

「1級リスニングテスト」原稿

ただいまから、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のはじめに戻し、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 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 four parts. All of the questions in these four 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 10 dialogues, **No. 1** through **No. 10**. 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 1 listening test.

(★=男性 A ★★=男性 B ☆=女性 A ☆☆=女性 B)

☆☆No. 1

☆☆: So, do you know what's wrong with my dog?

★: Well, he clearly has stomach issues, and they're causing him considerable discomfort. Has he swallowed any plastic or other objects?

☆☆: I haven't witnessed him eating anything like that.

★: And what about alterations to his diet?

☆☆: He's started eating a new type of dog food that's supposed to be specially formulated for older dogs.

★: Do you recall the brand?

☆☆: Not off the top of my head. Sorry.

★: Well, here's a list of reputable brands. If the one you use isn't on there, try one that is. Come back in a few days if the problem persists.

☆**Question**: What should the woman do first?

★★No. 2

☆: I have some news, honey. The company asked if I'd be willing to take a position in human resources.

★★: Well, you've always spoken highly of that department. And you said marketing has changed for the worse, right?

☆: Yeah, but the post would involve assisting overseas branches with hiring and salary negotiations. I'd be away for weeks at a time.

★★: Well, that's not ideal, but I think you should focus on your career at this point. I'd miss you, of course, but making some sacrifices now will pay off in the long run.

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

★★No. 3

★: Lisa, do you ever think about quitting?

☆☆: Why do you ask? Did you get passed over for promotion again, Gerry?

★: No. Even worse. The upgrade of the company's intranet has been a disaster. The project's weeks behind schedule. I don't think it'll be ready in time for the new fiscal year.

☆☆: How does that relate to you?

★: Well, I helped them with some data analysis early on, which was all double-checked, but now the manager's holding me responsible for the problems. It's unbelievable!

☆☆: Maybe it's time for you to polish up your résumé.

★★Question: What do we learn about Gerry?

☆☆No. 4

☆☆: Imran, do you have a minute?

★★: Sure, Professor Holmes. Is there a problem?

☆☆: Far from it. I just wanted to congratulate you on your presentation. The way you laid out the time line of Buddhism's spread from India was easy for everyone to follow.

★★: Thanks.

☆☆: Also, I was impressed with the quality of your research. The biographical details you provided on the key historical figures added depth to the entire presentation.

★★: That's a relief. I was worried I'd gone overboard there. In fact, I was on the verge of cutting those details.

☆☆: It's a good thing you didn't.

☆☆**Question:** What was the man worried about?

★No. 5

☆☆: Jeffrey's teacher contacted me today. She said he punched a child during recess again.

★★: Really?

☆☆: We need to do something about his temper.

★★: OK. Let's speak to him, but it's not as if he's aggressive all the time.

☆☆: Maybe not at home, but he also pushed a kid at soccer practice last week. We should probably consult a child psychologist.

★★: That might make him think something's wrong with him, which could make him feel insecure.

☆☆: Well, assuming he'll just grow out of this seems unwise to me.

★Question: What does the man imply?

☆☆No. 6

☆☆: Hi, Miguel. How're things at the publishing company?

★: Busier than ever. Two of our editors took leave this month. Each of them was in the middle of editing a novel, and I had to take over their unfinished projects.

☆☆: Sounds like you have a lot on your plate.

★: It wouldn't be so bad if my boss had given advance notice that everything would fall on my shoulders. If I'd known, I would've left some space in my schedule.

☆☆: That sort of thing is typical at my company, too.

☆**Question:** What is the man's problem?

★★**No. 7**

★: Well, that was a waste of time.

☆: Yeah. The agenda Sharon sent out said we'd be brainstorming ways to increase efficiency so we can reduce overtime.

★: Right. But in the hour we were in that room, I think no more than five minutes were spent even touching on the subject of efficiency. Ironic, isn't it?

☆: To be fair, Sharon kept trying to bring us back to the topic. But Charlie wouldn't stop rambling on about the noise levels in the shared workspaces.

★: Yeah. He's really starting to annoy me.

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

☆☆**No. 8**

☆: What seems to be the problem, Mr. Sunak?

★★: Well, Doctor, I was lifting weights and felt a popping sensation in my lower back, followed by intense pain.

☆: It's likely a herniated disk, but we'll do a scan to confirm it.

★★: When can I get back to the gym?

☆: You'll need at least two weeks of physical therapy.

★★: That long?

☆: At least. You know, it's unrealistic to think you can train the same way as you did when you were in your 20s. The spine becomes more prone to injury as you age.

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

★**No. 9**

★★: Neela, did you see the e-mail from management?

