I. General Section

1) What is one comprehensive guide that can help you find Japanese legal materials?  
[slide 5: Japanese Legal Research Guide]

2) Name two print collections of English translations of Japanese laws.  
[slide 11: EHS, Doing Business in Japan]

3) Name one finding aid for print Japanese statutes.  
[slides 12-15: Japanese laws in English, National Diet Library’s index to print laws in English]

4) Name two ways cases are indexed in Japanese databases.  
[slide 42: Trial date, Docket Number]

5) What is the name of the Japanese era before the current one?  
[Slide 69: Showa]

6) What is the western year that corresponds to these Japanese years?  
[slide 69]  
a) Meiji 30 [1897]  
b) Taisho 5 [1916]  
c) Showa 25 [1950]  
d) Heisei 4 [1992]

7) Why aren’t more laws and cases translated into English?  
[slide 8: Expensive, Difficult, Small market]

8) Where do you find a guide to U.S. standards for citing Japanese legal information?  
[slide 72: The Bluebook: a uniform system of citation]

9) What’s the most important purpose for citations?  
[slide 72: …Help user find cited material easily]

II. English Only Section

Laws

1) What are three types of organizations that typically provide English translations of Japanese laws (online or print)?  
[slide 9: Japanese government, Interest groups, Industry, law firms, commercial publishers]

2) What online resource provides PDF translations of many laws of a wide variety of topics?  
[1] slide 17: Japanese government’s online translations

3) About how many print translations of laws are indexed in the National Diet Library’s Index to Japanese Laws in English?  
[Slide 13: Over 8000]

4) What is one website that provides links to online translations of Japanese laws?  
[slide 18: Mika’s page; slide 19: Mizuho Securities page]

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?  
[Ministry of Justice (MOJ) page: Law no. 319 of 1951]  
b) What is the latest amendment included in each of the two translations?
Exercises for “Essential Tools for Japanese Legal Research” [KEY]

[MOJ page: Law no. 43 of 2006; JPN Govt Translations page: Law no. 30 of 2008]

6) Find an English translation of the Vibration Regulation Law.
   a) What is the law number and date?
   [Find link to law on Mika’s page: Law no. 64 of 1976]
   b) What is the latest amendment included in the translation?
   [Find link to law on Mika’s page: Law no. 75 of 1995]

7) Find two English translations of the Labor Union Act
   a) What is another English name for this law?
   [Mika's page: Trade Union Law]
   b) What is the law number and date?
   [Law no. 174 of 1949]
   c) One of the translations lists amendments. What is the law number and date for the most recent amendment listed?
   [Japan Institute for Labor Policy and Training translation (linked from Mika’s page): Law no. 102 of Oct. 21, 2005]

Cases
1) What annual print collection of Japanese cases has ceased publication in print?
   [Slides 26-27: “Prominent judgments of the Supreme Court upon questions of constitutionality”]

2) Name two free online resources that have full or partial English translations of Japanese cases.
   [Slides 28-31: Judgments of the Supreme Court, Hanrei.net, Temple Univ. Website]

3) Give the docket number for three Supreme Court cases related to moneylenders.  
   [Supreme Court of Japan English case search website (15 hits on keyword search for “moneylender”): 2006 (Ju) No. 2268; 2006 (Ju) No. 1534; 2005 (Ju) No. 1970]

4) What is the docket number of the Supreme Court case on the constitutionality of prohibiting court spectators to take notes?
   [Supreme Court of Japan English case search website (1 hit on keyword search for “spectators notes”: 1988(O)No.436]

Books and Journal Articles
1) Name three sources for books and articles on Japanese law besides LexisNexis and Westlaw.
   [slide 59: JSTOR, PAIS, IFLP, Dissertations]

2) Name two sources for English articles on Japanese law published inside Japan.
   [slide 52: Japanese law faculty, law school journals, NGOs in Japan]

3) Find a record for John O. Haley’s “Spirit of Japanese Law”
   [OCLC [slide 49]: Local library catalog]

III. Japanese Section

Laws
1) What’s a good free website for full-text Japanese laws?
   [Slide 21: 法令データ提供システム [Hōrei dēta teikyō shisutemu]]

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?
[6/21/2008; Source: Horei deta teikyo shisutemu]

4) a) Name an index to drafts of laws or abolished laws.
[slide 22: 日本法令索引 (online)]
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?
[slide 23: 国会提出法案々と [Kokkai teishutsu hōan nado] (MOJ website)]
Name the draft law listed for the 170th Diet, Special Session.
[国籍法の一部を改正する法律案 (Kokusekihō no ichibu o kaisei suru hōritsuan)]

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
[Docket Number: 昭和 51(オ)328 (Shōwa 51 (オ) 328)]

2) a) How many hits do you get with a search for the keyword “靖国 [Yasukuni]”?
[判例検索システム (Hanrei Kensaku shisutemu): 35]
b) How many of these are Supreme Court cases? (What’s the easiest way to find that number?)
[1; by searching keyword: 靖国 [Yasukuni], Court: 最高[saikō]]
c) How many of the hits in (a) above are High Court cases?
[14]

3) What are the two most important general topic print commercial case collections?
[Slide 33: Hanrei taimuzu and Hanrei jihō (判例タイムズ, 判例時報)]

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?
[265]

5) How many hits do you get when you search for “強盗殺人被告事件” [Kōtō satsujin koku jiken]?
[18]

Books and Journal Articles
1) What free resources index Japanese Periodicals?
[Slide 57: 雑誌記事索引 [Zasshi kiji sakuin], Slide 58: CiNii]

2) How many articles can you find by the commercial law scholar 龍田節 [Tatsuta Misao]?
[158, when searching all time periods 1969- in Zasshi kiji sakuin; 153 in CiNii]
3) How many hits do you get for books by 龍田節 [Tatusta Misao]?
   a) Using OCLC Worldcat
      [slide 49: 212 hits (kanji search); 56 hits (romaji search)]
   b) Using NII Webcat Plus.
      [64 hits]

4) How many articles on can you find on the Japanese 情報公開法 [Freedom of Information law]?
   [slide 58: CiNii: 833 slide 57: NDL]