

## 「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

☆☆: How are things going, Matt?

★★: Not so good. I was supposed to have a job interview yesterday, but all the trains were stopped due to an accident, so I couldn't make it.

☆☆: But they'll give you another chance, won't they?

★★: No. I called the manager as soon as I got home. He said they'd already seen enough people. Looks like I'm out of luck.

☆☆: That's awful.

★★: Yeah, well, I guess they have a lot of good candidates to choose from.

☆☆**Question**: Why did Matt not get the job?

### ☆☆No. 2

★: I'm sorry, Mrs. Redfield, but we can't renew your driver's license.

☆: What's the problem?

★: You passed the written test, but you failed the eye exam.

☆: What? I've never had any trouble with my vision.

★: The test results indicate you can't see well enough to drive.

☆: That's ridiculous. I drove here today.

★: That may be the case, but I can't give you a new license without proof that your vision is satisfactory. You'll have to visit an eye specialist and come back with the results.

☆☆**Question**: What does the woman need to do?

### ☆No. 3

★: You know, honey, our wedding anniversary is coming up.

☆☆: Yeah—10 years! We should do something special.

★: Instead of buying gifts for each other, why don't we take a trip?

☆☆: Where did you have in mind? Hawaii? A nice cruise?

★: Actually, do you remember that charming little place upstate we went to a few years ago?

☆☆: The one up by Lake Hobart? How could I forget? I'd love to go back!

★: Great scenery, and very romantic—what more could we want?

☆☆**Question:** What will the couple do for their anniversary?

#### ☆☆No. 4

☆☆: Sam, I thought the workshop this Saturday was voluntary. Why did you sign me up?

★★: I was sure you'd want to go. It's directly related to your work.

☆☆: You should've let me know beforehand. I have other plans this weekend. Now everyone in the department is expecting me to go.

★★: Sorry. No harm intended.

☆☆**Question:** Why is the woman upset?

#### ☆☆No. 5

☆☆: Hey, Seiji. What did the doctor say about your ankle yesterday?

★: Not much. They took X-rays but didn't find anything serious.

☆☆: Well, I guess that's good. But it's been bothering you for two weeks now.

★: I know. If the pain continues, they may have to do more tests.

☆☆: That's too bad. I hope it gets better soon.

★: So do I. It's no fun hobbling around the office in pain like this.

☆☆**Question:** What do we learn from the conversation?

#### ★★No. 6

☆☆: Well, we're finally settled in. Have you met any of the neighbors yet?

★: Oh, I forgot to tell you. I met the husband right next door, Craig, a real friendly guy. He invited us to dinner next weekend.

☆☆: Really? But his wife's so quiet. I got the feeling that she likes her privacy when I met her yesterday.

★: Come on, you're exaggerating. I saw her working in the garden while I was talking to Craig.

☆☆: And I bet she didn't come up and introduce herself.

★: Well . . .

☆☆: See. That's exactly what I thought.

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

#### ★No. 7

☆☆: Thanks for watching me practice my sales presentation, Ben. What did you think?

★★: I was impressed. Your graphics are persuasive.

☆☆: Did I include too many charts?

★★: Not at all. They support your points and really show our company's strengths.

☆☆: I thought maybe I'd overdone it.

★★: No, but you could cut your introduction a bit. Try to keep the total time to under 20

minutes.

☆☆: Got it. Let's hope I make a good impression on the clients.

★**Question:** What does Ben suggest the woman do?

★★**No. 8**

☆: Why the sad look, Rick?

★: It's just that I was planning on going camping over midterm break, but Professor Jones gave us so much work to do. It looks like I'll have to hit the books instead.

☆: Oh, that's too bad. You know, I told you his classes are really demanding.

★: Yes, yes. And I should've listened.

★★**Question:** Why is the man unhappy?

☆**No. 9**

☆☆: Did you hear that Roger's being let go?

★★: Really? I know his manager's been concerned since he stopped reaching his sales quotas.

☆☆: But to just fire him like that? His father-in-law has been ill, and his wife had surgery recently.

★★: I know what you mean, but it's a tough business we're in. I guess the manager just decided the company couldn't afford to keep him.

☆☆: Well, it still seems harsh to me. . . . I'd better stop by his desk later and wish him luck.

