

「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

☆: Hi. Aren't you Akiko's dad? I'm Jamelia's mom.

★★: Nice to meet you. Sports day is always so exciting.

☆: Absolutely. What event is Akiko doing?

★★: Akiko's going to be running later today, but first she's participating in the high jump and the javelin.

☆: She's so multitalented! Jamelia only competes in the 400-meter race.

★★: But I hear she usually comes in first place. Maybe that's a result of specializing in just one event.

★**Question:** What do we learn about Akiko?

☆No. 2

★: Isabella, do you have any more painkillers in your desk drawer? My headache won't go away.

☆☆: I do, but you only took the last one an hour ago.

★: I know, but I can't concentrate on my work.

☆☆: It would be better to stop staring at the computer and rest your eyes for a while.

★: I'd like to, but I have to finish checking this report. The boss wants it in an hour.

☆☆: Let me do that. You go to the break room for a bit.

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

☆No. 3

★★: What's the matter, honey? You look upset.

☆☆: I am. I had a meeting with the vice president today, and he said our section's budget would be cut from next quarter.

★★: That doesn't sound good.

☆☆: They're eliminating two sales representatives' jobs, and I have to decide who will have to go.

★★: Oh, that must be tough. You're close to everyone on your team, aren't you?

☆☆: Yes, very. I have no idea how I'm going to choose. Right now, I really regret accepting my promotion last year.

☆Question: Why is the woman upset?

☆☆No. 4

☆: How's the campaign going? The city council elections are just a couple of weeks away.

★★: I feel good about it. I have a solid base of voters, and my ratings have been going up in the opinion polls every week.

☆: I've seen your campaign signs outside many homes over in Eastwood. It looks like your message has reached a lot of people there.

★★: I hope so. I've been visiting one new neighborhood a day and speaking with community members to better understand the issues in their areas.

☆☆Question: What does the man say?

☆☆No. 5

☆: Did you take your smartphone back to the electronics store?

★★: Yes. And they gave me a full refund because it was defective.

☆: That's a relief.

★★: Yes, but they wouldn't take back the case I bought for the phone.

☆: What do you mean?

★★: The clerk said the refund policy didn't apply because it had no defects.

☆: But it's useless without the phone.

★★: That's what I said, but they said it was store policy. I sure won't be shopping there again.

☆☆Question: Why is the man upset?

★No. 6

☆☆: What did you think of Jason's presentation in our economics seminar?

★★: It certainly got everyone's attention. The illustrations were very impressive.

☆☆: That's for sure. Some of Jason's ideas are brilliant. I wish he'd added a bit more specific information, though.

★★: That's a good point. There were quite a few questions at the end, weren't there?

☆☆: Yes, I wish there had been more time because I had a couple myself.

★Question: What does the woman say about Jason's presentation?

☆☆No. 7

★: Molly, have you finished that presentation I asked you to make?

☆: Sorry, I've been busy photocopying all the materials for the monthly meeting. I'll do it this afternoon.

★: You need to learn to delegate work, you know. You're a senior member of the team now, so you can get the junior members to do things like that.

☆: You're right. I guess I'm not used to telling people what to do.

★: Well, you should get used to it if you ever want to become a manager.

☆☆**Question:** What does the man say the woman should do?

★No. 8

☆: I heard you practicing your guitar. You're really talented.

★★: Thanks. I've been taking lessons for about a year.

☆: I go to an informal music club on Thursday nights. Some people play instruments, others sing. You should join us.

★★: Sounds fun, but I don't think I can.

☆: You don't have to be worried about the group. They're very supportive of new members.

★★: It's not that. I look after my sister's kids on Thursdays while she goes to a night class.

☆: Too bad. You'd be a great addition to the group.

★**Question:** Why is the man unable to join the group?

☆No. 9

☆☆: You look awful, Nathan. Have you come down with something?

★: I missed the bus after work last night because I finished late. I had to walk home in the rain, and I think I caught a chill.

☆☆: Why didn't you call me? I could have come and gotten you in the car.

★: I thought you'd already be in bed.

☆☆: That's very thoughtful of you, but call me if it happens again. I'd rather you wake me up if it stops you from getting sick.

★: Thanks. I will.

☆**Question:** What does the woman offer to do in the future?

★★No. 10

★: Lily, have you seen my earphones anywhere?

☆: They're in my room. I borrowed them yesterday.

★: I wish you wouldn't take my things without asking. I needed those earphones for an online meeting this morning.

☆: Sorry. I meant to return them, but it slipped my mind.

