

## 「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。これからお話し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

☆☆: That was Connie on the phone. She's dropping her cats off with us on Saturday.

★: When did we decide that?

☆☆: I mentioned it to you last month, remember? She's going on vacation and needs us to look after them. They're no trouble, apparently.

★: Maybe not, but it's still a big responsibility. And mentioning something isn't the same as deciding.

☆☆: Well, I thought you wouldn't mind.

★: Even so, you could've checked with me before giving Connie the go-ahead.

☆☆**Question**: Why is the man annoyed?

### ☆☆No. 2

☆: Jack, an important client just called and asked me to come over to help with an emergency. I'm sorry but it means I won't be able to make the three o'clock meeting.

★★: But you're supposed to give the presentation on Internet marketing.

☆: I know. Would you pass out this report at the meeting instead? It basically covers what I was going to say.

★★: I guess that'll have to do. Thanks.

☆☆**Question**: What is the woman's solution to the problem?

### ☆☆No. 3

☆☆: So Jason, what were you talking to the boss about earlier?

★: Oh, he tried to convince me to stay on.

☆☆: You're definitely leaving us, then?

★: Yeah, next month. I enjoy my work here, but the long hours and tight deadlines are just too much. The company needs some fresh blood, anyway.

☆☆: Balancing work and family must be tough.

★: Actually, that's not the problem. It's just time to look after myself first for a change. Besides, I've already got a lead on something more suitable.

☆**Question**: Why is the man leaving his job?

**★No. 4**

☆: Do you gamble, Troy?

★★: Uh, no. Why?

☆: I think I'm going to try my hand. I've been watching horse racing since I was a kid, and I often pick the winner. I can't help but imagine how much I'd win if I placed bets.

★★: I wouldn't if I were you. Things can get out of control pretty easily, you know.

☆: Don't worry, I won't get hooked.

★★: If you say so. But don't expect any sympathy from me when you need a loan!

★**Question**: What is the man's opinion?

☆☆**No. 5**

★★: Tina, did I see you going into the empty old house on 13th Street, the one with all the broken windows?

☆: It's no big deal. Sherry and I just wanted to have a look inside.

★★: What were you thinking? Apart from not having the owner's permission, you could have got hurt.

☆: I was fine, Dad. Anyway, it was really scary. Everyone says it's haunted.

★★: Tina, I am not kidding. You're not to go into that house again.

☆☆**Question**: Why is the father upset with his daughter?

☆**No. 6**

★: Hi, Sue. I heard they offered you the department head position.

☆☆: Yeah, that's right. I appreciate their faith in me, but my Japanese just isn't good enough to accept the offer. Maybe somewhere down the road, but not now.

★: I'm sure Professor Tanaka would interpret for you at meetings and help you with the paperwork.

☆☆: I know she would, but I'd have to rely on her way too much. Actually, she should be department head, not me.

★: You've got a point there. Trouble is, I don't think she'd accept it. Her mother's not very well, you know.

☆☆: She's still more qualified than I am. Anyway, I've already made up my mind.

☆**Question**: What has the woman decided to do?

**★No. 7**

★★: I've gone over your paper, Michaela. Very solid work.

☆☆: Thank you, Professor Simpson.

★★: Just one comment, though. I know you want to submit this to an academic journal, so you'll need to provide more sources than are in your bibliography.

☆☆: Well, I actually used more. Should I list them all?

★★: Your chances of getting this accepted increase if you show evidence you've reviewed all the relevant literature. Your bibliography's too thin right now.

☆☆: All right, I'll make the changes.

★**Question:** What does the professor suggest Michaela do?

★★**No. 8**

★: Patricia, I heard you sent a letter to Congressman Taylor. What's he up to this time?

☆: He's pushing this stupid industrial development near the Fairfield Wetlands.

★: Unbelievable!

☆: Some friends and I are campaigning to get protected status for the wetlands. It's just like when he tried to turn the old Weller Farmstead into a golf course.

★: I'm sure you'll get a lot of support. It's about time Taylor started helping his ordinary constituents, not just his rich friends in business.

★★**Question:** What does the man imply about Congressman Taylor?

☆**No. 9**

★★: Thank you for coming to see us here at Andex Computers. The recruiter was really impressed with your qualifications.

☆☆: Thank you. I hope I have the skills to contribute to the team here.

