

Question 2 Japaneasy (10 marks)

Japanese is written using a variety of scripts including Chinese characters. But for the purposes of learning to read, and in the case of unusual words, it is quite common to use a phonetic system, *hiragana*. Shown below on the left are eight examples of simple Japanese words, with their pronunciation in a random order on the right. English meanings are also given but for information only – they play no part in solving this problem.

2.1. (4 marks) Use the table in the answer sheet to show how the words on the left correspond to the pronunciations on the right.

1. あか	A. kita ‘north’
2. さと	B. kao ‘face’
3. でんき	C. denki ‘electricity’
4. あさ	D. tsudo ‘every time’
5. かつどん	E. asa ‘morning’
6. かも	F. katsudon ‘pork and rice’
7. きた	G. aka ‘red’
8. つど	H. sato ‘village’

2.2. (3 marks) How would you pronounce the following Japanese words?

- (a) おでき ‘eruption’
 (b) だん ‘group’

2.3. (3 marks) How would you write the following words in *hiragana*?

- (a) satsu ‘banknote’
 (b) kanten ‘point of view’

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2.1	Japanese	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	English									
2.2	a									
	b									
2.3	a									
	b									

Solutions

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2.1	Japanese	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	@0.5
	English	G	H	C	E	F	B	A	D	
2.2	a	odeki								1
	b	dan								2
2.3	a	さつ ½ for each character correct.								1
	b	かんてん ½ for each character correct.								2