☆: Yeah, I can't believe the domestic development department is taking over our new game prototype.

★★: Especially since the game is supposed to be sold exclusively overseas.

☆: I know the international development department is small, but why even have us if they're not going to let us do the work?

★★: Exactly. Well, domestic development will have their work cut out dealing with international specifications and requirements.

☆: I agree. But what do you think is behind this move? I hope it's not a sign we're being phased out.

★★: I doubt it. It's probably because we're still working on the update of the *Space Titans* game.

☆: But that's only because we've been waiting to get the results of the user tests. They knew up front it would take at least 90 days.

★★: I think you're worrying too much. Maybe they're trying to do us a favor by taking the pressure off a bit.

☆: I hope you're right, but I think we should arrange a meeting and let them know we can handle the work.

★**Question:** Why is the woman concerned?

★★No. 10

☆☆: What's up, Bev? You don't look happy.

☆: I'm not sure what to do, Lucy. I suggested having kids to Tom the other day, and he didn't seem very interested.

☆☆: What was his reason?

☆: He thinks kids will restrict our freedom. He wants to be able to drop everything and take a trip whenever he feels like it.

★: How about you?

☆: I like freedom, but I've always wanted a family. Tom seemed OK with that before we got married.

☆☆: He probably just doesn't have much experience with kids.

★: Yeah, raising kids is a huge responsibility that can scare anyone off.

☆: He's great with his niece, but he says the difference is that he can go back home to a quiet house after spending time with her.

☆☆: I'm sure he'd feel differently if you actually had kids. Give him some more time to get comfortable with the idea.

☆: I don't know. Maybe I should give up my dream of being a mother.

★: It's not over yet, Bev. To tell you the truth, I didn't want kids, either. But after I realized how much it meant to my wife, we decided to have a baby. Once my son was born, my view changed completely.

☆: Thanks, George. I'll give him some time to think it over.

★★Question: What do the man and woman think about Bev's situation?

Here are the directions for **Part 2**. In this part, you will hear five passages, (A) through (E). Each passage will be followed by two questions, **No. 11** through **No. 20**. 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) *The Wave Hill Station Strike*

Until the late 1960s, many Australian Aboriginal people whose land had been forcibly taken from them by White landowners were employed on cattle-grazing lands called stations. Wave Hill Station was one of many stations that exploited these Aboriginal workers. Wages were extremely low, water and sanitation were lacking, and local Aboriginal people were the victims of routine violence at the hands of White landowners. In 1966, an elder of the Gurindji people, whose traditional land included Wave Hill Station, led the workers on a strike. About 200 Aboriginal employees and their families walked off the station. Though the strike was seen by many people as being about workers' pay and living conditions, for the Gurindji people, the primary focus was reclaiming their land.

The strike went on for a number of years until the Australian political situation changed with the election of the Labor Party. One of its policies was resolving the issue of Aboriginal land rights. In the mid-1970s, the Gurindji people had a portion of their traditional land returned, marking a turning point in their long struggle. The strike is recognized as one of the factors behind the Aboriginal Land Rights Act of 1976, which gave legal recognition to Aboriginal land claims.

★Questions

★No. 11 What did many people fail to understand about the strike?

★No. 12 What was one important factor that led to the end of the strike?

★★ (B) *Mind Games*

As the US population ages, many seniors have turned to so-called brain-training computer games in an attempt to preserve their mental abilities. Some makers of such games claim that playing them benefits users in many ways, from improving memory to preventing conditions that cause cognitive decline, such as Alzheimer's disease. A group of scientists has examined these claims. The scientists did find indications that such brain training helped users to perform better at certain specialized tasks. However, there was little evidence that this had resulted from overall improvements in brain function. Furthermore, the scientists could find no compelling evidence for the claim that playing brain-training games can prevent Alzheimer's disease or lessen its effects.

A further issue with brain-training games is related to the concept of opportunity cost. This is the idea that when people choose to do something, they miss the chance to gain the benefits that would have come from making a different choice. Users who become glued to their smartphones or computers for hours each day playing brain-training games may neglect to spend time reading or exercising, activities for which there is clear evidence of benefits for the aging brain and body.

☆☆ Questions

☆☆No. 13 What is one thing the scientists' research suggested about playing brain-training games?

☆☆No. 14 What is one possible problem with playing brain-training games?

★(C) *Online Books*

Print on demand, or POD, is a publishing method in which books are printed only after customers order them. POD has helped more authors get their books out into the world, as it allows small numbers of books to be printed quickly and cheaply. However, some people say it has also made it easier to produce counterfeit books. They say that works by popular authors are sometimes copied word for word and printed, or texts are altered slightly and released under new titles. The consequences of this illegal activity could potentially be more serious than just lost revenue for the true author. For example, if medical professionals unknowingly purchased counterfeit copies of manuals that contain incorrect information, it could lead to errors in the treatment of patients.