★★: Before we go any further, there are a couple of points in your application materials that I'd like to clear up.

☆☆: Of course.

★★: You've been in your present position as a sales representative for half a year, is that correct?

☆☆: Yes, and in that time, I've always made or beaten my monthly sales targets. I'm sorry I can't supply a letter of recommendation, but my supervisor doesn't know I'm looking for another position.

★★: Understood. Before your present job, however, you worked at Logan TC Incorporated for less than a year.

☆☆: That's right.

★★: Long-term commitment to the company is a high priority for us. To be honest, your record is a bit sparse on that point. Could you talk about that issue a bit?

☆☆: Well, if I can speak frankly, Logan TC was a dead-end position, with almost no opportunity for advancement. And my current company, though I enjoy the work, is small. I think my organizational and sales skills are more suited to a larger organization like Andex.

★★: I see. Thank you.

☆**Question:** Why is the interviewer concerned about the applicant?

☆☆**No. 10**

☆: OK, guys. I've been asked to take on some of the vice president's tasks while he's on leave in March. The thing is, I'm scheduled to work our booth and make presentations at the trade expo during that time, so I'll need someone to cover for me at the expo.

★★: Elliot could work the booth. He's assisted you before, so he's used to setting up the product displays and doing all the paperwork.

☆: Elliot, what do you think?

★: I'm sure I can handle the booth on my own, Chelsea. Making presentations is a different story, though. Public speaking definitely isn't my strong point.

☆: Elliot, you're selling yourself short. I think you'd be fine, and I could work with you on

ways to hold the audience's interest.

★: Thanks for the vote of confidence. But isn't there a better choice? Why can't you do it, Mike? You enjoy the spotlight.

★★: But the presentations are in March, right? I've got my hands full with data reports then. I'm afraid you're it, Elliot. Chelsea and I will do our best to prepare you.

☆: And look at it this way. You'll have a valuable new skill when it comes time to negotiate your next raise.

★: OK, I'll give it a try. I guess I can expect a few sleepless nights in March!

☆☆**Question:** What is the woman's view?

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) *Climate Change and the US Media*

In democratic societies, an unbiased news media is considered essential for keeping the public well-informed. Journalists are expected to withhold their own opinions and present facts objectively. Moreover, if there is a controversial aspect to a story, the news media is expected to present both sides. However, some critics believe that the US news media makes too much effort to be neutral. In the case of climate change, for example, the vast majority of scientists accept that it is occurring and that it is caused by humans. Only about 3 percent of scientists doubt these assertions. In news accounts, however, it is standard practice to give equal time to those who are doubtful about climate change.

Some observers say this practice is obstructing efforts to deal with climate change because it gives the public the false impression that there is no consensus on this issue. A recent survey found that around 60 percent of Americans are unaware that human-caused climate change has been accepted as fact in the scientific community. Unless the news media begins to prioritize accuracy over neutrality, people will continue to be misinformed about climate change.

★**Questions**

★**No. 11** What do some critics say about the US news media?

★**No. 12** According to the recent survey, what do many Americans think?

★★(B) *Education in Asia*

Education is a priority in many Asian countries. In recent years, however, some lower- and middle-class families have been coming close to bankruptcy because education-related costs take up a huge proportion of their income. Cram-school classes and study-abroad programs are seen as essential for satisfying university entrance requirements and ultimately securing a high-paying job. Ironically, however, in some places, there is an overabundance of university graduates and a shortage of skilled workers in fields like engineering and IT. As a result, many graduates find themselves unemployed or in low-paying, unskilled jobs.

Now, some people are calling for measures to address these issues. They are urging governments to ensure that higher education is not only more affordable but also that it more closely meets the needs of the labor market. Some experts point out, for example, that many Asian students come out of university without practical skills in analysis and problem-solving. Integrating such skills into curriculums, the experts suggest, could have tremendous benefits. These skills are necessary to succeed in science, engineering, and mathematics—fields that

are expanding in today's labor market.

### ☆Questions

☆No. 13 What is true in many Asian countries?

☆No. 14 What do some experts believe?

### ☆☆(C) *The Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake*

The eastern diamondback rattlesnake was once common in the longleaf pine forests of the southeastern United States. The pine trees are widely spaced, so their branches do not prevent sunlight from reaching the forest floor. The long, thin grass that grows between the trees creates the perfect habitat for the eastern diamondback. The snake can hide there as it lies in wait for the animals it preys on, such as rabbits and squirrels.

