage agreement with provisional	Percentage less than provisional	Percentage greater than provisional	Percentage both less and greater than provisional
1	Analysing Japanese texts in English	87.05	10.79	2.16	0.72

Agreement trends between provisional and confirmed marks

Effective practices

Accuracy and consistency of the application of the ISMG for this IA was most effective when:

- there was a shared understanding of the qualifiers and characteristics in the range of performance-level descriptors across different mark ranges
- marks were allocated where
 - paraphrasing was used effectively in analysis and evaluation to demonstrate comprehension, rather than the use of direct quotes from stimulus texts
 - responses demonstrated the identification of purpose, audience, context and tone with justifications and inferences from the stimulus text/s
 - student responses incorporated effective strategies for redaction to ensure responses kept within the word limit without losing meaning, to demonstrate discernment in analysis and evaluation.

Practices to strengthen

To further ensure accuracy and consistency of the application of the ISMG for this IA, it is recommended that:

- responses that include no evidence of identification of context or audience (e.g. when the response has identified purpose, audience and tone, but not context), or responses that misidentify context or audience, are best matched to the 6–7 mark range or lower for the second performance-level descriptor
- teachers use the best-fit approach when students demonstrate characteristics across different mark ranges and when evidence matches all descriptors in the 12–13 mark range in the ISMG e.g. the highest mark of 13 may be awarded. Teachers should annotate the ISMG to indicate the mark allocated for each criterion. For further guidance, see
 - QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook v6.0, Section 9.6.1
 - Making judgments webinar resource, in the Syllabuses app
 - Module 3: Making reliable judgments, in the Assessment Literacy app.

Samples

The following excerpts demonstrate:

- perceptive identification of purpose and audience with appropriate justifications
- succinct response keeping to the response length conditions
- thorough comprehension and discerning analysis and evaluation of information from the stimulus.

Note: The characteristic/s identified may not be the only time the characteristic/s occurred throughout a response.

Excerpt 1 The purpose is to get advice on how to be happy with the submission having a sad and lonely tone. The author is experiencing bullying but has no one to talk to. Her older sister, who would always go out with her, is busy studying for entrance exams, and because dad got sick and can't work, mum now works all the time. The author is sympathetic for her family and doesn't want to impose trouble. She wants to tell someone, but no one seems to listen to her. She ends her submission with "What should I do to be happy?" (100 words) Excerpt 2

The possible audience of stimulus 3 could be people looking to live in Japan or people wanting to start a family. The graph shows that in 1989, there were 930 households where one person was a housewife while the other worked, and 783 households where both people worked. In comparison to 2019, the number of households where both people worked, greatly increased to 1245, with only 582 households with a housewife. This graph shows how the increased cost of living is affecting people's lives. This may deter people from choosing to live in Japan as well as start a family.

Excerpt 3

A number of external factors, such as cyber bullying, sick parents, and busy family members can significantly negatively influence a person's self-identity. In stimulus 1, because of bullying, Kousuke lost his self-confidence and believed that he was annoying, smelly and a lame person. In stimulus 2, the author, who used to always ask their mum and older sister for advice regarding study and friend fights, couldn't talk to them about being bullied because of how busy they were. No one should be prompted to change their self-identity because of such external factors. Although it is hard, seeking help is smarter.

Additional advice

- Schools must use the endorsed assessment instrument and ISMG from the Endorsement app rather than creating their own copy of the ISMG, to ensure the validity of the assessment instrument (*QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook v6.0*, Sections 8.3 and 7.3.3).
- Schools must ensure students' files are checked and uploaded correctly to avoid delay in student samples being confirmed (duplicate files, missing pages, file errors) at confirmation.
- Teachers should use a best-fit approach to determine a result where evidence in a student response matches descriptors at different performance levels in a criterion (Syllabus section 1.3). For further guidance, see
 - QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook v6.0, Section 9.6.1
 - Making judgments webinar resource, in the Syllabuses app
 - Module 3: Making reliable judgments, in the Assessment Literacy app.

Internal assessment 2 (IA2)



Examination — combination response (30%)

Summative internal assessment 2 assesses subject matter from both:

- Unit 3 Topic 2: Socialising and connecting with my peers
- Unit 3 Topic 3: Groups in society.

The examination assesses the application of a range of cognitions to multiple provided items — questions, scenarios and/or problems related to unseen Japanese stimulus texts, i.e. written, audio, audiovisual or visual.

Student responses must be completed individually, under supervised conditions, and in a set timeframe.

