

「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。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 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, we will begin the Grade 1 listening test.

(★=男性 A ★★=男性 B ☆=女性 A ☆☆=女性 B)

☆No. 1

★: Welcome to St. Alphonsus College, Ms. West. I'm Jonathan MacDonald, admissions director.

☆☆: Nice to meet you. St. Alphonsus is at the top of my list of prospective schools.

★: Wonderful. This morning, I'll show you around the school, and we can sit in on some classes in session so you can witness our rigorous academic program.

☆☆: Will I get to speak with any current students? I'd like to hear about their experiences as well.

★: Absolutely. I've put aside some time for that in the afternoon. And at around two o'clock, we'll return to the admissions office to discuss the application process.

☆☆: That sounds great.

☆**Question:** What will the woman probably do next?

★No. 2

☆: You look kind of bleary-eyed, Martin. Are you doing a lot of overtime these days?

★★: I'm a little sleep-deprived. They installed new lighting around the grounds of my apartment complex, and it's a bit too well-lit. The LEDs are bright, and the light shines right through my curtains.

☆: I've heard that LED light can disrupt sleep.

★★: It's definitely true in my case. I'm going shopping for new curtains this weekend.

☆: Hopefully, you'll be able to sleep better once you get them put up. Till then, let me know if you need help with any of your work.

★★: Thanks, Claire.

★**Question:** Why does the woman offer to assist the man?

★★No. 3

☆☆: Honey, I just received a notification to report for jury duty next month.

★: That's a good thing, right? You'll be doing your part as a member of society.

☆☆: Yeah, but it's during the week we've booked for our vacation.

★: Oh no! Can you request a deferral?

☆☆: I'm not sure. I heard the jury coordinator can excuse people if they apply with a valid reason.

★: I doubt you can get out of it altogether, but you may be able to postpone it.

☆☆: That's probably true. I'll look into it.

★★Question: What will the woman try to do?

☆☆No. 4

☆: Excuse me, I'd like to return this laundry detergent.

★★: Is there a problem with it?

☆: Actually, yes. The label says it's safe for sensitive skin, but it caused my son to break out in hives. It's not safe for my family.

★★: I'm so sorry. Of course, we'll provide you with a full refund.

☆: Thank you. I'm reluctant to trust the claims on any of these products now, and there are so many conflicting reviews on the Internet.

★★: I recommend you speak with our pharmacist. She might be able to suggest an appropriate detergent.

☆☆**Question:** What is one problem the woman has?

★No. 5

★★: Welcome to Steele International Bank. How can I help you today?

☆: I'm a small-business owner, and I'm interested in financing for entrepreneurial start-ups. I know this type of loan is harder to acquire than some other types, and I'd just like some more information.

★★: You're right. With entrepreneurial ventures, there is more risk involved for the lender, so that complicates things. If you have assets to serve as collateral, however, there are some options we can talk about.

☆: OK. But first I think you'd better tell me what kinds of assets would be acceptable.

★Question: What will the man probably explain next?

☆No. 6

☆☆: Hi, Lars. How was your performance review?

★: It left a bad taste in my mouth.

☆☆: Oh, really? Was your boss hard on you?

★: I'd say so. Her criticisms were so petty. She focused on little things that didn't go right with the projects I've been working on and gave me no credit for all my successes.

☆☆: At least she lets you manage your own projects.

★: For now, but she said she wants to be more involved in my next project. I'm worried that I'll have less control in the future.

☆**Question:** What is one reason the man is annoyed?

★★No. 7

☆: Hey, Tom. Did you hear the city council is raising parking fees downtown?

★: Yes, it's ridiculous.

☆: I guess they're concerned about traffic congestion. Maybe they're hoping more people will ride the bus.

★: But I heard some council members are pushing to raise the bus fares, too.

☆: Really? Well, repairing the sidewalks downtown should be a priority. They're in terrible condition. Fixing them would encourage more people to walk around downtown, which would provide a real boost to local businesses. You know how they've been struggling recently.

★: That's a good idea. Maybe you should run for city council!

★★Question: What does the woman imply?

☆☆No. 8

★★: Brenda, the karate school said that they currently don't have space for new students, so we should check back in a month.

☆: I wasn't thrilled about signing Tyler up for karate, anyway. I still feel he's too young.

★★: How about baseball? He said he wanted to play, and there's that local kids' league.

