

「1級リスニングテスト」原稿

ただいまから、1級リスニングテストを行います。これからお話することについて質問は受けませんので、よく注意して聞いてください。なお、リスニングテスト放送中に音飛びや騒音があった場合は、発生した問題のトラックに戻し、やり直します。しかしながら、万が一、教室監督者が気づかない場合は速やかに手を挙げてお知らせ願います。このテストでは、テストの方法と注意事項がすべて英語で放送されます。

The listening test for the Grade 1 examination is about to begin. Listen carefully to the directions. You will not be permitted to ask questions during the test.

This test has four parts. All of the questions in these four parts are multiple-choice questions. For each question, choose the best answer from among the four choices written in your test booklet. On your answer sheet, find the number of the question and mark your answer. You are permitted to take notes for every part of this listening test.

Now, here are the directions for **Part 1**. In this part, you will hear 10 dialogues, **No. 1** through **No. 10**. Each dialogue will be followed by one question. For each question, you will have 10 seconds to choose the best answer and mark your answer on your answer sheet. The dialogue and the question will be given only once. Now we will begin the Grade 1 listening test.

(★=男性 A ★★=男性 B ☆=女性 A ☆☆=女性 B)

★No. 1

★★: You know, Wendy, I don't feel good about putting our new software on the market when it still has a few bugs that need working out.

☆☆: I know. I'm not thrilled about pushing a product I don't really believe in, either.

★★: I sympathize with the director's desire to get it on the market quickly, but his impatience could hurt us in the long run.

☆☆: Well, as long as we're working for him, I guess we don't have much choice.

★★: I agree, but that doesn't make me feel any better about it. The company's reputation could be severely damaged, not to mention our own!

★Question: What are these people discussing?

★★No. 2

★: I see the "For Sale" sign on the Wilsons' house is still there.

☆: That's strange. I thought that place would sell in a flash. It's in a lovely spot.

★: Well, it's a buyer's market at the moment.

☆: Now you mention it, they said something about that on the news last night.

★: If the Wilsons are in a hurry, they'll have to rethink their asking price.

☆: That's a shame, though. It looks like pretty good value to me.

★★Question: Why does the man think the house is still for sale?

☆☆No. 3

★★: Lewiston Fire Department.

☆: Yes, this is Mrs. Smith at 594 Bluefield Lane. My two-year-old has locked himself inside my car.

★★: And where are your keys, ma'am?

☆: In his hand. He keeps showing them to me through the windshield and laughing.
★★: We'll send someone right away. In the meantime, try to keep him entertained.
☆: That won't be too hard—he locked the dog in the car, too, and they both seem to be having a pretty good time.
☆☆**Question:** What did the child do?

☆**No. 4**

☆☆: I just got some bad news. I have to move out of my office.
★: You sublease it, right?
☆☆: Yes, another company is the primary tenant of the building.
★: So that company's going to let your lease expire?
☆☆: Right. Their business has picked up, and they need the space themselves.
★: Is there anything I can do?
☆☆: For a start, will you put out the word that I'm looking for a place?
★: Sure. It probably won't be too difficult to find something with reasonable rent.
☆**Question:** Why does the woman have to move?

★**No. 5**

☆☆: Giles, do you know what's happening about the issue of smoking on campus?
★★: Yes. I spoke to the dean this morning, and a new policy will be implemented.
☆☆: How will it differ from the present one?
★★: Well, there won't be any designated smoking areas any more, and all buildings will be made nonsmoking. From January, fines will be imposed on violators.
☆☆: So what about us faculty members smoking in our offices?
★★: I'm afraid that'll be a casualty of the new policy. It might be difficult to enforce, though!
★**Question:** What does the man imply about the new policy?

★★**No. 6**

★: NewFin Bank, Jarrod speaking.
☆: Hi, I'm an account holder at your bank. I'm going overseas to study for a year and was wondering if I should close my account.
★: Well, if you're planning on coming back, I suggest you leave it as is.
☆: What about overseas access?
★: You can use your current credit card internationally. And if you want to monitor the balance, Internet banking is available. There will be an extra monthly fee, though.
☆: That's fine. I prefer to be able to track what's going on.
★★**Question:** What will the woman probably do?

