

「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。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

☆: Do you want to go hiking up the mountain today?

★: It's pretty cold, and it snowed yesterday. I don't think it's such a good idea.

☆: You're not going to let a bit of snow stop you, are you?

★: I'm just worried about ice on the trails. One slip and you could break your leg.

☆: We'll be fine. You worry too much.

★: OK, I guess we can give it a try.

★★**Question:** Why is the man hesitant to go hiking?

☆No. 2

☆☆: Honey, I think I know why Adam has trouble getting to sleep.

★★: Really?

☆☆: Yeah. I read an article in today's paper. Health experts say that the amount of time a child is inactive during the day influences how long it takes them to fall asleep at bedtime.

★★: Hmm . . . I suppose Adam does spend a lot of time playing computer games.

☆☆: Exactly. He played for four hours straight yesterday! We should have a talk with him.

★★: You're right. That is a bit excessive.

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

☆No. 3

★: I heard you were laid up in the hospital for a while. What happened?

☆☆: I had an accident about a month ago. Some guy ran a red light and rammed into the side of my car. I broke a rib and sprained my neck.

★: That's terrible! You're lucky you weren't more seriously injured. Were you wearing your seatbelt?

☆☆: Of course. Otherwise I wouldn't even be around now having this conversation with you.

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

★No. 4

☆: Remember, I'll be away from Tuesday to Thursday, honey. Are you sure you'll be OK?

★★: Yeah, it's all under control. I need to pick up the dry cleaning on Tuesday and take Billy to basketball practice on Wednesday night, right?

☆: Right. His summer training-camp fees are due then, too. The money's on the counter.

★★: OK. Thanks.

☆: We have plenty of frozen dinners. And there's lots of pasta.

★★: Stop worrying! I'm sure we won't starve.

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

☆No. 5

★: Hi, Susan, what's up? Didn't you get my e-mail?

☆☆: Sorry, Dan. I've had trouble connecting to the Internet.

★: Have you contacted your Internet service provider?

☆☆: I called, but they were no help. They said my laptop may have a virus. I think I'll ask a computer technician to come out.

★: Sounds pricey. Come over to my house later and we can browse some technical support websites. Maybe we can sort this out ourselves.

☆☆: Well, it's worth a try. Thanks.

☆**Question:** What did the woman decide to do?

★No. 6

★★: Hello, this is Steve. Is Jeremy there?

☆: He's just stepped out. Can I take a message?

★★: If you don't mind. He's planning to go to the chess club meeting on Saturday, isn't he?

☆: Yes, he's looking forward to it.

★★: Could you tell him we've had to push it back an hour? It's still at the same location, though.

☆: OK. And he knows where that is?

★★: He should—it's at the city library. We'll meet at 12:30.

☆: I'll let him know.

☆**Question:** What does Steve want the woman to do?

★★No. 7

★: Hey, Cindy. Did you hear the manager got angry today?

☆☆: No. What about?

★: It seems that some clerks were gossiping about Janice who works in the loans department.

☆☆: Well, that doesn't sound too bad.

★: Unfortunately, they did it in front of customers, and the manager heard them.

☆☆: Oh, I see. What did he say about that?

★: He said if they did it again, he'd report them to the regional director.

★★Question: What was the problem?

☆☆No. 8

☆☆: Hey, Tom, do you want to come over for dinner tonight?

★★: I'd love to, Bev, but I have my drama group rehearsal.

☆☆: Drama group? I had no idea you could act!

★★: I've got the lead in the community theater's latest play.

☆☆: No kidding! You must be pretty good.

★★: Well, I'm no star, but I guess I was good enough to get the part.

☆☆: I'd love to come and see it.

★★: Why don't you come on opening night? And bring your friends!

☆☆**Question:** Why can't Tom come to dinner?

☆☆No. 9

☆☆: Will you be attending the microchip conference in June, Dave?

★: No, my wife and I are heading to Spain for some sun.

☆☆: Sounds nice! I wish I could travel more.

★: We're lucky. My wife works for an airline, so we can take several free flights each year. She's retiring next year, though, so we'll lose such benefits.

☆☆: Then you're smart to take advantage of them while you can. Aren't you retiring soon, too?

★: Yes. It's ironic—we'll have more time to travel, but we won't be able to afford it!