☆: Sure. I heard they're looking for a volunteer coach, too, and you love watching baseball.

★★: Yes, but you actually played softball in college. You'd be more competent than I would.

☆: I do have free time on the weekends. Let's contact them and see what they say.

☆☆**Question:** What will the couple likely do?

★No. 9

★★: Excuse me. I'm having some problems with my new aquarium. Can you help me?

☆: I'll do my best. What's your problem?

★★: Well, for whatever reason, I can't seem to keep my fish alive.

☆: Oh dear, that *is* a problem. Have you checked the water's pH and ammonia levels?

★★: I didn't know I was supposed to.

☆: You need to test the water regularly—at least once a week. This kit has everything you need to test and adjust the pH balance.

★★: OK, I'll try it. My next problem is that the water keeps getting cloudy and green.

☆: That's easy to solve. We sell filters that will purify the water. Also, do you have any bottom feeders in your tank?

★★: I have a couple of shrimp in there at the moment.

☆: Well, I recommend that you buy a few catfish, too. They will go a long way to keeping your tank clean by eating the extra food and waste that settles on the bottom.

★Question: What is one thing the man is advised to do?

★★No. 10

☆: Thank you for shopping at Riverside Organic Foods. Would you be interested in joining our frequent buyer program?

☆☆: I don't know. How would we benefit?

☆: You'd receive a 10% discount on all products in our store and 5% off at our restaurant. Up to four family members could take advantage of the discounts.

- ★: That sounds good. How much does membership cost?
- ☆☆: It's free as long as you purchase \$300 of our products a year. You'd receive the 10% discount on those products, so it's a great deal.
- ☆☆: What happens if we don't spend the \$300?
- ☆☆: In that case, we would charge you a membership fee of \$30 for the year.
- ★: It's worth considering. I like the fact that everything you sell is organic, and your restaurant is great.
- ☆☆: True, honey, but we don't get out this way very often. Once or twice a year at most.
- ☆☆: It's easy to order online. We can ship to anywhere in the country. You'd have to pay a shipping fee, of course.
- ★: Hmm . . . The shipping fee makes the deal less attractive.
- ☆☆: And we can already get a fair selection of organic products at our local supermarket. I think we'll pass for now.
- ☆☆: That's fine. Here's our brochure with details of the program in case you change your mind.
- ★★**Question:** What is one reason the couple rejects the frequent buyer program?

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) *Sleep and Dementia*

Researchers in France have been studying possible causes of dementia, a condition in which a person experiences a severe loss of cognitive function. They investigated whether the amount of sleep a person gets in middle age plays a role in the development of the condition. Using self-reported sleep data from a large-scale lifestyle survey, the researchers looked at 8,000 participants who had been research subjects since 1985. The team found that, compared to participants who reported sleeping seven hours per night in their 50s and 60s, those who regularly got six hours of sleep or less per night were 30% more likely to develop dementia in later decades.

While this finding suggests that insufficient sleep could be a contributing factor in the development of dementia, it is not conclusive. It could be that lack of sleep in middle age is actually an early symptom of dementia, rather than a cause. However, a neurologist who commented on the study thinks this is probably not the case, as the poor sleeping habits arose such a long time before any of the subjects were diagnosed with dementia. Additionally, she points out that the first biological change that leads to dementia—the buildup of certain proteins in the brain—typically does not begin that early on.

★Questions

- ★**No. 11** What is one thing the researchers in France examined?
- ★**No. 12** What does the neurologist believe?

★★(B) *Soybeans in the United States*

Vegetarian products made with soybeans are commonplace on American supermarket shelves today, but, surprisingly, efforts to introduce such products started over a century ago. In 1917, the US government commissioned Yamei Kin, a Chinese-born American scientist, to go to China. Her mission was to research soybeans as a substitute for meat products to address wartime

food shortages. Kin had been promoting soy products because their production was far less resource-intensive than that of meat. Upon her return, she experimented with processing methods, knowing that to be successful in the US, not only did soy products need to taste good but they also had to look appealing.

Other scientists were impressed with the range of foods that Kin produced from soybeans. In some instances, they could not distinguish soy products from meat. However, when wartime scarcities ended, so did interest in soybeans, meaning that Kin would not live to see soy products take hold among the US public. Nevertheless, the agriculture industry adopted soybeans for use as food for livestock and as a source of oil. Later, in the 1960s and '70s, American fascination with Eastern spiritual practices and increasing interest in healthy eating finally led to soy products becoming available in American supermarkets.

