

「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 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

★★: Dr. Jenkins, could I speak with you for a moment?

☆: Sure, Eric. What's on your mind?

★★: I'm embarrassed to say this, but I'm having a hard time keeping my eyes open in class. I have to work two part-time jobs to make ends meet, and your class is so early in the morning.

☆: So are you thinking about dropping the class? That would be a shame, considering that your test scores have been pretty good.

★★: No, not that. I need this class in order to graduate next year. Actually, I was wondering if you could arrange your seating chart so I'm sitting right up in front. That should help me pay better attention in class.

☆: I think I can probably do that.

★Question: What is the student concerned about?

☆☆No. 2

☆: You're not sending a personal e-mail from your office computer, are you, Allen?

★: It's just a quick note to my mom—it's her birthday tomorrow.

☆: Didn't you read the memo from the CEO? Using office computers for private communications could get you fired. I heard they're looking for excuses to cut staff.

★: I doubt if they'd take a birthday message that seriously, but thanks for the warning.

☆: Better safe than sorry.

☆☆Question: Why is the woman concerned?

☆No. 3

☆☆: Sam, next week, it's my turn to drive us to work, but my car's in the shop.

★: What's wrong with it?

☆☆: Oh, I had an accident over the weekend.

★: Nothing too serious, I hope.

☆☆: No. Just a fender bender.

★: OK. Well, why don't I do the driving next week, and you can take your turn once your car's fixed?

☆☆: That would be great. Thanks a lot.

☆Question: What do we learn about these people?

★No. 4

☆: I'm sorry, sir, but your credit card was declined.

★★: I don't understand why. It was fine yesterday.

☆: Perhaps you've reached your limit. It happens quite often.

★★: I don't know. That's certainly possible, I suppose.

☆: Anyway, I suggest you call your card issuer. Do you have a debit card or a personal check you'd like to use for today's purchases?

★★: No, I'll just pay with cash.

★Question: What's the man's problem?

☆No. 5

☆☆: How's the job-hunting going, Tyler? You know your dad and I can't support you forever.

★: Actually, I've been offered a second interview for a call-center job. I'm not sure it's my thing, though.

☆☆: It doesn't have to be. The more jobs you try your hand at, the more you'll learn about the working world.

★: But what if I take it and end up missing out on my dream job?

☆☆: You can keep applying to other places while you work.

★: Fair enough. I'll call them back and schedule the second interview.

☆Question: What is the woman's opinion about her son?

★No. 6

☆: Hello, Sergio. What brings you to the clinic today?

★★: My energy's been really low recently, so I thought I should have a checkup.

☆: Any major changes since your last appointment?

★★: I got promoted to a new position that's pretty stressful and requires a lot of business trips. I've been eating unhealthy food, too.

☆: I see. Getting adequate nutrition can be a challenge when you're traveling.

★★: What should I do?

☆: Let's get a few tests done, and then we'll look at your options once the results come in.

★Question: What is the doctor going to do next?

★★No. 7

☆☆: Jasper? I thought you were on vacation this week.

★: Officially, I am. My manager was planning to take some time off, so I thought I'd do the same. Unfortunately, she's still working, which means she's asking me to do stuff.

☆☆: She's making you work during your vacation? You should complain to the personnel department.

★: But I've only been here a year. I want to prove I'm committed to the company.

☆☆: Well, be sure to set aside a little time for yourself this week. You are technically on vacation.

★: I will. Thanks.

★★Question: What is one thing we learn about the man?

☆☆No. 8

★★: What do you think of the proposed design for our new company logo?

☆: I quite like the style of the lettering, but the logo doesn't have enough impact. How about you?

★★: The colors are appealing, but I think the shape of our current logo represents our company better.

☆: I heard there's a trend toward simplicity these days, but the designers have gone too far in that direction.

★★: Agreed. We should talk to them again.

☆☆**Question:** What do these people think about the proposed logo?

☆No. 9

★: Sheena, are you going to Alice's book-launch party on Wednesday?

☆☆: Of course. It's taken her a decade to write, but the book turned out great!

★: You've already read it? That's not fair! But I suppose you two have been friends since kindergarten.

☆☆: And I helped with research for one of the chapters.

★: I guess I'll just have to read it when it's available to the general public.

☆☆: You only have to wait a few days.

☆**Question:** What is one thing we learn about the man?

