

AP[®] Japanese Language and Culture 2016 Free-Response Questions

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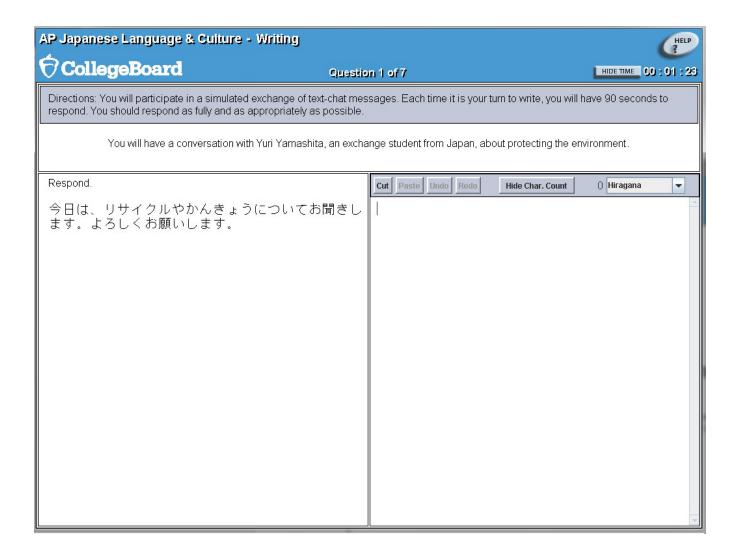
Overview

Key screen images from the free-response section of the AP Japanese Language and Culture Exam are included in this document. The actual exam includes other screens, such as message boxes and help screens, which students may view while taking the exam. On screens where the "Show Time" button appears, students have the option to display the time remaining to complete the task. The exam screens are dynamic, with changing information (e.g., audio progress bar, count-down clock), while the screen images that follow are static, representing a particular moment during the exam.

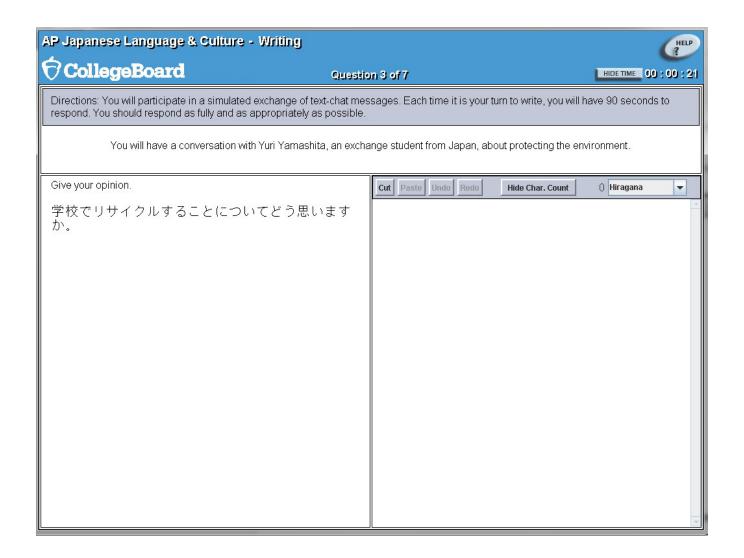
This document also includes scripts for recorded material that students heard during the exam. However, recording scripts are not provided for directions screens, where the audio portion matches verbatim the text appearing on the screen.

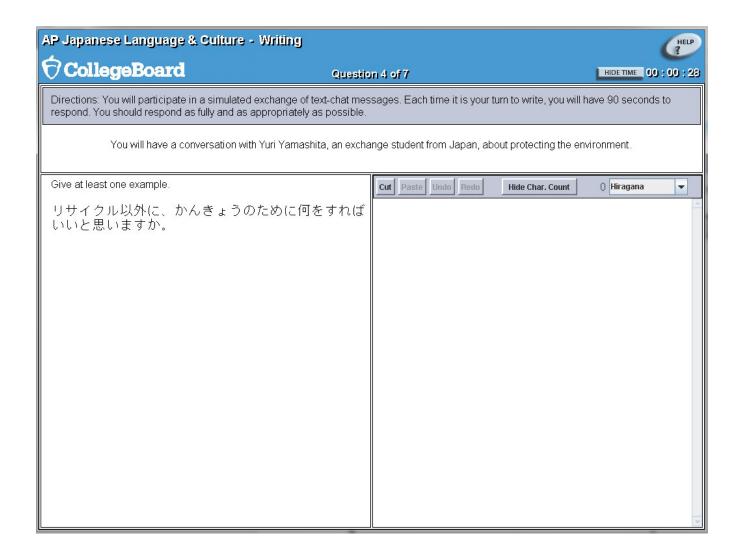
Writing Part Directions You will participate in a simulated exchange of text-chat messages and write an article. The input method for typing Japanese text is the Microsoft IME. This method allows you to type in different modes, which you can select from the drop-down list as necessary. Hiragana mode (3) allows you to produce hiragana and to convert to kanji and katakana. F-W Katakana (Full-width Katakana) mode (7) allows you to produce katakana. Direct input mode (A) allows you to produce plain authentic Japanese writing. Do not use romaji or English as a substitute for words that should be written in Japanese. For both tasks, you will have a specific amount of response time. A clock at the top of the screen will show you how much time is remaining to write your response. When the response time has ended, you will automatically go on to the next question. You cannot return to previous questions.

