

## ARTS1630 Introductory Japanese A 2017

### Details of Interaction Test

Interaction Test will be held in **Week 9 during Seminars**. The following are the details of the test. Read these instructions carefully and prepare yourself to interact successfully in Japanese. You will not have time to work on this during your tutorials or seminars. Once you have your partner, you should work with your partner outside of your class time.

- (1) All students must take the test in **their Seminars in Week 9**.
- (2) Each pair has a minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 7 minutes to complete the task below.
- (3) Each interaction will be video-taped.
- (4) Students are NOT allowed to refer to any notes in the test.
- (5) Students evaluate other students' performance.
- (6) You **must be assigned to your test time with your partner before the 28<sup>th</sup> of April to take this test**. Not being assigned, No test! If you miss your seminar in week 8, it is your responsibility to find a partner and contact your teacher to be assigned for the test.

#### **Task:** Interacting at a social function

You will be interacting in a pair with your **classmate** in the following situation.

*You are on exchange at a Japanese university and you are attending a social function for the first time. The common language spoken at this function is ONLY Japanese. You meet someone at the function, introduce yourself to each other and develop the conversation. Then talk about your daily routines by discussing various aspects of your life style. At an appropriate moment, close your conversation and take leave.*

Note well:

- 1) You are both a speaker and listener. The conversation relies on collaboration with your partner.
- 2) The conversation may not unfold in the way you have planned or expected, so you need to prepare on the topics that are likely to be covered in this context.

Your performance will be assessed by your tutor according to **the following criteria:**

- Pronunciation 4 points
- Fluency 3 points
- Discourse strategies: Organization (opening, expanding, sustaining and closing conversation) 5 points
- Use of lexico grammar learnt in the course (use of vocabulary, asking questions, providing information on demand, etc) 9 points
- Non-verbal communication and over all impression (Inclusive of the length, originality, collaboration and balance between the two speakers) 4 points

**Total**

**25 points**

**Peer evaluation** (being placed the top 3 pairs in the class) **bonus points 2points**  
**Notes**

*You and your partner have just met for the first time at a social function.*

*Introduce yourself to each other and develop the conversation.*

**Study Lesson 1 and 2 for this section.**

- **Self introductions**

*Then talk about your daily routines by discussing various aspects of your life.*

**Study Lesson 3 for 4 this section.**

- **Describing daily routines**
- **University life**
- **Locations**

*Finally, set up yourself for leave-taking and properly leave.*

*Throughout the interaction, give ample attentive feedback both verbally and non-verbally.*

- Nodding
- そうですね、そうですね、etc.

**Study all the introduced conversation endings (Christina and Kesuke conversations (both videos and scripts on Moodle), model dialogue conversations in the Course Notes and Genki, etc.)**

**Strategies for a successful outcome**

- 1) Prepare the task with your partner and work together.
- 2) Listen to Genki audio.
- 3) Learn vocabulary.
- 4) Read through the grammar explanations and the Course Notes.
- 5) Review Lecture notes.
- 6) Do the roleplay exercises in each week.
- 7) Expect the unexpected during the test.
- 8) Have fun preparing with your classmate!