

「2 級リスニングテスト」 原稿

ただいまから、2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。

このテストには、第1部と第2部があります。英文はそれぞれ一度だけ読まれます。放送の間メモをとってもかまいません。

では、第1部のテストから始めます。これは、対話を聞き、その質問に対して最も適切な答えを選ぶ形式です。対話と質問は一度だけ読まれます。問題は、No. 1 から No. 15 まで 15 題で、解答時間はそれぞれ 10 秒です。

(★=男性 A ☆=女性 A ☆☆=女性 B)

☆☆No. 1

★Beth, are you ready? It's time to go. I'll be waiting for you in the car.

☆Ready? Where are we going? I just asked my friend to come over.

★Don't you remember? We're having dinner with Aunt Alice at her house tonight.

☆Oh, right! I totally forgot. I'll call my friend back and tell her not to come. I hope she isn't on her way here already.

☆☆**Question:** What is the girl's problem?

☆☆No. 2

★Excuse me. I wanted to order the salmon pasta, but I didn't see it anywhere on the menu.

☆Sorry, but we only serve salmon pasta on Wednesdays. Today's special is clam chowder.

★That's too bad. My friend recommended that I order the salmon pasta here. I was really hoping to try it.

☆My apologies, sir.

☆☆Question: Why is the man disappointed?

☆☆No. 3

★Look, Isabel. My mom sent some baby clothes for Greg. I'm afraid they're a little too big for him, though.

☆Yeah, but that's OK. Greg is getting bigger, so he'll be able to wear them in a month or two.

★You're right. It's amazing to see how fast he's growing.

☆I know. That's part of the fun of being a parent.

☆☆Question: What is one thing the man and woman say about their son?

☆☆No. 4

☆Excuse me, sir. I'd like to buy a bottle of red wine for my friend's birthday, but I don't know much about wine. Red is her favorite, though.

★Well, these over here are red wines from France. They're quite popular with our customers.

☆Hmm. Those are a little too expensive for me. Do you have anything cheaper?

★Sure. Let me show you some wines that are on sale.

☆☆Question: What is one thing the woman says?

☆☆No. 5

★No! The other team scored again. That's the second time this inning.

☆Yeah. The Gray Sox aren't playing very well. Their defense is so bad.

★They've been bad all season. I can't believe the newspapers were picking them to win the championship at the beginning of the season!

☆I know. Well, I hope they fire the manager soon. The team needs someone who can show these players how to win.

☆☆Question: Why are the man and woman upset with the Gray Sox?

☆☆No. 6

★Grace, how did your speech go in history class today?

☆It was terrible, Dad. When I got to class, I realized that I had left my notes at home!

★Does that mean you didn't give your speech?

☆No. My teacher told me to do it from memory. I tried, but I forgot to say a lot of things.

☆☆**Question:** Why did Grace's speech go terribly?

☆☆No. 7

☆Excuse me, sir, but you should be careful walking on this beach without shoes. Sometimes there's broken glass and other trash in the sand.

★Thanks for warning me. I'll put my sandals back on.

☆This beach used to be so much nicer. People don't clean up after themselves like they used to.

★Yeah. People should take their garbage home with them.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing the woman tells the man?

☆☆No. 8

☆Have you tried the new café across the street, James?

★Yeah. I went there yesterday.

☆I was thinking about going today. Was the food any good?

★It was OK. Actually, their menu is pretty boring, and the café isn't decorated nicely. But it's the closest place to our office. Since we only get 45 minutes for lunch, it's worth going there.

☆☆**Question:** What does the man think is good about the café?

☆☆No. 9

★Ms. Gray, why do you want to work for a French company?

☆Well, I spent a year studying in France, Mr. Girard. I'd like to use the French I learned while I was there.

★OK. If you were to get the job, you'd be required to go to Paris a few times a year. Would that be a problem?

☆Certainly not. I'd welcome the opportunity.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing we learn about the woman?

