

I. General Section

- 1) What is one comprehensive guide that can help you find Japanese legal materials?
- 2) Name two print collections of English translations of Japanese laws.
- 3) Name one finding aid for print Japanese statutes.
- 4) Name two ways cases are indexed in Japanese databases.
- 5) What is the name of the Japanese era before the current one?
- 6) What is the western year that corresponds to these Japanese years?
 - a) Meiji 30
 - b) Taisho 5
 - c) Showa 25
 - d) Heisei 4
- 7) Why aren't more laws and cases translated into English?
- 8) Where do you find a guide to U.S. standards for citing Japanese legal information?
- 9) What's the most important purpose for citations?

II. English Only Section

Laws

- 1) What are three types of organizations that typically provide English translations of Japanese laws (online or print)?
- 2) What online resource provides PDF translations of many laws of a wide variety of topics?
- 3) About how many print translations of laws are indexed in the National Diet Library's Index to Japanese Laws in English?
- 4) What is one website that provides links to online translations of Japanese laws?
- 5) Find two different online English translations of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act.
 - a) What is the law number and date of this law?

b) What is the latest amendment included in each of the two translations?

6) Find an English translation of the Vibration Regulation Law.

a) What is the law number and date?

b) What is the latest amendment included in the translation?

7) Find two English translations of the Labor Union Act

a) What is another English name for this law?

b) What is the law number and date?

c) One of the translations lists amendments. What is the law number and date for the most recent amendment listed?

Cases

1) What annual print collection of Japanese cases has ceased publication in print?

2) Name two free online resources that have full or partial English translations of Japanese cases.

3) Give the docket number for three Supreme Court cases related to moneylenders.

4) What is the docket number of the Supreme Court case on the constitutionality of prohibiting court spectators to take notes?

Books and Journal Articles

1) Name three sources for books and articles on Japanese law besides LexisNexis and Westlaw.

2) Name two sources for English articles on Japanese law published inside Japan.

3) Find a record for John O. Haley’s “Spirit of Japanese Law”

III. Japanese Section

Laws

1) What’s a good free website for full-text Japanese laws?

- 2) What is the law number and date of the Civil Code (民法)?
- 3) What is the most recent amendment of the Civil Code?
- 4) a) Name an index to drafts of laws or abolished laws.
b) Search for drafts of “環境保全基本法案” [Kankyō hozen kihon hōan].
- 5) Where can you find the full text of draft legislation?

Name the draft law listed for the 170th Diet, Special Session.

Cases

- 1) What is the docket number of the case noted below?
Date of trial: 3/30/1979
Court: Supreme Court
Related Statute: Minpō article 709
General topic: Domestic relations
- 2) a) How many hits do you get with a search for the keyword “靖国 [Yasukuni]”?
b) How many of these are Supreme Court cases? (What’s the easiest way to find that number?)
c) How many of the hits in (a) above are High Court cases?
- 3) What are the two most important general topic print commercial case collections?
- 4) How many District Court cases are listed in 判例検索システム [Hanrei Kensaku shisutemu] with the “裁判年月日” [“saiban nengappi”] between 1/1/2008 and 6/30/2008?
- 5) How many hits do you get when you search for “強盗殺人被告事件” [Kōtō satsujin koku jiken]?

Books and Journal Articles

- 1) What free resources index Japanese Periodicals?
- 2) How many articles can you find by the commercial law scholar 龍田節 (竜田節) [Tatsuta Misao]?

3) How many hits do you get for books by 龍田節 [Tatusta Misao] ?

a) Using OCLC Worldcat

b) Using NII Webcat Plus.

4) How many articles on can you find on the Japanese 情報公開法 [Freedom of Information law]?