☆☆Questions

☆☆No. 13 Why was the US government interested in soybeans in 1917?

☆☆No. 14 What helped soy products to become popular with the American public?

★(C) *Marketing Movies*

When movie studios market films, they face tough decisions about promotional advertising. Movies usually open in theaters first and are later released in various formats, such as DVDs and digital streaming. One option is for studios to put all their resources into promoting the initial theater release in the hope of maximizing box-office profits. Alternatively, studios can divide their budget so that advertising funds are available when the film is released in other formats. A group of marketing researchers investigated which approach offers the most earning potential. They found that, generally, advertising becomes less effective at influencing people's purchasing decisions over time, which indicates that a massive push during the initial theater release is the ideal strategy.

Additionally, it seems the genre of the movie may be a factor in how much should be spent on advertising. Science fiction movies, for example, appear to make the largest profits when large prerelease campaigns with lots of ads are used. This is because advertising for these movies has what the researchers call "wear-in appeal": the more the ads are viewed, the greater their impact. Action movies, on the other hand, tend to make bigger profits with less prerelease advertising because viewers appear to quickly tire of such ads.

☆☆Questions

☆☆No. 15 What did the researchers find about movie advertising in general?

☆☆No. 16 What do we learn about ads for science fiction movies?

★★(D) *American Camels*

Today, camels are an iconic symbol of the Middle East and North Africa. Surprisingly, however, evidence indicates that they originated in North America. Fossils suggest that the last indigenous camels in North America died out many thousands of years ago. Then, in the mid-1800s, the US government imported several dozen camels to deliver military supplies to remote areas. It was thought that the animals would be well-suited to the harsh desert climate of the southwestern United States. Indeed, initial field exercises were so successful that a high-ranking official suggested acquiring an additional thousand camels. When the American Civil War broke out shortly after the camels had been put to work, however, the plan was abandoned.

Some of the camels that had been brought over were sold to private businesses such as circuses and mining operations for their value as entertainment and labor, but a few were released and continued living in the desert. Although there were several wild-camel sightings over the following decades, their numbers were too few to create a stable population, and it is thought they

disappeared completely. Now, over 100 years later, some scientists are considering reintroducing camels a second time.

☆Questions

- ☆No. 17 Why did the US government import camels in the mid-1800s?
☆No. 18 What do we learn about the camels that were released into the wild?

☆(E) Antivenins

Every year, millions of people are bitten by venomous snakes. Although treatments known as antivenins exist, lives that could be saved are being lost due to supply problems and substandard products. In developing countries, snakebite victims who cannot afford proper treatments often receive partial doses or cheap antivenins that are ineffective for the snakes that bit them. To make matters worse, when these low-grade antivenin treatments are unsuccessful, victims turn instead to traditional healers. As a result, antivenin sales fall, causing some manufacturers to stop producing them altogether.

Currently, antivenins are made by injecting snake venom into animals so that the animals produce proteins called antibodies, which are then extracted. These negate the effects of the venom. However, such products often have serious side effects. Furthermore, they have to be stored at low temperatures, meaning that victims must often travel for hours to hospitals, during which time their symptoms worsen. However, a new antivenin is being developed that may solve these problems. It is an artificial substance that does not need to be refrigerated. As a result, it could be kept on hand and administered immediately after a snakebite, greatly improving victims' chances of survival.

★Questions

- ★No. 19 What is one problem for snakebite victims in developing countries?
★No. 20 What is one thing we learn about the new antivenin?

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**.

★Well, the good news is your x-ray showed you've got a clean break. Over-the-counter painkillers will probably be sufficient to manage the pain. But, if it becomes unbearable, I can write a prescription for you. Now, you'll be in this cast for a few weeks. The cast immobilizes your ankle so that you won't interfere with the healing process by moving it around. Once the cast is off, we'll check your progress and see if you'll need to wear a special boot for a few more weeks. While you're in the cast, be sure to keep your ankle elevated higher than your knee whenever you can. This helps reduce any swelling. Now, let's get you some crutches to help you get around. We can adjust them for your height, and if it's your first time using them, you can ask a nurse to give you a quick tutorial.

☆☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

★(G) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question **No. 22**.

