

「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

☆☆: That was a great movie, Joe. Thanks for bringing me.

★: Glad you enjoyed it. Uh-oh, it's raining hard. You didn't bring an umbrella, did you?

☆☆: No. So much for walking to the restaurant! Isn't there a subway station two blocks away?

★: Yes, but we'll get soaking wet in this rain. Let's call a cab.

☆☆: We may have to wait a while for them to send one in this weather.

★: It's better than getting rained on.

☆☆: That's true.

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

★No. 2

★★: My tooth is killing me!

☆: When did you last see a dentist, honey?

★★: Maybe a few years ago. I never seem to have the time.

☆: And look where that's gotten you! Well, Dr. Prashad opens at 8:30, but she's always busy in the mornings, so you'd have to wait a while. Or you could take the afternoon off.

★★: I have an important meeting after lunch, so that's out. I'll just have to go to the office late this morning.

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

★★No. 3

★: I can't believe this heat wave—over 35 degrees for 10 days straight.

☆: I think this must be a record. Global warming is really kicking in.

★: I wouldn't go that far. The world's climate has always gone through cycles.

☆: This is no cycle. Scientists say it's pollution, and it's getting worse.

★: They'll all be proven wrong in another 100 years.

☆: I hope you're right!

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

☆**No. 4**

☆☆: Peter, some of the parents at the kids' playgroup are talking about having another picnic.

★★: Sounds like fun. Let me know when you've decided on a date.

☆☆: Actually, we were wondering if you could organize it.

★★: That depends on when you have in mind. I'm away on business for a week this month.

☆☆: Either Saturday the 14th or the 21st.

★★: Hmm . . . The 14th should be OK. How does Fairfield Park sound?

☆☆: Perfect. The kids love the jungle gym there.

☆**Question:** What does the woman ask the man to do?

★★**No. 5**

☆: We have so many things to throw away before we move!

★: Let's have another yard sale.

☆: We only made a little money with the last one. The newspaper ad was expensive, and the sale took up so much time.

★: Well, even a little extra cash would help.

☆: It's not worth it, considering all the other stuff we need to do before we move.

★: Yeah, I guess you're right. Let's just give what we don't need to charity.

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

☆**No. 6**

★: Hi, Peggy. What's the matter?

☆☆: I almost didn't make it to work today. My babysitter cancelled.

★: Again? Gosh, she doesn't sound very reliable.

☆☆: She's not, but I haven't found a new sitter yet. I had to leave the baby with a friend.

★: Hey, you know my sister Carol? She's great with kids, and she's looking for extra work. Shall I give you her number?

☆☆: Thanks. Let me just grab a pen and some paper.

☆**Question:** What does the man suggest to Peggy?

☆☆**No. 7**

★★: Ms. Hattori, have those textbooks we ordered arrived yet?

☆: No, they haven't. I called Mr. Abe, their sales rep, yesterday and he says his records show that they were shipped last Friday.

★★: I see. Then could you please contact the delivery service and have them track the order?

☆: I did that right after I spoke with Mr. Abe. The delivery people said they'd check their records and get back to us ASAP.

★★: Alright. Keep me informed. I really need those books.

☆☆**Question:** What is the status of the order?

☆☆**No. 8**

☆☆: What happened to Ray? I haven't seen him for a while.

★: He quit his teaching job and opened up a restaurant in San Francisco.

☆☆: You're kidding! What a switch! He's always been into teaching.

★: I know. It was all so sudden that I didn't even get the chance to say good-bye.

☆☆**Question:** What happened to Ray?

☆☆**No. 9**

★★: Hi, Charlene. How's life on the 10th floor? Have you settled into your new office yet?

☆: Getting there. I still have some boxes to unpack, though.

★★: Too bad they moved your project team. It was more convenient having you on the 6th floor with us.

☆: True, but the new space is much bigger and brighter. I know we have to meet with you guys regularly, but there are only a few floors between us.

★★: I guess it'll be good exercise if we use the stairs!

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

★**No. 10**

☆☆: What's up, Rick? You look frustrated.

★★: I'm trying to put together my presentation for Friday's class.

☆☆: Right, you told me about that. Not going well?

★★: Not really. I don't have much experience giving presentations, and the topic the instructor assigned is pretty dull.

☆☆: He doesn't let you choose your own topic?

★★: After the first presentation, he does. I guess I'll just have to suffer through this one.

☆☆: Let me know if you want some help.

★**Question:** What is one problem the man has?

