

## 「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

★: I was thinking of taking Jeff to see *Monster Vision* this evening.

☆☆: I'm not sure that's an appropriate movie for a kid his age, Jack.

★: Really? I heard it was pretty innocent. You know, kind of scary but also funny.

☆☆: Well, my friend Mary saw it last weekend. She said it was extremely violent.

★: Our son isn't a baby anymore, honey. I think he can handle it.

☆☆: I don't want to be the mean parent here, but I'd prefer it if he didn't see those types of films yet.

★: OK, I'll find something more suitable.

☆Question: What do we learn about the woman?

### ★★No. 2

★: What's up, Sue? You don't look too well.

☆☆: I'm exhausted. My new neighbors had another party last night. I didn't get much sleep.

★: Sounds awful.

☆☆: It was. Worse still, they've got this big dog that kept barking even after the party.

★: Why didn't you call the police?

☆☆: Well, I don't want to cause any problems with them, but you're right, if it happens again, I won't have a choice.

★★Question: What is Sue likely to do if the problem happens again?

### ★★No. 3

☆☆: Hi, Robby. How's your new teaching job going?

★: OK, I guess, but I think I'll have to get a side job on weekends. My bank account's in pretty bad shape.

☆☆: That doesn't surprise me, with your new car, brand-name clothes and all.

★: Well, I like to treat myself well.

☆☆: You don't need to spend a fortune to do that. Just make a budget and keep to it.

★: Yeah, you're probably right.

★★**Question:** What does the woman suggest that the man do?

**★No. 4**

☆: Hi, honey.

★★: Hi, Claire. I'm glad you called. What time's your flight getting in?

☆: Actually, I won't be able to make it today.

★★: What happened?

☆: Well, I went to the airport with time to spare. Then I realized I'd left my wallet at the office. My ID's in it, and I need it to get through security.

★★: Couldn't you get a later flight?

☆: Not today, but I've rebooked for tomorrow at 9 a.m.

★★: The kids will be disappointed, but I guess they'll have to wait.

★**Question:** What is the problem?

☆☆**No. 5**

★: Have you done your company medical checkup, Pam?

☆: I went last week. You?

★: Not yet. I skipped it last year, so I suppose I should make an effort this time.

☆: Didn't you say your family has a history of diabetes and high cholesterol?

★: Yeah, my granddad and my dad.

☆: Well, you should really get checked out, then.

★: I've just been so busy.

☆: Come on, that's no excuse.

☆☆**Question:** Why is the woman concerned about the man?

☆**No. 6**

☆☆: Honey, the TV remote control isn't working.

★★: Really? I just changed the batteries.

☆☆: Well, it does get dropped all the time. I think we need a new one.

★★: Why don't we just get a new TV? Ours is pretty old, and it'd be nice to watch the soccer on a wide screen.

☆☆: We can't really afford it at the moment.

★★: I guess you're right. I'll stop by the electronics store later and buy a replacement, then.

☆☆: Thanks.

☆**Question:** What will the man do?

☆☆**No. 7**

☆: Enjoying the conference, Cliff?

★: Yes, it's been very useful. I'm glad it's the last day, though.

☆: You must be exhausted after your presentation.

★: That wasn't so bad, actually. But the sooner I get back to the office, the better.

☆: A lot of work to do?

★: Not especially. I just want to get back to my usual routine. Making contacts and networking during the day is one thing, but having to meet clients every evening as well is a bit much.

☆☆: Yeah, I know what you mean.

☆☆**Question:** Why is the man glad the conference is nearly over?

**★★No. 8**

☆☆: I'm concerned about Clyde, honey.

★: What's he done now?

☆☆: Nothing, but I never see him hitting the books. When he's at home, he's either texting his buddies or surfing the Net.

★: Sounds like a typical teenager to me. Anyway, it doesn't mean he isn't keeping up with his studies. He's at the library every other day.

☆☆: Yeah, because it's a popular place to socialize.

★: Well, let's wait to see his report card before we get too worked up.

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

**☆☆No. 9**

☆☆: Why are you walking like that, Kent? Did you hurt yourself?

★★: Yeah, I went snowboarding on Sunday and twisted my knee.

☆☆: You should be more careful. Our play opens next week!

★★: Sorry, Nadia. I didn't expect to get hurt. But, you know, a walking stick would suit my stage character well.

☆☆: I'm not joking. If you're in pain, you may have trouble focusing on your lines. It's not Broadway, but we do have a paying audience.

★★: Don't worry, Nadia. I'll be fine.

