

「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。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, let's begin.

No. 1

: I'm thinking of buying a new car. Any ideas, Pete?

: What's your price range?

: Well, it'll have to be an economy model.

: You've got a couple of small children, right?

: Three, actually.

: So you'll need something roomy for the kids and when you go shopping.

: And then there's all of Sam's fishing gear.

: Well, a 4-door wagon might be good. Not too big, but with space for the whole family. I'll show you some car websites later, if you'd like.

: Great. Thanks.

Question: What does the man advise the woman to do?

No. 2

: Still feeling ill, dear?

: Yes, and that medicine hasn't helped. Not a good start to our vacation.

: You have no idea what caused it?

: Well, I thought it might be last night's dinner, but you're fine.

: Could it be the heat? It's enough to make anyone ill.

: I know, but we've been here a week now. Anyway, I've been careful in the sun, and I've been drinking bottled water.

: Then maybe it's due to several different causes, rather than just one thing.

: You're probably right.

Question: What does the man think caused his wife's illness?

No. 3

: Debbie, don't forget you have to take a different route to the office tomorrow.

: Thanks for reminding me, honey. Repair work starts on the bridge, doesn't it?

: Yeah. That section of Highway 9 will be closed for a month.

- : The alternate route is Highway 20, right?
: It is, but it's going to have a lot of extra traffic.
: Well, I guess I'll just have to leave much earlier than usual.
: You could always take the train.
: That'd probably take me just as long.

Question: What is Debbie's problem?

No. 4

- : So, how did your blind date go, Miyuki?
: Don't ask.
: Come on! What happened?
: The guy spent half the evening checking his phone for messages.
: He is a doctor, right? Maybe he was expecting to be contacted by the hospital.
: Yeah, but doing that on a first date?
: I guess it wasn't very thoughtful of him, but maybe he was just nervous. Give him another chance.
: I don't know. I'll think about it.

Question: What does the man think the woman should do?

No. 5

- : Hey, Madeline. I just found this great new website where you can find old school friends. You just add your details, and people can get back in touch with you. Are you interested in joining?
: Isn't that dangerous, sweetheart? I'm not sure about putting personal information on the Net for everyone to read.
: Not just anyone can access the information. You need permission to see people's personal pages. You'd be surprised how safe it is.
: Well, I don't think I'll take the chance.

Question: What does the woman think about the website?

No. 6

- : Hello, this is Steve. Is Jeremy there?
: He's just stepped out. Can I take a message?
: If you don't mind. He's planning to go to the chess club meeting on Saturday, isn't he?
: Yes, he's looking forward to it.
: Could you tell him we've had to push it back an hour? It's still at the same location, though.
: OK. And he knows where that is?
: He should—it's at the city library. We'll meet at 12:30.
: I'll let him know.

Question: What does Steve want the woman to do?

No. 7

- : Thank you for coming in today, Mrs. Lawson. I'd like to talk about your son.
: I know he's been having trouble keeping up. I've been meaning to help him, but I've been so busy with work.

: Well, if his performance doesn't improve, he'll have to repeat grade 5.
: I'd really like to avoid that.
: Maybe you should consider a private tutor. It might bring his scores up by the end of the year.
: That's a good idea. I'll look into it.
Question: What will the woman probably do?

No. 8

: Bernstein and Blake's Bookstore.
: Do you have any copies of Spy Code in stock?
: Let me check on the computer... Sorry, we're sold out.
: Will there be more coming in soon?
: Yes, hopefully by the end of the week. They sell quickly, though, so you might want to reserve one.
: That'd be great. Thanks.
: If you can give me your name and number, I'll call you when the new stock comes in. I can only hold a copy for two days, though.
Question: What does the woman decide to do?

No. 9

: Honey, it looks like we'll be over budget again this month.
: I know. Making the repayments on the new car loan has been more difficult than I expected.
: We're both working hard, but we just don't have enough income.
: Well, I can cancel my weekly lunch with my girlfriends.
: And I guess I can give up golf for a while and go running instead.
: That'll be a start.
Question: What is the couple discussing?