Critics believe some online booksellers are not doing enough to police their stores for counterfeit books. They say the policy of the booksellers is to assume that the books supplied to them have been sent in good faith. The critics believe this is problematic and recommend that online booksellers become more proactive in eliminating counterfeit books. In response, some online booksellers have said they take a zero tolerance approach to counterfeiting and have programs in place to prevent it.

☆☆ Questions

☆☆No. 15 Why does the speaker mention medical professionals?

☆☆No. 16 What do some critics want online booksellers to do?

★★(D) *Government Funding of Research*

Government funding of research in the US has been cut in recent years, but a new study has shown that this may be a mistake. The study's researchers examined patents, the licenses giving inventors exclusive rights to their inventions. They found that government funding facilitated the creation of a significant percentage of patents issued. Additionally, their analysis indicated that the patents created as a result of government funding contributed the most to the

development of other inventions and were therefore more influential in the creation of future technologies.

According to one economist, one problem with the funding system is that the government frequently shares the risks but rarely gets any of the rewards. If it pumps a massive amount of money into research that comes to nothing, it will be severely criticized, but it is usually not rewarded when the research pays off. The economist believes that the government should continue funding research but, like any investor, should insist on financial returns when a project leads to a successful product. The economist says this would make voters aware of the importance of government funding, and it would also make them more accepting when failures occur.

☆**Questions**

- ☆**No. 17** What did the study reveal about government-funded research?
☆**No. 18** What is one thing the economist says about government funding of research?

☆**(E) Parental Leave in Sweden**

Today, many countries around the world offer maternity leave to women who give birth. Sweden, however, has offered both parents paid time off since the mid-1970s. Under this parental-leave program, each couple originally received six months of leave, which could be divided between the parents as they saw fit. But while both parents were entitled to use the leave, in the majority of cases, fathers signed their leave over to mothers. To discourage this, the Swedish government has gradually added restrictions. Now, couples get more leave that they can share between them, but each parent has a minimum of 90 days that they cannot transfer to the other parent. The revised system has been successful, and the percentage of the total leave used by fathers has risen significantly.

According to a study by university researchers, the flexibility to take time off that this revised system has afforded Swedish men has also benefited mothers. When fathers took advantage of the system in the period immediately after the birth of a child, it significantly reduced the chances of mothers needing medical care for childbirth-related physical complications. It also decreased the odds that they would need medications to treat anxiety.

★**Questions**

- ★**No. 19** What was one problem with Sweden's parental-leave system at first?
★**No. 20** What did the study find about the revised system?

Here are the directions for **Part 3**. In this part, you will hear five passages, (F) through (J). The passages represent real-life situations and may contain sound effects. Each passage will have one question, **No. 21** through **No. 25**. 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.

☆☆(F) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question **No. 21**.

★These next two weeks before classes begin can be hectic, so we'll lay out what you need to do. It'll be important to familiarize yourself with our new student portal, which is your online hub for making appointments to see your academic adviser, registering for classes, paying tuition, registering for accommodation, and so on. You will all have your department orientation the day after tomorrow, where you'll be given a personal code to set up your new student portal account. Domestic students should already have registered for classes on the old portal, but you'll need a

new personal code to use the new portal. International students, after setting up your account, you must make an appointment to meet with your academic adviser before registering for classes. Your adviser will explain which classes are required and answer any questions you may have. Registration will open three days from now.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

★(G) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question **No. 22**.

☆We offer a variety of monthly membership plans. Platinum Plus provides unlimited access to all facilities 24 hours a day and includes lessons for up to five activities. It's just \$160 a month. Gold Prime offers access to all facilities from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and until 11 p.m. on weekends. It includes two free lessons a week for any activities of your choice, and it's a great deal at \$110. Our most popular plan is Flex Master, which costs \$90. It includes access to all facilities, with the exception of golf-related facilities. It's valid on weekdays until 9 p.m. and on weekends between 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. Finally, we offer the Silver Saver plan, which is just \$60. You get access to our main facilities, which are the gym, the tennis courts, and the pool, but it's limited to weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and does not include lessons.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

☆(H) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question **No. 23**.

