Assessments in PCE’s language courses are optional. If taking the assessments, students will be assessed on the four macro skills – reading, writing, listening and speaking.

The following is a typical end-of-course reading and writing assessment – students are given 1 hour to complete both sections in class.

Reading Component

Read the following text and answer the questions below in English.

Vocabulary:

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<td>Tシャツ</td>
<td>T-shirt</td>
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<td>いやな</td>
<td>unpleasant, disgusting</td>
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<td>ぬれる</td>
<td>to get wet</td>
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おとといは とてもいい天気だった。午後1時ごろ、気温は 三十度で、とてもあつかった。私は Tシャツを着ていたが、まだあつかった。夜になってもすずしくならなくて、あまりぬられなかった。きのうは 雨だった。昼の気温は 二十八度で、朝と晩は 少しすずしかったが、昼は とてもあつかった。

日本の六月と七月は つゆで、雨が多い。毎日雨が ふることがあるので、いつもかさをもって、家を出なければならない。日本のつゆは むしあついし、雨が多いから、せんたくも できなくて、いやな気分になる。

きょうも、雨だった。朝は たいへんいい天気だったから、私は 六時半に起きて、せんたくをした。そして八時に 家を出て、仕事に行った。でも昼から雨がふった。仕事が終わって、家に帰った時、せんたく物は ぬれていた。

1. For how many days did it rain?
2. What did the writer do the day before yesterday and why?

3. Why couldn’t the writer sleep the day before yesterday?

4. What did the writer suggest people in Japan do when they go out at the time described?

5. During this time of the year, what is the weather like in Japan?

6. What did the writer do this morning?

7. What did the writer find upon returning home?

8. What does 冬 mean in English and which months of the year is it in Japan?
Write in **Japanese** on one of the following topics.

1. Write about Japan and Australia. Use descriptive writing to compare the differences between these countries in. You can choose a topic, such as people, food or culture to compare the differences.
2. Write a dialogue between two people. One person is planning to go to Japan and asking another person’s advice. Choose one city or place in Japan and describe the city or place, describing things such as location, history and possible activities or sightseeing.
3. Use descriptive writing to explain about a sport, describing things such as its rules and history.
4. Write a journal entry (plain style) of a Christmas day.
5. Write about your future plans in plain style.

Number of words required to be written:

- **Third Year level**
  
  approx 250 words