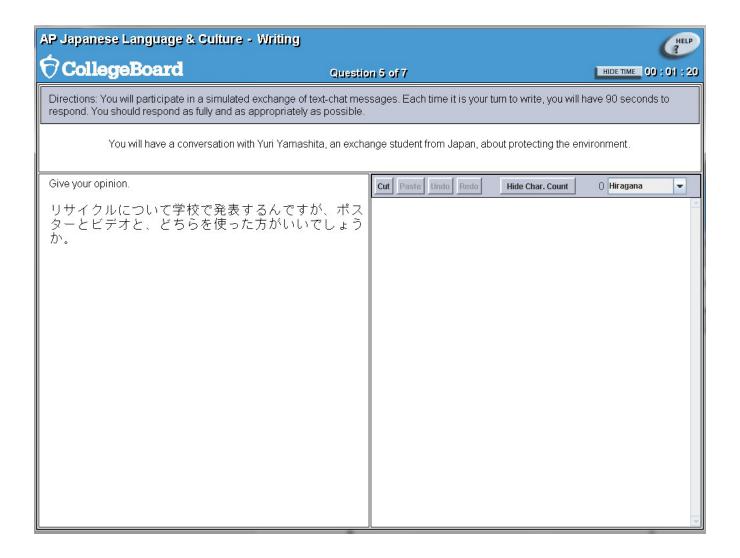


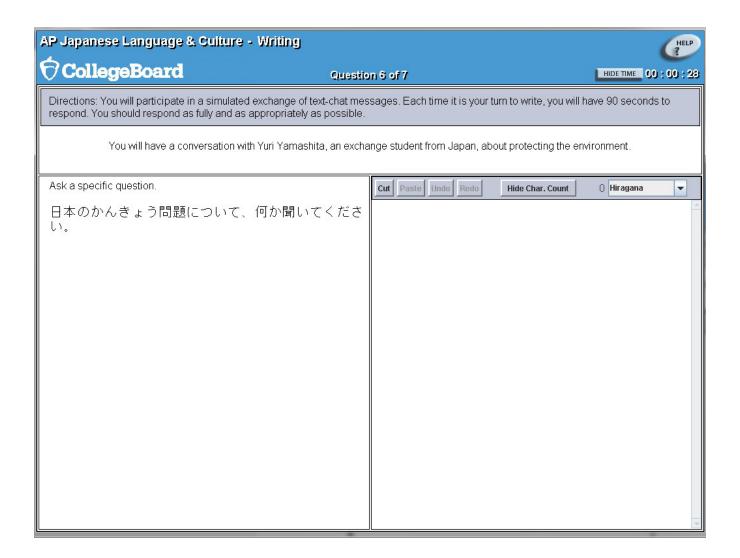


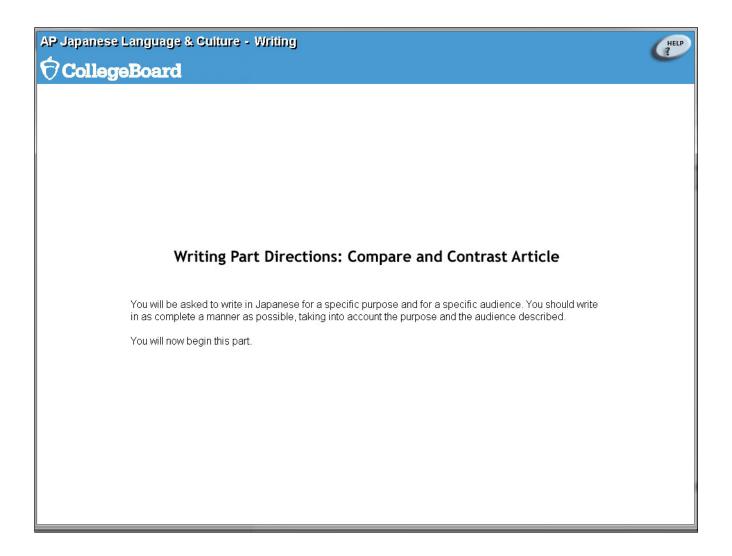


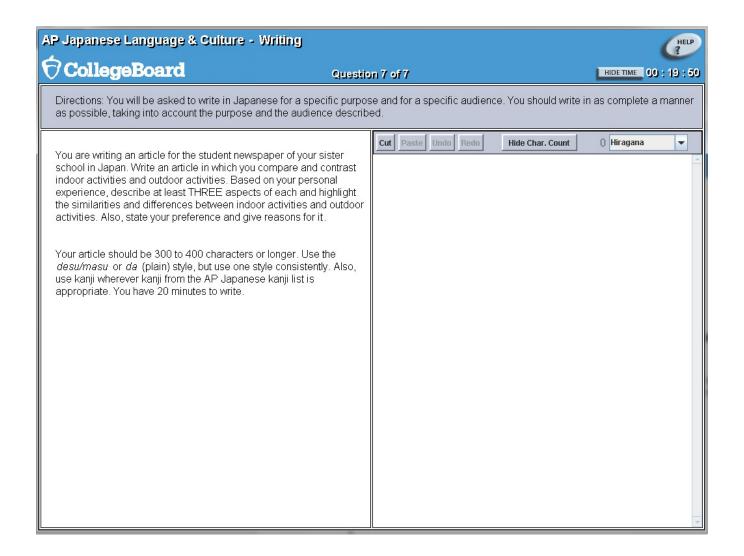


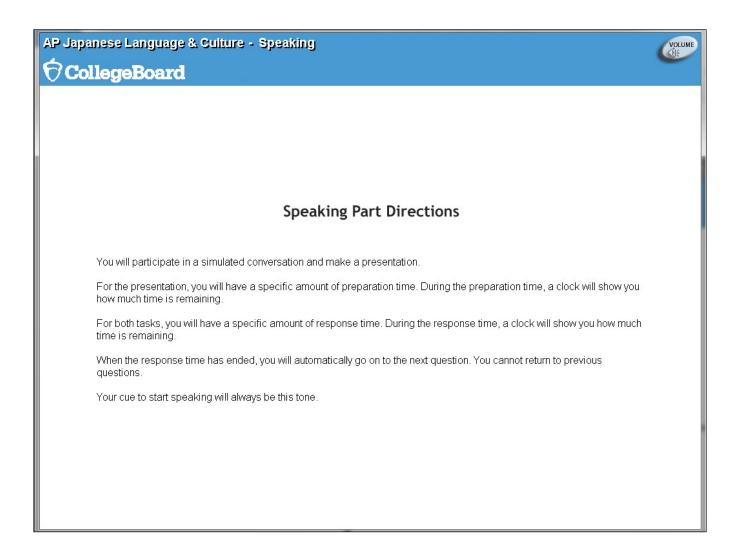


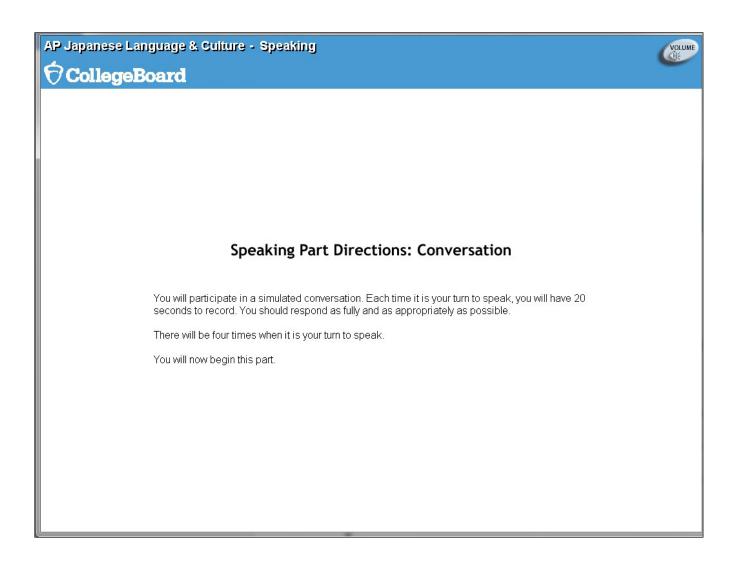


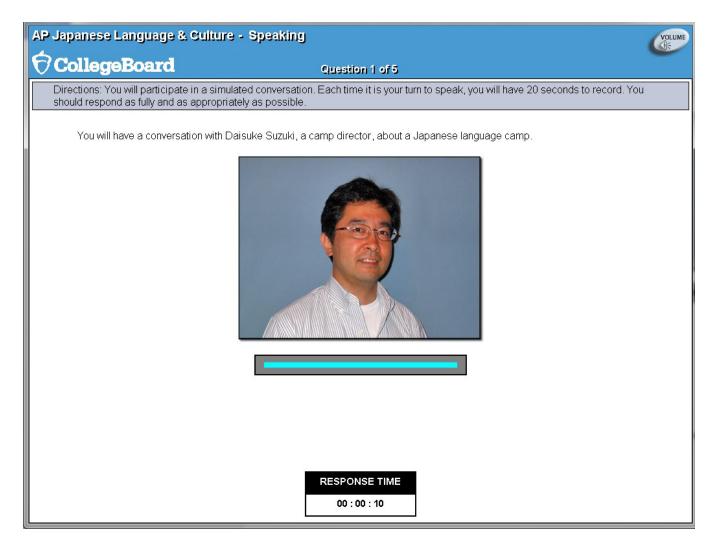












Note: Students saw the exam screen above for each of the individual questions that together compose this task. Only the screen image for the first question is shown here, but during the exam, each of the screens indicated the number of the question the students were responding to.