★★**No. 11**

☆☆: Romesh, I'd like a word with you about the new file clerk.

★: You mean Brent? He seems to work hard, and he's friendly enough, isn't he?

☆☆: Well, that may be, but I heard he was fired from his last position. Were his references checked thoroughly?

★: I assume so. It's standard procedure. Anyway, if his performance is adequate, let's leave well enough alone for now. We've got too much on our plates as is.

☆☆: I suppose you're right.

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

☆☆**No. 12**

☆: I got some bad news about our car insurance.

★★: Is the company raising the fee?

☆: Yeah, to \$200 a month!

★★: Wow! I knew we'd be penalized after my accident, but that's pretty steep.

☆: Yeah. I guess it will go back down eventually, but maybe we should consider switching companies.

★★: I doubt it's worth it. We'd probably pay the same or even more. I'd get rid of the car if I didn't need it for work.

☆☆ **Question:** What will the couple probably 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) *Argan Oil*

Argan oil is often considered to be a wonder product, with cosmetics companies promoting its antiaging properties. It comes from the fruit of the argan tree, which grows in the dry landscape of Morocco, and is also used in food and medicine. Harvesting the fruit and producing the oil is a long, labor-intensive process that has traditionally been done by local women. However, trading the oil is often done by local men, with women earning little or no income.

NGOs have therefore helped establish workers' cooperatives that educate the women and help them trade and sell the oil in local markets. The cooperatives also help them negotiate with international customers. It is hoped that expanding production of argan oil will lift local women out of poverty and benefit the environment as more trees will need to be planted to produce the oil.

★Questions

★No. 13 What is one thing we learn about the production of argan oil?

★No. 14 What have NGOs done for local women?

★★(B) *The Woman behind the Brooklyn Bridge*

The Brooklyn Bridge in New York City is one of the great engineering achievements of the nineteenth century. It was designed by John Roebling, whose son Washington took over as the bridge's chief engineer after his father's death. It was built to connect the island of Manhattan with Brooklyn, nearly 2 kilometers away. While it was not the first suspension bridge, no other bridge of this kind had ever crossed such an enormous distance.

Much of the bridge's construction was supervised by a woman, Emily Roebling. This was at a time when women were not allowed to vote. Emily was married to Washington, who became critically ill shortly after construction began. Emily delivered his daily instructions to the construction site, and over the next decade or so became highly knowledgeable about bridge specifications and construction materials. She subsequently oversaw the successful completion of the project.

☆Questions

☆No. 15 What made the Brooklyn Bridge such an achievement at the time?

☆No. 16 Why did Emily Roebling become involved in the bridge's construction?

☆(C) *Space Rocks*

One day, a Norwegian man called Jon Larsen noticed a tiny, shiny object on an outdoor table. Because it looked so unusual, he thought it might be a micrometeorite, a small piece of rock from space. After finding more, he asked scientists to analyze them. At the time, most micrometeorites had been found in remote areas such as Antarctica, so many scientists were doubtful about his discovery. One, however, took Larsen seriously. Together, they proved that these micrometeorites are always falling to Earth, and further research has shown that micrometeorites can be found all over the planet.

Larsen's discovery is significant because micrometeorites can help us understand how our solar system was formed. Because of their great age, they provide hints about what materials were common when the sun was young. Larsen has shown that it is not always experts who help scientists learn new things about our universe.

★★Questions

★★No. 17 What is one thing we learn about micrometeorites?

★★No. 18 Why is Jon Larsen's discovery important?

★(D) *Vincenzo Peruggia and the Mona Lisa*

One day in 1911, an Italian man named Vincenzo Peruggia entered the Louvre Museum in Paris and stole the *Mona Lisa*, a painting by the Italian artist Leonardo da Vinci. Later, Peruggia tried to sell the painting to an art dealer in Italy, but the dealer reported him to the police. When Peruggia was arrested, he claimed he wanted to return the painting to its native country. Peruggia mistakenly believed the *Mona Lisa* had once been stolen from Italy.

While police were searching for the *Mona Lisa*, newspapers around the world reported the incident. It was the first time an art piece had received such worldwide media attention. Although it was a well-known painting before being stolen, many people believe it would not be as famous today had it not been for Peruggia.

☆☆Questions

☆☆No. 19 Why did Vincenzo Peruggia say he took the *Mona Lisa*?

☆☆No. 20 What do some people now believe about the theft?