☆☆**No. 7**

☆☆: Is that a new cell phone, Martin?
★★: Yeah, I got it yesterday.
☆☆: What about your old one?
★★: Donated it. A friend works for an organization that sends used phones to people in Africa who can't afford new ones.

☆☆: That's great.

★★: Yeah, and it reduces the garbage created by discarded cell phones. Did you know they contain hazardous chemicals?

☆☆: No, I didn't. Actually, I've been thinking about getting a new phone. Can I pass on my old one when I do?

★★: Sure.

☆☆**Question:** What does the man imply about cell phones?

☆☆No. 8

★: I just finished Karl Bernstein's latest novel. Have you read it?

☆☆: No. I heard it got mixed reviews.

★: I can't say it was fun to read, but I'm glad I persevered with it.

☆☆: That's not much of an endorsement.

★: Well, the ending was rather depressing but the plot was totally original and the psychological aspect of the story was very thought-provoking.

☆☆: I think I'll give it a miss. I prefer uplifting novels.

☆☆**Question:** What is the man's opinion of the book?

★No. 9

☆: Ed, when you have a chance today, I'd like you to run me through the plan to revamp the website.

★★: Today? But it's not ready. I haven't finalized the cost calculations yet.

☆: Why not? Everything should have been completed by now. You know this needs to be up and running before Christmas.

★★: I'm sorry, Melissa. It's just that, well . . . I don't want to make excuses, but I feel that Sharon is not pulling her weight. I seem to spend a lot of my time fixing the stuff she's done, or dealing with her clients' questions. I haven't really been able to concentrate on the website.

☆: Why didn't you come to me before? We could've nipped this in the bud.

★★: I didn't want to seem to be whining, and I know you have your hands full getting that new IT client onboard.

☆: Ed, you should know by now that I trust your judgment. We don't have the manpower to carry people. If you feel that someone's slacking off, report it to me.

★★: OK, I will. Thanks. And what about the website plan?

☆: I can give you until Monday, given the circumstances, but that's it. I'm meeting the CEO about this on Tuesday.

★★: Gotcha. Thanks.

★**Question:** What is one problem that the man has been having?

☆☆No. 10

★: OK, we have to come up with an advertising campaign outline for our biggest client, WorldAir, by the end of next month. First, let's review last year's campaign.

☆: Well, the airline was pleased with customer response, and as you know, the ad won an award in Europe. You were the main mover behind that, right, Kazu?

★★: Yeah, but the problem was that they couldn't use the ad in some countries, remember?

☆: That's true. We had one shot that showed young couples hugging. That was considered inappropriate in some countries, so we had to rework the theme in those cases.

★: And was the client OK with that?

★★: Yes, but we had only budgeted for one standard global campaign. Having to adapt it for different countries cut into our profits.

☆: But we've learned our lesson, so we can prevent that from happening again.

★★: On that note, I've already given this year's campaign some thought, and I think that if we try to find one theme that's going to be acceptable worldwide, it'll probably be a fairly mundane and predictable campaign.

☆: So, what do you suggest?

★★: I suggest we actually plan several regional campaigns rather than one global one, and cost it accordingly.

★: Interesting idea. We'll have to convince WorldAir that it's worth the extra costs, but that might be the way to go.

☆☆ **Question:** What problem did these people have last year?

Here are the directions for **Part 2**. In this part, you will hear five passages, (A) through (E). Each passage will be followed by two questions, **No. 11** through **No. 20**. For each question, you will have 10 seconds to choose the best answer and mark your answer on your answer sheet. The passage and the questions will be given only once. Now let's begin.

☆☆ (A) *The Impact of Asteroids*

Most scientists agree that about 65 million years ago a large asteroid crashed into our planet, wiping out the dinosaurs. It is also thought that the massive impact sent rocks and other debris from Earth into space.

Until recently, scientists had not been able to accurately estimate the quantities of rocks or the distances they traveled. Advances in computer modeling, however, have allowed researchers to simulate the results of that collision. These models show thousands of rocks from Earth reaching the planet Mars, with some even landing on the moons of Jupiter.

