

「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, we will begin the Grade Pre-1 listening test.

(★=男性 A ★★=男性 B ☆=女性 A ☆☆=女性 B)

★No. 1

★★: Robin, how are you doing? I haven't seen you in ages.

☆: I just got back yesterday from overseas. I've been working in Stockholm for the past year.

★★: Really? How'd you like it there?

☆: To be honest, I'm glad to be back. I enjoyed my job, and the people are very friendly, but the prices are outrageous.

★★: Well, welcome home. Let's get together for a cup of coffee after you've settled back in.

★Question: What does Robin say about Stockholm?

★★No. 2

★: Mom, have you seen my old jacket? You know, the brown one?

☆☆: Uh, I think I tossed it out when I cleaned out the closet last month.

★: Aw, man! I can't believe you did that without even asking me.

☆☆: Sorry, John, but it was pretty worn out, and you have newer ones. There just isn't enough space to keep everything.

★★Question: Why is John upset?

☆☆No. 3

☆: Sean, I'm thinking of making a movie of life around campus. What do you think?

★: Sounds like fun. Can I give you a hand?

☆: Absolutely. I think I'll need a few people to handle the lighting and things like that.

★: Lighting? You're really serious about this, aren't you?

☆: I sure am. It'll look great on our résumés, especially if we can get it shown on Open Campus Day next year. You know, to give people an idea of what it's like here.

★: Then let's try to get some people with experience. We could put up an ad on the student notice board.

☆: Good idea. I'll do that tomorrow.

☆☆**Question:** What are these people going to do?

☆**No. 4**

☆☆: Good morning, how can I help you?

★★: I'd like to rent a car for four days. It's just for around town, so a compact model is fine, but I'd prefer an automatic.

☆☆: OK. Ah, I'm afraid the last automatic went out about an hour ago.

★★: Oh dear. Will you have one tomorrow?

☆☆: Let me see. Yes, a two-door automatic is due back late this evening.

★★: OK. I'll make do with a manual for now, but I'd like to reserve the other one for tomorrow.

☆**Question:** What does the man decide to do?

★**No. 5**

★★: What's the matter, Peggy? You look tired.

☆: It's this new roommate of mine. Last night she was up till midnight watching television with the volume turned way up.

★★: Sounds terrible. Didn't you ask her to turn it down?

☆: No, I'm afraid if I complain, she'll want to move out, and I can't afford the rent by myself.

★★: She sounds something like my college roommate. I'll tell you what you need: earplugs. They work like magic. You can't hear a thing with them in.

☆: Oh, yeah? I'll give that a try.

★**Question:** What will the woman do?

★★**No. 6**

☆☆: Sir, may I see your driver's license, please?

★: Of course. Actually, officer, I was only going 35 miles an hour. That's not over the speed limit, is it?

☆☆: No, but you failed to come to a complete stop at the last intersection. I'll have to write you a ticket.

★: But I just turned onto this road. I didn't see a stop sign.

☆☆: You also didn't see the truck that almost hit you when you pulled out.

★: Oh. Well, I'm sorry. I'll pay more attention next time.

☆☆: Please do. Here you are.

★★**Question:** Why was the man stopped by the police officer?

☆☆**No. 7**

★: Jill, did you see our credit card bill? We've got to start cutting our expenses. Let's begin by stopping our newspaper subscription.

☆: We could get our news from the Internet, honey, but without the newspaper, we'd end up losing money.

★: Huh? I don't follow you.

☆: I get most of my supermarket coupons from the paper, and I read about a lot of sales, too. That adds up to quite a bit of savings in our household budget.

★: Oh, I didn't think of that.

☆☆**Question:** What does the woman say about the newspaper subscription?

☆**No. 8**

☆☆: What did you think of the movie, Danny?

★★: Considering the great reviews it got, I wasn't that impressed.

☆☆: Really? I enjoyed it. It was a lot of fun.

★★: Well, I suppose it had its moments.

☆☆: What was the problem, then?

★★: I guess I was hoping for too much. The book was really funny, but the movie just didn't live up to it.

☆☆: Yeah, the books are often better than the movies.

☆☆**Question:** What did the man think of the movie?

★★**No. 9**

☆: Now that you've finished your freshman year, Lucas, have you decided on a major?

★: Yeah. I've decided to focus on art.

☆: Are you sure? What about something more practical, like economics?

★: But, Mom, didn't you study art in college?

☆: Yes, and it limited my career choices.

★: But I think I'm pretty talented.