This instrument is designed to be delivered over two sessions, but schools must ensure that the integrity of the examination is not compromised.

Assessment design

Validity

Validity in assessment design considers the extent to which an assessment item accurately measures what it is intended to measure and that the evidence of student learning collected from an assessment can be legitimately used for the purpose specified in the syllabus.

Reasons for non-endorsement by priority of assessment

Validity priority	Number of times priority was identified in decisions
Alignment	49
Authentication	0
Authenticity	2
Item construction	3
Scope and scale	7

Effective practices

Validity priorities were effectively demonstrated in assessment instruments that included:

- questions that gave students the opportunity to cover the required assessable objectives and performance-level descriptors in the ISMG
- stimulus items that were relevant to the task and of a suitable scope, which aligned with subject matter from Unit 3 Topics 2 and 3
- questions where purpose, audience, context and tone elements could be thoroughly elicited from specific stimulus texts
- a range of open-ended questions in Session 2, allowing students to refer to information and ideas from the Session 1 and 2 stimulus texts.

Practices to strengthen

It is recommended that assessment instruments:

- provide questions that can be answered in up to 100 words while still providing the required depth to demonstrate the highest performance-level descriptors in the ISMG
- include a Session 1 Part 1 question that requires students to refer to more than one stimulus text
- include instructions that match assessment specifications, e.g.
 - Session 1 Part 2 requires students to justify their response using more than one stimulus text from Session 1
 - Session 2 requires students to reference at least one stimulus text from Session 1 and the new Session 2 stimulus in their spoken response
- provide written texts (including the visual text) and audio that adhere to the combined 1,200–1,700 character limit. A visual text must include 1–85 Japanese characters or 1–60 words in English. Schools are encouraged to include a transcript when submitting the instrument for endorsement to verify the length of the audio/audiovisual stimulus.

Accessibility

Accessibility in assessment design ensures that no student or group of students is disadvantaged in their capacity to access an assessment.

Accessibility priority	Number of times priority was identified in decisions
Bias avoidance	10
Language	4
Layout	1
Transparency	40

Reasons for non-endorsement by priority of assessment

Effective practices

Accessibility priorities were effectively demonstrated in assessment instruments that:

- provided clear instructions using cues that aligned to the specifications, assessment objectives and ISMG
- modelled accurate Japanese characters, grammar, register and other textual features
- used bold, italics and other formatting features only where relevant.

Practices to strengthen

It is recommended that assessment instruments:

- include audio texts recorded at a moderate pace, with judicious pausing. Schools should check the recording for unnecessary background noise
- avoid including audiovisual stimulus with subtitles
- include instructions in the examination guidance that outline the requirements of Sessions 1 and 2, e.g. Answer Part 1 questions in English and Part 2 in Japanese.

Additional advice

- Files submitted by schools should be labelled according to stimulus number. It is also useful for students when schools include the stimulus number in the title.
- The stimulus provided in Session 2 must represent a different perspective from the stimulus texts provided in Session 1.
- Stimulus should not include English vocabulary, word banks or URL information, as these provide context and clues for students.
- Schools are encouraged to provide indicative responses in English for Session 1 Part 1 with the endorsement submission.

Assessment decisions

Reliability

Reliability is a judgment about the measurements of assessment. It refers to the extent to which the results of assessments are consistent, replicable and free from error.

Criterion number	Criterion name	Percentage agreement with provisional	Percentage less than provisional	Percentage greater than provisional	Percentage both less and greater than provisional
1	Analysing Japanese texts in English	98.56	1.44	0.00	0
2	Creating Japanese texts with Japanese stimulus	91.37	6.47	2.16	0
3	Exchanging information and ideas in Japanese	92.09	7.19	0.72	0

Agreement trends between provisional and confirmed marks

Effective practices

Accuracy and consistency of the application of the ISMG for this IA was most effective when:

- for Analysing Japanese texts in English (Session 1 Part 1), marks were allocated where
 - responses were structured succinctly. Conclusions were synthesised and justified using relevant information
 - responses demonstrated clear understanding of the definition of purpose, audience, context and tone (e.g. identified the context as the scenario in which the text exists) and used appropriate words (e.g. to draw conclusions)
- for Creating Japanese texts with Japanese stimulus (Session 1, Part 2), marks were allocated where
 - student responses incorporated personal perspectives and referred to stimulus texts from Session 1 Part 1

- student responses paraphrased when incorporating ideas from stimulus texts
- for Exchanging information and ideas in Japanese (Session 2)
 - marks were allocated where students incorporated ideas from Session 1 and Session 2 stimulus texts
 - teachers allowed appropriate time for students to respond with spontaneity before providing prompts
 - where students generated new ideas, teachers provided opportunities for them to expand and develop their ideas, rather than moving on to the next question.

