

ESCUELA SUPERIOR POLITECNICA DEL LITORAL Centro de Lenguas Extranjeras CELEX - ESPOL Intermediate A Questions v4



I. Reading Section (20 marks)

Read about restaurant etiquette in Japan.

Eating Out in Japan

Japanese culture is very different from other cultures, so it's important to know what to expect before you go there. Here are our tips on how to behave in Japanese restaurants.

Entering the Restaurant

When you enter a restaurant, you're greeted with the expression "*irasshaimase*" meaning "please come in", or "welcome". Waiters and waitresses are taught to be very efficient, polite and <u>attentive</u>, and will usually <u>lead</u> you to your table immediately. If they don't, you can assume that it is OK to sit at any table.

While a majority of restaurants in Japan are equipped exclusively with Western style tables and chairs, restaurants with low traditional tables are also common. Some restaurants feature both styles side by side. In traditional restaurants, you should take off your shoes at the entrance, or before <u>stepping</u> onto the seating area.

Eating

After you sit down, a glass of water or tea will be served for free and later refilled. You also receive a wet towel (*oshibori*) for cleaning your hands. If <u>chopsticks</u> are not already set, you ought to find some in a box on the table. They are often wooden chopsticks that need to be separated into two before you use them.

At some restaurants, such as *izakaya*, it is common for everyone in the party to order and share various dishes. At restaurants that serve <u>set menus</u>, bowl dishes (such as *domburi* or noodle soups) or Western style dishes, each person usually orders and eats their own meal.

Paying

The bill will be presented upside down, either as you receive the meal, or after you finish eating. In most restaurants, you are supposed to bring your bill to the cashier near the exit when leaving. Some restaurants, especially cheaper ones, have slightly different systems for ordering and paying. For example, in many *ramen* and *gyudon* restaurants, "meal tickets" are bought at a vending machine near the store's entrance and given over to the staff who then prepare and serve the meal.

Tipping in Japan is not common or expected and the staff may <u>chase</u> you out of the restaurant to give back any money left behind. Instead, it is polite to say "*gochisosama deshita*" ("thank you for the meal") when you leave.

Answer the questions about the article. (7 marks)

1-2. What's special about traditional Japanese restaurants? Write two things. (2 marks)

- 3. In Japanese restaurants, do the customers usually choose where they want to sit?
- 4. What do the waiters always serve the customers before they order their meal?
- 5. What kind of dish is *domburi*?
- 6. In cheap restaurants, does the customer usually pay before or after the meal?
- 7. Is it a good idea to tip the waiter or waitress?



Choose the best definitions (a-f) for the words (8-13) from the article. (3 marks)

8. If you are attentive ,	a you follow them quickly.
9. When you lead someone,	b you take them somewhere.
10. When you step ,	c a number of dishes which together have a special price.
11. Chopsticks are	d you move your foot onto something.
12. A set menu is	e things that Japanese people use to eat instead of a knife and fork.
13. When you chase someone,	f you are careful to help someone.

Read the article.

	Tue Sep 30 LONDON (Reuters) - The credit crisis and tight student budgets hold no fears for a British teenager who won 7 million pounds (\$12.68 million) on the Lottery.	"I'm going to live the life of a student. I'm going to live in <u>student digs</u> ," she told the BBC on Tuesday. "I love baked beans."
	Tanthe Fullagar, 18, from Cumbria, northern England, said she still plans to go to university next year to study law, despite her huge win on the EuroMillions game.	The teenager said she screamed so loudly when she checked her ticket that her dog jumped up and bit her on the bottom.
	Although she won't need a student loan or inflated <u>overdraft</u> , she said she hopes to be just like the others at college.	She hid her winning ticket in her bra before moving it to a jewelry box and then her gym bag while she waited for her win to be confirmed.
		After receiving [her check], she said she plans to spend her winnings on her family and friends and a new Ford Ka.
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]	4. Choose the best title for the article. (1 mark)	

- a. A day in the life of a lottery student
- b. Teenager celebrates \$12 million lottery win
- c. The price of winning the lottery
- d. Girl spends lottery money on new car

Are the statements true or false? If the statements are <u>false</u>, re-write them so that they are <u>true</u>. (5 marks)

- 15. Ianthe Fullager is currently studying law at university.
- 16. She wants to have an extravagant student lifestyle.
- 17. Her dog celebrated the lottery win with her.
- 18. She was nervous about losing her lottery ticket so she put it in many different places.
- 19. She's going to use the money to pay for her degree, buy a car and give presents to her family and friends.

