

## 「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

: So, honey, what do you think about getting a puppy? A Labrador sounds like a good choice. They're cute and very loyal.

: But we're always either working or away on vacation. I don't think it would be fair to the dog. Besides, I have enough cleaning to do as it is.

: Couldn't your mother take care of it while we're away on trips?

: Well, she's already got her hands full with my dad. It would be nice to have a dog, but not while we're so busy.

: I guess you're right. Maybe when work settles down we can talk about it again.

**Question:** What do these people conclude?

No. 2

: Lewis. You made it!

: Yes, I wouldn't have missed this high school reunion for the world. It's so nice to see you. How've you been, Beth?

: Very well, thanks. I have three kids now, and I'm a branch manager for the National Bank.

: How do you manage everything?

: It's not easy! How about you? I hear you've started your own media promotion company.

: That's right. I work twice as hard, but I enjoy being my own boss.

: The work must be fulfilling but tiring at the same time!

: Yeah, but I think it's worth it.

**Question:** What do we learn from the conversation?

No. 3

: Congratulations, Sue! I heard your daughter got engaged.

: Thanks. We're so excited. She's getting married in September.  
: Is she planning a big wedding?  
: Actually, they want a small private ceremony, but there will be a large reception afterward.  
: If they haven't already decided on a photographer, I could do it as a gift to them.  
: What a generous offer, Russell! I know how highly valued your work is.  
: Well, I've known your family for many years. It would be my pleasure.

**Question:** What does the man offer to do?

No. 4

: I spoke to Bonnie's violin teacher at school today, honey. He says she could do really well with a private tutor.

: Really? Does he have someone in mind?

: A man called Professor Fontano, in Boston.

: But she'd have to travel two hours into the city every week. She's only 10! And with that schedule, she'd miss some of her other activities. We don't want to push her too hard.

: That's true, but she'll have to make some sacrifices.

**Question:** What does the woman want her daughter to do?

No. 5

: Doctor, how were the test results?

: Not bad. It's just a sprain. Nevertheless, I still think you should avoid strenuous exercise for at least a couple of weeks after you leave the hospital today.

: But my softball team's got a big game this Thursday.

: I'm afraid you're going to have to sit that one out. You should wait till you fully recover or you may make it worse.

**Question:** What does the doctor tell the man?

No. 6

: This is the room we'd like remodeled.

: OK, ma'am. And this is the door you'd like to make bigger?

: Yes. I want double doors put in.

: Right. I can have it done by the end of the month.

: We're having my daughter's wedding reception here on the 25th. Can you complete everything by then?

: I can probably do it if I come on Saturdays as well, but I'll have to charge you extra for weekend work.

: That's no problem.

**Question:** What does the woman decide to do?

No. 7

: How's your cold, honey? It sounds like you've still got a bad cough.

: Yeah, I don't feel too good. Would you mind going to the drugstore to get me some more medication? Mine's run out.

: OK, but maybe you should go to the clinic to get it checked out properly.

: No, I'm sure it'll clear up soon.

: Well, I'm worried about you. If you're no better tomorrow, I want you to see a doctor.

: All right.

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

No. 8

: I'd like to book a flight using my frequent-flier miles.

: Sure. What's the date and destination?

: I want to fly from New York to Tokyo on Tuesday, June 15th.

: Sorry, the number of frequent-flier seats is limited, and none are available that day.

: When is one available?

: Not for six weeks.

: You're kidding! And if I buy a regular ticket?

: I can get you on a flight for the day you requested.

: I guess that's my only option, then.

**Question:** What does the man decide to do?

No. 9

: So, John, do you have any plans for your family vacation?

: Well, we usually visit my parents in Florida, but the drive is so tiring we may stay closer to home this year.

: How about taking the train instead?

: Hmm. I hadn't thought of that.

: My kids really like being free to move around, and they love the sleeping compartments.

: You know, that sounds appealing. We'd have to find someone to look after the dog, but it might be worth it.

**Question:** What is the woman's opinion?

No. 10

: Pete, we have to cancel our dinner reservation for Saturday night.

: Why?

: I can't find anyone to watch the kids. Our usual babysitter's already booked.