Practices to strengthen

To further ensure accuracy and consistency of the application of the ISMG for this IA, it is recommended that:

- for Analysing Japanese texts in English (Session 1 Part 1)
 - the register of a text is not considered a viable reason to justify the tone of the stimulus.
 When identifying tone in the stimulus, consider the language used to convey the text's message. Student responses should use adjectives that describe emotions to identify tone and avoid words including formal, informal and informative words
- for Exchanging information and ideas in Japanese (Session 2)
 - where responses exceed the syllabus specifications of seven minutes, a time stamp is provided to indicate where the marking should start and finish
 - students are not provided with the questions prior to the examination. Students should have the opportunity to engage in the student-centred conversation in an authentic and spontaneous manner without the provision of heavy scaffolding.

Samples

The following excerpts have been included to demonstrate:

- perceptive identification of tone and context with valid justifications
- the use of complex and proficient Japanese to create a cohesive and detailed personal response with clear reference from the stimulus
- spontaneity in generating and maintaining communication.

Note: The characteristic/s identified may not be the only time the characteristic/s occurred throughout a response.

Excerpt 1 Identify the tone and context of Stimulus 1. Justify your answer using evidence from the stimulus. The nigh school context student seeking odvice CI SP fron they introduce the student councillar as in evidenth 0 P Chuncilling friends 110 (four . Decciviso 0 highschool e b has not Seen Since plimary schou On am. sendina Instag weity roure her mean Sucies lpl CHOUD 15 tracegh ano rei tone 1/60 Sudent br solution desperate Solk The shedem Councillois 100m to Avica her 5 her alearla rau as nena 1150 number MESSAGES, e10 sending har mean le 01 1u councillor 14 student. and disassing bu 14 TORic with

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Additional advice

- Schools are encouraged to upload indicative responses to assist in the confirmation process.
- Teachers should use a best-fit approach to determine a result where evidence in a student response matches descriptors at different performance levels in a criterion (Syllabus section 1.3). For further guidance, see
 - QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook v6.0, Section 9.6.1
 - Making judgments webinar resource, in the Syllabuses app
 - Module 3: Making reliable judgments, in the Assessment Literacy app.
- Teachers should highlight or annotate the performance-level descriptors used to arrive at a mark for each of the criteria assessed in the ISMG.

Internal assessment 3 (IA3)



Extended response (30%)

Summative internal assessment 3 assesses subject matter selected from:

- Unit 4 Topic 1: Finishing secondary school, plans and reflections
- Unit 4 Topic 2: Responsibilities and moving on.

This assessment focuses on the communication and exchange of ideas and information. It is an open-ended task responding to three Japanese stimulus texts. While students may undertake some research when developing the extended response, it is not the focus of this technique.

Student responses must be completed individually and in a set timeframe.

Students may choose to support their response with additional resources; these do not form part of the stimulus for the task.

This assessment occurs over an extended period of time. Students may use class time and their own time to develop a response. Some parts of the preparation time for the response may be conducted under supervised conditions to ensure authenticity.

Assessment design

Validity

Validity in assessment design considers the extent to which an assessment item accurately measures what it is intended to measure and that the evidence of student learning collected from an assessment can be legitimately used for the purpose specified in the syllabus.

Reasons for non-endorsement by priority of assessment

Validity priority	Number of times priority was identified in decisions		
Alignment	42		
Authentication	3		
Authenticity	2		
Item construction	6		
Scope and scale	1		

Effective practices

Validity priorities were effectively demonstrated in assessment instruments that:

- provided the opportunity for students to demonstrate understanding through the use of appropriate subject matter in Unit 4
- used information, knowledge and skills of an appropriate scope and scale for the syllabus specifications
- provided clear scaffolding and instructions to inform students about the multimodal presentation requirements while allowing for unique student responses.

Practices to strengthen

It is recommended that assessment instruments:

- include a visual stimulus that is a series of (two or more) visual texts, with each image containing 1–85 characters in Japanese
- include the source (e.g. URL) for the seen stimulus text when submitting the instrument for endorsement to support its verification as an authentic text and to ensure it meets the characteristics of those listed in the text types in the syllabus
- include instructions that require students to identify purpose, audience, context and tone at least once across the three stimulus texts
- include an audiovisual text without subtitles.

