

「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。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, let's begin.

No. 1

: Hello, Stockwell Library.

: Hi, I'm calling about the children's story hour this afternoon. Could you tell me what time it starts?

: It starts at 2:30. It's a fairy tale today.

: My 7-year-old daughter will love that. My son might, too, but he's only 4. Is that OK?

: We usually advise against bringing children under 5, just because it's a bit long for them. They tend to get restless and distract the others.

: Right, of course. I'll take him somewhere else and leave my daughter to enjoy the story.

Question: What does the librarian recommend?

No. 2

: Neil, look at my shoes! Maggie's dog chewed them up while I was having coffee at her house.

: How did the dog get your shoes?

: They were by the front door. I took them off because Maggie had just polished her floors. Should I ask her to pay for a new pair?

: Well, I know they're your favorite shoes, but Maggie's your best friend. You don't want to ruin your friendship, do you?

: You're right. And she did apologize. It's just really annoying having to go replace them.

Question: What does the man suggest the woman do?

No. 3

: Can I help you with anything, ma'am?

: Yes, I'm looking for some plants for my yard. The area gets a lot of sun, and the soil is quite rocky. What do you suggest?

: You might consider some non-native flowering plants like these.

: They're very pretty, but aren't they difficult to grow?

: Actually, no. They're very hardy.

: Hmm...I see that they're a bit pricey.

: That's because they live for years. You don't have to replant every spring.

: In that case, I'll take five of them.

Question: What is one reason the woman chooses the non-native plants?

No. 4

: How do you think I should deal with Charles for continually showing up late for work?

: You're asking the wrong person. I'm his friend.

: But you're never late, and you live farther away than he does.

: I'm not excusing his behavior, but it would put me in a difficult position if word got out that I recommended some kind of disciplinary action against him.

: Well, Charles isn't the only one, and I'm going to have to start cracking down.

Question: What does the man want to avoid?

No. 5

: Excuse me, sir. I'm a writer for the Sunny Times, and I'd like to get your impression of today's air show.

: It gets better every year, and it's great to see so many spectators.

: Do you come to enjoy a day out with your family?

: No, I come to see old flying buddies. We reminisce about the old days, when we were in the air force.

: And did you also talk to today's pilots after the show?

: Of course. They're all serving military pilots, so I thanked them for protecting us.

Question: What does the man say about the air show?

No. 6

: Hi, darling, it's me. Sorry, but I don't think I'll be able to make our movie date tonight.

: Not again!

: I'm snowed under here. My boss moved a deadline up to tomorrow, so I may be a while.

: I know you're working on an important project, but don't you think you're overdoing it a bit?

: It should only be for a few more months. And I could be in line for a promotion if everything goes according to plan.

: OK. But don't work too late tonight.

Question: What does the man imply?

No. 7

: Hi, Janet. How've you been?

: Busy. I'm studying for my MBA.

: I thought you were working full time.

: I am. Actually, my company offered to help with the fees. And Martindale University has an online course, so the schedule's pretty flexible.

: That's great. I've been considering doing an undergraduate degree online at Burke

College.

: Don't make any hasty decisions. I heard Burke's dropout rate is high, and online courses can cost more than you expect. It might be worth talking to some current students before committing yourself.

: Thanks for the tip.

Question: What does the woman recommend the man do?

No. 8

: Gordon, I've narrowed our printer choices to two. One is new, and the other is a reconditioned unit.

: Hmm. I'm a little wary of second-hand merchandise.

: They each have a three-year warranty.

: Well, we need a high-volume machine that's reliable and relatively cheap. A built-in scanner would be a plus.

: Both models have a scanner. I guess the new one would be more reliable, but it costs nearly twice as much.

: Well, I guess cost has to take priority right now.

: OK, I'll get it done today.

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

No. 9

: Thank you for coming, Professor Wells. I'm Jessica Sanders, the editor-in-chief here at the newspaper.

: It's a pleasure. And please call me Brad.

: Thank you, Brad. It's an honor to meet one of the nation's leading economists.

: It's very nice of you to say so.

: You know why we've invited you here today. We hoped you'd be interested in writing a regular column on economic affairs for us. Our market research suggests that such opinion pieces are very popular with today's readers.

: It sounds interesting, but I have a question before committing myself.

: Fire away.

: Your newspaper is regarded as being quite conservative, but, as you know, I have a more liberal view of things.

: Are you concerned about censorship?