☆: I think so, too, but it's difficult to make a living from art.

★★**Question:** What does the woman think?

★**No. 10**

★★: TopPrime Cable TV, James speaking.

☆☆: Hello. My name is Phyllis Travers, account number 634109. I have a question about my bill for October.

★★: Certainly. How can I help?

☆☆: I've been charged extra for premium channels that I don't subscribe to.

★★: OK, let me look at your account. . . . I see that you only have our basic plan. We're very sorry about the error. We'll adjust your bill accordingly.

☆☆: Thank you. I hope this won't happen again next month.

★★: We'll make sure it doesn't, ma'am.

★**Question:** Why did the woman call the cable TV company?

☆☆**No. 11**

☆: Hey, Marty, have you made a decision about quitting your job yet?

★: No. I'm tired of the office and the commute, so I'd still like to go freelance, but my wife's not convinced.

☆: It's certainly risky. It can take a while to get regular clients.

★: True, but I think my wife is also concerned about me getting in the way at home.

☆: You could convert part of your garage into a small office.

★: Hmm. That's a good idea. It's certainly big enough, and I'd be able to concentrate better there, too.

☆☆**Question:** What do we learn about the man's wife?

☆No. 12

★★: You look busy, Janice.

☆☆: Yes, I'm preparing for a public lecture on immigration issues at the college on Thursday.

★★: Considering your knowledge of the subject, that shouldn't be a problem.

☆☆: Thanks, but you know how I feel about public speaking.

★★: You've done quite a few lectures before, though, right?

☆☆: Yes, but I still get pretty tense before them.

★★: Well, if it helps, you can practice on me.

☆☆: That'd be great. Thanks.

☆Question: Why is the woman concerned about giving the lecture?

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) *Expat Employees*

Companies often send staff to work at their overseas branches. Known as expats, these employees usually spend a year or longer working in foreign countries, where they gain useful skills and experience. According to a survey by Monash University in Australia, 98 percent of expats said that increasing their future promotion opportunities was the main reason for accepting a position overseas.

When expats return home, however, they are more likely to resign from their company than regular employees. A study in 2010 found that a quarter of expats leave their company within 12 months of returning. This likely happens because when expats return, many are given temporary assignments, or they are just put in the same position they had before going abroad. This can be discouraging for them, especially as many had worked as managers overseas.

☆Questions

☆No. 13 According to the Monash University survey, why do most expats choose to go abroad?

☆No. 14 What did the 2010 study find about some expats who have returned home?

☆☆(B) *Hurricanes and Ships*

Advances in technology mean that modern oceangoing cargo ships are much better constructed than those of the past. Nevertheless, heavy storms and hurricanes can still be a threat, damaging ships and putting crew and cargo at risk. Although satellite technology does allow captains to take routes that avoid hurricanes, taking such detours can cause big delays. In the competitive shipping world, schedules are very tight, and any delay could mean a loss of profit. As a result, captains are frequently under pressure to keep sailing, even in hurricanes.

Sometimes, however, being at sea can actually be safer for ships than being in port. When hurricanes approach, some ports decide to order cargo ships out into the open ocean. This is because there is a danger that wind and waves will throw ships against the dock,

causing severe damage.

★★Questions

★★No. 15 What is one difficulty cargo-ship captains often face?

★★No. 16 What do some ports do when hurricanes are approaching?

★★(C) *Laura Secord*

Laura Secord is a famous figure in Canada. During the War of 1812, in which Canada and Britain fought against the United States, American soldiers invaded Canada. A group of American soldiers forced Secord's family to let them stay in their house. Secord overheard them planning an attack on the British at a place called Beaver Dams. She traveled 30 kilometers through dangerous forests filled with enemy soldiers to alert the British. Knowing that the attack was coming helped the British to defeat the Americans.

For some time, however, a few historians thought the story was partly untrue. This is because documents written at the time of the battle do not mention Secord. The historians also believed the British had already been warned by local allies. However, documents written by the British commander some years later were uncovered in 1959. These documents confirmed that Secord had indeed brought him the information.

☆☆Questions

☆☆No. 17 Why is Laura Secord famous in Canada?

☆☆No. 18 Why did a few historians think the story was partly untrue?

☆(D) *Service Animals*

Many countries have laws created to help people who use service animals. For example, such animals are permitted into restaurants or onto airplanes. Also, many businesses, such as veterinarians, offer discounts when dealing with service animals.