Accessibility

Accessibility in assessment design ensures that no student or group of students is disadvantaged in their capacity to access an assessment.

Reasons for non-endorsement by priority of assessment

Accessibility priority	Number of times priority was identified in decisions		
Bias avoidance	7		
Language	0		
Layout	1		
Transparency	10		

Effective practices

Accessibility priorities were effectively demonstrated in assessment instruments that:

- used appropriate language and avoided unnecessary jargon and colloquial language
- included stimulus texts within the combined 1,000–1,500 character limit that modelled accurate spelling, grammar, register and textual features
- included images, diagrams and other visual elements that were legible, clear and relevant.

Practices to strengthen

It is recommended that assessment instruments:

- include Part 2 instructions in the task instructions so students understand the requirement to engage in an unprepared student-centred conversation in Japanese about their Part 1 response and Unit 4 subject matter
- clearly label stimulus texts, including with the stimulus number and whether the text is seen or unseen
- refrain from including URL information within unseen stimulus texts, as this can reveal context and affect students' ability to demonstrate assessment objectives
- provide audio stimulus recordings without background noise.

Additional advice

• Schools are encouraged to include a transcript of the audio or audiovisual unseen stimulus text to verify the length of the text.

Assessment decisions

Reliability

Reliability is a judgment about the measurements of assessment. It refers to the extent to which the results of assessments are consistent, replicable and free from error.

Criterion number	Criterion name	Percentage agreement with provisional	Percentage less than provisional	Percentage greater than provisional	Percentage both less and greater than provisional
1	Analysing Japanese texts in Japanese	95.68	3.60	0.72	0.00
2	Exchanging information and ideas in Japanese	92.09	7.19	0.00	0.72

Agreement trends between provisional and confirmed marks

Effective practices

Accuracy and consistency of the application of the ISMG for this IA was most effective when:

- for Analysing Japanese texts in Japanese (Part 1), marks were allocated where
 - purpose, audience, context and tone were explicitly identified at least once across relevant stimulus texts
 - effective paraphrasing of information from the stimulus texts was evident to demonstrate thorough comprehension, analysis and synthesis
 - comprehension of the stimulus texts was shown by incorporating understanding and ideas from the texts through personal perspective, analysis and evaluation
- for Exchanging information and ideas in Japanese (Part 2)
 - marks were allocated where students referred to their presentation when generating and maintaining communication
 - teachers provided adequate time for students to respond to open-ended questions related to their multimodal presentations
 - students took the initiative to generate and maintain conversation while being supported by the teacher-guided open-ended questions.

Practices to strengthen

To further ensure accuracy and consistency of the application of the ISMG for this IA, it is recommended that:

- for Analysing Japanese texts in Japanese (Part 1)
 - when multimodal responses do not meet the syllabus specifications (4–8 minutes), teachers do not speed up or digitally alter responses to keep them within 8 minutes
 - student responses do not solely focus on the identification of purpose, audience, context and tone across the entire multimodal response, as this hinders the comprehension and analysis and evaluation of the stimulus texts
- for Exchanging information and ideas in Japanese (Part 2)
 - opportunities are provided for students to make clear reference to their multimodal presentation in the student-centred conversation to achieve a range of performance-level descriptors
 - students are not provided with the sample questions for Part 2 prior to the examination.
 Students should have the opportunity to engage in a student-centred conversation in an authentic and spontaneous manner without heavy scaffolding.

Samples

The following excerpts have been included to demonstrate:

- comprehensive comprehension of stimulus texts and perceptive identification of purpose, audience, context and tone from the relevant stimulus
- the use of paraphrasing and personal perspectives with reference to stimulus items in proficient and complex Japanese
- generating and maintaining conversation and open-ended questions in proficient and fluent Japanese with personal perspectives.

Note: The characteristic/s identified may not be the only time the characteristic/s occurred throughout a response.



