

「2 級リスニングテスト」 原稿

ただいまから、2 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。

このテストには、第 1 部と第 2 部があります。英文はそれぞれ一度だけ読まれます。放送の間メモをとってもかまいません。

では、第 1 部のテストから始めます。これは、対話を聞き、その質問に対して最も適切な答えを選ぶ形式です。対話と質問は一度だけ読まれます。問題は、No. 1 から No. 15 まで 15 題で、解答時間はそれぞれ 10 秒です。

(★=男性 A ☆=女性 A ☆☆=女性 B)

☆☆No. 1

☆Derek. Long time, no see. I heard your wife is pregnant. Congratulations!

★Thanks, Donna. Yeah, actually, we're having twins. We're expecting the babies in June.

☆Wow, that's only two months away. And twins—how exciting! You can buy the same clothes for both of them.

★Yeah, and two of everything else, too. It's quite a surprise, but we're really looking forward to it.

☆☆Question: Why is the man excited?

☆☆No. 2

★Welcome to Trade Winds Tea Store.

☆Hi. I'd like to buy some tea as a gift, but I never buy tea for myself. Could you tell me about the teas you sell?

★OK. Well, these teas are very popular in Britain. Those are from China. Over here, we have a variety of Japanese teas. I recommend this brand. It's delicious, and it's on sale.

☆Great. I'll take some of that.

☆☆**Question:** What do we learn about the woman?

☆☆No. 3

☆Welcome to the Metropolitan Hotel. Are you checking in, sir?

★Yes, my name is Fred Harris. Here's my reservation number. I'm here for the software conference. Could you tell me where the conference room is?

☆It's in the Rose Room on the third floor. Here's your key, Mr. Harris. You'll be staying in Room 752, which has a beautiful view.

★Wonderful. Thank you very much.

☆☆**Question:** What does the man ask the woman about?

☆☆No. 4

★Eriko, are you going to go back to Japan after you graduate from college?

☆Yeah, I think so, Dylan. I love it here in New York, but I'd like to live closer to my parents. I've really missed them.

★That's understandable. I hope you'll find the time to come back and visit.

☆I will. I'm going to miss you. Plus, I don't want to forget all of the English I've learned!

☆☆**Question:** What does the woman say she will do?

☆☆No. 5

☆You look stressed, Jeff. What's wrong?

★The boss says that he needs this report done by five o'clock today, but I don't know how I'm going to be able to finish it on time.

☆Well, why don't I give you a hand? I'm good at writing these reports, and I'm not so busy today, anyway.

★Thank you so much, Julia! I really appreciate it.

☆☆**Question:** How will the man probably finish his report on time?

☆☆No. 6

☆Hello. My friends and I would like three tickets for the 5 p.m. showing of *Land's End*, please.

★I'm sorry, ma'am, but the theater is nearly full. Your seats won't be next to each other.

☆We really want to sit together. How about the 7 p.m. showing?

★I'm afraid the 7 and 9 p.m. shows are already sold out. The tickets for our late shows usually sell out quickly.

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

☆☆No. 7

☆We're making Christmas fruitcake this afternoon, Haruo. Would you like to help?

★Sure, Mrs. Beecher. But isn't it a little early to make cake for Christmas? It's still November.

☆Fruitcake tastes better if you keep it for several weeks before eating it. The taste improves with age, just like wine.

★Oh, I see. Well, it sounds like fun. I'd be happy to help.

☆☆**Question:** What do we learn about Christmas fruitcake?

☆☆No. 8

★Can you take the dog for a walk, Angie? He hasn't been out yet this morning.

☆That's not true, Dad. I walked Butterball before breakfast.

★Oh. I wonder why he's sitting by the door, then.

☆He knows I have to go to my violin lesson soon. Recently, he's been waiting there to say good-bye to me.

☆☆**Question:** Why is Butterball sitting by the door?

☆☆No. 9

★Hello?

☆Hi, Jacob. It's Barbara. Do you have time to meet me at lunchtime to talk about the sales project?