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

★★**No. 10**

☆: Honey, I heard a worrying report on the radio today about drinks high in sugar.

★: What did it say?

☆: It said that they might contribute to obesity in later life. Todd drinks tons of soda. Maybe we need to encourage him to have fruit juice instead.

★: Good luck!

☆: But this is his health we're talking about.

★: Yeah, you're right. But we should check the labels, though. I heard some juice drinks are no better than the soda he's drinking now.

★★**Question:** What does the man imply?

☆☆**No. 11**

☆: Bill, I don't mean to be nosy, but is everything OK with you and Sally? I saw her in a restaurant with Mario last night.

★★: She dumped me last week. I still can't believe it.

☆: I thought you made a great couple.

★★: So did I.

☆: And she broke up with you out of nowhere?

★★: Yeah. And she said she'd only dated me because Mario was seeing someone else.

☆: That's terrible. I can't believe someone would do that.

☆☆**Question:** What does the woman think about the situation?

★★**No. 12**

☆☆: Angelina's college tuition's going up in the fall, dear. I don't know how we're going to manage.

★: Well, she'll be in her third year this year, and she's never had a part-time job. It's about time she started helping out.

☆☆: But that might distract her from her studies.

★: I managed to do both when I was young! And anyway, I read online that students who work part-time often do better because they learn to schedule their time efficiently.

☆☆: Well, I suppose you could suggest it to her.

★★**Question:** What is one thing the man wants Angelina 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) *High-Speed Police Chases*

The number of car accidents caused by high-speed police chases in the United States has increased in recent years. In some cases, innocent people have been killed when police officers or escaping drivers lost control of their vehicles. As a result, in 2014, some police departments changed their policy on chases. They banned officers from chasing drivers who failed to stop, except when serious crimes had been committed.

When criminals realized they would not be chased, however, crime rates increased. To solve this problem, some police departments have been using a piece of equipment called StarChase. StarChase can be installed on police cars and used to shoot a small GPS tracking device at a vehicle. The device sticks to the vehicle, and software allows police to see where the vehicle goes without the need for a dangerous high-speed chase.

☆☆**Questions**

☆☆**No. 13** What happened when some police departments changed their policy?

☆☆**No. 14** What does StarChase help police do?

☆☆ (B) *The Bronze Age*

About 5,000 years ago, it was discovered that bronze could be produced by melting copper and adding a metal such as tin to it. Bronze is harder and more durable than the metals used to make it. By using bronze, some civilizations, such as those in Mesopotamia, began to develop superior tools and weapons. As a result, these Bronze Age civilizations became extremely powerful.

Although copper was common in the Bronze Age, tin mines were only found in a few places. Tin therefore became increasingly valuable, and more and more people wanted to trade for it. This led to significant growth in imports and exports of various goods between civilizations.

The Bronze Age lasted until about 1000 BC. By then, a new process that improved the quality of iron had been discovered, leading to the production of iron tools and weapons that were superior to those made of bronze.

★★**Questions**

★★**No. 15** What discovery was made about 5,000 years ago?

★★**No. 16** What is one thing that happened during the Bronze Age?

### ★★ (C) *Gertrude Bell*

Gertrude Bell was a British woman born in 1868. She studied history at Oxford University, and from the early 1900s, she lived in the Middle East, working as a writer, archaeologist, and linguist. During her travels, she gained a deep knowledge of the languages and cultures of the Middle East, and she became one of a small number of Westerners trusted by Arab tribes.

After World War I started, Bell was asked by British officials to help them at their office in Cairo, Egypt. She advised the officials on which tribes were friendly toward the British, and she even helped the British Army navigate the desert.

When the country of Iraq was formed after the war, Bell played an important part in decisions regarding its leaders and how its government should be set up. However, critics say much of the violence and political trouble in Iraq today was caused by those decisions.

#### ☆ Questions

☆No. 17 What is one thing Gertrude Bell did during World War I?

☆No. 18 What do critics of Bell say?

### ☆ (D) *Banking on Immigrants*

Today in the United States, many immigrants have no bank account. It is often said that they are unable to open one because they lack English skills or do not understand the banking system. However, some small banks are starting to attract more immigrants as customers. They are doing this by reducing the personal identification requirements necessary when immigrants open an account at the bank. Many banks also have staff members who can explain the procedures in each customer's native language.