: How about your mother?

: She's going to a party that night.

: What about asking Jan's son next door? Couldn't he do it?

: Do you think he's reliable? I'm not sure I'd trust him if there was an emergency.

: I suppose you're right. I'll call the restaurant.

**Question:** Where will the couple's children be on Saturday night?

No. 11

: We finally got our bonuses! What are you going to do with yours, Charlie?

: I'm planning to invest it.

: Really? Are you going to buy stock in our company?

: No. I've heard the real money is in overseas markets.

: Sounds risky. How can you be sure you won't lose everything?

: I'll talk to a financial advisor first, of course, but you can't expect to get good returns without taking a chance.

**Question:** What is the man planning to do?

No. 12

: This house is such a mess!

: Well, with both of us working such long hours, cleaning just isn't a priority.

: I miss the days when you were working part-time. It was great to come home to a tidy house.

: Yeah, but with the extra income from my new job, we could pay someone to come in once a week.

: That's true. I remember your sister said the woman she uses is good.

: Right. I'll ask for her number.

**Question:** What is the couple thinking of doing?

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) On-screen Farming

Much of the farming in Africa is done by women. A major barrier to helping these women improve farming techniques is the difficulty of spreading information effectively. In the past, when outside experts gave in-person workshops to selected villages, only 20 percent of women farmers actually adopted the new practices. In a recent trial in Benin, however, a video was used to show new rice processing techniques. After watching other women farmers use the new methods on the video, over 70 percent of local female farm workers adopted them.

So why does video work so well? Unlike workshops, which are often attended only by village elders, the videos create a lot of interest among villagers and are usually viewed by everyone. Equally important, the videos feature other female farmers explaining the techniques. Not only do local women trust these presenters more, they also find their explanations easier to understand.

### Questions

**No. 13** What effect did the trial in Benin have on female farmers?

**No. 14** What is one reason videos work better than workshops?

### (B) U.S. Town Builds Channel

Many U.S. towns along the Mexican border are taking steps to prevent people from entering the U.S. without permission. The town of Yuma, in western Arizona, has come up with an unusual solution. Authorities plan to dig a two-mile-long, sixty-foot-wide security trench and fill it with water. The soil from the trench will be used to build a raised bank from which to patrol the border. Environmentalists and landowners alike prefer this idea to a

traditional fence.

Yuma Sheriff Ralph Ogden admits the idea is essentially the same as that of the moats that surrounded medieval castles. However, he points out that the channel will also encourage wildlife to return to the area. The banks will be planted with native trees and bushes, offering protection to endangered animal species. Yuma officials hope the security channel will also become a public space that area residents can use for walking, cycling, and fishing.

### Questions

- No. 15 What is the purpose of Yuma's planned channel?  
No. 16 What does Ralph Ogden say about the channel?

### (C) U.K. Shopping in the Spotlight

According to a report by a government food-waste agency, a third of the food purchased in the U.K. each year is thrown away. This amounts to 6.7 million tons per year, with the average household in Britain wasting up to 650 dollars' worth of food. Working people aged 16 to 34 are the worst offenders, as their busy work schedules make planning meals difficult.

Food journalist Laura Blythman suggests the best way to cut back on waste is to stop shopping at supermarkets. She says that having everything in one place makes people buy more. It also encourages shoppers to buy the same items every time they go shopping, whether they need them or not. Moreover, because the food is cheaper, people may be less concerned about throwing it away. Those who buy expensive food are less likely to waste it.

### Questions

- No. 17 What does the speaker say about working people aged 16 to 34?  
No. 18 What is Laura Blythman's opinion about supermarkets?

### (D) Changing Church Missions

Traditionally, churches in the U.S. sent missionaries to the developing world on one- to two-year missions to spread their faith. Recently, however, church members have been able to get a taste of this experience without sacrificing years of their lives. They can now go on missions that last only a week or two and offer time for sightseeing as well as traditional missionary work. During these missions, participants also help with local projects such as building houses and schools.

Critics point out that having missionaries build houses and schools ends up costing far more than having local people do it. It also prevents the community from becoming fully self-reliant. A further problem for churches is that few people in the targeted communities end up adopting the new faith. This may be because missionaries don't stay long enough to gain the community's trust.

