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SUBAREA I—LISTENING COMPREHENSION

0001 Demonstrate a general understanding of oral communication in Japanese.

For example:

- Demonstrate comprehension of the main idea of oral and audio presentations unsupported by visual aids.
- Demonstrate an understanding of questions or comments likely to be encountered in a social situation.
- Demonstrate an understanding of requests for information.

0002 Derive essential information from oral messages in real-life situations.

For example:

- Demonstrate an understanding of details in a spoken passage.
- Demonstrate an understanding of a telephone message or public-address announcement.
- Demonstrate an understanding of a sequence of steps described in a set of oral directions.
- Demonstrate an understanding of a stated cause or effect of a situation described in an oral message.

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0003 Infer meaning from oral communications.

For example:

- Assess the tone, mood, or point of view of one or more speakers.
- Analyze a relationship (e.g., cause-and-effect) implied but not stated in an oral communication.
- Analyze the social context of a spoken exchange or the relationship between speakers.

SUBAREA II—READING AND VOCABULARY

0004 Demonstrate a general understanding of written passages, including electronic texts, in Japanese.

For example:

- Demonstrate comprehension of key vocabulary as well as the main message of complex materials without the help of visual representations.
- Demonstrate knowledge of strategies for accessing documents written in Japanese on the World Wide Web.

0005 Derive essential information from written passages from a variety of authentic materials.

For example:

- Analyze a passage to determine an accurate summary.
- Analyze a passage to determine details regarding character, setting, or events.
- Analyze a passage to determine the sequence of events.

0006 Apply skills of inference and interpretation to a variety of authentic materials.

For example:

- Infer setting or character from information provided in a passage.
- Determine implied cause-and-effect relationships in a passage.
- Infer an author's assumptions, purpose, or point of view in a passage.
- Determine the level of formality in a written passage.

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SUBAREA III—LANGUAGE STRUCTURES

0007 Transform sentences or passages in context according to given instructions.

For example:

- Transform an affirmative statement, question, or command to a negative one or vice versa.
- Transform the tense or formality level of a sentence or passage.
- Combine two or more sentences into one sentence that preserves the meaning of the original sentences.

0008 Analyze sentences to determine grammatically correct words or phrases to complete them.

For example:

- Recognize the correct usage of particles for a given context.
- Recognize verb forms or phrases as appropriate for a given context.
- Recognize the appropriate relative clause or modifying word or phrase to complete a sentence.
- Recognize the appropriate subordinate clause to complete a sentence.

0009 Organize and analyze the structures of Japanese and explain these structures to students.

For example:

- Select revisions to correct inappropriate use of tenses, forms, or constructions.
- Organize parts of speech into grammatically and syntactically correct sentences.
- Demonstrate the ability to analyze linguistic structures of Japanese and present them in a way that is understandable to students.

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SUBAREA IV—CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE

0010 Demonstrate an understanding of manners, customs, and ranges of cultural expression of Japanese society.

For example:

- Identify culturally appropriate behaviors in a variety of contexts.
- Demonstrate a familiarity with games, festivals, and sports of Japanese culture.
- Identify daily health practices, including diet and nutrition, of Japan.

0011 Demonstrate an understanding of the arts (e.g., music, dance, folk art, visual art, drama, architecture) and literature of Japanese society.

For example:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the cultural and historical significance of characteristic art forms of Japanese society.
- Identify characteristics, origins, and representatives of various artistic styles and movements using Japanese vocabulary.
- Identify characteristics, origins, and authors of various Japanese literary works.
- Compare topics, types, and styles of media communication (e.g., television, radio, CD-ROM, software, films, online resources, Web sites, periodicals) in Japan.

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0012 Demonstrate an understanding of the history and geography where Japanese is spoken.

For example:

- Identify key historical events and diverse historical figures (e.g., scientists, mathematicians, inventors, business leaders) associated with Japan and explain their influence.
- Compare and contrast the influences of historical events and diverse historical figures and their impact on the development of Japan.
- Identify and analyze different perspectives on historical events using a variety of media and technology tools.
- Use maps, charts, digital images, graphs, and other geographical representations to describe and discuss the area where Japanese is spoken.
- Demonstrate knowledge of geographical aspects (e.g., population distribution, natural resources, main economic activities) of Japan.
- Analyze how migration, settlement, and colonization have affected the culture, economy, and environment of Japan.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the currency, products, economic system, and systems of trade and exchange of Japan.

SUBAREA V—WRITTEN EXPRESSION

0013 Use Japanese to present in writing information, concepts, and ideas for a variety of purposes to different audiences.

For example:

- Write expository pieces that include description, definition, and analysis for a variety of situations.
- Write an account describing to a teacher or other acquaintance the reasoning behind a significant personal decision.
- Write a letter that is appropriate in style, formality level, and diction for a given audience, purpose, and occasion.

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SUBAREA VI—ORAL EXPRESSION

0014 In response to a prompt, construct connected oral discourse in Japanese that communicates a message effectively and that demonstrates command of a range of vocabulary, idiomatic expressions, and simple and complex language structures.

For example:

- Describe events or actions in tenses and formality levels appropriate to the task.
- Discuss advantages and disadvantages of an idea or proposed course of action.
- Respond to a hypothetical situation (e.g., purchasing airline tickets) by explaining events, describing events, or requesting assistance.

SUBAREA VII—LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

0015 Understand processes involved in second-language acquisition.

For example:

- Demonstrate knowledge of language development and the role of language learning as it pertains to second-language acquisition.
- Demonstrate knowledge of instructional strategies for developing students' communicative skills in a second language (i.e., listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills) and ways to adjust instruction to facilitate optimal learning for all students.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of various classroom activities for developing students' communicative skills in a second language.
- Demonstrate knowledge of second-language acquisition and the approaches, methodologies, and strategies that promote second-language acquisition.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the ways students' native language, prior knowledge, and educational background influence second-language acquisition.