

## 「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

★★: Thanks for showing me the apartment.

☆: If you've decided on it, we can do the paperwork today.

★★: The location's ideal, and the layout is great. But it's just a bit beyond my budget.

☆: You'll be hard-pressed to find anything cheaper in this location.

★★: If you'd consider reducing the rent by \$50, I'd commit right away.

☆: Well, I'll have to confirm it with the owner, but I don't see that being a problem. Let's head to the office.

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

### ☆No. 2

★: Did you watch the election debate last night?

☆☆: Yes. It was helpful. I thought that many of Fatima Clark's ideas were exactly what this state needs right now.

★: Well, I'm glad you found it enlightening. I'm still finding it hard to differentiate between the candidates.

☆☆: I guess they are similar in terms of economic policies, but I thought that Clark's environmental and education policies stood out.

★: I think I'll check out her campaign literature to find out more about her.

☆**Question:** How does the man feel after the debate?

### ★No. 3

☆: What did you think of the film?

★★: Well, I had big expectations for it because of the novel it's based on, but right now I'm feeling pretty let down.

☆: It's been ages since I read the book, so it's not fresh in my mind.

★★: Well, they eliminated several crucial characters. And condensing the plot so much was a huge mistake. It really should have been a TV series. That way, it could have been more faithful to the author's intentions.

★**Question:** What does the man say about the film?

#### ★No. 4

★★: I hear you want to buy a house. Are you looking at any areas in particular?

☆: Well, our realtor says schools on the east side of town are better.

★★: Frankly, they aren't any better than the ones on the west side. That image is just a reflection of people's stereotypes.

☆: What do you mean?

★★: Well, the schools on the east side may have newer buildings and fancier computer labs, but the teachers and curriculums are consistently good throughout the whole district.

☆: That's good to know.

★**Question:** What does the man say about the town's schools?

#### ★★No. 5

★: I've been thinking about our vacation plan. We can't afford it if we want to remodel the kitchen.

☆☆: So, we can either relax and make some great memories, or we can finally upgrade our ancient kitchen.

★: Or do both but economize on each.

☆☆: You mean by traveling closer to home and only replacing some of the appliances? I don't think we'd be happy with that.

★: True. Personally, I don't think I can put up with this kitchen for another year.

☆☆: Me, neither. I guess that settles it.

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

#### ☆☆No. 6

★: I was talking to Bill last night. He's amazingly well-read. He was telling me all about ancient Greek philosophy.

☆: Yes, he certainly loves going on about literature and philosophy. But I'd take what he says with a pinch of salt.

★: What do you mean?

☆: Well, I don't know if he's quite as knowledgeable as he claims to be. The other day, he got two completely different works by Shakespeare mixed up.

★: Really? But he always sounds so convincing.

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

#### ★No. 7

☆: I'd like to return these two rolls of wallpaper.

★★: Was there a problem with them?

☆: No. I just bought more than I needed.

★★: OK. This paper was a special order, though, so I have to deduct a 25 percent restocking fee from your refund.

☆: A restocking fee? What's that?

★★: We ordered it for you from a third-party seller because we don't normally stock it. We have to ship it back to them. And they charge us a fee, so we pass it on to our customers.

☆: OK. I guess I have no choice.

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

#### ☆No. 8

★: Thanks for agreeing to show me around your farm. I want to make sure I have a firm grasp of what's involved in this line of work before I invest my life savings in a property.

☆☆: My pleasure. When we purchased this place, we had no idea what we were getting into, so you're smart to come out and visit some working farms like this.

★: I really appreciate your time.

☆☆: Well, I'll start by showing you around. The henhouse is over there, and beyond that are the vegetable fields.

☆**Question:** Why is the man talking to the woman?

#### ☆No. 9

★★: Hey Sarah, I've been thinking about that business idea we discussed last week.

☆☆: Oh, the online tutoring platform?

★★: Yeah, exactly. I've been doing some research, and there's a clear demand for personalized tutoring services in the subjects we want to focus on. It really seems parents are putting increasing value on flexible and personalized educational options.

☆☆: That's great to hear. Still, we'll have to make ourselves stand out from existing platforms.

★★: I think employing highly experienced tutors with specialized knowledge and providing a user-friendly interface could set us apart.

☆☆: That makes sense. Have you thought about how we'll attract our first customers?

★★: I'm thinking that forming partnerships with local schools would help. What do you think?