☆☆**Question:** Why is Nadia upset with Kent?

**☆☆No. 10**

☆☆: So Malcolm, I heard you're being transferred back to Cleveland.

★★: Actually, a final decision hasn't been made yet. I've let management know I really don't want to move the family again.

☆☆: Maybe they can delay the transfer until your son has left for college.

★★: That would be ideal. But I doubt my family situation will be a factor in their decision.

☆☆: Maybe it should be. After all, an unhappy employee won't be productive.

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

**★★No. 11**

★: That'll be \$224.99, ma'am.

☆☆: Did you take 30 percent off for the coupon I gave you?

★: Yes, for the cocktail dress, since it's full price. The shoes are already on sale, so you can't use your coupon for those.

☆☆: Oh. Well, the total is more than I can spend, so I'll pass on the shoes.

★: How about the dress?

☆☆: I'll take that.

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

**★No. 12**

☆☆: Hey Russell! How was your vacation in Portland?

★★: Good, thanks. On my last day, I joined a four-hour guided food tour around the city.

☆: Four hours? I bet you were really full by the end.

★★: Actually, the focus was on quality, not quantity. And we walked everywhere, so I wasn't so full by the end.

☆: How much was it?

★★: One hundred dollars.

☆: That seems expensive.

★★: I thought it was money well spent. It was fascinating, and I learned a lot about different cuisines.

★**Question:** What is the man's opinion of the food tour?

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) *Early Baseball Gloves*

In the early days of professional baseball in the US, players played barehanded because it was considered unmanly to use gloves. In 1875, a pitcher named Charles Waitt, who had injured his hand, became the first professional to wear a glove. A few other players began wearing them, but many fans called it shameful. In 1877, though, the highly respected player Albert Spalding started wearing one. This influenced many other players to use one, and fans gradually accepted this change.

By 1895, so many players were using gloves that it became necessary to introduce regulations regarding their use. Because catchers and first basemen had to use their gloves the most, it was decided that they could use larger gloves with more padding. Other gloves, however, had to remain small and offered only a little protection. Since then, baseball gloves have become much more comfortable.

#### ☆☆**Questions**

☆☆**No. 13** What happened as a result of Albert Spalding wearing a baseball glove?

☆☆**No. 14** What happened in 1895?

### ☆(B) *Gated Communities*

Millions of Americans live in gated communities, where access is restricted by gates, walls, and security guards. Such places tend to be safer than open neighborhoods when first built. Over time, however, their crime rates usually rise until they are almost the same as the areas around them. Critics of gated communities say security guards are poorly paid, so they are unlikely to stay alert. Moreover, many delivery services have access to the security codes for the gates, and these can be obtained by criminals.

Since gated communities have high annual fees, they generally attract wealthier residents. This creates social divisions by leaving poorer people outside the walls. Gated communities can also affect standards of living and the range of facilities in surrounding areas. Residents of a gated community with a private park, for example, may vote against funding the construction of a new public park by the city.

#### ★**Questions**

★**No. 15** What is one thing we learn about gated communities?

★**No. 16** What is one effect gated communities can have on surrounding areas?

### ★★(C) *The Pros and Cons of Opening a Franchise*

If you want to have your own business, opening a franchise may seem like a fairly safe way to do so. Large retail companies offer new franchise owners a well-known brand with an existing customer base, technical support, and training. Moreover, because large retail companies can order a lot of supplies at the same time, franchise owners can often get them at a discount.

However, many people underestimate the expense of opening a franchise. As well as initial costs, owners must purchase equipment and pay for advertising. Therefore, franchise owners should be prepared to lose money for the first six months. People interested in opening franchises must also consider their own personalities; they may not like the fact that many business decisions are made by managers working at company headquarters. Also, those who want to try new things may dislike the fact that franchise agreements do not allow them to do so.

#### ☆☆Questions

☆☆No. 17 What is one advantage of opening a franchise?

☆☆No. 18 What should people be aware of when opening a franchise?

### ☆☆(D) *Qalupalik*

The Inuit, a native people that live in the Canadian Arctic, tell their children frightening stories about creatures called Qalupalik. These wicked, green-skinned, humanlike creatures are said to live beneath the sea ice and are able to swim like fish. They also wear fur coats just like those used by Inuit mothers for carrying children on their backs. Qalupalik are believed to kidnap children playing near the shore and take them to live under the sea, feeding on their life energy in order to stay youthful forever.