☆☆No. 10

☆Congratulations! You're the tenth caller. That means you win two tickets to the Cool FM Jazz Festival!

★Really? I won? I always listen to your show, but I've never tried calling in before.

☆It's your lucky day, then. Enjoy the concert, and thanks for listening to Cool FM Jazz Radio. Please hold the line so we can get your contact details.

★OK. Thanks!

☆☆**Question:** How did the man win tickets to a concert?

☆☆No. 11

★Hello. Bill Davis speaking.

☆Hi, Bill, it's Debbie Sanders from next door. I just got home from work, and I thought I saw your cat run across the street.

★Thanks for calling, Debbie. But my cat's inside. She's sleeping in my bedroom.

☆Oh, great. I was worried she might get hit by a car.

☆☆**Question:** Why did the woman call the man?

☆☆No. 12

★Merry Christmas, honey. I got you a present. Go ahead, open it.

☆Thanks, Brad. Oh! Tickets for a city orchestra concert!

★We used to go listen to the orchestra all the time before the kids were born. I miss that.

☆Me, too. We used to go once or twice a month. Well, this will be so much fun. Thanks, honey.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing we learn about the couple?

☆☆No. 13

★Erica, you're not doing very well in my class. Is anything wrong?

☆Sorry, Professor Gibson. Everything we're studying in class is new to me, so it's taking me a lot of time to understand it all.

★I see. Well, I'll try to take more time to explain everything.

☆Thank you. And I'll try to study harder.

☆☆**Question:** What does Professor Gibson say he will try to do?

☆☆No. 14

★Honey, my company is moving to a new office building in Milton this summer.

☆Oh, no. That's terrible. Milton is so far away.

★I know. It'll take me about 90 minutes to get to work every day. I'll have to take three trains to get there.

☆You'll need to get up really early every morning.

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

☆☆No. 15

☆What are these pictures of, John?

★They're from the fishing trip I took with my dad last summer. Here's one of us holding up some of the fish.

☆Wow! You caught some big ones.

★Well, my dad did. I wasn't so lucky. I didn't catch any. But I still had a great time. It was nice to spend some time with my dad.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing the boy says about the fishing trip?

続いて、第2部です。これは英文を聞き、その質問に対して最も適切な答えを選ぶ形式です。

英文と質問は一度だけ読まれます。問題はNo. 16 からNo. 30 まで15 題で、解答時間はそれぞれ10 秒です。

では、始めます。

☆☆No. 16

★Pangolins are small animals that live in Africa and Asia. They eat insects, and they have special skin that is very tough. When pangolins are scared, they roll up into a ball to protect themselves. In fact, their name comes from a Malaysian word which means “to roll up.” Unfortunately, pangolins are hunted for their meat and skin, so there are not many of them left.

☆☆Question: What is true about pangolins?

☆☆No. 17

☆Sharon is in her first year of high school, but she is already thinking about college. She wants to get into a good college and is looking for ways to improve her chances. Sharon studies hard and also likes to exercise, so her teacher suggested she join a sports team. He said that top students who join clubs and other activities are more likely to be selected by colleges.

☆☆Question: Why did Sharon’s teacher suggest that she join a sports team?

☆☆No. 18

★Welcome, runners, to the Greentown 10K Marathon. Thank you for registering in advance. Today is a big day, whether you’re a professional athlete or someone just running for fun. For those who are registered as professional runners, please talk to one of the staff members at the starting line to inform them that you have arrived. Everyone else, please wait a while longer. Runners, enjoy the marathon!

☆☆Question: What should the professional runners do now?

☆☆No. 19

☆Ruby went to Cambodia with her friends. She was excited to visit a famous temple there. However, on the day she went to the temple, she was wearing shorts. When Ruby tried to go into the temple, she was told that women must wear long skirts or dresses to enter temples in Cambodia. Luckily, there was a shop nearby selling long skirts. Ruby bought one and was able to visit the temple.

☆☆Question: Why did Ruby buy a long skirt?