★★As you all know, sales have fallen sharply over the last six months. We need to explore the causes and respond quickly. We all have some ideas about why this has happened and what to do about it, but we need a thorough analysis. You've been given a color-coded nametag that assigns you to a working group. Those with a red tag will research our competitors' customer services to see how they compare to ours. Blue tags will investigate the reasons for the increase in customer contract cancellations by performing surveys of customers who've canceled and then make recommendations based on the results. Yellows will examine our current marketing strategies and suggest new promotion ideas. Oh, and department managers will also need to reexamine our current product offerings to see if they're up-to-date and cost competitive. Please do this prior to taking on other tasks. All right. That's it. Thanks, everyone.

☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

★★(I) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question **No. 24**.

☆☆Parents often think a child with a fever needs to see a doctor, or the fever needs to be reduced immediately, but that's usually not the case. A fever is the body's way of fighting infection, so lowering it too soon could actually delay your son's recovery. Children often develop high temperatures with common colds, so just keep an eye on him. If his condition worsens or the fever rises sharply over the next few hours, call us again. Actually, having said all that, there's been an outbreak of food poisoning at the elementary school in Southport. If your son is a student there, I'd suggest bringing him in for observation, but only if he has a stomachache in addition to the fever. Otherwise, plenty of water and a good night's sleep is probably all he needs for now.

★★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

★(J) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question **No. 25**.

☆We deeply apologize for the inconvenience caused. You have a few options. As a special courtesy, we can provide 10,000 bonus miles. This is enough for two free round-trip domestic flights, so I highly recommend this option. You'd just need to complete this form here.

Alternatively, we can offer cash and miles. This would be 5,000 miles together with an amount equal to half the purchase price of your additional ticket. If you often travel alone, this is a great choice, since 5,000 miles would earn you a free domestic flight. You can apply for this option through our website. Finally, if you simply want your money back, our customer service office can help you arrange it. It's closed today because it's a Sunday, but you can reach the office tomorrow. The phone lines are often busy, so please be patient. Use the number here on this card.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

Finally, here are the directions for **Part 4**. In this part, you will hear an interview. The interview will be followed by two questions, **No. 26** and **No. 27**. For each question, you will have 10 seconds to choose the best answer and mark your answer on your answer sheet. The interview and the questions will be given only once.

☆☆This is an interview with Shaun Parker, who works as a magician.

Interviewer (I): Thanks for tuning in. Today, we're talking to Shaun Parker. Welcome, Shaun.

Shaun Parker (S): Thank you for inviting me.

I: So, how did you first become interested in magic?

S: When I was just a young boy, I used to watch a famous comedian who got many of his laughs by deliberately making his magic tricks fail. I loved him, but I decided that I wanted to do magic properly. After that, it became a bit of an addiction.

I: How did that then become a job?

S: Well, it's a bit of a long story, but I used to enter talent competitions in my hometown when I was in high school. At first, I didn't really get very far because I was copying other people rather than trying to develop my own style. But I started showing more of my personality and making more jokes, and I won a national talent competition a year later. From there, I started to do paid shows on weekends. However, I also wanted to get a good education so that if the magic didn't work out full time, I could pursue a different career. My other passion aside from magic is Japanese history, so I went on to study it at university. I came to Japan straight after I graduated and landed a job as a translator. Although that job wasn't great, to be honest, I got to meet a lot of successful businesspeople through work. At a party one time, I did some tricks, and I was then invited to do an official show for one of the biggest companies in Japan. That changed everything for me. It led to similar offers, and within a year, I was making enough just from magic to do it full time. That was over 20 years ago, and I've been working as a professional magician ever since.

I: Are there any challenges to working in Japan?

S: Well, I now read and speak Japanese fluently, so though the language used to be a problem, it isn't now. The main issue I had when I first started was with visas. Not having a regular income or employer meant that it wasn't always easy to convince the government to give me a visa. I had to jump through a lot of bureaucratic hoops most years. Eventually, I realized that the only way I was going to be able to settle was to start my own entertainment company, which solved the problem. Also, this type of work means that I mainly work evenings and weekends, which is sometimes tough these days because I have a family. That's not unique to Japan, but the late nights tend to be a little later here, so that means a lot of my shows are crammed into a short space of time quite late at night.

I: Sounds tough! Who are your main clients now?

S: Nowadays, I mainly perform for corporate clients and occasionally do TV commercials. Until about five years ago, though, I mostly performed at weddings. I used to do up to four weddings every weekend, up and down the country, which was exhausting. As I said, I have a family now, so I have reduced the amount of evening and weekend work I do. Otherwise, I'd never see my

wife and kids.

I: Well, Shaun, thanks for coming in today. That was great.

S: My pleasure.

☆☆Questions

☆☆No. 26 What event led to Shaun becoming a professional magician in Japan?

☆☆No. 27 What is one challenge Shaun faced early on in his career as a magician?

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。