Some scientists now believe that organisms from Earth may have traveled to other planets on these rocks. They point to discoveries of extremophiles—organisms that live in the harshest environments on Earth, such as undersea volcanoes. Some such microscopic organisms have been shown to survive short journeys into space on the surface of spacecraft. Skeptics, however, think that a longer voyage through sub-zero temperatures and high radiation could be deadly, and they wonder if such lifeforms could survive in the environments of other planets.

★ **Questions**

★ **No. 11** What is one thing computer models have shown about the asteroid collision?

★ **No. 12** What do some scientists now believe?

★★ (B) *Tamarisk Trees*

Farmers in the southeastern United States began to plant a nonnative tree species called tamarisk in the early 1900s. Tamarisk trees were considered to be effective at preventing erosion by rivers. This is because their deep root systems are ideal for stabilizing the soil. However, their roots have also given tamarisks a reputation for consuming huge amounts of water and lowering river levels. Additionally, tamarisks are accused of harming native tree species because they are said to release salt into the soil, making it impossible for other trees to grow.

Some ecologists, however, believe the tamarisk has been unfairly targeted. They say that tamarisks are simply growing in areas where native species had already been destroyed.

What's more, experiments have shown that tamarisks consume no more water than many native species do. Finally, the ecologists say that it is the damming of rivers, not tamarisks, which is causing the higher salt levels in soil. When river-flow rates are reduced by dams, the water evaporates, leaving behind salt. Without floods to wash the salt away, this salt accumulates. Despite the evidence, however, various efforts to remove tamarisk trees are still in progress.

☆Questions

☆No. 13 Why were tamarisk trees originally planted in the southeastern United States?

☆No. 14 What is one thing some ecologists say about tamarisk trees?

☆ (C) *What Sewage Can Teach Us*

Researchers in New York City are investigating a substance commonly considered undesirable and potentially harmful: sewage. They plan to extract DNA from sewage samples taken from waste pipes in different neighborhoods in order to identify dangerous bacteria and viruses as well as beneficial microorganisms. Tracking these so-called biomarkers of disease and health will allow researchers to monitor and compare bacterial diversity in various neighborhoods without invading individual privacy. The data will give them an overall picture of general health trends in the city. Furthermore, maintaining such a database of genetic information could help the researchers identify outbreaks of infectious illnesses early on, and thereby improve the chances of effective containment.

Chemical components of sewage could be investigated as well. For example, if a city started a campaign to reduce sugar consumption, the levels of sugar in sewage could be tracked to measure the campaign's effectiveness. In the future, such continual monitoring and analysis of sewage could also provide usable data for law-enforcement agencies. For example, if substances used in bomb manufacturing were detected and that information were shared with law-enforcement officials, it could help them in the fight against crime and terrorism.

★★Questions

★★No. 15 What is one thing researchers in New York City are planning to do?

★★No. 16 What is one way that analysis of chemical components may be used in the future?

★ (D) *A New Approach to Foreign Aid*

The Millennium Challenge Corporation, or MCC, is a federal agency established in the US in 2004. The MCC is very different from traditional government aid agencies—it is run not only by government officials but also by business executives. The MCC believes the best method for fighting poverty is overall economic progress. Though a small portion of its money goes to funding traditional projects, such as building hospitals and schools, the majority goes to stimulating the growth of private enterprises. Farmers in Honduras who received MCC grants, for example, enjoyed a 90 percent rise in their incomes over a two-year period.

The MCC's methods also help reduce the problem of corruption because money is given directly to those in need, and there is strict monitoring of its use. Additionally, recipient countries must meet numerous conditions. Only projects in democratic nations, for example, are eligible for MCC funding. This is strictly enforced, and after the Nicaraguan government suppressed political opposition during an election, a \$62 million MCC grant was withdrawn in 2009. The MCC is optimistic that it is not only helping to fight poverty in developing countries but also bringing about positive social and political change.

☆☆Questions

☆☆No. 17 How is the MCC different from traditional government aid agencies?

☆☆No. 18 Why did Nicaragua lose its MCC funding?

☆☆ (E) *Nanocellulose*

Materials made from renewable natural resources are becoming increasingly attractive as alternatives to plastics and other petroleum products. One such material is nanocellulose—a highly processed form of cellulose, the material that plants' cell walls are made of. Cellulose has long been used to make things such as textiles, but scientists believe nanocellulose has even greater potential as a replacement for petroleum products. Because it can be made from inedible plants, it could be produced on a large scale without threatening the supply of edible cellulose sources such as corn and sugarcane.