No. 10

: Hey, Dave. You look down. What's wrong?
: Well, mostly, it's just that I'm not enjoying my job.
: Have you thought about doing something else?
: Yes, but I haven't been able to find anything that pays as well. With the kids almost in college and the house payments, I can't really just quit.
: I hear you. Well, I hope things work out for you.
: Thanks, but right now I'm not very optimistic.
Question: What is the man's problem?

No. 11

: Good morning, this is Jack Allen. I need to speak to Mr. Sanchez.
: I'm sorry. He's out of the office this morning, and his schedule is full this afternoon. If you'd like to make an appointment, he has some time on Wednesday afternoon.
: Well, I have to meet a client tomorrow morning, and I need his advice before the meeting. It's very important.
: I see. I'll ask Mr. Sanchez to call you the moment he gets back.

: Thanks very much.

Question: What does Jack Allen want to do?

No. 12

: Hello. This is Miriam Higgins in room 5506.

: Good evening, Ms. Higgins. How can I help you?

: Well, on your website it says you have a personal trainer for guests, but I just went to the gym and he wasn't there.

: I'm sorry, Ms. Higgins, but it does say the trainer is only there from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

: Oh, so I have to wait until tomorrow?

: I'm afraid so.

Question: What was the woman's problem?

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) Art from the Streets

A Texas-based organization called Art from the Streets has been helping America's homeless community since 1991. Volunteers run art classes, offering homeless people a chance to express themselves and gain a sense of self-worth. The participants not only gain confidence and purpose but, in some cases, make money by selling their art. Organizers emphasize the social benefits the classes offer, such as interaction with others in a friendly and supportive environment.

Art from the Streets is now the subject of a documentary movie that shows how difficult life can be for those involved. Take Pat Bailey, one homeless artist in the documentary. Her vivid watercolors demonstrate a powerful imagination. However, separated from her family, she lives in her car, and is unable to pay for the medication she needs. Her difficult circumstances make it moving to see her try to express herself through art.

Questions

No. 13 How does Art from the Streets help homeless people?

No. 14 What does the speaker say about Pat Bailey?

(B) Fuel from Recycled Coffee Grounds

Mano Misra and his colleagues at the University of Nevada have created an alternative fuel from the grounds left over after coffee has been made. Used coffee grounds are about 15 percent oil by weight, and this oil can be converted into biodiesel. The biggest advantage is that biodiesel made from coffee grounds does not use vital food sources, unlike biodiesel made from soybeans or corn. Coffee-ground biodiesel also has other benefits. The antioxidants in coffee act as a preservative, so coffee-ground biodiesel can be kept for significantly longer than other biodiesels. Moreover, it smells just like freshly brewed coffee.

With over 7 billion kilograms of coffee grown worldwide each year, Misra estimates that nearly 340 million gallons of biodiesel could be produced. This total is small, however, amounting to less than one percent of diesel consumption in the U.S. alone.

Questions

- No. 15 How does coffee-ground biodiesel compare with other biodiesels?
No. 16 What does the speaker say about the future of coffee-ground biodiesel?

(C) Bicycle Power in Africa

Bicycles are a vital form of transport in many parts of the developing world. For example, there are more than 400 million bicycles in India. In Africa, though, bicycles have never been widely used. This is usually blamed on the heat and the poor quality of roads. Still, because of low cost and straightforward maintenance, bicycles could benefit people in rural areas that lack adequate transportation.

To promote bicycle use in Africa, a U.S. group of scientists and engineers has designed a low-cost bicycle that can be made from local materials by local people. Bamboo is used to make frames that are light and durable. The bamboo poles are joined together using natural fiber and resin, making frames strong enough to carry heavy loads. Production should begin soon in Ghana, where locally made frames will be fitted with imported parts and sold for \$55.

Questions

- No. 17 What reason is given for why bicycles are not popular in Africa?
No. 18 What is the U.S. group planning to do?

(D) Studying with Clowns

Betty Leef's nursing students were not worried about working with adult patients, but found communicating with sick children difficult. To help them overcome this, Leef, an instructor at New York University's College of Nursing, brought clowns into the classroom. She hoped that workshops led by clowns would teach her students new ways of interacting with children.

The clowns' ability to notice subtle changes in people's moods made them ideal instructors. They tried to help the students become more aware of children's emotions so that, as nurses, they would be better at gaining their patients' trust. In the final workshop, participants said they had learned to respond to nonverbal cues such as facial expressions. Most importantly, the clowns taught them the importance of maintaining a sense of joy in an environment that can be frightening for children.

