

## Test 6

The humdrum life of the typical Japanese salaryman involves a long daily commute, an occasional night on the town and little in the way of drama. But the samurai spirit lives on in the soul of these workaday warriors, ready to emerge when needed. Such a moment challenged Toshio Yamauchi, 49, an electrical company employee, as he waited for his morning subway train in Osaka last week. A teenager **suddenly** fainted and fell from the platform, striking her head on the rails so that she lay senseless in the path of an oncoming train. Yamauchi jumped onto the rails, waved his arms to halt the approaching train, then carried the unconscious girl to safety. Subway authorities say that his quick action saved the life of high school student Rumiko Machida, 17. If Yamauchi had waited a moment longer to consider the danger to himself, the driver would not have been able to stop the train in time to avoid hitting the girl. Yamauchi, who received a formal letter of thanks from the Osaka metropolitan police, was modest about the incident. "My own child is about the same age," he said, "so I'm happy I could do something to help."

### **PART 1**

**Scegliere la risposta più adatta** (*barrare la risposta considerata corretta*)

- Japanese workers usually lead routine, uneventful lives.
  - Japanese workers sometimes stay overnight in the office..
  - The Japanese usually live near to their place of work.
- Yamauchi is a samurai warrior in his free time.
  - A samurai fighter challenged Yamauchi to mortal combat at Osaka station.
  - Yamauchi goes to work by train.
- Yamauchi pushed the girl in front of the train.
  - The girl was trying to commit suicide.
  - Yamauchi jumped in front of the train and signalled to the driver to stop.
- Yamauchi considered the risks before he jumped onto the rails.
  - Yamauchi acted instinctively and was quick enough to rescue the girl.
  - The driver was not able to stop the train in time.
- Yamauchi has a teenage daughter.
  - The Osaka police phoned Yamauchi for information.
  - It is not unusual for Yamauchi to pick up teenage girls at Osaka station.
- Which of the following titles best summarizes the content of the article?
  - Japanese train drivers go too fast.
  - The heroism of a middle-aged Japanese worker.
  - Japanese teenagers disrupt Osaka train service.

Trovare, nel testo, il sinonimo delle parole sottolineate (es: *to halt* - riga 6 = *to stop* - riga 9):

7. hitting .....
8. salaryman .....

9. workaday .....
10. senseless .....

## PART 2

### A. Riempire i vuoti inserendo i verbi fra parentesi nella forma appropriata

(a) Scegliere fra il **Simple Present** (es. do/does) e il **Present Continuous** (es. is/are doing)

1. "What ..... you/do?" "I'm a teacher."  
 2-3 Sylvie and Jacques ..... (be) French;  
 they ..... (not/come) from Belgium.  
 4. If ..... (you/not/use) the car this morning, can I borrow it?

(b) Scegliere fra il **Past Simple** (es. did) e il **Past Continuous** (es. was/were doing)

5. .... (you/be) in Rome last weekend?  
 6-7. Mr Gardiner .....(buy) the house  
 while he ..... (work) in London in the 1970s.  
 8. What ..... (you/do) at the time of the accident, Mr Jones?

(c) Scegliere fra i due tempi futuri: **will e going to**

9. Sarah..... (not/accept) the job after all; the salary is too low.  
 10. If you are tired I ..... make you a coffee.

(d) Scegliere fra i verbi diffettivi: **would/cant/shall/should/may**

11. What ..... you do if they offered you the job?  
 12-13. I..... not eat so many sweets, but I..... not stop myself.  
 14. Take an umbrella with you. It .....rain.

B. Completare le seguenti frasi scegliendo fra **it/they/there** con la forma appropriata del verbo "**to be**". (es. There is an old castle on the hill. It is 500 years old.)

- 15-16. " ..... someone at the door. I think ..... the postman.  
 17. .... a good hotel in Borgo Pace?

C. Completare le seguenti frasi scegliendo fra **much/many/a few/a little**

18. "How ..... do you spend a week?"  
 19-21. "Only ..... because I don't have to buy ..... things,  
 except for .....books in the course of the year. "

D. Inserire **a, an, o the** se lo ritenete opportuno

- 22-24. My sister spent a week in .....hotel in London. .... rooms were all  
 right, but ..... food was horrible.  
 25. Dr. Turner's wife is .....dentist.  
 26. "Have you had .....lunch?" "Not yet."

E. Completare le frasi inserendo la **preposizione giusta**

- 27-28. "How do you come ..... university?" " ..... car."  
 29-31. We are meeting .....the square ..... 8 o'clock .....  
 Wednesday evening.

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***PART 1***

1 a); 2 c); 3 c); 4 b); 5 a); 6 b);

7 hitting = striking (line 5); 8. Salaryman = employee; 9. workaday = humdrum (line 4)

10. senseless = unconscious

***PART 2***

1 do you do  
2 are  
3 do not come (don't come)  
4 you are not using (don't use)  
5 were you  
6 bought  
7 was working  
8 were you doing  
9 is not going to accept  
10 will  
11 would  
12 should  
13 can  
14 may  
15 there is  
16 it is  
17 is there  
18 much  
19 a little  
20 many  
21 a few  
22 a/as  
23 the  
24 the  
25 a  
26 -  
27 to  
28 by  
29 in  
30 at  
31 on