Recently, a team of Finnish scientists used nanocellulose to create a material called nanocellulose aerogel. The scientists drew inspiration from insects called water striders. The insects' light, buoyant feet allow them to move on water without breaking the surface tension and sinking. The nanocellulose aerogel that scientists were able to make was so buoyant that 500 grams of it could support the weight of five refrigerators. The scientists also discovered that the material is effective at absorbing oil, so they hope it can be used to help clean up oil spills on the surface of the ocean.

★★Questions

★★No. 19 What is one possible benefit of using nanocellulose?

★★No. 20 What is one characteristic of nanocellulose aerogel?

Here are the directions for **Part 3**. In this part, you will hear five passages, (F) through (J). The passages represent real-life situations and may contain sound effects. Each passage will have one question, **No. 21** through **No. 25**. Before each passage, you will have 10 seconds to read the situation and question written in your test booklet. After you hear the passage, you will have 10 seconds to choose the best answer and mark your answer on your answer sheet. The passage will be given only once. Now let's begin.

☆(F) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question **No. 21**.

★OK, here are some options. Riverina Gardens is located in the community of Cooperton. Cooperton is a wonderful area with the top school district in the region. You're looking at \$4,000 a month at least for a three-bedroom unit. There are a few units in north Cooperton that go for under \$3,000. For example, the Sanford Apartments are right on the border with Rocheville, but they're still within the Cooperton school district. They're also close to the freeway, so it's convenient for your commute. Next, there's the Green Mountain Apartments, which are in Rocheville proper. It's a really nice, relaxed community, though the schools in other districts are better. And finally, Forest Villas is located in Sonora, an easy commute to your office. The schools are reasonable and it's comfortably within your price range, but the trade-off is higher crime rates than the other areas.

☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

★★(G) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question **No. 22**.

☆Overall, it looks pretty good. You've used authentic medical terminology, and I was impressed by the way you kept the subtitles short so viewers can focus on the drama. The only issue is the language used by the patients. In this drama, they're not highly educated and well-spoken the way the doctors are—their speech is more casual. Using more slang and colloquial expressions would make these characters more believable. And since the drama focuses on them, that's a crucial aspect. Once you're done, we'll send the script off to the

client for review. Oh, by the way, I heard they may cut a few of the violent scenes so it can be shown in the early evening. If so, we may need to adjust a few of the subtitles so that important elements of the story are not lost. But let's worry about that later.

★★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

☆☆(H) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question **No. 23**.

★★First things first: anything you say to me will remain confidential. This is outlined in the letter of consent you signed the other day. . . . OK, if you plan to remain with the company but want to change divisions, I'd like you to put some thoughts about what motivates you and any specific objectives you have down on paper. If you're happy in your current department, but want to move up to management level, please draft a two-year plan to outline how you want to go about achieving this. If you're not sure what direction you'd like to take, you should take the online personality assessment, which is now on your company's server. We can then use that as a basis for our future discussions. OK, that's it for today. Have a think about these options and prepare accordingly for the next session.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

★(I) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question **No. 24**.

☆☆Thank you for holding. You originally purchased a SuperSaver ticket for the express train for the 25th, departing at 6:30 a.m. and arriving at 10:30 a.m. There are still seats available for the same train on the 27th, but unfortunately, as the purchase agreement states, there are no refunds or exchanges for SuperSaver tickets. The cost of a new ticket for the express train is \$50. If you wanted to save money, you could go on the slower local train for \$30. That departs at 7:30 a.m. and arrives in Roseton at 1 p.m. Flying is another option. There's a Cloud Airways flight to Roseton on sale now for \$85. It takes off at 11:30 a.m. and arrives in Roseton at 12:30 p.m. If you want to arrive in the morning, there's a RoseAir flight for \$105 departing at 9:30 a.m. and arriving at 10:30.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

☆☆(J) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question **No. 25**.