★: Why were you using my earphones, anyway? I thought Mom and Dad gave you some for your birthday.

☆: They did, but I lost them, and I can't afford to buy some more.

★★Question: Why is the man annoyed with the woman?

☆☆No. 11

☆: Honey, guess what? The boss pulled me aside, and she asked me to head up the company's latest ad campaign.

★: That's great, Beverly, but I thought you said Jun would probably get it.

☆: Jun was offered the position, but he'll be taking paternity leave next month, so he couldn't commit to it. I guess I was next in line.

★: It'll be a fantastic opportunity to really show them what you can do, Beverly.

☆: Yeah, you're right. It's a bit daunting, though.

☆☆Question: What do we learn from this conversation?

★No. 12

★★: Catherine, is that you? I haven't seen you in ages.

☆☆: Jim? What a surprise! What are you doing here?

★★: I'm on my lunch break. I work for a company about two blocks away.

☆☆: Didn't you set up your own headhunting business?

★★: That only lasted a few years, unfortunately. What do you do these days?

☆☆: I work freelance. Actually, I'm on my way to meet a client right now.

★★: Oh, I won't keep you, then. We should get together for lunch sometime.

☆☆: Good idea. I'll call you.

★Question: What do we learn about the man?

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) *The Secrets of Stonehenge*

Stonehenge in southern England is one of the world's best-known ancient stone circles. The monument is more than four thousand years old and was constructed using two types of stones, one of which was brought from many miles away. The effort required to do this suggests Stonehenge was important to the people who built it, but who those people were is unknown. Most experts believe, however, that the monument was used for religious ceremonies.

A study in the United Kingdom has added a new twist. By making a model of the original monument, researchers discovered that it would have acted like a sound chamber. This suggests that it may have been designed to increase the volume of sound inside the circle but make it difficult for people outside to hear. This has led to a theory that the site was intended for a restricted group rather than the whole community.

☆☆Questions

☆☆No. 13 What is one thing the speaker says about the monument?

☆☆No. 14 What did a study in the United Kingdom suggest about the monument?

☆(B) *Kelp Forests*

Kelps are algae that grow as large ribbons of seaweed in coastal oceans, often forming dense clusters called kelp forests. These absorb the force of waves, creating an environment that is calm enough to allow marine animal species of varying sizes and places in the food chain to thrive in them. These ecosystems also benefit humans by absorbing millions of tons of carbon dioxide—much like forests on land—and boosting commercial and recreational fishing industries by providing habitats for fish.

While past studies have revealed much about kelp forests, US researchers have recently learned how they support salmon. Though juvenile salmon use kelp forests for shelter and to find food as other marine creatures do, they also use them as a physical net to help herd prey fish into small groups. This helps the salmon consume enough food to sustain the rapid growth they require to survive.

★★Questions

★★No. 15 What is one thing the speaker says about kelp forests?

★★No. 16 According to the speaker, what is true with regard to salmon?

★★(C) *A Chess Master*

Paul Charles Morphy was an American chess master born in 1837. He learned chess at a young age by watching his father and uncle play together, and by the time he was twenty, he had won the first American Chess Congress. His exceptional skill even allowed him to play several opponents simultaneously while blindfolded, rarely losing. He went on to tour Europe, defeating several top players, including Germany's Adolf Anderssen, who was the world's best player at the time.

Known for his innovative style, Morphy emphasized rapid development and positional play. His most famous game is the "Opera Game," in which he played against two opponents working together. The game was held in a theater during an opera performance, with Morphy winning the match in his characteristically rapid style. To this day, the game is considered by many as one of the best examples of Morphy's approach to playing chess.

☆☆Questions

☆☆No. 17 What do we learn about Paul Charles Morphy?

☆☆No. 18 What does the speaker say about the "Opera Game"?

☆☆(D) *Jethro Tull*

Jethro Tull's eighteenth-century invention of a machine called a seed drill transformed agriculture. Before it, farmers had two inefficient options: planting each seed by hand or spreading seeds by throwing them. However, planting by hand was extremely time-consuming, while throwing seeds caused many to fall in places where they would not grow. Tull's seed drill did the digging, planting, and covering all at once, allowing farmers to better control where seeds were planted and increasing speed.

Before Tull, people mainly used devices called hoes to break up soil during planting. However, he realized it was important to continue using hoes while growing crops. Tull believed that plants fed on the soil itself and that breaking it up would make it easier for them to consume the dirt around them. Although this was incorrect, using a hoe allowed more air and moisture to reach the roots, so the plants grew better.