Read the article and do the activities.

Cat Burglar Becomes Headache For Owner

LONDON (Reuters) -Friday October 8 The thieving habits of a tomcat named Tommy have become a headache for his British owner, who **worries** that people may think she groomed her pet to be a cat burglar.

After **slipping out** through the catflap at night, Tommy has returned with all manner of stolen goods, including shoes, designer clothes, a bag of coins and a golf umbrella, British newspapers said on Friday.

"It was funny at first but the haul just got more and more adventurous, with matching pairs of expensive trainers," Ali Daffin of Taunton in southwestern England told the Mirror.

Daffin **reckons** Tommy's ``**modus operandi''** is to **slip in**to other people's catflaps but she has not been able to track down the owners of the 50 items her pet has dragged home.

``It's becoming embarrassing," she told the Mirror. ``It looks like I've trained him."

Vocabulary

groom – train, teach **catflap** –a small door designed for cats to enter and leave houses when they want **drag** – carry along the ground

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Answer the questions. (4 marks)

20. What do you think a burglar is?

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21. How many things has the cat stolen?

- 22. How does the cat enter people's homes?
- 23. How does Ali Daffin feel about her cat's activity?
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II. Use of English Section (50 marks)

Look at Diana's diary for next week. Complete the sentences about her future arrangements. (5 marks)

Monday 14 th	Thursday 17 th		
Tennis with Kevin (10am)	Cinema with Fred		
Tuesday 15 th	Friday 18 th		
Coffee with Susan (3pm)	Nothing!		
Wednesday 16 th	Saturday 19 th		
Dentist! (9am)	Go to concert with		
	Gemma (7pm)		

Example: <u>On Monday at 10am, she's playing tennis</u> with Kevin.

24. On Tuesday	
25.On Wednesday	
26.On Thursday	
27.On Friday	
28.On Saturday	

Complete the following phrases with your own ideas using the correct form of the first or second conditional. (8 marks)

Example: If she doesn't pass her exams, <u>her</u> parents will be extremely angry.

- 29. Guayaquil would be a lot safer if ...
- 30. If it rains tomorrow, ...
- 31. If he studied harder, ...
- 32. He'll get lost if ...
- 33. If you arrive late, ...
- 34. If I oversleep, ...
- 35. If I could do any job, ...
- 36. I'd buy a new car if ...

Write the correct verb with these phrases. (6 marks)

							get (x2)
pa	ick	chat	have	travel	tak	e	
E	kam	ple: vi	isit_relat	ives			
3	37		_ clubbing		45.		sacked
3	38		some gardening		<u>, 46</u>		a nap
3	39		to people online		e 47.	i	nto a hotel
4	40		on your	own	48.		asleep
4	1 1		with a p	roblem			
	10		1.				

- 42. _____ a good journey
- 43. _____ back from somewhere

. .

44. _____ your suitcase

Write the following sentences in the passive. (4 marks)

Example: The Beatles sang Yesterday. Yesterday was sung by the Beatles.

- 49. Carlos Fuentes wrote Gringo Viejo.
- 50. Ecuador exports bananas and pineapples.
- 51. Brazil didn't win the World Cup in 2006.
- 52. Over 1 billion people use the Internet.

Write the words related to the kitchen.