★★No. 10

☆: Morning. Sorry to be late.

★: No problem. Was your train delayed again?

☆: Yes, for the third time this month. I take an early train, but there are always big delays on weekdays during rush hour.

★: Isn't there another train line in your area?

☆: Yes, but the station on that line is a 45-minute walk from my house.

★: Perhaps you could ride your bicycle there.

☆: That's an idea. If I did that, I could catch a later train than I do now.

★: Cycling would be good exercise, too.

☆: Good point. I think I'll give it a try.

★★**Question:** What will the woman probably do in the future?

☆☆**No. 11**

☆: What're you doing with those garbage bags, Ronan?

★★: I was just about to put them outside. Wednesday is collection day, right?

☆: Actually, they've switched over to a 14-day schedule. There was an announcement in the local paper last month.

★★: They're only collecting every two weeks now? I sometimes wonder what we pay our taxes for.

☆: I know what you mean, but I guess the city needs to reduce spending. They're also talking about lowering the number of bags you can put out.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing we learn from the conversation?

★**No. 12**

★★: Hey, Sharon. Are you OK? You look exhausted.

☆☆: Hi, Ranjit. Yeah, I can't sleep because of my upstairs neighbors. They're awake at all hours of the night. Even earplugs haven't worked, so I'm going to complain to the landlord.

★★: Have you thought about writing a polite note to them first? They might get upset if you go directly to the landlord.

☆☆: I hadn't thought about that. Have you ever tried something like that?

★★: No, but I've read online that it can be quite effective.

☆☆: Thanks. I think I'll do that.

★**Question:** What will the woman most likely 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) *Picky Eaters*

Some children are picky eaters. They will only eat a few foods and refuse to eat anything else, and this is generally considered unhealthy. Researchers have found that genetics may be one cause of this behavior, but the environment in which children are raised may also be important. Parents, for example, serve as role models for their children, so it can be damaging if their children see them following limited, unhealthy diets.

Once children form such eating habits, how can they be changed? Parents often use rewards. For example, they will tell their children they can have ice cream if they eat their vegetables. However, some experts warn against doing this. They say it does little to change children's negative attitudes toward foods they dislike. Instead, these experts recommend involving children in the growing, purchasing, and preparation of these foods. This may help

children develop a positive relationship with healthy meals.

★★Questions

★★No. 13 What may be one reason children become picky eaters?

★★No. 14 What is one thing that some experts recommend?

★(B) *Ching Shih the Pirate*

It is sometimes said that a Chinese woman named Ching Shih was one of history's most successful pirates. Her husband was also a pirate. Following his death in 1807, Ching Shih took control of their pirate operations, which grew rapidly. The Chinese government then ordered its navy to capture her. The sea battle that followed, however, went badly for the government. Ching Shih's pirates captured several naval vessels, which increased Ching Shih's power.

However, it is thought that Ching Shih began having difficulty controlling her huge forces. In 1810, therefore, she came to an agreement with government officials in which she promised to end her operations. In exchange, she was allowed to keep her wealth, and she and most of her followers were given their freedom. While many pirates throughout history died violently, Ching Shih avoided that fate.

☆Questions

☆No. 15 What was one result of the sea battle?

☆No. 16 What did Ching Shih do in 1810?

☆☆(C) *The Canada Lynx*

The Canada lynx is a type of wildcat found mainly in Canada and the northern United States. The animals are skilled at avoiding humans, so they are rarely seen in the wild. However, lynx sightings increase roughly every 10 years. This is because the population of animals called snowshoe hares rises and falls in a roughly 10-year cycle. Lynx hunt snowshoe hares, and when there are more hares to hunt, the lynx population tends to grow.

It was long believed that Canada lynx live their whole lives in one particular area. However, scientists have discovered that lynx can journey thousands of kilometers to establish new territories. Some scientists think it is likely that these animals are following hares. However, lynx have also been observed making long journeys at other times, so there may be another reason why they travel.

★Questions

★No. 17 What does the speaker say about Canada lynx?

★No. 18 What did scientists discover about Canada lynx?

★★(D) *The Catacombs of Priscilla*

In Rome, there are networks of tunnels that were built around the beginning of the second century AD. These tunnels were used as burial places for people of many religions. However, the tunnels became especially important for Christians. Their religion was not officially recognized at the time, so Christians used the tunnels to hold religious ceremonies.