Excerpt 2



Part 1

Audio content: (1 min, 31 secs) www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/curriculum-assessment/portal/media/sr-2024/snr_japanese_ia3_e2_p1.mp3

Part 2

Audio content: (1 min, 24 secs) www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/curriculum-assessment/portal/media/sr-2024/snr_japanese_ia3_e2_p2.mp3

Part 3

Audio content: (1 min, 4 secs) www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/curriculum-assessment/portal/media/sr-2024/snr_japanese_ia3_e2_p3.mp3

Additional advice

- Teachers should use a best-fit approach to determine a result where evidence in a student response matches descriptors at different performance levels in a criterion. Teachers should annotate the ISMG to indicate the mark allocated for each criterion. For further guidance, see
 - QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook v6.0, Section 9.6.1
 - Making judgments webinar resource, in the Syllabuses app
 - *Module 3: Making reliable judgments*, in the Assessment Literacy app.
- When student responses exceed syllabus specifications, teachers must provide clear annotations indicating a time stamp to show when the marking began and stopped. For further information about managing assessment response length, see *QCE and QCIA policy and procedures handbook v6.0* (Section 8.2.6).

External assessment



External assessment (EA) is developed and marked by the QCAA. The external assessment for a subject is common to all schools and administered under the same conditions, at the same time, on the same day.

Examination — combination response (25%)

Assessment design

The assessment instrument was designed using the specifications, conditions and assessment objectives described in the summative external assessment section of the syllabus. The examination consisted of one paper with seven short response questions and one extended response question (56 marks):

- Paper 1, Section 1 consisted of short response questions in English (19 marks)
- Paper 1, Section 2 consisted of short response questions in Japanese (16 marks)
- Paper 1, Section 3 consisted of an extended response question in Japanese (21 marks).

The stimulus text for Section 1 was an audio text in Japanese with three questions and a written text in Japanese with two associated questions. The stimulus text for Section 2 consisted of a written text in Japanese with two questions.

Assessment decisions

Assessment decisions are made by markers by matching student responses to the external assessment marking guide (EAMG). The external assessment papers and the EAMG are published in the year after they are administered.

Effective practices

Overall, students responded well when they:

- demonstrated understanding of the language in the stimulus texts, using a range of evidence to respond, including paraphrasing and direct quotes
- used familiar language from the mandatory language elements to minimise errors in spelling and/or grammar in short responses in Japanese
- responded to questions that required identification of purpose, audience, context and tone in English and Japanese, reflective of quality feedback received from internal assessments
- addressed and elaborated on the three bullet points specified in the extended response by drawing on relevant personal experiences.

Practices to strengthen

When preparing students for external assessment, it is recommended that:

• for short response questions eliciting context, teachers ensure students understand that context requires them to identify where the stimulus could be seen, heard or read

- for short response questions that require students to draw a conclusion, teachers remind students to analyse the text to make a decision, rather than limiting their response to a summary
- for short response questions in Japanese, students practise grammar and clauses that enable students to identify purpose, audience, context and tone clearly, and justify them using quotes or paraphrasing
- for the extended response, students practise the application of a wide range of cohesive devices, sentence starters and tenses and grammar from the language elements list.

Samples

Short response in English

This section required students to respond in English to five questions referring to one audio stimulus (Questions 1-3) and one written stimulus (Questions 4-5).

Question 1

The following excerpt is from Question 1. It required students to identify the audience and purpose of Stimulus 1 and to justify their response with two examples (one each for audience and purpose) from the stimulus.

Effective student responses:

- identified the audience of Stimulus 1 was Hiroshi's podcast listeners or students seeking career or entrepreneurial advice. The purpose of the text was to encourage listeners to work hard to achieve their dreams and persevere through challenges. Other responses based on a valid interpretation of the text were accepted
- provided two different examples to justify their decision, e.g.
 - Hiroshi's dream to open a restaurant, which was made possible with support from his mother and business teacher
 - to inspire others by listening to how Hiroshi overcame various challenges such as saving money to open the restaurant and having limited staff in the first year of opening of the restaurant while it was gaining popularity
 - seeing Hiroshi's hard work come to fruition such as when his staff became like family or when he was able to find joy in seeing customers' happy faces after they ate his food.

This excerpt has been included:

• to demonstrate the identification of audience and purpose with two clearly defined supporting examples from the stimulus.

QUESTION 1 (4 marks)

Identify the intended audience and purpose of Stimulus 1. Justify your response with one example for intended audience and one example for purpose from the stimulus.

the Time ntended (5 100 tor HICOS listeners apanese entrepreneur-minded listeners listeners to achieve their dreams ate story honest account of his dream to the 600 restaurant. Hesava ople VIZ his dreams can come hope your can achieve your amotivating his podcast listeners. Furthermo no matter what challenge you face in life achieve your dream". here fore Can engaging isteners by being vulnerable Wí childhood dream and motivating listeners give up during adversity either.

