

「準2級プラスリスニングテスト」 原稿

(★=男性 A ☆=女性 A ☆☆=女性 B)

☆☆No. 1

☆ Good morning, sir. Welcome to Powder Mountain Ski Resort.

★ Hello. I'd like a one-day ski pass for the mountain today.

☆ OK, sir. I have to warn you, though. It's nice and sunny now, but we're expecting a storm early this afternoon. We may have to stop the ski lifts because of the wind. It might be better to get a half-day pass.

★ Hmm. Maybe you're right. I'll take a half-day pass, then.

☆☆ **Question:** Why does the man decide to get a half-day pass?

☆☆No. 2

☆ What do you think about Ms. Lopez, the new Spanish teacher?

★ She seems really strict, and she gives a lot of homework, but I think she's going to help us improve our Spanish.

☆ Yeah. I almost didn't pass the first test. I'm going to have to study harder.

★ Me, too. She expects a lot from us. I guess it will help when we go to Spain next year, though.

☆☆ **Question:** What is one thing we learn about Ms. Lopez?

☆☆No. 3

☆ Donald, I'm having a party this weekend at my house. Do you want to come over?

★ Sure, that sounds like fun. Should I bring any food?

☆ No, my husband is a chef at a restaurant downtown, so he'll do all the cooking. You can bring some drinks if you'd like.

★ Great. I'll bring a couple of bottles of wine. I'm really looking forward to trying your husband's cooking.

☆☆ **Question:** What does the woman say about her husband?

☆☆No. 4

☆Mr. Edwards, I'm going to be in an English speech contest, and I need to practice. Could you please listen to my speech?

★Of course, Kaori. Just come to my office tomorrow.

☆Thank you. Will you be there around four o'clock?

★Yes. I'll be waiting for you then.

☆☆**Question:** What does Kaori want Mr. Edwards to do?

☆☆No. 5

★Excuse me, I think I've been given the wrong seat.

☆Let me see. Well, your ticket says 33A.

★But this is a window seat. When I checked in, I asked for an aisle seat.

☆Oh, I'm so sorry, sir. I'll check with some of the other passengers to see if someone will change seats with you.

☆☆**Question:** Where is this conversation taking place?

☆☆No. 6

☆Hello.

★Hi, Mom, it's me. Did you make me a sandwich to bring to school? I don't see it in my bag.

☆Yeah. I put it in your backpack—the one you take to the gym.

★But I didn't bring my backpack to school today.

☆Oh no. I thought you said you were going to the gym after school today. Sorry, I must have misunderstood you.

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

☆☆No. 7

☆Look at that bird, honey—over there, in that big tree!

★I see it. Oh, wow, that's a Silver Eagle! It's a very, very rare bird. I've never seen one, except for in books. Some experts say they've disappeared from most areas.

☆Well, it's a very pretty bird. Quick, take a picture!

★OK. Let's hope it doesn't fly away.

☆☆**Question:** What does the man say about the bird?

☆☆No. 8

★Isabel, have you thought about joining the swim team next fall?

☆Not really. Why do you ask?

★Well, I'm the captain, and I'm looking for new members.

☆I'd like to help you out, John, but I don't even know how to swim!

☆☆**Question:** Why does John want Isabel to join the swim team?

☆☆No. 9

☆Good afternoon. Super Foods Supermarket.

★Hello. I'd like to know if your store is looking for part-time workers.

☆Yes, we are. Please come in and pick up a job application form.

★Great. I'll come in today.

☆☆**Question:** Why will the man go to the store today?

☆☆No. 10

☆Honey, remember the writing contest I entered?

★Yeah. Didn't you write a story about a boy traveling around the world with his dog?

☆I did. And guess what! I won first prize! The prize is a trip to Italy for two! Doesn't that sound great?

★Wow! Congratulations, that's great news! And Italy—I've heard it's a beautiful country.

☆☆**Question:** How did the woman win a prize?

☆☆No. 11

★Hi, Joanne. Have you talked to the French exchange student yet?

☆No. But I saw you talking to her at lunch, Carl.

★Yeah. She's really friendly. She told me a lot about her country.

☆I'll talk to her tomorrow. I'm really interested in France.

☆☆**Question:** What does Joanne say she will do tomorrow?

☆☆No. 12

★Hello. I'd like two tickets for next Friday's showing of the play Rain on the Mountain.

☆Will that be for the early or the late show?

★The late show. And could I get seats in the back row? I've heard that the seats are more comfortable and have a better view.

☆Certainly, sir. That's what a lot of our customers say.

☆☆**Question:** Why does the man want to sit in the back row?

☆☆No. 13

☆Do you have any plans for the summer vacation, Brad?

★Not really. I'll probably just spend the summer with my family. What about you, Cathy?

☆I'm going to Germany to visit a friend. She's studying there for a year.

★Really? That sounds like fun.

☆☆**Question:** What will Cathy do during the summer vacation?

☆☆No. 14

★Excuse me. I need to get to a coffee shop called Fresh Roast.

☆Oh, yes. It's above the flower shop over there.

★Right. Someone else told me that it was there, but I didn't see any stairs anywhere.

☆Yeah. They're not easy to find. Let me show you.

☆☆**Question:** Why couldn't the man get to the coffee shop?

☆☆No. 15

☆This is Mountain Sports. May I help you?