In the past, many banks had been reluctant to offer loans to immigrants for homes or new businesses. The banks believed that immigrants might not pay back the loans. However, studies have shown that immigrants are just as likely to repay their loans as the general population is.

#### ★ Questions

★No. 19 What have some small banks been doing?

★No. 20 What did many banks in the past believe about immigrants?

### ★★ (E) *City Robots*

Researchers in Britain are working on a big project in the city of Leeds. They are creating machines that will look after the city's infrastructure. For example, robots will move through underground pipes, constantly monitoring and maintaining them. Likewise, drones will inspect roads at night and even make minor repairs before the road conditions worsen and cause problems for drivers. The researchers claim that such regular maintenance will make lengthy street closures in busy downtown areas unnecessary.

Some people have long been worried that robots will completely replace human workers, leading to more unemployment. But the researchers heading this project say the tasks the robots will perform are often dangerous for humans. Replacing workers with robots will allow humans to perform less-hazardous work. Furthermore, researchers claim that making the machines may lead to new jobs being created.

#### ☆☆ Questions

☆☆No. 21 What is one thing the new machines will do?

☆☆No. 22 What is one reason some people are concerned about the project?

### ☆(F) *The Revolver*

In the 1830s, an American inventor named Samuel Colt created a new type of pistol called the revolver. At the time, most pistols could only fire one bullet before needing to be reloaded, but Colt's revolver could shoot six. This feature made it hugely popular, and the revolver helped people defend themselves against criminals, and also against wild animals in rural areas.

Although Samuel Colt wanted his revolvers to be used for self-defense, some historians believe they had a negative effect on society. Until the 1840s, the murder rates in Britain and the United States were very similar. However, after the revolver was invented, the murder rate began to rise quickly in the US. Some historians believe that the increase was due to Americans having easy access to the revolver. In Britain, however, gun-control laws remained strict, helping to prevent a rise in the murder rate.

### ★★Questions

★★No. 23 What is one thing we learn about Samuel Colt's revolver?

★★No. 24 What do some historians believe was one result of Colt's invention?

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**.

★Normally, for a couple in your age group, I'd recommend Medical Basic or Health Plus. The Medical Basic plan is \$130 a month, and offers general medical coverage, but doesn't include dental or eye care. However, those options are included with Health Plus, which is \$160 a month. We also have the Premium Care plan, which includes dental, and is \$190 a month. Total Medical, which includes all extras, is \$230 monthly. If you're planning a family, either of these last two plans would cover any children you might have in the future.

☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆I know some of you are finding the textbook difficult. Remember that tutors are available to help, so speak with the department secretary if you're interested. I've also decided to prepare handouts for you. It's also a good idea to complete the supplementary exercises at the back of the chapters we cover, but you won't get extra credit for doing any of those things. I will, however, give additional credit for writing a paper related to a chapter we're not covering. See me after class for more details about what's expected.

★★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★★There's a great place on White Road with spacious rooms and a private parking lot. But it's not available for a couple of months. Three other options are available immediately. The first is on Clay Street. It's a little smaller but has large windows, so it's bright. It also has a private parking lot. We have another possibility on Shelly Drive, which is fairly new. And finally, there's a nice little place on Collins Avenue. The Shelly Drive and Collins Avenue apartments have free parking, but it's on the street, not private. Let me know what you think.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆☆Thank you for calling ABC Trust Bank's security hotline. Please choose from the following options to assist us in directing your call. If you wish to report a lost or stolen credit card, press one. If you wish to report purchases that you didn't make, press two. If you wish to check the progress of an existing claim, press three. If you wish to change the payment terms and conditions for your card, press four. For all other inquiries, press zero. A representative will be with you shortly.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★This suede jacket has several stains, but our leather-cleaning service can take care of them. The spots where the color's faded are another story, though. It looks like you've used a home leather-cleaning kit on it. That doesn't work on suede, which is why it has faded a little. Honestly, the store downtown that specializes in leather products would be your best bet. They could bring back the original color. It won't be cheap, but it might be worth it. In any case, it would certainly be cheaper than buying a new jacket.

☆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。