: Well, I don't want to feel pressured to adapt my column to fit within a particular political agenda.

: To be frank, our owner is far more liberal than people imagine. Besides, we welcome different perspectives.

: In that case, I'd be happy to give it a try.

: Will you be able to write a column a week with your busy academic schedule?

: That shouldn't pose a problem. I'm used to heavy workloads.

Question: What was the man concerned about?

No. 10

: Listen up, guys. As you know, our quarterly report will be made public tomorrow. We

can expect some flak from our investors when they see the losses.

: But it shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone. All the automobile manufacturers have taken a hit this year.

: Still, we've got to show we're doing something to stem the bleeding.

: Well, we've shut down the factory in Jacksonville and we're taking steps to further automate the factory in Cleveland.

: But that's old news. Clara's right, we need to make more cutbacks to improve our bottom line in the short term.

: I think it's time to approach the union about salary and perk reductions, including decreases in company pension contributions.

: Are you kidding? We'd have a strike on our hands in no time, and that's the last thing shareholders want to see.

: I disagree. The union is well aware that workers' jobs depend on the company's survival. Everyone has to compromise.

: I agree. The time's right. I'm willing to bet they'd be flexible.

: OK. Let's draw up a proposal and approach them with it. I'm curious to see how they'll react.

Question: What do these people agree to do?

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) Different Shades of Green

Eco-friendly products have become more popular in recent years—but are the environmental claims of these products really accurate? Research has found that many manufacturers are actually making deceptive claims about the environmental benefits of their products. This is known as greenwashing, and the most common technique is to focus on and promote a single positive aspect of a product while ignoring any negative ones. For example, a product touted as containing recycled material may release harmful chemicals into the environment.

How does greenwashing distort consumers' perception of eco-friendly products? Consumers who believe misleading claims may mistakenly feel their purchasing decisions have a positive environmental impact. And when they discover this deception, consumers may become cynical about eco-friendly products and avoid legitimate ones in the future. Environmentally aware consumers want to know that their purchasing decisions will have the maximum positive effect. Having accurate information about products is an essential component of this equation. If manufacturers are forced to disclose all relevant information, allowing consumers to realistically assess environmental claims, products that are truly eco-friendly may soon gain a competitive edge.

Questions

No. 11 What is the most frequent way manufacturers greenwash?

No. 12 What is given as one possible result of greenwashing?

(B) Stoicism Makes a Comeback

A “keeping up with the Joneses” mentality has always fueled capitalism. If one

neighbor buys a new car, everyone else on the street wants one, too. People demonstrate their success by owning bigger houses, better TVs, and faster cars. In difficult economic times, however, people often question whether this is an accurate measure of success.

The ancient Greek philosophy of Stoicism offers a possible alternative. Stoicism is a 2,300-year-old philosophy that advocates simple living, frugality, and sustainability. Success is measured in terms of personal integrity and character rather than ownership of material things.

In recent times, Stoicism has had few followers, and remained an obscure philosophy. But now books on Stoicism have started flying off the shelves, and visits to websites on Stoicism have skyrocketed. Spurred by financial uncertainty, people are embracing the ideals of Stoicism and trying to live more economically.

Long-time adherents of Stoicism are skeptical about the upsurge of interest in their philosophy. They suspect that interest will drop when the economic conditions improve. Living simply is a necessity in economic downturns, and Stoicism offers a blueprint for achieving that. Only time will tell how committed recent converts are.

Questions

No. 13 What factor is attracting people to Stoicism?

No. 14 How do long-time adherents feel about the recent interest in Stoicism?

(C) Staying Clean

Ideas about personal hygiene have varied greatly through the ages. Ancient Egyptians relaxed in baths for hours every day. During the 18th century, however, many Europeans avoided bathing altogether, convinced that water carried harmful diseases. Today, many of us are obsessed with personal hygiene, but our intense scrubbing does little to lessen our growing anxieties.

Our efforts to sanitize can in fact be detrimental to our physical well-being. Sterilizing our environment destroys the germs that challenge and strengthen our immune systems. Children today have become more susceptible to allergies and other illnesses as a result. Moreover, the use of certain chemical cleaners exposes us to harmful toxins and may help create dangerous new strains of bacteria that have adapted to resist these chemicals.

Attempts to rid ourselves of germs are both unrealistic and perilous. There are thought to be 10 times more microbes in our bodies than there are human cells. Without these germs, we would perish within a few weeks. Microbes on our skin help protect it from disease, while those in our gut produce a vitamin essential for blood clotting. We need germs to live, and it's time we accepted that fact.