Complete the conversation in a shop with the words/phrases from the box. (5 marks)

Can thelp you bigger too small can I try would you like to pay take them credit card the fitting room the amount your receipt I'll have a look

ASSISTANT Good afternoon. <u>Can I help you</u>? CUSTOMER Yes, (59) _____ these jeans on please? ASSISTANT Yes, of course. CUSTOMER Where's (60) _____? ASSISTANT It's over there. CUSTOMER Thanks! CUSTOMER Hmmm ... I like them, but they're (61) _____. Have you got them in a (62) _____ size? ASSISTANT (63) _____. Yes, here's a pair. CUSTOMER They're perfect! I'll (64) _____.

ASSISTANT How (65) ______

CUSTOMER By (66) _

ASSISTANT That's fine. Check (67) _____ and sign here, please.

CUSTOMER Thanks.

ASSISTANT You're welcome! Here's (68)

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Make questions with *you* using these words. Then, <u>answer</u> the questions. (10 marks) Example: Why / learn / English?

Why are you learning English? Because I need it to get my degree.

69-70. How often / go / to the beach / when / be / a child?
71-72. What time / usually / get up?
73-74. What / do / now?
75-76. What / do / last weekend?
77-78. How / feel / at the moment?

Read Jeremy's email to his cousin, Sonia. Complete the gaps with verbs in the Past Simple, Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous. (9 marks)

Dear Sonia,

I've just finished (finish) my homework, so I've got a few minutes to write to you. Life at university is really difficult. The teachers are very strict. Last week, I (79) (miss) my algebra class because I (80) (arrive) late! And (get) five out of ten for my homework! I (82) (study) really hard since then to try and get better grades. I (83) _____ never _____ (be) so tired! Any way, how are you? Aunt Clare (84) (tell) me that you were working for Microsoft. Is that true? How long (85) you (work) there? It sounds really exciting! I (86) ____ never ____ (work) for a big company like Microsoft. Is it hard work? I guess the people are really intelligent. I have to go! My friends (87)_____ just _ (arrive). We're going to the cinema this evening. Take care, Jeremy

III. Listening Section (20 marks)

Listen to two voicemail messages. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? (8 marks) Example: The two people are calling a woman named Juliet. *T*

First message

88. Sandy and some friends want to go to the cinema on Sunday night.

89. Some of the group are going to meet at Sandy's house first.

90. Everyone is meeting at 10pm outside the club.91. They will probably go home by taxi.

Second message

92. Juliet's father wants to organize a party for his wife.

93. The party is going to be on the 8th.

94. Juliet's grandmother is going to stay for a few days.

95. It's OK for Juliet to talk to her mother about the party.

Listen to the man talking about his life. Choose the correct answer. (7 marks)

96. How did the man feel when he worked for a multinational company?

a. bored b. stressed c. satisfied

97. How many hours a day did he work? a. 10 hours b. 12 hours c. 14 hours

98. His friends thought that he should ...a. find an easier jobb. work harderc. move to the country

99. How long has he had his own company? a. a year and a half b. a year c. six months

100. Where do his wife's parents live?a. in the same village b. in the next village.c. in London

101. Who has he borrowed money from? a. his wife's parents b. his friends c. the bank

102. What would he do if he won the lottery?

a. He'd stop working.

b. He'd continue working.

c. He'd move back to the city.

A woman is talking about the last time she played golf. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? (5 marks)

Example: She has played golf many times since she was a teenager. *F*

103. The last time she played golf, it was two friends.

104. They played in sandals.

105. The hot sun made conditions difficult.

106. She lost nine golf balls.

107. On the whole, the experience was good.

IV. Writing Section (10 marks)

Question One: Your friend's brother stole his credit card and used it to buy lots of things on the Internet. Now your friend has to pay the credit card bill. Write an email to the friend. Give him some advice about his problem. (5 marks)

Question Two: Describe a holiday you've had. Where did you go? What did you do? Who did you go with? What was the place like? (5 marks)

Source first two listening exercises: Face2Face Pre-Intermediate Teacher's Book / Rachel Clark and Anna Young with Chris Redston and Gillie Cunningham / CUP / 2005 / pages 223