

## 「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 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

★★: Hey, Tina. You took Physics 101 already, right?

☆: Yeah, last semester, with Professor Abrams.

★★: What did you think of her? I have to take it next semester, and I'm trying to figure out who would be the best instructor.

☆: She was awful! Her lectures were always straying from the topic. Half the time I had no idea what she was talking about.

★★: Hmm. Can you recommend someone else?

☆: Try Professor Taylor. Everybody says he's much better.

★Question: What are these students discussing?

### ★★No. 2

★: Good morning. My name is Tom Hendricks. I'm here to see Mr. Phelps.

☆☆: I'm sorry, Mr. Hendricks. Mr. Phelps is out of town today. Did you have an appointment to see him?

★: Well, I thought so. I had my secretary schedule it last week.

☆☆: Let me check. . . . Oh, it seems he's scheduled to meet you tomorrow at this time.

★: Really? I guess I must have written it down wrong. Well, could you please see that he gets these brochures? I'll call him later in the week to discuss them.

☆☆: I'll see that he gets them.

★★Question: What does Mr. Hendricks say he will do?

### ☆☆No. 3

☆: We're going out for dinner and some drinks tonight. Why don't you join us?

★: I'd really like to, but I have too much work to do.

☆: Aw, come on. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

★★: Well, “Jack” will be unemployed if he doesn’t finish this sales report by tomorrow.

☆: I see your point. Good luck, and give us a call if you finish early. We’ll be at the Italian restaurant on the corner.

☆☆**Question:** What does the man say he will do now?

☆**No. 4**

★★: So, honey, what do you think about getting a puppy? A Labrador sounds like a good choice. They’re cute and very loyal.

☆☆: But we’re always either working or away on vacation. I don’t think it would be fair to the dog. Besides, I have enough cleaning to do as it is.

★★: Couldn’t your mother take care of it while we’re away on trips?

☆☆: Well, she’s already got her hands full with my dad. It would be nice to have a dog, but not while we’re so busy.

★★: I guess you’re right. Maybe when work settles down we can talk about it again.

☆**Question:** What do these people conclude?

★**No. 5**

☆: I’m sorry, sir, but your credit card was declined.

★★: I don’t understand why. It was fine yesterday.

☆: Perhaps you’ve reached your limit. It happens quite often.

★★: I don’t know. That’s certainly possible, I suppose.

☆: Anyway, I suggest you call your card issuer. Do you have a debit card or a personal check you’d like to use for today’s purchases?

★★: No, I’ll just pay with cash.

★**Question:** What’s the man’s problem?

★★**No. 6**

☆☆: Has your new computer arrived yet, Mervin?

★: No. It’s been two weeks, and there’s no sign of it. I e-mailed the company, but still no response.

☆☆: Why don’t you call the company direct?

★: Well, it might still be on its way. I don’t want to make a fuss.

☆☆: If I were you, I’d call anyway to find out what’s going on. In fact, you should complain about the delay. That way, you can cancel the order if it’s going to take too long.

★: I guess you’re right.

★★**Question:** What does the woman advise Mervin to do?

☆☆**No. 7**

★: Thank you for coming in today, Mrs. Lawson. I’d like to talk about your son.

☆: I know he’s been having trouble keeping up. I’ve been meaning to help him, but I’ve been so busy with work.

★: Well, if his performance doesn’t improve, he’ll have to repeat grade 5.

☆: I’d really like to avoid that.

★: Maybe you should consider a private tutor. It might bring his scores up by the end of the year.

☆: That's a good idea. I'll look into it.

☆☆**Question:** What will the woman probably do?

☆**No. 8**

★★: Congratulations, Sue! I heard your daughter got engaged.

☆☆: Thanks. We're so excited. She's getting married in September.

★★: Is she planning a big wedding?

☆☆: Actually, they want a small private ceremony, but there will be a large reception afterward.

★★: If they haven't already decided on a photographer, I could do it as a gift to them.

☆☆: What a generous offer, Russell! I know how highly valued your work is.

★★: Well, I've known your family for many years. It would be my pleasure.

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

★**No. 9**

☆: Honey, I think we should spend our summer vacation doing a volunteer project overseas or something like that.

★★: To be honest, I just want to take it easy this year.

☆: But don't you want to try something new?

★★: It's not that, but I get stomach problems if I go anywhere that doesn't have clean water.