☆☆**Question:** What does Dave imply?

★★No. 10

★★: Hey, Marilyn, did you get a lottery ticket this month?

☆☆: No, José. I don't like to waste my money on the lottery.

★★: But buying a ticket occasionally is OK, you know.

☆☆: I'm not so sure. I try to spend my money more wisely. You got your ticket, I'm guessing?

★★: Not yet. I'm waiting for the right day. Some are luckier than others, you know!

☆☆: I doubt that.

★★: Come on, Marilyn. It's just a bit of fun, that's all.

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

★★No. 11

★: Guess what, honey? I had lunch with Omar today. He says we can use his beach house next weekend.

☆☆: Great! Hey, maybe your sister and her kids could come along. They love the ocean! There's enough space for eight, right?

★: Actually, I wasn't planning to invite anyone else, just you, me, and the kids.

☆☆: It seems a shame to waste all that space, though.

★: Maybe, but it's been so long since we went away as a family.

☆☆: Yeah, you're right.

★★**Question:** What will the couple probably do?

☆**No. 12**

☆☆: This is Dr. Joyce's assistant. I'm calling about the results of your daughter's dental checkup.

★★: Thank you. After her appointment, she came home concerned about her wisdom teeth.

☆☆: Yes. Dr. Joyce recommends having them taken out. Her x-rays show they're just under the surface.

★★: But she's only 15. Can't we wait until they push through?

☆☆: Delaying might cause problems for her other teeth. I understand your concern, but it's a straightforward procedure.

★★: I see. Well, since Dr. Joyce thinks it's a good idea, let's schedule it.

☆**Question:** What will the man have his daughter 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) *Vacation Days*

A recent study has revealed that American workers are taking less time off from work than at any point in the past four decades. In fact, more than half the workers surveyed said they are not using all their paid vacation days. The study found that lack of support was the main reason. Most workers felt discouraged from taking vacations by their supervisors. And some workers were concerned that if they took time off, they would appear less reliable and less valuable to the company.

Not taking vacations has various downsides. For example, if workers do not take time to refresh themselves, they often end up taking more time to complete work tasks. Some experts believe that giving workers time off can make workers more productive. These experts suggest that companies should encourage their workers to take more vacation time.

☆**Questions**

☆**No. 13** What is one reason American workers are taking fewer vacation days?

☆**No. 14** What do some experts believe?

☆☆(B) *Online Crowdfunding*

These days, people often use online crowdfunding to raise money for certain projects, such as developing video games. With crowdfunding, these people can collect small amounts of money from many people, which means they do not need to rely on banks to fund their projects. Now, some people are also using online crowdfunding to attract investment to start a business or company.

However, online crowdfunding can be a source of problems. It is not strictly regulated, so it is difficult for investors to check how well a company is doing or how the company is using the money it is given. In some cases, dishonest individuals have even used online crowdfunding to pay their apartment rent or other unrelated expenses. Governments are considering tougher regulations to protect investors from criminals. In the meantime, governments are warning investors to research new companies very carefully before investing

in them.

★★Questions

★★No. 15 What is one thing we learn about online crowdfunding?

★★No. 16 What are governments advising investors to do?

★(C) *The Lincoln Highway*

During the early days of automobiles in the US, railroads were the main form of long-distance transportation, and automobiles were usually seen as expensive luxuries. However, in 1913, a group of automobile manufacturers began building the first coast-to-coast road, the Lincoln Highway. They hoped that this highway, which went from New York to San Francisco, would show consumers that automobiles were practical for getting around the country.

The Lincoln Highway was expensive to construct, so the builders looked for the shortest route possible. Because of this, the highway did not go to some large cities, which upset the residents of those places. The builders, however, believed the most important thing was to get the highway built. They knew that connecting roads could be easily constructed later. In time, the Lincoln Highway became the most famous road in the US and greatly improved the country's transportation system.

☆Questions

☆No. 17 Why was the Lincoln Highway built?

☆No. 18 Why were some people upset about the Lincoln Highway?

☆(D) *Reforming the British Postal Service*

Before 1840, the British postal service was complicated. The cost of a letter delivery depended on the distance it was sent and the number of pages. Also, it was the receiver, not the sender, who paid. This system required numerous clerks to process letters and collect money. However, a man named Rowland Hill helped introduce a system where the *sender* paid in advance by buying a stamp. The new system also charged the same price for all letters. Hill's simpler system removed the need for many of the clerks and helped reduce postal service costs.