Questions

No. 15 What does the speaker say about 18th-century Europeans?

No. 16 What does the speaker suggest about efforts to be germfree?

(D) Technology in the Wild

When nomadic pygmies in the Democratic Republic of the Congo enter the country's tropical forests, many now carry hand-held satellite tracking devices as well as their traditional bows and spears. They are using the Global Positioning System, or GPS, to map hunting grounds, sacred spaces, and medicinal plants that are key to their culture and livelihood. Why does a nomadic tribe need a map? Loggers and developers have promised to preserve sections of the forest that the pygmies claim as culturally significant. Ironically, the pygmies have been provided with the technology in an attempt to maintain their

non-technological lifestyle.

Other indigenous cultures are also utilizing GPS technology for their own needs. Tribes in the Brazilian rainforest, for example, have not stopped at simply mapping their historical and sacred sites. They also use the maps to identify areas where crops like coffee, nuts, tropical fruits, and berries would thrive without damaging forest ecosystems.

Mapping alone, however, does not guarantee rainforest preservation. Hardwood trees fetch high prices, so illegal logging continues. The GPS maps are useful weapons in the fight for cultural survival and sustainable lifestyles, but government protection of conservation areas is also vital for success.

Questions

No. 17 What are pygmies in the Democratic Republic of the Congo doing?

No. 18 How are tribes in Brazil using GPS?

(E) A Toxic Legacy

The Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington State is considered by many experts to be the most contaminated nuclear waste site in the Western Hemisphere. From 1944 to 1987, when the facility was producing plutonium for nuclear weapons, radioactive waste was dumped directly into the ground and the nearby Columbia River. The most hazardous waste was stored in single-walled storage tanks, one-third of which have subsequently leaked. It is now believed that safety standards were often ignored when dealing with waste because managers at the reservation were encouraged to produce large amounts of plutonium quickly.

In 1989, a 30-year plan for cleaning up the site was developed. Since then, although some targets of the \$60 billion plan have been met, the Department of Energy has experienced repeated schedule and cost overruns. Critics say the plan was flawed from the beginning and that none of the waste has been adequately treated. The governor of Washington State even threatened to sue the Department of Energy for breaking its commitments. Pressure from public interest groups is strong, but even if the cleanup proceeds, only 10 percent of the waste will be treated by 2018.

Questions

No.19 What was the underlying cause of the contamination at Hanford Nuclear Reservation?

No. 20 Why was the Department of Energy threatened with legal action?

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.

Ladies and gentlemen, we regret to announce that an accident during rehearsal this afternoon has forced us to cancel tonight's performance. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience to our patrons. We will be happy to provide a full refund if you choose, but please also consider the following options. We will be adding a special matinee performance the day after tomorrow, Friday, at which tickets for tonight's show will be accepted. Patrons wishing to exchange their tickets for another night should contact the box office tomorrow morning before ten o'clock—you will be given priority. Alternatively, our box office currently

has a limited quantity of tickets to see one of the many shows commencing shortly in other nearby theaters. Patrons can exchange their current tickets for no extra charge. Please form an orderly line at the ticket window if you would like to do this.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

G. You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question No. 22.

You have reached Jackson Airport's baggage claim service. If you're calling to check on the status of a bag that has been reported lost, leave your name and telephone number and we will get back to you as soon as possible. If you wish to make a claim that your baggage was damaged due to improper handling, phone the airline company directly to begin the claims procedure. If you've taken any baggage belonging to someone else, bring it to our service counter, located in the baggage claim area. We will return the baggage to its rightful owner. We will also attempt to locate your baggage, although there will be a nominal charge for this service. If you are experiencing an emergency, such as lost medication, please press the pound key followed by the number nine. Thank you.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

H. You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question No. 23.

It's almost five here on KGVV and we're coming up to peak drive time. I'm Carl Mackay, and here's your traffic outlook. Things are looking bleak on I-5 towards Richmond tonight. Heavy snow is predicted throughout the evening and a blizzard warning's been issued for the early hours of the morning. The severe road conditions are expected to cause heavy congestion, so drivers are advised to avoid the area if possible. Overnight plowing should make driving a little easier for the morning rush hour, but bumper-to-bumper traffic is expected due to ongoing construction work on the Richmond exit ramp. Drivers heading downtown are warned that traffic is unlikely to clear before 9:30, and no alternative route is being advised. If you have any further traffic information for us down on the ground, we're waiting for your call at 555-2556.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