★OK, but I have to visit a client downtown at 2:30, so we won't have much time.

☆No problem. I'll order lunch to be delivered at one o'clock and meet you in Conference Room B.

★OK, great. Let's order Korean food from the restaurant on the corner.

☆☆Question: Why did Barbara call Jacob?

☆☆No. 10

★Mom, have you checked the mailbox yet today? I'm expecting something important.

☆Yes, but we didn't get any mail today. What are you expecting?

★Grandma is sending me some old family photos. I'm going to use them for a class project.

☆Oh, Daniel, I completely forgot to tell you! A letter for you from Grandma arrived yesterday.

☆☆Question: What did Daniel's mother forget to do?

☆☆No. 11

★Hello. Flagstone Police Department.

☆Hello. I just moved to an apartment on East Adams Street, and I was wondering if I could park on the street overnight?

★Yes, ma'am, you can. You can only park your car until 7 a.m., though. You have to make sure you move it by then. Any cars on the street after that will be taken away.

☆OK, I understand. Thank you very much.

☆☆Question: Why is the woman calling the police station?

☆☆No. 12

★My boss is planning to go to France for three weeks.

☆Three weeks? Is it for business, or is he just going on a long vacation?

★It's a little bit of both. He's attending some meetings in Paris. Then he's going to southern France to relax.

☆Wow! I wish I could go to France. I've always wanted to go there on vacation.

☆☆Question: What would the woman like to do?

☆☆No. 13

★If you follow me, ladies and gentlemen, I'll show you some of the museum's most famous paintings. On the right is one of our most popular works, *Venetian Sunrise*.

☆Wow! It's beautiful. The use of color is really skillful.

★Yes. This artist is known for his use of rich colors. We'll be showing some of his other works at a special exhibition next month.

☆Really? Perhaps I'll come back to see that.

☆☆Question: What is the woman doing?

☆☆No. 14

☆I smell smoke, honey. Is something burning?

★Yeah, I left the cake in the oven for too long.

☆Oh no. It's totally black. I don't think we can eat it.

★Yeah. I guess I'll have to start over again. Luckily, we still have enough eggs and sugar for another one.

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

☆☆No. 15

☆John, I'm looking at apartments in North Brewerton this weekend. You live there, right? Can you get to our office easily from there?

★Actually, it's pretty inconvenient. The bus takes over an hour, and it's often late. If you take the subway, you have to transfer three times.

☆Really? But North Brewerton looks close on a map.

★Yeah. It's not far away, but it feels like it is.

☆☆Question: What does the man say about North Brewerton?

続いて、第2部です。これは英文を聞き、その質問に対して最も適切な答えを選ぶ形式です。英文と質問は一度だけ読まれます。問題はNo. 16 からNo. 30 まで15 題で、解答時間はそれぞれ10 秒です。

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☆☆No. 16

★Max started hip-hop dancing when he was young. He became very good at it, so his friends suggested that he teach it to people. Last month, he started to make videos to teach people how to dance. One of his friends recorded him dancing and put the videos on the Internet. Now, Max's videos have become popular and people all around the world watch them.

☆☆Question: What did Max start doing last month?

☆☆No. 17

☆Pedro became a college student this year. He played soccer in high school, but he decided to try a new sport in college. He thought about playing rugby, but the team practiced when he had his math class. Pedro did not want to miss any classes, so he joined the running club instead because its members run on weekends.

☆☆Question: What will Pedro do on weekends?

☆☆No. 18

★Selena likes to go surfing. Next week, she will travel to Honolulu with her husband. He does not like surfing, so Selena will go surfing by herself in the mornings after breakfast. They plan to go hiking in the afternoons. Selena is busy packing many things, but she is looking forward to their trip.

☆☆Question: What will Selena do next week?

☆☆No. 19

☆There was an Australian woman named Edith Cowan. She became famous for being the first female politician in Australia. Cowan married a man who was a judge, and she heard stories from him about girls and women who were not treated fairly. These made her want to start a career in politics. She often fought for equal rights, and many years later, her face was printed on the \$50 bill.