After Hill's system was introduced, there were some interesting side effects. Since cost was not decided by the number of pages, people began writing longer letters, and they began to use envelopes to put them in. Also, people knew the contents of a letter would remain secret if they used envelopes, so it became more common to include sensitive business documents or personal information.

★Questions

★No. 19 What was one thing Rowland Hill managed to do?

★No. 20 What happened after Hill's system was introduced?

★★(E) *The History of the Heart*

Today, everyone knows the heart is an organ that pumps blood through the body. This has not always been the case, however. Ancient Egyptians, for example, thought the human soul was located in the heart. The Egyptians believed the heart would be weighed by a goddess at the entrance to paradise to decide whether the dead person's soul could enter.

The *symbol* of the heart also has an interesting history. It was first used 5,000 years ago in the Middle East, but historians do not know what it meant. However, early Christians used it as a symbol of life after death, and in some countries, it became a symbol of courage. In the twelfth century, it began to appear in paintings of love scenes. At that time, the human heart

itself was also becoming associated with feelings of love and the symbol became linked to that.

☆☆Questions

- ☆☆No. 21 What is one thing ancient Egyptians believed?
- ☆☆No. 22 What is one thing we learn about the heart symbol?

☆(F) Homework

In the early 1900s, many parents in the US did not want schools to assign homework because they needed their children to help them with farmwork or housework. Moreover, experts warned that homework was unhealthy for children because it took away their time to play. However, later in the twentieth century, education was increasingly seen as important for children's success, so schools began assigning more homework.

Now, some researchers are questioning whether homework is beneficial or not. Recent studies have shown that too much of it may lower children's test scores. Other research has linked increased homework to decreased physical health. Because of this, some people want to ban homework. Most researchers, however, believe that it is best to simply limit the amount of homework given. This way, children can benefit from extra studying without risking their health.

★★Questions

- ★★No. 23 What was true about homework in the early 1900s?
- ★★No. 24 What have recent studies shown about homework?

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**.

★Great weather today, huh? It's hard to believe we had such strong winds yesterday. Speaking of which, some trees have fallen down on Ridgetop Path, so that route's closed. Still, if you're up for something physically demanding, you could try heading up Spyglass Hill. It's accessible by taking Overlook Trail. The starting point for that trail is on the other side of the park, so it's a long hike. For something less demanding, you could hike along the beach to Whalers' Cove.

☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆☆You're a bit late starting the internship application process. There was a workshop to improve students' interview skills, but unfortunately that's just finished. Anyway, you've got to start sending your résumé out in the next few weeks. Before that, however, you have to decide the type of company you want to aim for. As an economics major, you have several options. So, I can give you a personality test to find out which type of work best suits you. After looking at the results, we can get started on your résumé.

★★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★★This Saturday is Super Saturday—McClaren Megastore’s biggest sales event. Each year, hundreds of customers wait in line to get huge savings of between 30 and 60 percent! But if you want to avoid the big weekend crowds, you can now come in Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for our presale event. Unlike Saturday, though, full payment on any items you purchase on the day is required. Also, when you’re here, don’t forget to register for our Priority Shopper Card. This will get you a 10 percent discount on any additional purchases. You can register after you make your first purchase.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆You’ll find our campus easy to get around. In front of us is the library. Colton Hall is that building on the left, with the tower. The engineering and sciences orientation will be in Colton’s auditorium. Jackson Hall, on the right, is where the humanities orientation will take place. Go to the main lecture room. Business and economics students should meet in the central theater of Peterson Hall, which is just beyond the library. After the department orientations are over, everyone should go to the administration building.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★I’d recommend a structural change such as taking out the dividing wall between your kitchen and dining area, and putting in an island countertop. This would create an attractive space for entertaining, which will appeal to potential buyers. Alternatively, you could make nonstructural changes, such as replacing your wooden floors with white tiles. This would make the kitchen look more modern and bright, raising the apartment’s value. Your idea to change all the kitchen lighting to LED will lower the electricity costs. It won’t do anything for the resale value, though.

☆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。