

JAPAN BOWL

1. Date: Friday March 27, 2020. 9:30 - 14:00

At: Huron University College

Hosted by Huron University College and The Japan Society

2. Question Format

Questions are either in a multiple choice question format (one out of four) or an answer in your own words format. Some questions are for all the teams, in which the fastest one who presses the buzzer button is allowed to answer. If there is no response to a question after 30 seconds, the next question will be asked; in this case, the previous questions cannot be revisited. The preliminary round is held in the morning, and the top three teams will move on to the final; the team with the highest score in this round will be the winner.

3. To enter, you must be a high school student in the Province of Ontario, who:

- 1) Has not lived in Japan total of six months or more.
- 2) Does not have a Japanese citizenship (Some exceptions may apply. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, please contact the organizer of Japan Bowl Ontario at the address below.)
- 3) Has a three-member team.

4. Entry

1) **Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2020**

2) Enter at <https://forms.gle/VRRRwH3Qd6ympVe17>

3) Note:

- Enter as a team of three members, rather than as an individual. A person may not enter in more than one team.
- Include the names of the team members, the name of your affiliation (school name), age, e-mail address, the name of the team, and the phone number with which we can contact on the day of the Japan Bowl.
- Past winners of the first place should contact the organizer of the event.
- The images (photographs and video) taken by the host organization during this event may be used for the purpose of event reports.

5. Others

The first prize gift will be given to the winning team. A participation prize will be given to all the participants.

6. Contact

Japan Bowl Ontario Organizing Committee: japanbowlontario@gmail.com



The Japan Society

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Study Guide

Topics of Questions for Japan Bowl Ontario 2020

1) Topics of the questions may include:

- a. History: 710-1560 Classical/Medieval Era: Nara ~ Sengoku Periods: Major events, people, and terms
- b. Social Science: Industry, technology, and infrastructure
Major industries, companies, and technologies; Information, communication, and transportation networks; Tourism and regional products
- c. Daily Life and Society: School culture, work culture, rites of life, religious practices
- d. Arts and Culture: Traditional performing arts (theater, music, comedy, etc.), Martial arts
- e. Pop culture: Olympics/Paralympics, Sports, Tourism, travel, and souvenirs, and Matsuri etc.)
- f. Canada–Japan Relations: The Canada-Japan connection: Interaction between the two countries in the topics listed above.
- g. Current Events: major events and developments in Japan’s politics, economy, international relations, and society during the 12 months prior to the event.
- h. Japanese Language: Simple words, expressions and kanji/kanji compounds indicated below.

Japanese aisatsu (greetings):

Students should be able to understand and use the following. Note that direct translations are not sufficient. Students must demonstrate an understanding of the meaning and use of each expression.

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| ▪ どうぞ | do o zo | Here it is. |
| ▪ どうも/ありがとう | do o mo | Thank you. |
| ▪ おはようございます | o ha yo o go za i ma su | Good morning. |
| ▪ いきます | i t te ki ma su | I'm off./ I'm leaving./ I'm going. |
| (Literal translation is "I'll go and come back." This phrase is used by a person leaving home.) | | |
| ▪ 行ってらっしゃい | i t te ra s sha i | Have a good day./ See you. |
| (Literal translation is "Please go and come back." This phrase is used often in response to いきます) | | |
| ▪ ただいま | ta da i ma | I'm home. |
| ▪ おかえりなさい | o ka e ri na sa i | Welcome home. |
| ▪ ごめんなさい | go me n na sa i | I'm sorry. |
| ▪ おげんきですか | o ge n ki de su ka | How are you? |
| ▪ はじめまして | ha ji me ma shi te | How do you do? |
| ▪ よろしくおねがいします | yo ro shi ku o ne ga i shi ma su | Nice to meet you. |
| ▪ いらっしゃいませ | i ra s sha i ma se | Welcome (to our store). |

Kanji and kanji compounds

Students should be able to read, write, and understand the following kanji:

一 (one) 二 (two) 三 (three) 四 (four) 五 (five) 六 (six) 七 (seven) 八 (eight)
九 (nine) 十 (ten) 百 (hundred) 千 (thousand) 万 (ten thousand) 円 (yen)

Sample Questions (From Preliminary Round)

1) This is called “Aosuji.” It’s often used in Managa to express a character’s feeling better. What feeling does it express? Circle the correct answer.



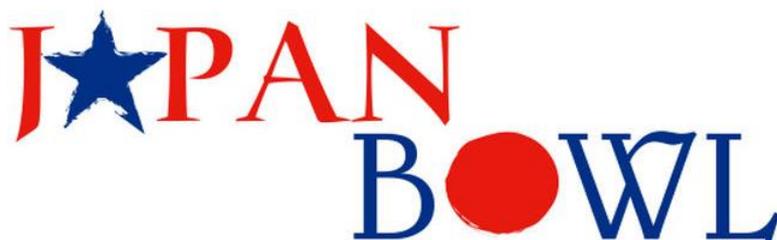
- A. Anger B. Sadness C. Happiness D. Disappointment

2) In 2020, the summer Olympic Games will be held in Tokyo, Japan. How many Olympics have been held in Japan including both summer and winter games but excluding 2020 games?

- A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4

3) In English, you would say “They are like cats and dogs” to describe two people who don’t get along. In Japanese, there is a similar expression. What animals are used? Circle the correct answer.

- A. dogs and monkeys
B. cats and mouse
C. snakes and frogs
D. dears and bears



Answers

- 1) A. Anger 2) C. 3 (Tokyo in 1964, Sapporo in 1972 and Nagano in 1998) 3) A. dogs and monkeys