☆☆Question: Why is Edith Cowan famous?

☆☆No. 20

★Natalie did not feel well last week. She felt weak, and she had a pain in her stomach. She went to see a doctor, and he gave her some medicine. However, when she took it, the medicine only made her feel sleepy. It did not help her at all. She went to the doctor again, and he gave her a different kind.

☆☆**Question:** What is one problem that Natalie had?

☆☆No. 21

☆Hey, Radio Blast music fans! Are you ready for this year's big event? The Aqua Music Festival will take place at the beautiful Carlton Beach Stadium on July 2. Hotel packages are available on our website. Be sure to book your flights or trains soon! Some of the world's best performers will be there, and you can see the full list on the website.

☆☆**Question:** What will happen on July 2?

☆☆No. 22

★Tia found a book that was over a hundred years old while she was cleaning her house last week. Her mother told her that it had belonged to her grandfather. Tia took it to a used bookstore, and the store clerk told her he would pay a lot of money for it. At first, she wanted to sell the book, but then she decided to keep it to remember her grandfather.

☆☆**Question:** Why did Tia decide to keep the book she found?

☆☆No. 23

☆There is a festival called Thaipusam in South Asia. One of the things that happens during Thaipusam is that people carry pots of milk on their heads. The pots are usually made of metal and people must concentrate when they walk. Each person walks to a priest and gives him the milk. The priest then gives the milk to one of their gods.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing people do during Thaipusam?

☆☆No. 24

★Welcome to the Westbridge Medical Conference. We hope you are enjoying the speeches by leading doctors from around the world. We would like to let you know that Dr. Martin Regan's speech has been delayed. It will now start after the lunch break, at 2:30 p.m. The speech will be about using robots in hospitals.

☆☆**Question:** Why is this announcement being made?

☆☆No. 25

★William traveled to Italy last week. He likes Italian food, so he visited many restaurants. At a restaurant in Rome, he met a friend from his university who was also traveling. They decided to see some paintings at a museum together the next day. William was happy to have a travel partner.

☆☆**Question:** What did William decide to do with his friend?

☆☆No. 26

★Attention, passengers. We hope you are enjoying today's flight from Frankfurt to London. We will be serving lunch soon. If you have asked for a vegetarian meal, today's lunch is bean stew with rice. Our regular meals are chicken pasta or beef curry. Before the lunch, however, we will be serving soft drinks, wine, and beer. We hope you enjoy the service.

☆☆**Question:** What will happen first?

☆☆No. 27

★A large library was built around 300 B.C. in Egypt. It was called the Great Library of Alexandria. One of its goals was to collect all the books in the world in all languages. It is said that, in the past, the Great Library had over 40,000 works from many countries. However, the library was destroyed a long time ago, and people still feel sad about the historical knowledge that was lost.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing we learn about the Great Library of Alexandria?

☆☆No. 28

★Sonya started working as an online English teacher last month. She teaches from home using a computer. Before her first lesson, she prepared all the materials. However, when the lesson started, the student complained that he could not see her very well. She realized she had a slow Internet connection. The next day, she switched to a faster Internet plan. Now, her students can see her clearly and they enjoy her classes.

☆☆Question: How did Sonya solve her problem?

☆☆No. 29

☆In Jamaica, most people speak a language called Jamaican Patois. It is based on English, but it has many words that sound different from regular English words. Some words come from African languages, and some are borrowed from French. Jamaican workers originally created Jamaican Patois to communicate with Europeans. Later, workers started using it with each other in their daily lives.

☆☆Question: What is one thing that we learn about Jamaican Patois?

☆☆No. 30

★Sierra asked her parents to buy her a video game for her birthday. They told her that she could have it, but only if she got good grades at school. Sierra now studies in the library for several hours every evening. She hopes that she will do well in her classes so that she can get the video game.

☆☆Question: What has Sierra been doing in the evenings?

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。