

## Score Rating of “Writing” Section for “Japanese as a Foreign Language”

We will score the “Writing” section according to the following rating standard and indicate the respective scores.

Score	Rating
50	(Level S) An essay at this level - clearly addresses the topic with persuasive reasons - is well organized and developed - uses refined expressions in language
45	(Level A) An essay at this level - clearly addresses the topic with appropriate reasons
40	- is well organized and developed - uses appropriate expressions in language
35	(Level B) An essay at this level - addresses the topic with mostly appropriate reasons
30	- is generally well organized, though it may have occasional problems - may use inappropriate expressions in language
25	(Level C) An essay at this level - roughly addresses the topic with reasons, which may be inappropriate
20	- may have problems in its organization - uses inappropriate expressions in language
10	(Level D) An essay at this level - does not address the topic - is disorganized and underdeveloped - has serious errors in usage
0	(NA)* An essay does not meet the rating conditions.

Each of Levels A, B and C has two grades: higher and lower.

\* An essay is given a score of 0 (NA) if:

- It is blank.
- It is not relevant to the topic.
- It only repeats the topic statement.
- Its Japanese text relevant to the topic is less than 40 characters in length, excluding the part repeating the topic statement.
- It contains text copied from the question booklet cover or elsewhere.
- It is judged by the committee after deliberation as having another proper reason to be considered NA.