I. You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question No. 24.

For those of you who haven't brought in your parental permission slips, I must have them by tomorrow morning. Also, remember that you should have notified your teachers about missing class and your coaches about missing practice. In case you haven't done this, however, I've already sent your teachers a list of names asking them to excuse you tomorrow. I haven't notified the coaches, though, and since most of them are at a workshop through this evening, you probably won't be able to talk to them today. Please don't bother the athletics secretary in the morning. Rather, e-mail your coaches after you get home from school today, and have them contact me if they want to confirm why you're absent. It's your responsibility to contact them directly, so make sure you do.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

J. You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question No. 25.

This is Dr. Archer's office calling with some general guidelines for tomorrow's procedure.

Please arrive half an hour in advance of your appointment to complete the necessary paperwork. You should bring a photo ID and proof of insurance. If your procedure is scheduled for the morning, keep dinner light and refrain from alcohol this evening. Also, do not eat breakfast or take any medicine tomorrow morning. However, you may drink water or juice up to two hours before your appointment. After that, don't eat or drink anything. If your procedure is scheduled for the afternoon, you may have a light breakfast of toast, cereal, or fruit, but do not eat anything or take medicine after 9:00 a.m. After that, you may, of course, drink water or juice up until two hours before your appointment. Please call us if you have any questions.

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.

Now, let's listen to the interview. This is an interview with a comedy performer.

Interviewer (I): This is Job Talk, and I'm Kim Forsythe. Today in the studio I have Chris Wells with me. He is the director of, and a performer in, the Tokyo Comedy Store. Hi Chris, welcome to the studio.

Chris Wells (CW): Hi Kim. Thanks for having me.

I: Now, did you always enjoy performing in front of people? What kind of background do you have in theater?

CW: Yes, I suppose I did actually. I've been a speech team geek for a long time, from grade school and high school and college, I did competitive speech stuff. So, drama, dramatic interpretation, improvisation, that sort of thing.

I: OK. What is the Tokyo Comedy Store?

CW: It is a group of foreigners and some Japanese people who want to do comedy, in English, in Tokyo.

I: Oh, OK, that sounds like fun. Do you actually teach people how to do improv?

CW: We do actually. We have a workshop at the Tokyo Comedy Store, and we teach people from all walks of life—engineers, doctors, English teachers.

I: Right. And what is improvisation?

CW: Improv is a sort of a, a theatrical form or technique where we make things up right on the spot using certain guidelines and rules, and we usually get suggestions from the audience so that it's participatory.

I: OK. So when you're doing improv, are there any rules, things you're not allowed to talk about, or taboos that you can't bring up on stage?

CW: What we can't do is called "blocking." And blocking is when someone makes an offer on stage and then you do not accept their offer. So if I walk on stage and I look at you and I say, "Mother, it's your 80th birthday, and I've got a cake for you." You have to accept the fact that I have endowed you, we say, as being an 80-year-old mother and it's your birthday.

I: What is most rewarding for you about performing in front of a crowd?

CW: The best thing is, first of all, there's a high associated with performing, it's an adrenaline high. And it's like mountain climbing for your brain because we really have no idea what's going to happen. And then probably, after the show, I really enjoy walking around talking to the customers. I meet a lot of different people, most of the people that come to see the show I don't know, they're just coming to see it.

I: Do you get different reactions depending on the audience?

CW: Absolutely. So some nights it's going to be more cerebral, some nights it's going to want broad humor, some nights it's going to appreciate references to Japanese culture, other nights more international, Western culture. So we gauge each show based on the audience's reaction, subconsciously many times, and the show will sort of morph to accommodate the vibe in the room.

I: Chris, do the principles of improvisation influence everyday life?

CW: Actually, it's funny you bring that up. Everyone who takes the workshop begins to notice that in their lives they block other people's ideas, that they're not listening to other people, or that other people don't necessarily listen to them. Because with improv you have to accept offers, listen to the other person, and you can't be thinking about your response while the other person is talking. You have to be in the moment.

I: Thank you for those thoughts, Chris. Thanks for talking with us today.

CW: I enjoyed it. Thanks.

Questions

No. 26 What does Chris say about performing improv?

No. 27 How does Chris imply improv affects the lives of workshop participants?

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

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