☆: That's true. But I'd really like to go this year.

★★: You should go ahead. I could visit my parents in London. It's been a while.

★**Question:** What is one thing we learn about the man?

★★**No. 10**

☆☆: Steve, are you OK? You look like you're in pain.

★: Yeah, I'm OK, Mom, but my wrist has been hurting recently.

☆☆: Still? Your car accident was almost a year ago.

★: No, it's the other wrist.

☆☆: Have you seen Dr. Tyler about it?

★: No. I think I've just been overdoing it with my golf training. The muscles in my upper arm hurt, too.

☆☆: Well, you'd better have it looked at before it gets worse. I'll make an appointment for you.

★: Yeah, you're right. Thanks.

★★**Question:** What will the man do?

☆☆**No. 11**

☆: Mark, I have some feedback on your client presentation.

★: Any advice is appreciated, Ms. Albertson.

☆: Well, you obviously made a big effort, and the slides themselves were interesting, but you should think about pacing. You seemed to rush.

★: I see. I think I was nervous. They're an important client.

☆: True, but the more you go over the presentation beforehand, the easier it'll be to deliver

it at a reasonable pace.

★: OK, I'll do that.

☆☆**Question:** What is one piece of advice Ms. Albertson gives Mark?

☆**No. 12**

★★: Honey, where are you planning to take our homestay student this weekend?

☆☆: We're visiting Fountaingrove Gardens tomorrow. And she wants to go to the outlet stores in Petaluma on Sunday.

★★: OK. I can come along tomorrow, but Sunday you're on your own.

☆☆: I know you hate shopping, honey, but I was hoping you could drive us.

★★: OK. I need to finish a report, but I can take my computer and work in a nearby coffee shop while you guys go to the stores.

☆☆: Great!

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

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) *Burning Iron*

Is iron the fuel of the future? According to scientist Jeffrey Bergthorson, iron can be turned into iron powder and then burned to provide clean energy. The process used to produce iron powder requires large amounts of electricity, but it could be done in deserts where sunlight could provide solar power. The iron powder could then be shipped wherever it is needed. Iron powder does not require special modes of transportation or storage facilities. This would be an advantage over fuels such as hydrogen, which can be dangerous to transport.

Bergthorson has shown that his idea is technically possible and would not pollute the air because burning iron produces no CO<sub>2</sub>. He is now working on the next step—building an engine that can actually do the burning. If he is successful, such a device could be used to power large ships or even space rockets.

#### ☆☆**Questions**

☆**No. 13** What is one thing we learn about iron powder?

☆**No. 14** What is Jeffrey Bergthorson working on now?

### ☆☆ (B) *The Colossus of Rhodes*

The Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, was an enormous statue of a Greek god. The bronze statue was built about 2,300 years ago in the Greek city of Rhodes to celebrate an important military victory. Many of the other wonders of the ancient world survived for centuries and even millennia, but the Colossus of Rhodes lasted just half a century before it was destroyed in an earthquake.

Today, much is unknown about this huge work of art. For one thing, historians are unsure about its precise location and the details of its appearance. Some ancient documents say the enormous statue stood at the mouth of Rhodes' harbor. Others say the statue was on a hillside overlooking the harbor. Moreover, as with the pyramids in Egypt, no one knows exactly how it was constructed.

## ★★Questions

- ★★No. 15 What is one thing we learn about the Colossus of Rhodes?  
★★No. 16 What is one thing that historians are unsure about?

## ★★ (C) *New Internet Businesses*

Many people start Internet businesses every year. Rather than focusing on immediate profits, they usually concentrate on building their site's popularity among the public. Some businesses do this in the hope they will one day be bought by a huge corporation. Others feel that once they have enough users, they will be able to find a way to make money from their service.

Advertising and subscriptions have traditionally been the most common ways to earn money online. However, one technological development is the use of micro-transactions. Micro-transactions allow users to pay small fees to improve their online experience. For example, a website that offers free car-racing games might offer users the chance to purchase access to a faster car than the ones available to nonpaying customers. In this way, some businesses are managing to survive in a competitive industry.

### ☆Questions

- ☆No. 17 What do many new Internet businesses initially focus on?  
☆No. 18 What is one development that has emerged?