When most people hear the term "service animal," they think of trained dogs that guide blind people. Recently, however, the definition has become unclear as more animals are being used to accompany people suffering from severe stress or certain illnesses. The current situation makes it more difficult for business owners to know if an animal is a service animal or just a pet.

Because of this problem, experts now believe that some individuals are claiming that their pets are service animals to get benefits from businesses that they do not deserve. Alan Conway, of the organization Guide Dog Users of Canada, recommends that anyone who falsely claims their pet is a service animal should receive heavy fines.

★Questions

★No. 19 What is one recent issue regarding service animals?

★No. 20 What does Alan Conway recommend?

★(E) *The Epidaurus Theater*

The ancient Epidaurus theater is built outdoors on the side of a mountain in Greece. It has excellent acoustics, so people sitting up to 60 meters from the stage can hear actors' voices clearly. Researchers long believed that wind direction or the angle of the mountainside helped the sound travel easily. However, researcher Nico Declercq believes it is the unique materials used to build the Epidaurus theater that make it special.

When ancient people constructed similar-sized theaters elsewhere, the sound was never as good. These ancient theaters used wood for their seating, whereas the Epidaurus theater used stone, which affects sound very differently from wood. Declercq discovered that the stone seats absorb lower frequency sounds. Since background noises like wind and

footsteps are low frequency, the actors' voices at the Epidaurus theater can be heard clearly.

☆☆Questions

☆☆No. 21 What is true about most ancient theaters?

☆☆No. 22 What did Nico Declercq learn about the Epidaurus theater?

☆(F) *Tiny Houses*

In the US, most local governments have laws stating that a house must be a minimum size. However, a growing number of Americans are choosing to live in so-called tiny houses, which are often less than 40 square meters in area. As tiny houses are often on wheels, the owners register them as vehicles, not houses. Since taxes on houses are expensive, owners of tiny houses have to pay less tax.

Obtaining a loan to buy a tiny house can be difficult, however. Banks do not usually give such loans unless a place is legally registered as a house. Despite this, some experts believe tiny houses may become more popular. Many elderly couples have grown children who have left home. For such couples, regular houses are too big and too expensive to maintain, so tiny houses are ideal.

★★Questions

★★No. 23 What is one thing we learn about tiny houses?

★★No. 24 Why do some experts think tiny houses will become more common?

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**.

★Thank you for calling Touro-pal. Please note that new reservations can be made quickly and efficiently on our website. If you would like to make a reservation by phone, press 1 to speak to our booking staff. For cancellations, press 2 and an automated system will process your request. Be sure to have your reservation number handy. For issues concerning charges and billing, press 3. And to sign up to become a Touro-pal Gold Member, press 4. For other issues, hold the line to speak to a representative, but if the lines are busy, you may need to wait up to 20 minutes.

☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆This is Professor Williams returning your call. Of course, there are many positive things I could say, but I'm not sure which points relate best to the position. I'm at a conference right now, so reaching me by phone might be difficult. It would make it much easier for me if you could just send more key details regarding the new position, like what your duties would be, for example. If you e-mail those to me, I'll then write up the letter accordingly and send it to you as an attachment as soon as I can.

★★ Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★★Basketball season is about to start, and there are teams for every age group. Everyone is accepted, but we require the children to have a tryout so we can put them in the team best-suited to their abilities. Practices are on Tuesday evenings and games are on Friday evenings. Another activity is swimming lessons. These are offered every weekend morning. Right now, our group piano lessons are full, but there are private lessons available on weeknights. Also, depending on how old your son is, he may be able to join our Junior Campers group. The minimum age is seven.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆☆Cockroaches are not only dirty but can also damage your home, so it's good you're dealing with this immediately. We sell traps and sprays you can use yourself, but you said you'd rather have us deal directly with the problem. Our experts are available for one- or three-day visits, depending on the severity of the problem. Three-day treatment is appropriate if you've found more than 10 cockroaches. Once the problem's taken care of, we offer annual inspection plans starting at \$200 a year. It's well worth it to protect the value of your home.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★Thank you for calling. All the outdoor animal areas in the Redwind Wildlife Park are connected by pathways with no steps. The Welcome Center is accessible by a sloped pathway, and the Aquarium is equipped with elevators, so these are no problem for wheelchair users. All restrooms are also universally accessible. However, the restaurant by the Tiger Area has a number of steps at the entrance. We recommend wheelchair users visit the café-restaurant by the Kangaroo Zone instead. We hope you both have a wonderful time.

☆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。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。