Question 2

The following excerpt is from Question 2. It required students to draw valid conclusions about two factors that influenced the speaker to pursue his dream and justify each factor with a relevant example.

Effective student responses:

- identified two factors that influenced Hiroshi's dream of opening a restaurant, e.g. his mother, his love of food, his high school business teacher
- provided an example from the stimulus to justify each factor, e.g.
 - his mother cooking delicious food for him throughout his childhood
 - his mother teaching him to cook
 - Hiroshi's desire to cook delicious food for others
 - his business teacher being interesting, which made him enjoy the subject which he initially found difficult
 - his business teacher encouraging him to pursue his dream of opening a restaurant after they spoke about it.

This excerpt has been included:

• to demonstrate analysis of two factors that influenced the speaker, with each factor supported by a relevant example from the stimulus.

QUESTION 2 (4 marks)

Analyse two factors that influenced the speaker in Stimulus 1 to pursue his dream. Justify your conclusions with one example for each factor from the stimulus.

tactor's that influenced Hiroshi to pursue he two his dream was his mothers cooking that made him enjoy cooking food for people and his business teacher who supported his goals. Hiroshi ATTALS lunches hi 5 mum ner Codina School 11 The School lunc ay of cooking. So begin to like making food anyone that him +0 counting. The second factor is when teacher said Someday if I opened a restaurant than my teacher would Support me. ", influencing him to save morey to open his own his mother's passion for coohing Threfore urmt. mest business teacher influenced upport of his to achieving his rooking dream. Hiroshi hway DJ

Question 3

The following excerpt is from Question 3. It required students to draw two valid conclusions, one about an initial tone and the other about a change in tone, justifying each conclusion using a relevant example.

Effective student responses:

- identified two contrasting tones (i.e. positive to negative or negative to positive), e.g. nostalgic to concerned, happy to worried, sad to uplifted.
- provided an example from the stimulus to justify each tone, e.g.
 - learnt a love of preparing food from his mother
 - found the first year of opening his restaurant a tough experience due to staffing shortages
 - saw the happy faces of his customers who enjoyed his food.

This excerpt has been included:

• to demonstrate the identification of two contrasting tones with evidence to support each tone.

QUESTION 3 (4 marks)

How does Hiroshi's change in tone reveal his personality in Stimulus 1? Justify your conclusions with one example for each tone from the stimulus.

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Question 4

The following excerpt is from Question 4. It required students to identify the context and provide two relevant examples from the stimulus.

Effective student responses:

- identified a valid context, e.g. an online news article or blog, a school newsletter or yearbook article, the white line flow tradition or event
- provided two relevant examples to justify the context, e.g.
 - quotes about the experiences of 18-year-old Naoki Yamada and 16-year-old Yuki Himekawa
 - the event is a 70-year-old tradition of the school, in which teachers and students form a white line and farewell each other at the graduation event
 - the boys' hats and girls' scarves are tied in a line to symbolise the students' connection
 - teachers and students call out 'thank you' and 'I won't forget you' to each other.

This excerpt has been included:

• to demonstrate the identification and justification of context.

QUESTION 4 (3 marks)

Identify the context of Stimulus 2 in the stimulus book. Justify your response with two examples from the stimulus.

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Question 5

The following excerpt is from Question 5. It required students to draw a conclusion about the significance of the event and provide three relevant examples from the stimulus to justify this conclusion.

Effective student responses:

- drew a valid conclusion about the significance of the white line flow tradition/event, e.g. a significant or important tradition/event
- provided three relevant examples, e.g.
 - Himekawa's father and older sister have participated in the event and when Himekawa graduates the year after next, she will take part, continuing the family tradition
 - it is sad that everyone is leaving after the event, but they are happy to have participated in the tradition
 - the tradition/event has been occurring for 70 years
 - the white line symbolises moving from the school into the world.

This excerpt has been included:

• to illustrate a valid conclusion and three relevant justifications from the stimulus.

QUESTION 5 (4 marks)

Evaluate the significance of the event described in Stimulus 2. Justify your conclusion with three examples from the stimulus.

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Short response in Japanese

This section required students to respond in Japanese to two questions referring to one written stimulus (Questions 6–7). Student responses were allocated marks for comprehension of stimulus content and production of the response in Japanese.

Question 6

The following excerpts are from Question 6. It required students to identify a valid tone of Sato, justifying with three relevant examples from the stimulus in Japanese with few errors.