★★(E) *Helping Farmers*

Modern farmers struggle with long working hours and often live in isolated areas. Though these problems are not unique to farming, it can be more difficult for farmers to take time off. Livestock and crops require daily attention, and even simple things, like forgetting to close a gate, can quickly lead to expensive losses. With so many serious issues to consider, simply asking a friend or neighbor to take over for a week or two is not usually possible.

This is where professional farm-sitters can help. With extensive experience and knowledge, professional farm-sitters can look after an entire operation. They can also enjoy the farming experience without having to own a farm. One big challenge, though, is that every farm operates differently. There are also difficult circumstances, like poor weather or disease outbreaks, that can be hard to handle. That is why good, experienced farm-sitters are in high demand.

☆Questions

☆No. 21 What is one thing the speaker says about farming?

☆No. 22 What is one problem that farm-sitters face?

☆☆(F) *Smart Streetlights*

Several cities in the United States are installing “smart” streetlights equipped with sensors and cameras that collect data on pedestrian traffic, automobile traffic, and air quality. This information is shared with smartphone applications so that people can track parking availability, traffic conditions, and air pollution. Companies are also developing streetlights that will be able to communicate with traffic signals to help police, firefighters, and ambulances reach their destinations faster.

Critics, however, worry that the gathering and sharing of all this data will put people’s privacy at risk. They also argue that the costly technology is not a good use of limited city funds. In response, the developers say details like license plate numbers and people’s faces will be deleted before the data is shared. They also say the streetlights will lower electricity use and, since they can be remotely controlled, will reduce maintenance costs as well.

★Questions

★No. 23 What is one thing companies hope “smart” streetlights will do?

★No. 24 What is one concern that critics have?

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.

Situation: You receive the following voice mail after your first interview for a university teaching position in Canada. You are a legal resident of Canada.

Question: What should you do first?

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

★This is John Goddard from the Languages Department of Larkspur University. I’m calling about scheduling a second interview for the Japanese Language Instructor position. We have your résumé and recent publications on file, but we’re still waiting for a letter of recommendation from your former employer. Could you ask them about that? When you get it, please e-mail it to us. Once we have that, we can set up a time for your second interview. If you’re offered the position, and you don’t have resident status in Canada, we’ll need copies of your passport and your work permit, too.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

Situation: You hear the following commercial from SuperBuzz electronics store. You need a new printer for your home office and want the best deal.

Question: What should you do?

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

☆SuperBuzz guarantees our prices are the best, in-store and online! Shop from Monday to Wednesday for big discounts on all computers and software. On Thursday and Friday, we’re

offering special discounts on computer accessories like scanners and printers. Over the weekend, save big on entertainment electronics like surround-sound speakers and high-resolution TVs. Also, be sure to check our advertisements in your local newspaper or our website for coupons with discounts on heaters, air conditioners, and vacuum cleaners. You can also download our smartphone application for huge savings this week on home entertainment systems.

★★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

Situation: Today, you need to drive to a nearby city for a two-day conference. Your husband has left a voice mail on your cell phone. You must depart within two hours.

Question: What should you do?

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

★★Hi, honey. I just heard the forecast. They're predicting heavy snow and wind tonight. Your car's tires aren't suitable for that kind of weather. We should've put snow tires on last weekend. I called our usual shop and they're busy but said they can put on new tires tomorrow. I know canceling the conference isn't an option since you're the main presenter, so please take my four-wheel drive. I can manage without it while you're away. We should also eventually buy chains, since winter will just get worse from here. Take care!

☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

Situation: You will head your company's new branch office in Japan. The company president tells you the following.

Question: What should you do first?

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

☆☆I've been working on the timeline for establishing the Japan branch office. It needs to be up and running by April. It's October now, so moving there by the start of the year would be best, which means passing your current clients to coworkers so you can start building connections in Japan. However, that would leave us with nobody in your position here. That being the case, your priority right now should be selecting and training your replacement. Client introductions with your replacement will help ease him or her into taking over.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

Situation: It is your first day at a new job. You have questions about the tax forms you need to complete. The office manager tells you the following.

Question: What should you do first?

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

★Good morning. Here's your ID badge and parking permit. Your boss, Ms. Rodriguez, is away on business and won't be available until tomorrow. So, you can give me the paperwork we asked you to fill out last week. If you have any questions about those forms, I can help with anything regarding your contract or health insurance. You can ask Stephanie in Accounting about anything related to pay, tax deductions, and so on. I need everything before you leave today, so prioritize that. After that, Julia can answer any questions about your office, but it should be ready for you.

☆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。