☆☆No. 20

★In 1798, French soldiers went to fight in Egypt. Many scientists went with them, too. These scientists studied a lot about Egypt's history and its natural world. Some of them also began to learn how to read the old Egyptian language. Later, they published many books about Egypt. Because of the scientists' work, people in Europe learned a lot about Egypt.

☆☆Question: What did the French scientists do in Egypt?

☆☆No. 21

☆Thank you all for coming to tonight's Mystery Dinner Theater show, where you can have a delicious dinner while watching a mysterious and exciting play. The play is about to start, so please enjoy the opening scene. We will be bringing drinks to your tables soon, and meals will be served in 30 minutes. Also, there will be a short break in an hour. Please sit back, relax, and enjoy.

☆☆Question: What will happen first?

☆☆No. 22

★*Nova* is an American TV program that teaches people about science. It is based on a similar show from Britain, and it talks about many topics, such as nature and space. The person who made *Nova*, Michael Ambrosino, thought that Americans were not learning enough about science, so he wanted to make a TV program which made science interesting. The program is very successful and has won many awards.

☆☆Question: Why was the TV program *Nova* made?

☆☆No. 23

☆Rachel plays on her high school soccer team. She usually plays well, but last week, her team lost a big game without scoring even one goal. Every time Rachel tried to pass the ball to a teammate, she kicked it to the other team. She was so upset that she wanted to quit playing soccer. However, Rachel has decided to practice more so she can do better next time.

☆☆Question: What did Rachel decide to try to do?

☆☆No. 24

★Theresa works full-time for a marketing company. Next month, the company is going to move to a smaller office to save money. There will not be enough room for everyone, so the company asked its employees if any of them wanted to work from home. Theresa said yes. She will come to the office once a week for meetings and work from her computer at home on the other days.

☆☆**Question:** What will Theresa start doing?

☆☆No. 25

☆Ralph is in college and lives in an apartment with his friend Scott. In the beginning, things went well, but after a couple of months they started arguing. Scott often forgets to wash his dishes after eating, and Ralph sometimes plays his music too loudly. They decided to have a talk this week about how to get along better.

☆☆**Question:** Why are Ralph and Scott going to have a talk?

☆☆No. 26

★Recently, Marie has been worried about her health. She went to her doctor for advice, and he suggested she should exercise more. The next day, Marie bought a special watch so that she can measure how far she walks every day. The watch also measures how long she sleeps and how fast her heart beats. Now, she can make sure that she gets enough exercise every day.

☆☆**Question:** Why did Marie buy a special watch?

☆☆No. 27

☆Sam is writing a research paper for his college Japanese history class. He chose the history of the Edo period as his topic. When he started to do the research, he found that there was too much information for one paper, and he did not have enough time to read all of it. He will ask his teacher if he can write about paintings from the Edo period, instead.

☆☆**Question:** Why did Sam have trouble with his research paper?

☆☆No. 28

★Thank you for shopping at Wilkie's Department Store. Remember, any suit that you buy can be changed to fit you perfectly for free. Also, we are having a special sale on selected top-brand suits this month. You will find them on the third floor, so be sure to check out the low prices. Don't miss this great offer.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing that Wilkie's Department Store does for customers?

☆☆No. 29

☆Mr. Simpson has been a pilot for 25 years, and he was recently asked if he wanted to teach young pilots. The salary and working hours are about the same, but he would not be able to fly anymore. Even though he did not want to stop flying, Mr. Simpson decided to take the job because he wants to help new pilots improve their skills.

☆☆**Question:** Why did Mr. Simpson decide to become an instructor?

☆☆No. 30

★There is a kind of German Christmas decoration called a Frobel star. Frobel stars are made by joining four pieces of folded paper together to make a star shape. No one knows when they were invented, but children in German kindergartens were taught how to make them to learn about shapes. Frobel stars became popular in Germany in this way.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing we learn about Frobel stars?

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。