★We've reviewed your application, and everything seems to be in order except for one thing. We need a completed copy of Form CE-4, which confirms your new place of employment. You have to mail it or take it to your new company, which then has to fill it out. After that, you'll need to come back here to turn it in yourself. After you've submitted everything, we'll begin processing, which will take at least a month. If you need things to be finalized sooner, you can then pay for expedited processing. This guarantees completion within 10 working days, assuming everything checks out. In the meantime, your current visa is still valid. You're OK to work at your current part-time job, but you can't start the new full-time one until your application has been approved. If you do, be warned that you risk serious financial penalties, or even deportation.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

Finally, here are the directions for **Part 4**. In this part, you will hear an interview. The interview will be followed by two questions, **No. 26** and **No. 27**. For each question, you will have 10 seconds to choose the best answer and mark your answer on your answer sheet. The interview and the questions will be given only once.

★★Now let's listen to the interview. This is an interview with Chris Nixon, a financial

services manager who telecommutes.

Interviewer(I): Welcome, listeners. Today my guest is Chris Nixon, who works in the financial services industry. Can you briefly tell us what you do?

Chris Nixon(CN): Sure. I work for a New York-based company in the financial services and banking industry. I manage the teams in Japan and Sydney, as well as develop business relationships with stock exchanges throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

I: And are you based in Tokyo?

CN: Well, I used to be. But now I'm actually based in Okinawa.

I: So what are the advantages or disadvantages of telecommuting for you?

CN: Well, the biggest advantage is that I'm able to set my own time schedule. I don't have to rely on the logistics of getting me to the office every morning, and then getting me back home.

I: And what are some of the hurdles that need to be overcome to implement telecommuting?

CN: If you're a new employee, it's not that you are untrustworthy, it's just that the company doesn't know you well enough, they don't know your work style well enough, to be able to send you off onto your own and rely on the fact that you're going to get the job done. So when, when I first proposed this telecommuting solution to the company, I really went about specifically dictating to them how I had already established a certain rapport, a certain level of trust. And basically because of that, the company felt extremely comfortable allowing me to work from, from home.

I: Economically speaking, does Japan focus on the Asia-Pacific region?

CN: Maybe one of the things that prevents the Japanese government, or the Japanese business community from taking even a larger leadership role, I think there's two things. One is the language barrier is pretty evident. The other is, there's a lot more competitiveness now within Asia-Pacific when it comes to getting companies to locate, or relocate, to those countries. Singapore, for example, is a great success story. They've kept corporate taxes and individual taxes low, if a company from outside APAC is looking to bring in a large operation or customer-service center, they're certainly going to take a long, hard look at locations like Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, even Manila, because as a cost center, it's, it's quite low. If you were to do the same thing in Japan you'd have a language barrier, you'd have some prohibitive corporate taxes that would be applied; employment laws are much more strict in Japan.

I: What kind of person would you say makes a good team leader?

CN: Probably someone who can listen better than they can direct. We live in a world now where the typical middle manager from 30 years ago just wouldn't be as functional. It used to be about training employees, directing employees, managing the tasks of employees, and then rating employees, but now I think it's much more about, how can I as a manager make my employees, or my subordinates, as autonomous as possible? Because if I'm hiring the right people, they, in turn, are going to be making the right decisions. It shouldn't be my role to micromanage them. Rather, it should be my role to show them how they can best improve their own decision-making skills.

I: Well, Chris, thank you for coming in to talk with us today.

CN: My pleasure. Thanks so much for inviting me.

★★Questions

★★No. 26 What is one thing Chris says about telecommuting?

★★No. 27 What is one thing Chris says about team leaders?

Your time is up. Stop writing and wait quietly until the answer sheets have been collected.

では、時間です。筆記用具を置いて答えの記入をやめてください。これにて試験終了となります。公正なる試験実施にご協力いただきありがとうございました。質問がある方は、ただちに試験監督者にお申し出ください。

試験監督者に連絡いたします。これより最終の受験者数を確認してください。その後、解答用紙を回収し枚数の確認を行ってください。なお、問題冊子は回収しません。受験者数と解答用紙の枚数の一致を確認してから、解散の指示を出してください。

受験者の皆さんは、身のまわりをよく点検し、忘れものがないように注意してください。受験者の皆さんが退室するときは、別の教室が試験中の場合もありますので、声を出さず、会場出口まで静かに退出してください。それでは、解散の指示を出すまで静かにお待ちください。