## ☆☆ (D) *Oldest Stone Tools Discovered*

In 2011, a team of archaeologists made an incredible find. While traveling through Kenya's Rift Valley, they took a wrong turn. When the archaeologists climbed a hill to see where they were, they found very simple stone tools that had clearly been shaped by human hands. What is more, the tools turned out to be 2.8 million years old, 700,000 years older than stone tools previously found in Ethiopia, which had been thought to be the world's oldest.

Unfortunately, the site gave few clues about how the tools were used. Clear marks left on animal bones found nearby led some researchers to suggest the tools had been used by local people to remove meat from bones. Others, however, argue that the marks on these bones were simply the result of being stepped on by other animals or being bitten by crocodiles.

### ★Questions

- ★No. 19 What is one thing that is true of the Rift Valley stone tools?  
★No. 20 What do some researchers believe?

## ★★ (E) *Chicago's Problem*

In the 1850s, the city of Chicago had a serious problem. It was built in a low-lying area, only a meter or two above the water level of nearby Lake Michigan. Whenever it rained heavily, water levels rose, and the city became a rat- and insect-filled swamp. The streets turned to mud, making travel difficult, and the unhealthy conditions led to outbreaks of disease that killed thousands of citizens.

Chicago officials initially wanted to install drains and pipes under the buildings to carry away the water, but experts thought this wouldn't work. Therefore, the city ordered engineers to move the city's structures using mechanical devices called jackscrews. Even huge hotels weighing thousands of tons were lifted up between one and three meters, and new roads were built on top of the old ones. The project took over 20 years, but it was enormously successful.

### ☆☆Questions

- ☆☆No. 21 What was one problem Chicago faced in the 1850s?  
☆☆No. 22 What is one action that Chicago took?

☆ (F) *College Decisions in the US*

Wharton business school professor Peter Cappelli says young Americans must make some tough choices when selecting a college or major. Cappelli says tuition is so costly that students usually take out large loans, which leave them in debt when they graduate. What is more, 40 percent fail to graduate within six years, which has a severe impact on their lifetime earnings. Choosing an affordable college is therefore essential.

Many people select their major at times when jobs in that field are more plentiful. Cappelli, however, advises against this. He says that industries requiring large numbers of employees one year may stop hiring the next year due to economic changes. Cappelli recommends freshmen choose a major they are personally interested in, and that they also select a college based on cost and graduation rates.

★★Questions

★★No. 23 What does Peter Cappelli say about American colleges?

★★No. 24 According to Cappelli, what can be risky for freshmen?

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**.

★It's possible to order from our website and have the book delivered to your home. If you don't want to pay delivery costs, you can ask our staff at the Customer Service Desk to order one for you. They will then fill out a request form for you and notify you once the book arrives, so they'll need a number where you can easily be reached. If we already have the book in our central warehouse, you should be able to pick it up in a day or two. Otherwise, it's likely to take a week.

☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆The most likely explanation is that someone got your password by hacking into your computer. If that's the case, we'll have to report it to the authorities later. For now, however, I have blocked access to your account and stopped all withdrawals. So, the next step is for you to come in within the next few days to open a new account during business hours. Once that's done, we can transfer money from the existing account to the newly created one. Remember, the best way to prevent this from happening again is to change your password regularly.

★★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★You were driving 66 miles per hour in a 55-mile-per-hour zone. The fine is \$200. I see you have a Hawaii driver's license, so remember that failure to pay could result in you having to appear in court here in California. . . . OK, you can reduce your fine by 50 percent if you complete a free traffic-safety course. You can do that online—this booklet has more information about that. Regardless of whether you complete the course or not, you can pay

online with your credit card. If you want to pay in cash, you'll have to go to the courthouse.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆☆Normally, landlords require a credit report to check your credit history. But you haven't used a credit card here, so you don't have one. A letter of reference from your last rental accommodation is a good alternative, but since you own your home in Japan, that won't work, either. I think your best option is to show them you have enough money saved in the bank to cover rent for several months. If that's not enough, you could then have your current employer write a letter stating that you're working with them full time.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★★I'm most concerned about your dizziness. You don't have a fever, so we can rule that out as the cause. It may be that you're having a reaction to the cholesterol medication I prescribed for you last month. Let's lower the dose to see if that helps. Try taking the tablets once a day instead of twice. If there's no improvement, we'll take you off them for a while. Of course, there are a number of other things that could be causing your symptoms. If it turns out not to be the medicine, we can look into inner-ear trouble and also run some blood tests.

☆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。