Effective student responses:

- identified a tone such as excited, positive, motivated, hopeful, satisfied or happy. Other responses based on a valid interpretation of the text were accepted
- justified the tone with three relevant examples, e.g.
 - sharing awesome news with his friend Alex
 - winning the video game design contest
 - winning the contest for the third time

- achieving his dream of winning the contest, which he has had since Junior High
- working as a team with other like-minded members.

These excerpts have been included:

- to illustrate a valid tone and three relevant justifications from the stimulus
- to demonstrate use of familiar language with some or few errors in conveying understanding.

Excerpt 1

QUESTION 6 (8 marks)

Identify the tone Sato uses in Stimulus 3 in the stimulus book. Justify your conclusion with three examples from the stimulus.

せりつのトーンはとてもうれしいて"す。と"うしてかと言うとひろうた デモッイン 一地ですをしたコンピューテーケ"ームは一番したかって、わくわく、を しっ言いました。せりつさんは中学一年生からかんは、っている 夢たいからとてもうれしいです。ケームをデザインをすることは とても女子を言いました。せいうの夢はチームワークか、大切なケームを 作りたいのし、ゲームはすこでくむすかしいのに、あまらみないプレーヤー を見なけるようにしたいです。これを作って、とてもうれかったとです。 アレックスとーっしいと言香してとてもうれしいていす。

Excerpt 2

QUESTION 6 (8 marks)

Identify the tone Sato uses in Stimulus 3 in the stimulus book. Justify your conclusion with three examples from the stimulus.

さとくれは、ビデオゲームがコンテストで一番になったよのちとても うれしくて、今、カイカイしている。や「中学」年生からガルばっている 夢だからのと言いましたから、さとくんの使うトーンレまうれしいと思い ます。

Question 7

The following excerpt is from Question 7. It required students to draw a valid conclusion about Alex and Sato's friendship, justifying with three relevant examples from the stimulus in Japanese with few errors.

Effective student responses:

- identified a valid conclusion about the boys' relationship, e.g. good friends, school friends, online game friends, friends who help each other. Other responses based on a valid interpretation of the text were accepted
- justified the conclusion with three relevant examples, e.g.
 - Sato wanting to share his winning news with Alex
 - Alex being excited for Sato and acknowledging his hard work and talents ('you are superb')
 - Alex commending Sato's challenging but interesting game that was very enjoyable and, although hard, he did not want to quit
 - Sato's comment about how fun it was to play with Alex.

These excerpts have been included:

- to illustrate a valid conclusion and 2–3 relevant justifications from the stimulus
- to demonstrate use of familiar language with accuracy to convey understanding.

Excerpt 1

QUESTION 7 (8 marks)

What does Stimulus 3 reveal about the friendship between Alex and Sato? Justify your conclusion with three examples from the stimulus.

アレックスときとのは本当いい友産です。なぜなら 「僕もアレックスとゲームをもるのは本当に楽しいよ」と言いましたこの はすごすことが女子きこ 友洋 σ TL アレックスレンうれしくてナンいサ しま しまい クスはきとおケ -ムモ デザイッセ ましたこ Eni アレ・ まばらしい人でた と思います。そして しな きるので、 まごく楽しガーナーです。 アレックスによると、きととケームをける時

Excerpt 2

QUESTION 7 (8 marks)

What does Stimulus 3 reveal about the friendship between Alex and Sato? Justify your conclusion with three examples from the stimulus.

せいちちとアレックスはとこもいい友達たどと思います。というしてかと言うとアレックスはせいつのためしうれしくなって、いっもからは、うれっていた れね、と言いました。アレクスはせいうスセルは、ケベームモテ、サインできす し、本当にすは、らしい人た、ときいます。これはとこもいい友達た、と 思います。アレックスはさとうさんのケームはあるんで、とこもむずか しいしけと、、おもしろい、と言って、ぎったいかれたくなかったよ、アレックス はせいうさんをほめたり、とこもうれしいからいい友達と思います。 、おめて、とがも言ったり、サトウさんは、メッセージ、たくまでるよ、と言います。

Excerpt 3

QUESTION 7 (8 marks)

What does Stimulus 3 reveal about the friendship between Alex and Sato? Justify your conclusion with three examples from the stimulus.

アレックストはどうくんはおしていし、ゲームもデザインできるし、おうにすはちしい人た 上、七言いましけっからアレックストとことうくれしまいい友達であ さとうはアレウストとケームをするのは本当に楽しいちのと言いれたから m Usbric はたらいて、いい友達であ さとうしま「住業達のようにメンバーのつけまがりを強したい」と

Extended response

The following excerpt is from Question 8. It required students to write an application for a Japanese language study program to attend after graduating high school, specifically addressing the three bullet points.