One famous section of tunnels is called the Catacombs of Priscilla. In this section, there are some early Christian paintings. One of the paintings seems to show a woman dressed in a priest's robe, and others show women performing religious ceremonies. Some people believe the paintings are proof of female priests in the church in ancient times. This is significant because some Christian churches today do not allow women to become priests. Other observers, however,

say that we cannot be sure exactly what the paintings show.

☆☆Questions

☆☆No. 19 What is one thing we learn about the tunnels?

☆☆No. 20 What do some people believe the paintings show?

☆(E) *Happiness and Success*

Many people believe that only by working hard and having a successful career can they find happiness. However, trying to make a lot of money or get promoted at work may not make people truly happy. People who focus on such success often prioritize work over other activities. Consequently, they may lose opportunities to enjoy the things that make life truly enjoyable, such as simple, relaxing times with their families.

After reviewing many studies, researchers recently concluded that success may actually follow happiness. They believe that happy people are more energetic and confident because they experience frequent positive moods, and that this leads to success. Of course, success also depends on factors such as intelligence and social support. More research is needed, but it may be that those whose happiness leads them to success are more likely to stay happy.

★Questions

★No. 21 What does the speaker say about people who focus on success?

★No. 22 What did researchers recently conclude about happy people?

★(F) *Ancient Oysters*

For thousands of years, Native Americans along what is now called the US East Coast used oysters as a food source. Today, however, oyster stocks have been greatly reduced. Overharvesting, pollution, and disease have caused oyster populations to fall, especially since the late 1800s, when European settlers introduced new harvesting methods. These methods included dredging, which involves removing huge numbers of oysters from the seabed. This process also damages the ecosystem in which the oysters live.

In recent years, archaeologists have studied Native American harvesting practices. The archaeologists found that Native Americans did not harvest young oysters. Instead, Native Americans waited for oysters to grow and reproduce before they harvested them. The archaeologists also discovered that average shell size increased until the 1800s, which indicates that Native American practices helped ancient oysters to become larger. This finding surprised the archaeologists, who expected oyster shells to gradually get smaller in response to being harvested.

☆☆Questions

☆☆No. 23 What do we learn about oysters along the US East Coast today?

☆☆No. 24 What is one thing the archaeologists discovered?

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 bus goes around town all day, so you can just hop on and off anytime. The castle can be accessed from stop 4, and the medieval library is also just a five-minute walk away from that stop. If you're interested in the San Giovanni church, stop 7 is the nearest. It's also normally the meeting place for our 30-minute guided walking tour, but please note that due to an ongoing construction project, that tour will begin from stop 9, just in front of Montalto Gardens. Stop 13 offers access to famous sights like the Gravina Bridge and the town fountain.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★You can apply online to renew your working-holiday visa. However, there are some things you should prepare before you apply. You'll need to provide proof that you've had a medical examination by a qualified doctor and have no serious health issues. Once you've done that, you'll also have to present evidence of your employment until now. You mentioned you had all of your salary statements, so those should be sufficient. Since you're applying from within the country, proof that you've saved enough to cover your living costs will not be required this time around.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆The new security cameras, warning signs, and staff training have all worked. Shoplifting of most products is much lower than in the last quarter. However, stock records for low-cost fruit items like bananas and oranges and expensive things like avocados and mangoes don't match the sales records. This usually means some customers at the self-checkout registers are entering false information to get costly items at a cheaper price. I recommend extra guidance for staff observing the self-checkout stations. If this doesn't work, you may have to think about checking customers' receipts at the exit.

★★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆☆Welcome to our summer sale. We're offering great discounts on all brands, including Rannexe and Duplanne. Interested in a new vacuum cleaner? Use the coupon available on our smartphone app to get \$50 off any brand. How about a new washing machine? This month, exchange your used Rannexe washing machine for a \$100 credit toward any new Rannexe product. During the month of August, exchange any old Duplanne appliance and get \$150 off a new one. Finally, we are offering \$75 cash back on any new dishwasher until the end of August.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★★This suit is a clearance item, so we only have what's here on the shelves. Our other location may still have one in your size, though. If you'd like, I can check online for you. If our other store has one, you could go there, if you don't mind driving out of town. The other option would be to reserve one for you and have it sent over to this store at no extra cost. That might take a few days, but if you give me your number, I can call you when it arrives.

☆☆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。