

「準1級リスニングテスト」原稿

ただいまから、準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。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 Pre-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 three parts. All of the questions in these three 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 12 dialogues, **No. 1** through **No. 12**. 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, let's begin.

(★=男性 A ★★=男性 B ☆=女性 A ☆☆=女性 B)

★No. 1

★★: Susan, you have your vacation scheduled for next week, don't you?

☆: Right. I'm visiting my family in Manitoba.

★★: I really hate to ask you this, but is there any way you could put it off for a week? I need you to go to Los Angeles to discuss our new business venture with the Baker Corporation.

☆: OK. I understand. Let me make a few phone calls to sort things out, and I'll arrange it.

★★: Thanks. I'd really appreciate it.

★Question: What does Susan agree to do?

★★No. 2

☆☆: Hi, Ron. Why are you sitting there? Where's the new receptionist?

★: She called to say she'll be late.

☆☆: Again? That's the third time since she started. What's her excuse now?

★: She said her babysitter hasn't turned up yet.

☆☆: I know she has her problems, but it can't go on like this. I'll have to have a talk with her.

★: Please do. I'm tired of filling in.

★★Question: What is the woman going to do?

☆☆No. 3

★: That meal was terrific, Karen!

☆: Glad you liked it. I've been taking Thai cooking classes.

★: It tasted better than the food at most restaurants I've been to.

☆: Thanks. It's hard to get the right ingredients around here, though. I have to get everything in advance by ordering online from import stores.

★: Have you tried the new Asian supermarket on Drake Street? They might not have everything you need, but the prices seem affordable.

☆: Really? I'll check it out on the weekend.

☆☆**Question:** What would Karen like to do?

☆**No. 4**

☆☆: Why is it that every time I'm busy, my computer slows to a crawl?

★★: Are you sure you haven't got a virus?

☆☆: I have a virus checker, and there haven't been any alarm bells.

★★: Well, then perhaps it's spyware?

☆☆: What's spyware?

★★: It's spy software. Spyware can get into your computer and steal information, including your credit card number.

☆☆: Well, that's OK because I never shop online.

★★: Even so, you should get it looked at. You don't want someone else snooping around inside your machine.

☆**Question:** What advice does the man give?

★**No. 5**

☆: Excuse me, Professor Drake. I'd like to know if I can still join your English Literature class.

★★: Yes, I do have space in that course. Do you have a registration form?

☆: No, just my student identification. I didn't realize I needed a registration form.

★★: Well, yes. You need to get a form from the registrar's office, then fill it in and have me sign it. After that, you take it back to the office.

☆: Can I bring it over this afternoon?

★★: Sure. Anytime after four o'clock is fine. I'll be in my office.

★**Question:** What will the student do this afternoon?

★★**No. 6**

★: This toothache is really annoying. Our first trip abroad in years, and I can't even enjoy it!

☆☆: Aren't the painkillers helping?

★: Not much. It still hurts, especially when I eat. Anyway, I don't want to be on medication for the entire trip.

☆☆: Looks like we need to get you to a dentist.

★: But where will we find one who speaks English?

☆☆: I'm sure the front desk will know of a clinic. I'll call them now.

★★**Question:** What does the couple decide to do?

☆☆**No. 7**

☆: Hello. My name is Jacobs, Helen Jacobs. I'm calling to inquire about my most recent phone bill, invoice number B7219. I think there's been a mistake.

★: I see. What exactly is the problem?

☆: I was charged \$170 for a call I made to France on September 17th.

★: Just a moment, Ms. Jacobs. Yes, that figure seems to be correct, given the length of the call. If you had joined our international calling plan, the charge would have been quite a bit less. Why don't you sign up now?

☆: If I join now, will it apply to last month's bill?

★: Sorry, that won't be possible. But you will save money on future international calls.

☆☆**Question:** What does the man suggest the woman do?

☆**No. 8**

☆☆: Uncle Bob, I've been thinking about my future career. You used to teach at a university, didn't you? How was it?

★★: Great. But you really have to be self-motivated.

☆☆: What do you mean?

★★: You don't have a boss watching over you all the time, but there are a lot of things expected of you other than teaching, like doing your own research.

☆☆: Hmm. I think I'm probably better suited to a more structured environment.

☆**Question:** What does the man say about working at a university?

★**No. 9**

☆: Hey, Jim, did you ever get that dog you were talking about?

★★: I'm holding off for now. I'm not sure it would be a very wise decision.

☆: Are you worried about the cost?

★★: It's not that, and my apartment is big enough. It's just that I'm away on business a lot, and you can't really leave a dog alone.

☆: I'd be happy to look after it for you when you're not around.

★★: Really? Well, I appreciate the offer, but I couldn't ask you to do that.

★**Question:** Why is the man hesitant to get a dog?