### Questions

- No. 19 What is one thing participants on the new missions do?  
No. 20 Why have the new missions been criticized?

### (E) Space Headaches

About half of all astronauts experience space motion sickness as they become accustomed to the lack of gravity in space. In a recent survey, 77 percent of astronauts reported also experiencing mild to severe headaches at least once during spaceflight. These headaches are thought to be unrelated to space motion sickness as they are not accompanied

by nausea or vomiting. This so-called Space Headache Syndrome is therefore considered as a separate side effect of space travel.

The causes of Space Headache Syndrome are still unknown. Former astronaut Dave Williams suggests two possible theories. In low gravity, the amount of blood flowing to the head increases. He compares this to standing on your head for a long period of time. He also suspects that astronauts sent to work in areas of a spacecraft with poor air circulation, which creates a high carbon dioxide buildup, may be more likely to suffer headaches.

#### Questions

**No. 21** What is true about Space Headache Syndrome?

**No. 22** What does Dave Williams suggest may cause Space Headache Syndrome?

#### (F) A Satisfying Alternative?

Many people love the taste of coffee but want to limit their consumption of the caffeine it contains. A common way to remove caffeine is to soak steamed coffee beans in a special chemical. While the chemical successfully removes caffeine, it also changes the composition of the beans, which affects the taste and aroma of the coffee. Because of this, many coffee drinkers reject low-caffeine coffee as an inferior brew.

For people who are concerned about their caffeine intake but dislike the taste of low-caffeine coffee, an Italian company has produced coffee beans that are naturally low in caffeine. Although the beans contain half the caffeine of regular coffee beans, they maintain their flavor because there is no need to treat them with chemicals. The company believes the new beans will be a big hit. It even predicts that coffee drinkers not worried about caffeine consumption will switch to its new product.

#### Questions

**No. 23** What is one result of removing caffeine from coffee beans?

**No. 24** What does the Italian company expect?

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.

Attention all employees. The fire drill is scheduled for 11 a.m. today. When the alarm sounds, head toward your section's designated exit. Employees on the first floor should meet at the first floor south exit and follow your manager to the parking area. Those working on the second and third floors should go to the emergency stairs on the north side of the building. Proceed down the stairs and gather on the front lawn. Managers, don't forget to do a head count after staff have gathered outside the building.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

I'd like to welcome all freshmen to Crescent High School. You have each been assigned an advisor. Please listen carefully so you know where to go after this. If your last name begins with the letters A through G, your advisor will be Ms. Coleman in Room 104. Students whose family name begins with the letters H through M, please report to Mr. Ropelli in Room 106. N through S students will meet with Ms. Araman in Room 107. Finally, those with last names beginning with T through Z, see Mr. Ransdorf in Room 109.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

Here are our 10 computers. They are in high demand, so I suggest you reserve one early. The sign-up sheet is at the checkout desk. Computer usage is limited to two hours per day. Just to let you know, Stevenson Library on Market Street just five blocks from here allows unlimited usage. You should also know that our present computer area will be closed next week, from September 21st to 28th. We'll be redecorating, so during this period you'll find the computers in the basement next to the magazine section. Do you have any questions?

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

If you're looking for great music, make your way to the Springfield Music Festival this weekend! The festival kicks off Friday evening and ends with fireworks on Sunday night at 10. XBC will be broadcasting live all weekend from the fairground stadium. By popular demand, the Hayloft Boys will be playing on opening night and again right before the fireworks. You'll love their smooth country sound. The high school marching band will open the parade on Saturday morning, and the Springfield Philharmonic will perform classical favorites in the afternoon. Then on Sunday morning, there'll be '70s rock from The Faze. See you there!

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

Hi, it's Jim. I'm not sure if you'll get this before I go into my 3:30 meeting. If you do, call me right away. I know we were supposed to discuss the new contract today at five, but I don't think my meeting will be finished so I need to make it later. If six is good for you, drop by my desk then. Let's keep it to an hour or so, then arrange another time to meet if necessary. If the later time is difficult for you, send me an e-mail to let me know. Thanks a lot.

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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