In recent decades, however, the eastern diamondback has become rare due to changes in the makeup of the forests. In the past, natural fires regularly passed through the forests. Longleaf pines can survive, and although the grass is burned, it quickly grows back. Since the 1940s, however, human intervention has dramatically reduced the number of forest fires. Because of this, other plants and thick bushes have grown between the longleaf pines in place of the grass. The eastern diamondback is unable to hunt in this kind of undergrowth.

Recently, biologists have been calling for the deliberate introduction of forest fires in some areas. This would return the ecosystem to its natural state so that the eastern diamondback rattlesnake can recover.

### ★★Questions

★★No. 15 What is one change that has occurred in the eastern diamondback's ecosystem?

★★No. 16 What do biologists recommend?

### ★(D) *The Effects of Microgravity on the Body*

When astronauts spend a long time in space, they suffer the effects of microgravity. This low level of gravity is known to cause decreased bone density and weakened muscles. Recently, scientists have learned that microgravity can lead to irregular heartbeats. Though a definitive link has not been found, it is known that microgravity impacts the circulation of blood, slowing its distribution to the arms and legs. Another effect is that microgravity physically alters the heart during longer missions, making it 9 percent rounder on average.

Recent studies indicate that astronauts' brains are also affected by microgravity. Brain scans taken after long missions reveal a decrease in the strength of neural connections. That weakness was clear when astronauts had difficulty performing mental tasks. They also experienced decreased physical coordination and a loss of balance. In space, the brain suffers severe stress from factors like cosmic radiation and disturbed sleep patterns. Additionally, scientists suspect the changes in neural connections may be due to the brain receiving highly inconsistent information. For example, microgravity causes a constant sensation of falling, but the visual input that the brain receives does not match this information.

### ☆☆Questions

☆☆No. 17 What is one effect of microgravity?

☆☆No. 18 What is one thing that can happen to the brain during space travel?

### ☆(E) *Twin Talk*

In their early years, twins often spend more time communicating with each other than they do with their parents. As a result, they sometimes develop a private language intelligible only to themselves. This phenomenon is known as cryptophasia and occurs in about 40 percent of all twins. Interestingly, such private languages share certain common features

regardless of the parents' native language. For instance, most words used in private languages are mutations. The twins repeat each other's mistakes, which gradually become new words, and they continue to use their own words instead of commonly used vocabulary around them. Other distinctive features of these languages are that verbs do not change form and the grammatical structures are extremely simple.

Cryptophasia usually disappears by the age of six and is often seen as a cute trait rather than a cause for concern. For this reason, speech therapists are rarely called in. However, research by psychologist Chisato Hayashi indicates that the longer children experience cryptophasia, the lower their scores on language tests later in life. Hayashi therefore advocates intensive speech therapy at an early stage.

### ★★Questions

★★No. 19 What is one common feature of private languages?

★★No. 20 What do Chisato Hayashi's findings indicate about cryptophasia?

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**.

☆☆This is Candice from Marketing. I'm working on the new online catalog for August, and we need to have product photos ready soon. For any products that have been on the market since June, please bring samples to our office by July 12. I also understand that your department has some products coming out before August 1. We'll need some specifications for those to add to the product descriptions, so ideally you should send us the full specification sheets by July 17. If they haven't been finalized yet, give me a call, and I'll see if we can work something out. If your new products are purely digital, like software or online services, please send us some graphics that we can include instead of photos. Thanks.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★★In a case like yours, a temporary passport may be issued. You'll need to submit an application and include two passport photos. The \$120 fee guarantees you'll receive the temporary passport within three days of submitting your application, but you don't need to pay until your application has been approved. As you probably know, there are passport firms that handle the applications for regular passports. However, since temporary passports are only for exceptional circumstances, you will need to submit a direct application yourself. Before that, however, you need to write a brief letter explaining why you need a temporary passport. And you'll need to supply documents that show the purpose of your travel. Once you have those, you can make the official application.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★Good news, everyone. We've signed with a new client, Millennium CC. However, since they're direct competitors of Grand Motors, we can't keep both clients within one agency. We've therefore created a subsidiary to handle Millennium CC. The board members and I met

Millennium CC executives yesterday and finalized the deal. All Grand Motors team members with four-plus years on that account will continue with Grand Motors as normal. Everyone else will move to the Millennium CC account and the new office on the 20th floor. The creative team members—that is, designers and copywriters—who will work with Millennium CC should stay here after this meeting to meet with your new creative director. In addition, next week there'll be a seminar to brief the new Millennium CC team about the client's objectives. For everyone remaining on the Grand Motors account, there will be a strategy session in Room 401 at 3 p.m.

☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆The client is a Japanese steel manufacturer. They're sending a team of Japanese engineers to Saudi Arabia so they can oversee construction of a manufacturing plant. They need to teach English-speaking Saudi workers the entire process of pipe manufacturing. The Japanese engineers' English test results vary, but none of them has the specialized vocabulary needed for the task. The course for the engineers begins in two weeks' time, so you'll have to get on this right away. The best solution would be to create a customized textbook. If that's not possible, we can create materials to supplement a general English text. Here's an English-language copy of the steel company's corporate brochure that you can base the materials on. It has some very useful visuals and graphs. I also found some information online that outlines steel-manufacturing processes in English.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆☆I've looked over all your assets. You've done a commendable job of saving as much as you have and preparing for retirement. You've concentrated on investing in stocks, which has been paying off nicely. The only thing I'd suggest is that from now on, you may be better off diversifying your assets into other areas. This would give you more financial rewards. Government bonds are a popular option, especially because there's no minimum investment. They've been showing shrinking returns over the last few years, though. A better idea would be to look at a mutual fund. They typically offer solid returns, but for the ones we recommend you'll need a minimum of \$100,000 to start. Another option would be to invest \$250,000 or more in real estate. With appreciation and rental income, you could get a great return on a condominium for that price.

★★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 Peter Malone, who used to work as a web designer.

**Interviewer (I):** Hello, and welcome to *Shop Talk* on WBYX AM Radio. I'm your host, Caroline Davies. My guest is Peter Malone, a former web designer. Welcome, Peter.

**Peter Malone (PM):** It's great to be here. Thanks.

**I:** So, could you tell us a little bit about what you did?

**PM:** Well, I started making websites in the late '90s with a friend of mine. We marketed our web design services to small and medium-sized companies located around the city where I was then living. This was a time when the Internet was really just starting to come into the public consciousness. And more and more people began connecting to the Internet, businesses started wanting their own websites—whether they needed them or not. Keep in mind that people then were still not very computer savvy, and many mistakenly thought that having a website would magically increase their business's revenue overnight.

**I:** Hmm, interesting.

**PM:** Yeah. And it wasn't like today where everyone has high-speed Internet and a variety of devices with which to access it. In those days, almost everyone was using the Internet at extremely slow speeds.

**I:** We all remember when the Internet bubble burst back in the late '90s. I've heard some analysts say that another bubble is forming in the tech sector. Do you have any thoughts on that?

**PM:** I'd say that there could be some truth to that. There are still Internet companies out there that have been around for years, have huge numbers of users, but can't seem to figure out a way to monetize their products. Yet investors are still throwing money at them. Those companies will be in trouble if that funding dries up. Also, these days, more and more tech firms are privately owned. So, if there is another fluctuation in the market, those companies won't be able to sell public stock in order to raise capital, which puts the private individuals investing in these companies on the hook for the loss.

**I:** How has the web design industry changed over the last decade or so?

**PM:** A lot of people go so far to say it's a dead—or at least dying—profession.

**I:** Could you elaborate a little more?

**PM:** Well, for one, a lot of companies have realized that they don't really need their own dedicated website. For many of them, it's enough to have a presence on sites like Facebook, for example. If a company decides that they do need their own site, there are so many automated tools available these days—easy-to-use templates, etc.—it's not hard for them to create a website themselves. And these sites actually look professional. The technology's come a really long way from the horrible build-your-own website software that used to be out there. And while that's not a good thing for web designers, it is, ultimately, a good thing for Internet users. It means that most sites function in similar ways.

**I:** Well, that's all we have time for, I'm afraid. Thank you so much, Peter.

**PM:** It was a pleasure. Thanks for inviting me.

### ★Questions

★No. 26 What is one thing that Peter believes about Internet companies today?

★No. 27 What is one thing that Peter says about how the web design industry has changed?

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。