☆☆**No. 10**

★: Honey, I think we'll have to cut some expenses if we want a comfortable retirement.

☆: Well . . . how much do we pay the gardener to mow the lawn every month?

★: \$200.

☆: Isn't that something we could do without?

★: But remember, he does a lot of other work around the yard.

☆: I know, but you did say you needed more exercise.

★: I meant something enjoyable, like tennis or swimming. I'd rather we looked at cutting other expenses first.

☆☆**Question:** What does the man think?

★★**No. 11**

★: Hi, Chelsea. How's the job in Seattle going?

☆: Hi, Dad. It's going well, thanks.

★: Great. . . . Listen, I'm calling about your old college books.

☆: Don't tell me you gave them to charity or something!

★: No. They're still in the basement, but what are you going to do with them?

☆: I want to hang on to them.

★: Well, your mom and I have found a smaller house. We move in a couple of months, so could you do something with them before then?

☆: I'll be taking a vacation next month. I'll visit you and Mom then, and have them sent to my place.

★★**Question:** What does Chelsea's father want her to do?

☆No. 12

☆☆: Honey, do you want to watch that movie I rented the other day? It's due back tomorrow.

★★: I can't. I have to work on my presentation.

☆☆: Can't you just relax tonight and do that tomorrow?

★★: Sorry, I really want to get it out of the way, and besides, I'm not really into romantic comedies.

☆☆: OK. Maybe I'll just go to bed and read, then.

★★: Why? You should watch it anyway.

☆Question: Why does the man decide not to watch the movie?

Here are the directions for **Part 2**. In this part, you will hear six passages, (A) through (F). Each passage will be followed by two questions, **No. 13** through **No. 24**. 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 Secret City of Zheleznogorsk*

The Cold War was a period of political tensions between the Soviet Union and the United States. During that time, the Soviet Union established about a hundred secret cities. These cities usually contained military bases or facilities for producing weapons, so they were closed to outsiders and not marked on maps. Zheleznogorsk, constructed in the 1950s, was one such city. Most of its 90,000 citizens were engaged in producing plutonium for nuclear missiles and bombs.

After the end of the Cold War, Zheleznogorsk did not become an open city, and government permission is still required for the general public to move there. However, the city's highly educated workers make it attractive to specialized industries that also require secure production facilities. Today, for example, three-quarters of Russia's space satellites are produced there. Though the citizens sometimes feel isolated, the prosperity brought by high-tech manufacturing means they are happy that access to Zheleznogorsk is limited.

☆Questions

☆No. 13 Why was the existence of Zheleznogorsk kept secret during the Cold War?

☆No. 14 What is true of Zheleznogorsk today?

☆☆(B) *The Red Delicious*

Since the mid-twentieth century, the Red Delicious has been the most popular variety of apple in the US. Consumers like it because of its flavor and red color, but it also has an appeal for farmers. After the Red Delicious has been harvested, its thick skin allows it to be kept in warehouses without spoiling for longer than other varieties.

Over the years, however, supermarkets have become more focused on product appearance, and they have pressured growers to produce more-beautiful, nicely shaped apples to attract consumers. According to critics, this has severely affected the Red Delicious. They claim that the changes made to improve its appearance have made its skin even thicker, and that the flavor has become bitter and unpleasant. Though still a strong seller, sales of the Red Delicious have been falling steadily as consumers opt to buy more flavorful varieties.

★★Questions

★★No. 15 What is one reason farmers like to grow the Red Delicious apple?

★★No. 16 What do critics say about the Red Delicious?

★★(C) *Coral Islands and Rising Seas*

Many governments of island nations in the Pacific Ocean are concerned about global warming, fearing that their islands could disappear as the ocean level rises. In a study of 600 coral islands, however, Australian researchers found that 40 percent have actually increased in size over the past 100 years. One reason is that sand and small stones carried in by waves gradually help to build up the islands. The researchers believe that over thousands of years, the islands have changed shape and size many times.

However, the future is uncertain. If the sea level rises too quickly, some coral islands may still be threatened. Infrastructure such as buildings, roads, electrical wires, and seawalls could be destroyed. Most worryingly, fresh-water sources are also likely to be polluted by saltwater. Because of this, some governments are making plans to store water, and others are considering taking people off islands that are in danger.

☆☆Questions

- ☆☆No. 17 What did the Australian researchers discover?
☆☆No. 18 What is one thing the speaker mentions regarding the future?

☆(D) *The Power of Perception*

Most people believe they know themselves better than others do. But psychologists say many people believe they are more attractive, intelligent, and able than others think they are. These qualities are strongly connected to an individual's level of self-confidence, so it is natural to overestimate them. Research has shown, however, that outside observers can often judge these qualities more accurately.