☆☆: Well, the local board of education is notoriously conservative, so I wouldn't count on that. It's worth looking into, just in case, but we should have a plan B—for example, offering a free trial to build trust and gather feedback or posting targeted social-media ads.

★★: Good idea. I'll start drafting a detailed business plan that incorporates these strategies, and we can discuss it further.

☆☆: I'm excited about this. Let's make it happen!

☆**Question:** What does the woman imply about attracting their first customers?

#### ☆☆No. 10

★: It's about time we discussed our presentation for the client's new marketing strategy. Any thoughts on how we should approach this?

☆: I think bringing innovative ideas to the table is key. We know from our history with this client that they value creativity. Nothing will impress them more than a fresh concept.

★★: I can't argue with that, but let's not forget the importance of engaging them as well. Incorporating elements like a live demo or an interactive prototype will make the strategy have more impact.

★: You both make good points. Setting the stage with a creative concept and following that with a hands-on segment might be the way to go.

☆: We should also consider their recent shift toward sustainability. Integrating environmentally friendly practices into our strategy would align us more closely with their current corporate mission.

★★: That's a great angle to explore. It meets their expectations for innovation while also demonstrating that we're aware of their evolving priorities.

☆: Exactly. If they see us as failing to keep up with their agenda, they could decide to terminate our contract and go with another PR firm.

☆☆**Question:** What does the woman imply about the marketing strategy?

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 Oslo Report*

Following the outbreak of World War II, a German company executive named Hans Ferdinand Mayer took what he claimed was an ordinary business trip to Oslo, Norway. The true purpose of his journey, however, was to leak highly classified information to Nazi Germany's adversary, Britain. In Norway, Mayer wrote what has become known as the Oslo Report, providing details of Germany's military capabilities and technology, including the fact that Germany had developed a radar system. Britain possessed this technology but erroneously believed that Germany did not, so it was unaware that Nazi radar systems could potentially give them advance warning of bombing raids carried out by British planes.

Initially, however, there was skepticism regarding the report. Although Mayer provided detailed evidence that his information was correct, the British were suspicious that it was a German deception. The document had been sent anonymously, and it seemed impossible that German technology had advanced so rapidly. However, a military intelligence officer named R. V. Jones realized the report was accurate and convinced the British of its validity. Eventually, the information in the Oslo Report was incorporated into military strategy and used to develop measures aimed at countering German weapons systems.

### ☆☆**Questions**

☆☆**No. 11** What important information was contained in the Oslo Report?

☆☆**No. 12** What did R. V. Jones do?

### ☆☆(B) *A Look at Mass Extinctions*

Scientists generally agree Earth has experienced five mass extinction events. These so-called Big Five events fit the general criteria for recognition as mass extinctions: they wiped out at least three-quarters of species, and they occurred on a rapid timescale. While such events devastate life on Earth, they also reshape ecosystems so fundamentally they create possibilities for certain species to thrive. In the second mass extinction, for example, which occurred around 370

million years ago, the disappearance of reef systems caused changes in habitat space and water circulation that allowed starfish-like organisms called crinoids to populate the ocean in extremely large numbers.

Some scientists believe that, due to human activity, a sixth mass extinction event is occurring. They note that extinction rates of plants and invertebrate animals exceed the normal rate at which species disappear between mass extinction events. The scientists say critics of the sixth mass extinction theory rely too much on the IUCN Red List, a global inventory that reflects extinction data for only a limited range of species encompassing mainly birds and mammals. They say when smaller, lesser-known organisms are accounted for, the degree of biodiversity loss signals that the sixth mass extinction is indeed underway.

### ★★Questions

★★No. 13 What does the speaker say about crinoids?

★★No. 14 What do some scientists suggest about the IUCN Red List?

### ☆(C) *Incan Agriculture*

Despite the rugged terrain of the Andes Mountains where they lived, the Incan people cultivated large areas of land for agriculture. In addition to breeding crop varieties that could withstand the severe climatic conditions, the Incas also developed innovative farming methods. These included terraced fields, complex irrigation systems to provide water, and stone walls that trapped heat to protect crops from frost. Using these methods, the Incas were able to create stockpiles of food that could be used in case of poor harvests and other crises. Many historians believe this was a major reason the Incan Empire could become so powerful.

Following the arrival of the Spanish in the sixteenth century, the Incas' agricultural systems fell into disrepair, and most of their farming knowledge and expertise was eventually lost. Over the past few decades, however, a charity organization has been using archaeological information to rehabilitate farmland in Peru using Incan methods. The project has been a success, increasing agricultural production in an area that covers over 150 hectares. It is now hoped that similar projects can be set up in other parts of Peru to help overcome the effects of climate change on agriculture in the region.

