**NATIONAL 5 CLOSE READING HOMEWORK**

**FOCUS ON OWN WORDS AND IDENTIFYING MAIN IDEAS**

Answer **all** of the question below in your own words.

There are two final, optional questions you can try if you wish about language.

1. In lines 1-4 what one criticism does the Japanese education system receive? (2)
2. What has been the success of these approaches? (2)
3. Other than rote learning, what has helped the Japanese achieve a 99% literacy rate? (Lines 10-14) (2)
4. Sum up the advantages and disadvantages of the system in lines 26-33? (4)
5. Sum up the expectations on pupils at various stages of their school career in learning ‘kanji’ in lines 15-20. (3)
6. What is a juku and why do so many pupils attend them? (3)
7. Sum up the main ideas in the passage the writer wants to convey about the Japanese system. (4)

**Total – 20**

Additional questions

*What does the word ‘quashing’ suggest about the writer’s attitude to the system in line 1? (2)*

*How does the writer use sentence structure and word choice to emphasise the positive outcome of this method of teaching in lines 10-14? (4)*