★★Questions

★★No. 19 What is one thing that we learn about Jethro Tull's seed drill?

★★No. 20 What mistake did Tull make?

★(E) *Eastern Hellbenders*

A salamander species known as the eastern hellbender inhabits the beds of rivers and streams in the eastern US. In recent decades, hellbender populations have severely declined due to factors like habitat loss and waterway pollution. Because hellbenders absorb most of their oxygen through their skin instead of their lungs, they are especially vulnerable to the effects of pollution, as toxins in water can easily enter their body directly.

A major factor affecting hellbender populations has been dams, many of which were constructed to provide electrical power and create reservoirs for use in agriculture. Dams restrict water flow, worsening river pollution and reducing water quality. Recently, dam removal projects have increased. When dams are removed, hellbenders gain an immediate advantage from the increased flow of oxygen-rich water. Researchers say dam removal is especially important today, as climate change threatens to alter river ecosystems in ways that could further harm hellbenders.

☆Questions

☆No. 21 According to the speaker, what makes hellbenders particularly vulnerable to pollution?

☆No. 22 What is one thing the speaker says about dams?

☆(F) *Auckland's Underground Tunnels*

The city of Auckland, New Zealand, was built in an area containing dozens of volcanoes. Underground, there is an extensive system of tunnelloike caves created by lava flows from past eruptions. Many of these caves are considered sacred by the Indigenous Maori people, who have used them to bury the bones of their ancestors. However, as Auckland's population grows and construction projects increase, caves are increasingly being filled with cement or destroyed.

Scientists and government officials are now collaborating to create a database of the entire cave system to help protect and preserve the caves. In addition to their cultural importance, the caves offer clues about future volcanic eruptions and could help scientists predict where dangerous lava flows might occur. However, making cave locations publicly available could attract people who want to vandalize them, so there will be a need to limit access to some of the information.

★★Questions

★★No. 23 What does the speaker say about population growth in Auckland?

★★No. 24 What is one thing the speaker suggests about the caves?

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**.

☆☆Over here, we have the Glacier Pro. It's equipped with a touchscreen that lets you create shopping lists and synchronize them with your devices. Next, there's the NeoChill 5000. You can monitor the internal temperature through an app to maximize energy efficiency. Over here is the CoolGuard Elite. This large fridge has powerful cooling technology to keep your food fresher for longer. Finally, we have the Slimline 300. This one is all about appearances; what it lacks in energy efficiency, it makes up for in style. Each model has its strengths, so let's find the right one for you!

★★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★I've inspected the water heater, and everything's functioning properly. Your issue is being caused by this valve here. It adjusts the flow of water, and it needs replacement. Since your water heater is a rental, all repairs to it are covered in the monthly fee, but the valve is part of the pipe system. Replacing it would be \$450. Another option would be signing up for our plumbing plan. It covers repairs to all the plumbing in your house, including pipes, sinks, and valves. It's \$300 per year, and there's no obligation to renew it.

☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆Welcome to the Westfield HR Conference. Here are today's lectures. Keynote speaker Professor Winston Brown will give his thoughts on AI's impact on the country's largest corporations. In this digital age, strategies for hiring new staff need to keep up, so join Joanne Jarrold as she outlines the latest developments to help you get the folks you need. Eddie Aitken will showcase reward systems and how to utilize them to increase worker productivity. Last but not least, Louise Cansler will do a deep dive into mergers and acquisitions, which can be extremely disruptive to employees if not handled with care.

★★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆☆One option is the Schmidt Trail, which offers fantastic views of Mt. Blackstone. It's mainly flat, with the exception of one extremely steep section. The Wilson Trail takes you past Lake Huntington. It could be quite slippery today, but the lake views are spectacular. The Redford Trail is nice for leisurely hikes, although it doesn't compare with the others in terms of scenery. The Borne Trail is ideal for a leisurely hike and has a gorgeous waterfall. Unfortunately, it's under repair, but it will be open next week.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

★Passengers waiting for flights BN117 to Berlin, AM306 to Amsterdam, and VA312 to Vienna may now proceed to the boarding gates. Please note that the gate for AM306 to Amsterdam has changed. This will now be departing from Gate 13 rather than Gate 9. Gates 1 to 10 are a ten-minute walk from the departure lounge. For gate numbers 11 and above, take the airport shuttle.

Please allow fifteen minutes to get to your gate. If you are unsure of your gate number, please check the departures board or speak to our airport staff. Thank you, and enjoy your flight.

☆☆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。