

Year 2025

Otsuma Nakano Junior High School

Entrance Exam

October 19, 2024

English

Attention:

1. This test has two reading tasks and one essay writing task.
2. Write your name and your application ID number on the booklet and your answer sheet.
3. The test duration time is 40 minutes.
4. Write your answers on your answer sheet.
5. The full score scale of this test is 60 points.

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Reading A

Instructions: Read the passages carefully. Answer each question by choosing the correct letter.

(1) Ships have played an important role in human history for centuries, serving as vessels of trade, exploration, and war. The story of ships is one of innovation and transformation, as humans have continually looked for ways to improve upon their designs and capabilities.

From the ancient wooden sailing ships of the past to the modern steel giants that dominate the seas today, ships have evolved in response to changing technologies and demands. The development of steam power revolutionized naval warfare in the 19th century, while advancements in navigation systems have made global trade more efficient than ever before.

However, the story of ships is not without its darker chapters. Countless lives have been lost at sea due to shipwrecks, storms, and battles throughout history. The sinking of the Titanic in 1912 remains one of the most tragic ocean disasters to this day. Despite these risks, ships continue to be vital tools for transporting goods across the seas and connecting distant countries.

In an increasingly globalized world, the story of ships remains relevant as ever, reminding us of our shared dependence on the seas for business and communication.

1. What is the closest meaning to the word vessels in line number (1) ?
 - a. human history
 - b. centuries
 - c. ships
 - d. role
2. How have ships changed over time?
 - a. from wooden sailing ships to modern steel giants
 - b. from innovation to transformation
 - c. from changing technologies to demands
 - d. for businesses and communication
3. What revolutionized naval warfare in the 19th century?
 - a. development of steam power
 - b. invention of submarines
 - c. advancements in navigation systems
 - d. introduction of aircraft carriers

4. What specific tragic event in 1912 is mentioned in the content?
- a. shipwrecks
 - b. sinking of the Titanic
 - c. tragic ocean disasters
 - d. dark history
5. Why are ships considered vital tools in an increasingly globalized world?
- a. they are a good risk in bad weather
 - b. ships are better for globalization than communication
 - c. everyone has to share their dependence
 - d. for transporting goods and connecting distant countries

Reading B

Instructions: Read the passage carefully. Answer each question by choosing the correct letter.

The Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore, also known as the Florence Cathedral, is a wonderful building located in the middle of Florence, Italy. This special landmark is a symbol of the city's rich history and religious heritage, attracting tourists and followers of the Christian faith from all over the world. The construction of the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore began in 1296 and took 140 years to complete.

The cathedral's special red dome, designed by Filippo Brunelleschi, is one of the largest in the world and is considered an amazing piece of engineering and design. One of the most famous features of the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore is its bell tower designed by Giotto. This 82-meter tall tower offers panoramic views of Florence and is a must-see attraction for visitors to the cathedral. In addition to its architectural beauty, the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore is also a place of worship and a center of religious importance.

The Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore is a true masterpiece of Renaissance architecture and it shows the creativity and skill of the artists and craftsmen who worked on its construction. Its stunning beauty and historical significance make it a must-see destination for anyone visiting Florence, and a source of pride for the people of Italy.

6. When did the construction of the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore end?
- a. 140 years long
 - b. 1296
 - c. 1536
 - d. 1436

7. Who was responsible for designing the red dome of the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore?
 - a. Filippo Brunelleschi
 - b. Giotto
 - c. Christian
 - d. Leonardo da Vinci

8. What is one of the most well-known features of the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore?
 - a. sculpture garden
 - b. bell tower
 - c. botanical garden
 - d. center of religious importance

9. What is the height of the bell tower of the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore?
 - a. 50 meters
 - b. 65 meters
 - c. 82 meters
 - d. 140 meters

10. In addition to its architectural beauty, what is the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore also known as?
 - a. a library
 - b. a place of worship
 - c. a museum
 - d. a marketplace

Writing

The purpose of this essay is to test your ability to write in English.

Instructions:

Read the following writing prompt and answer the question in English (100-150 words):

As it can be difficult for anybody to move to a different country, what unique challenges do immigrants in Japan face? Describe a couple of unique challenges and the reasons why you think them difficult.

You may use the space below to plan your essay.