

Mid-term Test
SECTION 1

Kokinshuu 1

ふる年に春たちける日よめる

有原元方

年のうちに春は来にけりひととせを去年とやいはむ今年とやいはむ

Glossary:

ひととせ = (this) whole year

Question 1

Explain the grammatical meaning of the forms たちける and よめる.

Question 2

Translate the kotobagaki of Kokinshuu 1.

Question 3

Explain the grammatical structure of the form 来にけり.

Question 4

Explain the meaning of 去年とやいはむ.

Question 5

Comment on the poem. What stands behind it and how does it play with the discrepancy between the nature and the calendar?

Question 6

Explain the principle of kakarimusubi

Question 7

What is the meaning of these words?

おきな (翁)

おみな

Question 8

What is the name of this type of written Japanese?

和何世古我

Question 9

What is the difference between these two sentences?

この夜の月おもしろし。

この夜の月こそおもしろけれ。

Question 10

Identify at least two words of this 3-word passage from a Kojiki song

和賀由久美知