**Sample Questions**

**The following are actual questions that were used during the Preliminary Rounds at Level III in a past National Japan Bowl. They show the wide range and style of questions used during the Japan Bowl Rounds, as well as the way in which the questions are posed.**

**ON THE SCREEN:**  Picture of something wrapped in a furoshiki.**MODERATOR:** The Japanese often wrap gifts in a square cloth, like this. 　　　　　　 What is the name of this cloth? Write your answer in hiragana.

**ANSWER:** ふろしき

**ON THE SCREEN:**  A.  Rice                    1.  Shizuoka

         B.  Tea                    2.  Hokkaido

          C.  Dairy                    3.  Niigata

**MODERATOR:** Match the Japanese product with the region that is famous for producing it:

**ANSWER:** A3, B1, C2

**ON THE SCREEN:**  Woodblock print of the Satsuma Rebellion

**MODERATOR:** Who was the leader of the Satsuma Rebellion of 1877? Write your answer in Romaji.

**ANSWER:** Saigo Takamori (or Saigo)

**ON THE SCREEN:**  Picture of a Shinto priest doing "*oharai*"

**MODERATOR:**  This priest is performing a common ritual.  What does it signify?  Write your answer in English.

**ANSWER:**  Purification / driving out evil spirits

**ON THE SCREEN:** Show a picture of ひなだん**MODERATOR:** March 3 in Japan is a special day for girls. What is the name of

this holiday? Write your answer in hiragana.**ANSWER:** ひなまつり　or　　もものせっく

**ON THE SCREEN:**  A. 今年日本へ行きました。

B. 来年日本へ行くほうがいいです。

C. まだ日本へ行ったことがありません。

**MODERATOR:** Choose the sentence closest in meaning to the following:

来年日本へはじめて行きます。

**ANSWER:** C

**ON THE SCREEN:** “Listen Carefully”

**MODERATOR:** Please listen carefully and then write this sentence in English.

まどの そばにすわっている学生はけんじさんです。

**ANSWER:** The student who is sitting by/near the window is Kenji.

**ON THE SCREEN:**　 ひさしぶりに鈴木さんからメールが＿＿＿＿＿。

A　もらいました。

B　きました。

C　くれました。

**MODERATOR:** What word should go in the blank?

**ANSWER:** B

**ON THE SCREEN:**　 ぼうしを＿＿＿＿＿とあたたかくなりますよ。

**MODERATOR:** In hiragana, fill in the blank with the appropriate verb.

**ANSWER:** かぶる

**ON THE SCREEN:**　 Picture of one dog and three cats

**MODERATOR:** 絵を見て犬と猫の数を数えてください。ひらがなでこたえてください。

**ANSWER:** いぬがいっぴきと、ねこがさんびきいます。

**ON THE SCREEN:** Student arriving back home

**MODERATOR:** When Japanese children come back home in the afternoon from school, what is their mother likely to say? Write your answer in hiragana.

**ANSWER:** おかえりなさい

**ON THE SCREEN:** Picture of someone swimming

**MODERATOR：** Please listen carefully. 「山本くんは水泳部なので、学校のプールで練習しています。月曜日から金曜日まで一日2000メートル泳ぎます。山本くんは一週間に何メートル泳ぎますか。」

**ANSWER:** 10000（メートル）

**ON THE SCREEN:** volunteer

**MODERATOR:** This English word has become part of the Japanese vocabulary. How do the Japanese write it? Write your answer in katakana.

**ANSWER:** ボランティア

**ON THE SCREEN:** 色

**MODERATOR:** In *kanji*, write the names of any three colors.

**ANSWER:** Possible answers include: 黒白赤青

**ON THE SCREEN:** 　 わたしのなまえは、田中さんです。

**MODERATOR:** What is wrong with this sentence? Answer in English.

**ANSWER:** You should not call yourself ”san.”

**ON THE SCREEN:** 気**MODERATOR:** Using the kanji on the screen, write an expression which means

"be particular about, worry about, bother about, be concerned about."**ANSWER:** 気にする、気になる

**ON THE SCREEN:** 番

**MODERATOR:** How many strokes are in this kanji?

**ANSWER:** 12