The stories about Qalupalik are thought to have originated as a way for parents to prevent their children from playing on the dangerous ice. Children can easily drown if they fall through, so telling them that there are evil Qalupalik there is an effective way to keep children away from the ice.

#### ★★Questions

★★No. 19 What do the Inuit stories say about Qalupalik?

★★No. 20 What are the stories intended to teach children?

### ★(E) *Snakes and Lizards*

In 2015, researcher Michael Caldwell was studying some 167-million-year-old fossil skeletons. Earlier analysis had classified these fossils as lizards. Upon close examination, however, Caldwell realized some of the fossils were actually snakes. At that time, the oldest known snake fossils were just 100 million years old. As a result of Caldwell's discovery, we now know that snakes have existed for over 160 million years.

Because the skeletons were not complete, it was extremely difficult to identify the bones properly. This caused the skeletons to be incorrectly classified as lizards in the first place. However, Caldwell was able to identify the snakes based on their jaw structure. Snakes' jaws are extremely flexible, allowing them to swallow animals that are much larger than their heads, while lizards' jaws do not open nearly as wide.

#### ☆☆Questions

☆☆No. 21 What did Michael Caldwell's discovery show?

☆☆No. 22 Why were the bones originally identified incorrectly?

### ☆(F) *Takoma Park's Problem*

The small city of Takoma Park, Maryland, has a serious problem. When traffic jams or road closings occur on nearby highways, GPS navigation software in cars and smartphones sends thousands of drivers onto its quiet residential streets. This increase in vehicles makes it hard for Takoma Park residents to get home, and it puts the safety of local children at risk.

When GPS software calculates routes for drivers, it often relies on drivers to send it traffic reports, so some Takoma Park residents decided to send in fake reports of traffic jams in their neighborhood to the GPS software. By reporting traffic jams that did not exist, residents hoped to stop the software from recommending shortcuts through their neighborhood. Navigation software makers, however, want to stop people from sending in fake reports.

### ★★Questions

★★No. 23 What is one thing we learn about the city of Takoma Park?

★★No. 24 What did some people in Takoma Park do?

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**.

☆☆This is Tina, the coordinator at Welfare Services. I've received the final approval report from your caseworker. Everything looks fine with that, but I'm still waiting for the final registration paperwork I e-mailed you. It's due on Friday. If you can drop by my office, we can check it together. I'll be here until 5 p.m. this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Alternatively, you can attach it to an e-mail, and I'll get back to you if there's a problem. If everything is in order, a court judge will sign the papers next week. You'll then be the child's legal parents.

★★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★GreenWay Market will open soon, and we'll be offering special savings. Customers who pay in cash get a 3 percent discount on weekends. Customers who use a ValuePlus credit card to pay will receive a 5 percent discount on every purchase any day of the week! Apply online this week, and you will get the card before the store's grand opening. If you buy lots of vegetables, be sure to download the GreenWay smartphone app, and get 10 percent off all vegetables. Plus, any time you spend more than \$100, we'll donate \$1 to the local youth center.

☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆☆Getting to the airport typically takes about 90 minutes by road or rail if all goes smoothly. The airport shuttle bus is reasonably priced, but it doesn't have a toilet and you can't get off once your ride has begun. Taxis are pricey, but cabdrivers always know where the nearest public restrooms are. The subway and train are the least expensive options. You can get off at any station on both lines, and all have restrooms. The regular train is usually faster than the subway, but since track maintenance is scheduled today, you can expect long delays, so I wouldn't recommend that way.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★★This is Barry from Littlewood Electrical Store. I'm very sorry, but the white refrigerator you ordered is no longer in stock at our warehouse. We can get the same model to you in silver by the end of the week, or you could get the white one in about a month. Last year's model is

still available in white, but it doesn't have the extra storage space that you said you need. We also have a high-end white fridge from a different maker. That is usually \$300 more, but considering all the trouble, I could sell it to you for just \$150 more.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★Welcome to Wharton Zoo. Monkey Magic starts at noon. It introduces you to small primates such as marmosets and macaques. Remember, though, these animals bite, so visitors are not allowed to touch them. At Bird Bonanza, at 1 o'clock, you can watch an amazing flying display by some of our owls and birds of prey. At Farmyard Fun in the Red Barn, you can stroke and feed tiny Angora rabbits and baby potbellied pigs. That begins at 12:30. Or you can join in the Baby Penguin Feeding at 2:30 where you'll see our new baby penguins—the cutest animals ever!

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

Your time is up. Stop writing and wait quietly until the answer sheets have been collected.
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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。