Other research on people's perceptions shows that in social situations, people believe that others know how they are feeling. For example, a woman being quiet at a party will assume others realize she is feeling nervous or shy. In reality, however, the other partygoers will often think that she is arrogant or unfriendly. The research indicates that the way to solve this problem is for people to share more information with those around them. People who express their thoughts and feelings are usually understood better by others.

★Questions

- ★No. 19 What do psychologists say about many people?
★No. 20 What is one thing research shows about people in social situations?

★(E) *Henry Hudson*

In the early 1600s, trade ships traveling from Europe to China had to spend months sailing around Africa and much of Asia. This journey was also very dangerous, and many ships were lost every year. Europeans therefore dreamed of finding a more direct route to China that would boost the speed, profitability, and safety of trade. So, in 1609, a British explorer named Henry Hudson went in search of such a route by attempting to sail through the northern part of North America.

During his first voyage to North America, Hudson discovered an important river in present-day New York State. On his final trip, he explored a huge bay in the Canadian Arctic. Sadly, though, Hudson never found the route he was looking for as he lost his life during this voyage. Nevertheless, his discoveries provided useful navigational information that helped Europeans to further explore North America itself.

☆☆Questions

- ☆☆No. 21 Why did Henry Hudson sail to North America?
☆☆No. 22 What is one thing we learn about Hudson?

☆(F) *Wedding Bells*

Wedding industry advertising often suggests that the secret to a long and happy marriage is to spend more money on the wedding. Economists Andrew Francis and Hugo Mialon, however, recently did an analysis of spending on wedding rings and marriage ceremonies in the US. What they found was surprising: the more money people spend on wedding expenses, the higher their chance of divorce. One reason is that expensive weddings can cause debt. Over time, disagreements over financial problems can increase a couple's risk of divorce.

Still, Francis and Mialon believe there may be a way to avoid this problem. The economists found that couples whose ceremony was attended by large numbers of friends and family were more likely to stay married. Francis and Mialon recommend this style of ceremony because such couples can get more support from these people when their marriage goes through difficult times.

★★Questions

★★No. 23 What is one thing that may raise a couple's chance of divorce?

★★No. 24 What type of ceremony do Andrew Francis and Hugo Mialon recommend?

Finally, here are the directions for **Part 3**. In this part, you will hear five passages, (G) through (K). The passages represent real-life situations and may contain sound effects. Each passage will have one question, **No. 25** through **No. 29**. 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.

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

★For the first semester, international students are only permitted to work on campus. Unfortunately, you didn't put your name on the job-seekers list when you enrolled at the university, and currently all the on-campus positions have been filled. Still, opportunities do come up mid-semester, so it would be a good idea to add your name to the list now. Also, if you get an average grade of at least 70 percent in the first semester, you'll be allowed to work off campus from the second semester. And remember, once you get a job, you must register with the immigration office within 14 days.

☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

★★(H) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question No. 26.

☆OK. We need people to serve food on weekdays for our Senior Lunch Program. The meals for this are prepared on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. We need help with that, too. Also, we're expanding our Friendly Neighbor Program, in which volunteers visit single retirees at their homes. That has been in the mornings from Monday to Friday, but starting this month, it'll run every morning of the week. Finally, we need volunteers to teach computer skills on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Remember, even if you can only volunteer a few times a month, you are still welcome to join any of these activities.

★★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

☆☆(I) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question No. 27.

★★Our latest plan is the Power Plan for \$69 a month. This plan includes 3 gigabytes a month for Internet usage and unlimited domestic calls. Then we have the Advantage Plan for

\$59 a month, with an hour of free calls. This plan includes 6 gigabytes of Internet access, but if you need more data, we have an optional plan called the Browse Plus Pack. It's an additional \$20 each month, and you get an extra 5 gigabytes. If you call abroad often, you can add the Inter Pack, which gives you \$100 worth of international calls for an extra \$15 a month.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

★(J)You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question No. 28.

☆☆Thanks for coming to our Spanish conversation club today. We're going to split up into groups. If you want to practice conversation for traveling, join Isabella in Group A. If you have learned enough basic Spanish to converse, and want to focus on grammar, join Emilio in Group B. If you have experience in the business world and would like to keep your skills sharp, join Julia in Group C. Finally, if you want to try business Spanish for beginners, join me in Group D. If you have any questions, please raise your hand.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

☆☆(K) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question No. 29.

★OK. It's unlikely, but there's a chance someone is still in your house. You said that you are in the yard, so for your safety, calmly leave the property right away. Get your family together and either walk or drive to a neighbor's house. Since you're using a cell phone, do not hang up. A patrol car is on its way, and we may need to get further directions or ask other questions. Once we know the house is safe, you can check to see if anything's missing for the police report and then contact your insurance company.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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。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。