Questions

- No. 19 Why did Betty Leef decide to use clowns as teachers?
No. 20 What was one thing the clowns tried to teach the nursing students?

(E) Educating India

Although India has experienced great economic development, many Indians are losing patience with the nation's public school system. The literacy rate for boys over 7 years old is only 75 percent, while that for girls is a discouraging 54 percent. Due to many families' inability to pay school fees, elementary schools have a dropout rate of nearly 30 percent. In addition, only about half of the nation's 11- to 17-year-olds attend secondary school.

To help those who miss out on sufficient education, the Times of India newspaper and a group of U.N. workers created Teach India. This is an educational volunteer service that has recruited over 100,000 teachers since being founded in August, 2008. Teach India assigns volunteers to existing NGOs, each of which targets a particular social group—from children who have never experienced school to adults who hope to learn new skills.

Questions

- No. 21 What is one problem currently facing India's public school system?

No. 22 What does the Teach India service do?

(F) China's Little Emperors

China began its one-child policy nearly 30 years ago, which marked the start of the age of "little emperors," the spoiled children who were the result of this policy. With just one child to give their attention to, parents hoped their children would become ambitious and successful. Indeed, children from one-child families score higher on academic achievement tests than children who have brothers and sisters. In addition, members of China's elite are more likely to be from one-child families.

However, some believe the generation of only children that is now reaching adulthood has been too quick to welcome modernization. Many parents complain their children have become too influenced by Western culture and are addicted to cell phones and name-brand goods. This desire for material possessions and wealth appears to be a result of the extra attention these children received, but one that parents had not expected.

Questions

No. 23 What is one result of China's one-child policy?

No. 24 What does the speaker say about many parents of only children?

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.

Good evening. My name is Tom, and I'll be serving you this evening. We have a choice of main courses tonight. First, our chef's recommendation is the T-bone steak, grilled with mushrooms and olives. We also have vegetarian tacos, seasoned with hot chili peppers and filled with black beans, rice, and cheese. Then there's our delicious hand-rolled pasta, tossed with Parmesan cheese and a creamy mushroom sauce. Finally, for the daily special, we're offering barbecued chicken served with fresh corn on the cob. While you're thinking about your dinner order, perhaps I could take a drink order.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

H. You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question No. 26.

Thank you for coming tonight. We're very proud of the many specialized programs we offer. Regardless of the program, your child will also receive a comprehensive education in all academic areas. To learn more about our language immersion programs, please attend the presentation in the auditorium. An explanation of our Step-Up Math program, designed for students who struggle with the subject, will be held in the conference room. Information about the Advanced Math program will be given in the library. Finally, please go to the computer lab for details of our science and technology programs.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

I. You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question No. 27.

Thank you for calling Summit Insurance Company. This call may be recorded for quality control. If you are currently not insured by us but would like to learn more about our products and services, please contact our main office at 1-800-454-1794. If you are calling to renew your policy, press 1. If you have been in a traffic accident or want to file a claim, press 2. For matters relating to home insurance claims, press 3. For life insurance services, press 4. For any other issues, please stay on the line to speak to a customer service representative.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

J. You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question No. 28.

Good morning listeners. Lancaster County has seen an additional three inches of rain in the last 24 hours. Flash-flood warnings have been issued so unnecessary driving should be avoided there. Those of you living in neighboring Bernadillo and Tomasack counties can expect even more rain than we've seen over the past few days. Both Route 94 and the Causeway have flooded, so we advise taking the Loop if you're heading downtown. Route 69 has both lanes open for outbound traffic. Drive safely and stay tuned for further updates.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

K. You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question No. 29.

Hi, honey. Sorry, but I'm going to be in Chicago an extra day finalizing this contract, so could you help me out a bit? I can't make it to the kids' baseball game, so could you call the coach and let him know? Actually, I'll take care of that myself since I have his number handy. Instead, could you reschedule my dentist appointment for the same time next week? They charge for cancellations made less than 24 hours in advance, so please don't forget. I've already taken care of Dad's birthday present. See you tomorrow evening.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

Your time is up. Stop writing and wait quietly until the answer sheets have been collected.

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