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MA: You will have a conversation with Daisuke Suzuki, a camp director, about a Japanese language camp.

Speaking Question 1 of 5

N: はじめまして、日本語キャンプの鈴木です。まずはじめに、簡単に自己紹介をしてください。

[TONE]

(20 seconds)

Speaking Question 2 of 5

N: ありがとうございます。どうしてこの日本語キャンプに入りたいと思ったんですか。

[TONE]

(20 seconds)

Speaking Question 3 of 5

N: ああ、そうですか。では、このキャンプではどんなことをしたいですか。

[TONE]

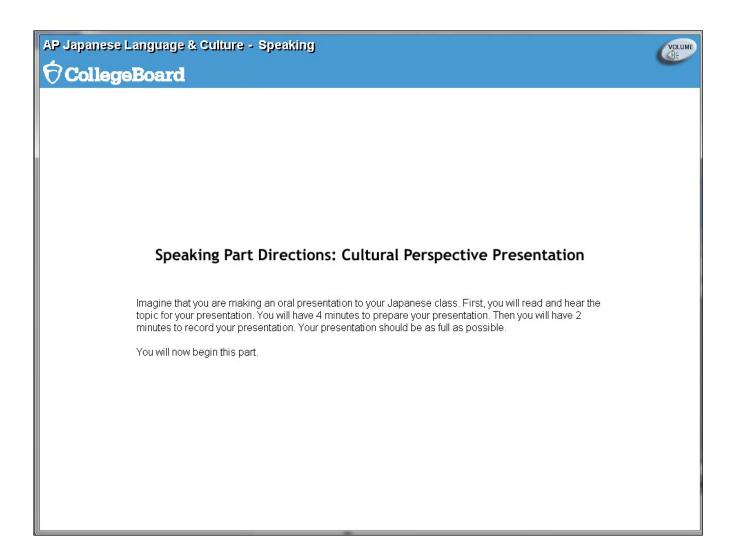
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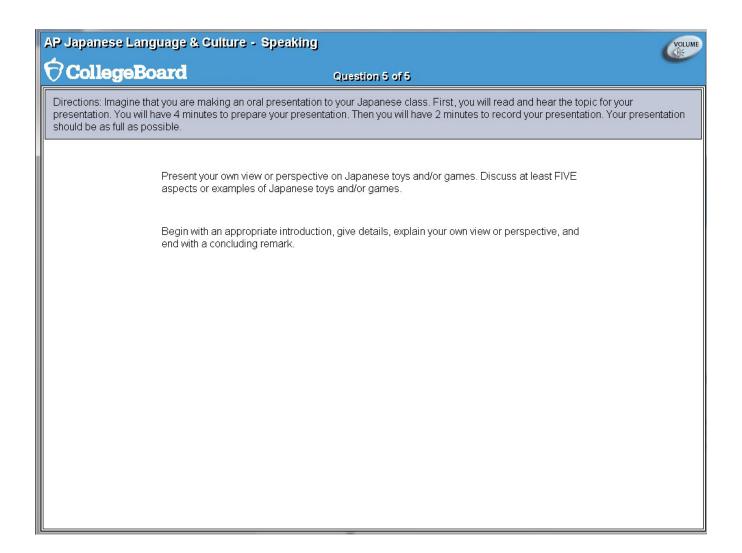
Speaking Question 4 of 5

N: わかりました。ではこのキャンプについて何か質問をしてください。

[TONE]

(20 seconds)





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Speaking Question 5 of 5

N: Present your own view or perspective on Japanese toys and/or games. Discuss at least FIVE aspects or examples of Japanese toys and/or games. Begin with an appropriate introduction, give details, explain your own view or perspective, and end with a concluding remark.

N: You have four minutes to prepare your presentation.

(240 seconds)

N: You have two minutes to record your presentation.

[TONE]

(120 seconds)