Effective student responses:

- addressed all three of the points required in the task and provided elaboration on each point
- used an appropriate and consistent register for an application to a Japanese language study program
- created a synthesised response and applied a wide range of Japanese characters, grammar and tenses with a high degree of accuracy.

These excerpts have been included:

- to illustrate the clear identification of each point of information and appropriate elaboration with further details
- to highlight cohesive responses using fluent sentences, conveying meaning relevant to the task and synthesising each point to demonstrate reflection
- to model the application of register consistent with the text type, and a wide range of vocabulary, grammar and tenses with a high degree of accuracy
- to highlight the inclusion of the textual conventions of an application including
 - salutations (to a relevant recipient)
 - introductory remarks, e.g. greeting, self-introduction, letter conventions such as comment/s about the author
 - concluding remarks, e.g. thank you, final pledge to participate in the program, looking forward to..., from sender.

Excerpt 1

QUESTION 8 (21 marks)

You are interested in applying for a Japanese language study program after graduating from high school. You are required to write a letter of application, which includes the following information:

- あなたが日本語を勉強している間に学んだ興味深いこと
- ・日本語を勉強している時に最も難しいと思ったこと
- 将来日本語をどのように使うか。
- リーダア へ

私のなまえはイソディゴです。高校でに入ってから、日本語 を勉強し始めました。先生はとてもしんせつで、宿屋は 動かれましろかったので、すぐに動物日本文化に強い 興日末 動物をしったすりました。 日本語を勉強している間に学んた、興日未、ぶかいことは日本の まつりです。とてもちもしろいと思います。すうじつ前に創創 言売んたがそいによると、日本のまつり MM と オーストラリアのまつり は とてもちかいうらしいです。メチャ、日本のでんとうについて もっと学びたいです。 日本語を免な強している時にもっとももずかかしいことは

翩翩和 スヒーキングのれんしゅうたど思います。

キひにとって、
かんじを崩かくことか、大教子をですか、小柳田日本言語に言言する
ことはちっと前例こわいです。MM将来日本語をじょうたっこ
せるのために、脚筋とうきょうに、脚筋、日本のコーミューニティー
とつなか、開開ったりしたいと思います。
<u> 子供のころから, 私の 夢 は 父のよう いしゃ に なって, 日本に</u>
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BANKANAR ARALLELATERA AKARANANANANARA KENTARANANANANANA
開催/11/11/1日本言言のフロケラムに入れるなら、私は
毎日日本語を使います。た义之は、友達と話したり
食べものを食買ったり、酸的のののの食生事をしたり
します。
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(あり力がとうごをいます。 教神神神神
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Excerpt 2
日本語の勉強のプログラムへ、2024年11月7日、
こんにちわは、和 私はダンタティーと里します。
私は時語を勉強にいる間に私の興味はたいんたいん
大きいれになりました。オーストラリアで、五年の学校生の時に
日本言吾を予好崔し女台めました。それに、沢山の日本の文化を
ならいナニリ、ナニいいけんをしナニリします。私は日本ガラっくしいナニンと
思います。
I ,

ごも、時日寺々日本語を勉強することがもざかしいたど思い ましたこでも私の日本語の先生がとてもやさしたそのです。 またけで私はまし日本言吾ガセくいので、永山の学木交は 日本で、免防貧してもいいそす。て、したこ、それいこ、日本で もこでれに、日本で一年間にホーストファシムール 生気住おろんたごっとかあります。私のたいしたしまで まばうしい な 日本の学家生の のたいけんはとこもすばらしいて、 将末に 行動を取 白タナン ウ生ノ活をまたっている ナニめいこ、日本言語を 使う多死をましきをガえりたいです。日本技デ人日本 は人気があるになって、テックンロジーはとてもいいサナニャと思い ます。それから、社会のもんたいた手ったうことができます。 たとえば、世界中でんはすこしやきしくないです。私は みんな一番いしょうにうれしくてっかがなた方がいいとたど 思います。私しは日本人をつちがあり女台とますとう日本言吾を ク ペラペラになりナニいです。未好の それに、のこのプラログラムレにんることが女子きです 考えてくたいさいい タッテー から。

Additional advice

• Teachers are encouraged to challenge students to showcase an application of a range of language from the mandatory language elements, rather than rely on the examination stimulus material when generating short response and/or extended response answers.