### ★Questions

★No. 15 What do many historians believe about the Incan Empire?

★No. 16 What is a charity organization trying to do in Peru?

### ☆☆(D) *The Marshes of Southern Iraq*

The marshes of southern Iraq have long been regarded as ecologically significant. Despite encroaching development, such as agricultural and irrigation projects, a significant proportion of the wetlands remained intact for much of the twentieth century. In the 1990s, however, the president of Iraq ordered the marshes to be systematically drained of their water. This action was, in part, seen as a political move to punish groups that the government saw as hostile. Such was the devastation to the marshes that they were reduced to a small fraction of their historical size. Many Marsh Arabs, whose families had lived in the region for generations, were forced to flee.

In the early 2000s, a change of government provided an opportunity to reverse the marshes' fortunes. With support from the United Nations, among others, some areas were reflooded. Nature returned, and so did some Marsh Arabs. To help ensure the marshes' ongoing protection, some of them were awarded World Heritage status. Despite the program's success, some observers believe dark times loom. The expansion of agricultural land, the creation of upstream dams, and recent droughts threaten to undo the progress made. Some areas have already dried up, making fishing and other life-supporting activities impossible.

### ★★Questions

★★No. 17 What does the speaker say about the marshes of southern Iraq before the 1990s?

★★No. 18 What do some observers believe?

### ★(E) *The Judgement of Paris*

The seventeenth-century Flemish artist Peter Paul Rubens is well-known for his paintings of human figures. One of his most famous and best-loved masterpieces, *The Judgement of Paris*, is currently back on display at the National Gallery in London after undergoing a year of conservation work. However, the painting no longer looks the way that Rubens intended. During the conservation process, the gallery's experts discovered that several changes had been made to the painting after Rubens's death, including major alterations to the appearance of the main characters in the painting.

Following much debate, the gallery decided to preserve the changes, arguing that they represented an important part of the painting's history. In fact, while altering an artist's original work is generally considered unthinkable today, it was a relatively widespread practice in the past. Paintings were seen as decorative objects, and their owners would often have them changed simply to make them more attractive. Potentially offensive scenes, such as those containing violence or nudity, were also removed from paintings to make them more palatable for polite society. In the case of *The Judgement of Paris*, it is believed that the changes were made to make it more appealing to the art market at the time.

### ☆Questions

☆No. 19 What do we learn about the painting mentioned by the speaker?

☆No. 20 What is one thing the speaker says about the past?

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**.

★★With inflation and energy costs remaining high, there's little you can do about air-conditioning and other running costs. What you could do is lay off a few full-time staff immediately. The cost savings could help you return to profitability. However, you said you'd only do that as a last resort. Alternatively, I'd normally suggest you attempt to attract members from other local gyms by completely replacing your old equipment, but you just don't have the cash flow to do that now, and a loan is out of the question. Another option would be to significantly undercut those gyms on price. This may seem counterintuitive, but the lower revenue per member would be more than offset by the increase in new memberships. You could then use them to introduce their family and friends. This would help return you to profitability, and then you could gradually introduce state-of-the-art equipment.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆Hi, Dave. I need a favor. I got a call from the factory manager, and there's a problem. One of the machines has broken down, which is disrupting our production schedule for the new product. Since you'll be in the area, could you go to the factory and find out more details? I'll send you the address. It's about thirty minutes by taxi from the station you'll be arriving at. I'm concerned we may have to postpone the product launch date, which will affect what we tell your client, so you'll need to go to the factory first. The factory manager is expecting you at midday, so if you can't get there by then, please call him. And if you need to reschedule your meeting with your client, call me back as soon as possible. I'll call them and explain the situation. Thanks.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★★For the best view of the field, I'd recommend seats in one of our main stands. Seats in the East Stand are \$150 per person. Seats in the West Stand are a little more expensive because they give a better view of the team benches and of the players when they come out onto the field. Those are \$180 per person. At the other end of the range, the cheapest tickets we have are in the South Stand. They're just \$80 per person. However, I should warn you that seats there have a slightly restricted view of the field because the stand is behind the goalposts. The Southeast Stand is also a good option if you're looking for lower-priced seats. Seats there are \$110 per person, and they have an unrestricted view of the field.

☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆☆So, I believe you mentioned you earned just under \$80,000 last year. There are several openings in your industry for which you seem well-qualified. First, there's currently an opportunity at Encana Solutions that pays just over \$80,000 and also offers very attractive benefits. Encana Solutions has a strong internal promotion policy, although people say it's a very high-pressure atmosphere. Next, there's Radiance SNR. It pays \$90,000. Radiance is highly innovative and exciting. I should mention that some of our placements have reported that the promotion opportunities are scarce. Ignite Frontiers pays about the same as Radiance, and the career prospects are similar. It does offer an excellent work-life balance, however. Finally, there's Medicaft Consolidated. The salary falls a little short of \$80,000. It does offer significant opportunities in terms of career advancement, however.

★★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★I've found several options for accommodations. Heathtown Hotel is the most centrally located of all the options. It's also famed for its generous breakfast options. You said you'd sometimes need to work at your accommodations, though, so its proximity to the busy city square and nightlife area may put you off. Next is Valleyspring Grange, which is set in charming, quiet grounds to the west of the city. Unlike the other options, it's too far to walk to the main sights, but it's served by a subway station. Bullock Hotel is good value and close to the sights, but you'd have to consider the fact it's in the vicinity of the city airport, which has become busier recently. A final option is a monthly apartment. Trentonville Apartments is in a peaceful, central location. You'd have to pay for a whole month, but that still works out cheaper than the other options.

☆☆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 Serena Marlow, an urban planner.

**Interviewer (I):** Serena, thanks for joining me today. Let me start by asking how you became interested in urban planning.

**Serena Marlow (S):** As a curious teenager, I loved exploring different neighborhoods in my city, some steeped in history with buildings going back hundreds of years and others that had undergone urban regeneration and were dominated by glass-and-steel skyscrapers. When college came around, I decided to get a degree in urban design, and I've never looked back.

**I:** Interesting. Now, my understanding is that your work projects are relatively small in scale. Is that right?

**S:** Yes. Sustainable community-based projects are my specialty. I focus on redesigning areas to create accessible, welcoming spaces that employ eco-friendly materials while ensuring a sense of continuity by preserving aspects of an area's character that residents hold dear. I'm careful to only take on work that fits my philosophy regarding sustainable and livable urban communities. The last thing I want to do is be part of a project that bulldozes its way—literally or metaphorically—through a community.

**I:** What's one of the biggest challenges you face?

**S:** There are myriad issues to juggle. I spend a lot of time hunched over my computer, but I also have to meet with the primary investors, visit construction sites, and attend public hearings about new developments. Opposition to developments is par for the course, and it's essential to persuade local people of the gains to be had. People are often set in their ways—they understandably fear change and are worried about losing community cohesion. So, this is probably the hardest aspect of my work. I have witnessed some real hostility at times, but the key is to engage early, listen to residents' concerns, and incorporate their feedback.

**I:** I see. Can you tell us about any recently completed projects?

**S:** Sure. I've just wrapped up a collaboration with a local town council to redevelop a neglected waterfront area into a vibrant public space. This involved gauging the needs of the local community, which has become much more diverse in the last thirty years due to immigration, as well as keeping to a strict budget and consulting with environmental and safety experts. The result is a new Victorian-style promenade, in keeping with the character of nearby historical buildings. The promenade then seamlessly blends into a park planted with native trees for shade. The park is interspersed with maritime-themed sculptures, and there are also information plaques that provide a link to the town's history and acknowledge the contributions of more-recent arrivals. It's become a focal point for families to congregate around. The benches and tables are laid out in a way that encourages communication, and some people say it's helped break down cultural barriers in the community and given them the chance to expand their circle of friends.

**I:** Finally, how have developments in tech helped or hindered your work?

**S:** Technology has always been important, but the capabilities of recent technological developments are truly transformational. For example, geographic information systems manage and analyze all kinds of spatial data, allowing us to make informed decisions regarding development. Also, 3D modeling and simulations give us huge insights into potential final



outcomes, which allows us to tweak projects before they are built. AI is having a massive impact, and I expect that to continue. Some people fear it, but I see it as another weapon in our arsenal, helping automate many tasks, bring more efficiencies, and ultimately make urban life more sustainable than ever.

**I:** Well, thank you for your time, Serena.

**S:** It was my pleasure.

### ★Questions

★No. 26 What is the biggest challenge that Serena says she faces in her work?

★No. 27 What is one thing Serena says about the most recent redevelopment she completed?

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。