★Yes, do you sell ski suits?

☆Yes, we have a large choice of men's and women's skiwear. And right now, we're having a big sale on all equipment and clothing for winter sports.

★Oh, that's great. My wife needs a new jacket, too. We'll come by later today.

☆☆**Question:** What will the man probably do later today?

☆☆No. 16

★Sarah is a professional photographer. During the week, she takes pictures of families and children at a photo studio. On Saturdays and Sundays, she is usually busy taking photos at weddings. Next weekend, however, Sarah will take a vacation. She is planning to travel to the mountains and take photos of the beautiful scenery.

☆☆**Question:** What will Sarah do next weekend?

☆☆No. 17

★Last month, Mario watched a movie with his friend. The movie was about members of a college cycling club who worked together to win a bicycle race. Mario liked the movie so much that he joined a bicycle club at his high school. He bought a bicycle from a store, and now he rides it every day.

☆☆**Question:** How did Mario become interested in cycling?

☆☆No. 18

★There is a soup called Italian wedding soup that is made with green vegetables and meat. The soup sometimes has pasta in it, too. Many people think this soup is served at Italian weddings, but the name actually refers to the “marriage” of the ingredients in the soup. Vegetables and meat taste good when cooked together, so they make a good couple.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing we learn about Italian wedding soup?

☆☆No. 19

★Owen goes to the aquarium with his grandmother when she visits him every winter. His favorite animal is the penguin. He loves to watch the penguins swimming in the water and eating fish. In the summer, Owen and his friends often go to a swimming pool, and Owen likes to imagine that he is a penguin swimming in the water.

☆☆**Question:** What does Owen do with his grandmother in the winter?

☆☆No. 20

☆Vicky lives in Los Angeles. In her spare time, she looks for free things to do in the city. She goes to places that do not require money, like museums, parks, and beaches. In the evenings, she writes in her blog about the places she visits. Recently, her blog has become popular with tourists who want to save money.

☆☆**Question:** What does Vicky write about in her blog?

☆☆No. 21

★A kind of whale called a narwhal lives in very cold oceans. Most male narwhals have a long tooth that comes out of their mouths. The tooth can be over two meters long. Some scientists think narwhals use this tooth to check the temperature. Others say that narwhals use it to help them find food. Scientists hope to learn more about narwhals.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing that we learn about most male narwhals?

☆☆No. 22

★Last year, Satoko studied abroad in Australia. She loves badminton, but her college in Australia did not have a badminton club. She decided to start her own club, and many students became members. The club even had a game against another school. Satoko is back in Japan now, but she has heard that her school in Australia will continue the badminton club.

☆☆**Question:** What did Satoko do last year?

☆☆No. 23

☆OK, everyone. Let's begin this evening's basic computer skills class. In last week's class, we learned how to use the keyboard and mouse, and how to find files. Today, I'm going to show you how to send e-mails to your friends and family. First, please turn on your computers.

☆☆**Question:** What will the students learn today?

☆☆No. 24

☆Randy and Miranda got married last year, and they want to buy a house. Their salaries are high, but they have a lot of trouble saving money. They often waste money on things they do not need, such as weekend ski trips and dinners at expensive restaurants. In order to save money, they have decided to reduce how much they spend each month.

☆☆**Question:** What is Randy and Miranda's problem?

☆☆No. 25

☆Attention, shoppers. Today is the last day of our Smart Shopper Club campaign. Memberships usually cost \$20, but right now, they're free. By becoming a member, you can receive a 5 percent discount on any purchase in our store. Just show your membership card to the cashier when you purchase your items. Don't miss this chance to save.

☆☆**Question:** How can shoppers receive a discount at the store?

☆☆No. 26

★Trevor is from Australia, but he has been living in Japan for the past 10 years. Every Mother's Day, Trevor calls his mother in Sydney, but this year, he decided to do something extra. He ordered flowers on an Australian website and asked for them to be delivered on Mother's Day. On the morning of Mother's Day, Trevor's mother received the flowers and was very happy.

☆☆**Question:** What did Trevor do for Mother's Day this year?

☆☆No. 27

☆Mei is from China, and she enjoys learning languages. She goes to college in Japan right now and her Japanese is very good. In fact, she won first prize in a Japanese speech contest last month. She is also studying English because she wants to go to Australia after she graduates next year.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing that we learn about Mei?

☆☆No. 28

☆The starfish flower is a plant that produces big flowers that are shaped like stars. Starfish flowers require little care and grow well in people's homes. However, when the plants bloom, some people put them outside because of their smell. Even though their flowers look pretty, they tend to produce a bad smell.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing we learn about starfish flowers?

☆☆No. 29

☆For Richard's 17th birthday last week, he got \$200 from his grandparents. They gave him money because he said he wanted to buy a new smartphone. Yesterday, Richard went to an electronics store to buy one, but the phone he wanted actually cost \$400. Richard has decided to get a part-time job and save money to buy it.

☆☆**Question:** Why has Richard decided to get a part-time job?

☆☆No. 30

★Attention, students. The weather will be very hot this week, so here are some ways to stay cool. First, please bring a bottle of water to school. Also, you may use paper fans in class. And finally, you may also wear your gym clothes instead of your regular school uniform. These things should help you stay cooler.

☆☆**Question:** What is one way that students are told to stay cool?