☆This vacuum cleaner, the ThunderClean 100, is hands down our most powerful model. It has no trouble sucking up large volumes of debris, including pet hair. But be aware it's so powerful that when it's used on a rug, it may actually start sucking up the rug itself and get stuck, so it's recommended only for hard floors or fixed wall-to-wall carpeting. Next up is the DeepVac. It's got enough power to suck up everything from pet hair to sand, and it has six power settings to accommodate all surfaces, including rugs and tiles. And then there's the DustGuster. Its unique shape makes it the best for cleaning hard-to-reach corners of the house. The same goes for its sister model, the DustGuster Plus, which is lighter and has longer battery life. Neither of these is quite as effective as the other models when it comes to removing pet hair, though.

★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

☆(H) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question **No. 23**.

★★We offer a range of different laundry services for hotel guests. If you need several items cleaned, I recommend our Drop-and-Go service. I can provide you with a laundry bag. Just put the items you want to be washed inside the bag and leave it outside your door. We send all our laundry to an off-premises service, so turnaround is generally about 24 hours. If you have items that need to be dry-cleaned, like a suit jacket or slacks, we can take those here at the front desk. Those are also sent out to a service and are usually returned within 24 hours. Of course, we know that not all guests have time to wait, so we can also recommend an express dry cleaner a few blocks from here. They normally only take a few hours to clean a garment, and we've never had a guest complain about their services.

☆Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

★★(I) You have 10 seconds to read the situation and Question **No. 24**.

☆☆Here's your 8 a.m. commuter traffic update. A major five-car accident near Exit 4 on the Channel Freeway, heading into downtown, has resulted in the closure of four lanes there. Traffic is at a standstill from the start of the Channel Freeway, at Battery Bridge, all the way to the downtown area. Road crews are busy clearing the lanes, but this could take all morning. Commuters currently stuck on Battery Bridge are being advised to access downtown via the Martin Highway, which is accessible from Exit 5, which is one kilometer past the bridge. Commuters coming from the Randall Heights or Eastwick areas should use the exit just before the approach to the bridge to get on Sunset Road toward the Ocean Tunnel. It's your best bet as far as alternate routes downtown go. We'll be back in 15 minutes with another update.

★★Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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

☆In the afternoon, we're supposed to check in with the full-time staff to see how we can help them. I usually check in with Martha first, but it really depends on what sort of work you're interested in. If writing is your thing, Martha writes copy for the ads. If you don't have experience, she'll probably ask you to begin with some basic spell-checking. Mark is in charge of everything related to graphic design. If you're confident in your skills, he will probably have some work for you. Otherwise, you can talk to his teammate, Hilda. She does the same kind of work, but her project has some easier tasks that she might want help with. Finally, if you want to work on fundamental business skills, you can assist the boss, Carol. She's always looking for help responding to clients' inquiries.

★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.

☆☆ This is an interview with Aisha Chopra, who runs two vintage record shops.

Interviewer (I): Thanks for tuning in. Today, we're talking to Aisha Chopra. Welcome, Aisha.

Aisha Chopra (A): Thanks for having me.

I: Could you tell us a little about what you do?

A: Sure. I own and manage two shops that deal in vintage vinyl records and music merchandise, mainly from the 1960s, '70s, and '80s. I opened my first shop just over 15 years ago and my second one 5 years ago.

I: Interesting. How did you get into this kind of work?

A: My parents would always play music in the house, so I kind of grew up listening to old bands and musicians like Janis Joplin, the Doors, the Beatles, stuff like that. Plus, my dad loved to collect old stuff, which he kept all over the house—T-shirts from famous concerts, posters of rock stars, books, magazines, and, of course, thousands of old records. Then, when I was around eight or nine years old, he would take me to shows and fairs where all of this stuff was on sale. I started using my pocket money to buy things, and before I knew it, my collection had grown substantially; so much so, I was running out of space to keep it all.

I: What made you decide that you should start selling things yourself?

A: It just kind of happened. Actually, I wanted to teach, and that's what I started to do. Then, one of my friends took me to the flea market, where people were selling all kinds of used goods. Surprisingly, though, there weren't many people selling music. My collection of records was mainly in storage at the time, so I thought I'd get some of it sent to me and make a little money on the side. I was selling everything I put on sale, and before I knew it, I was making hundreds of dollars just from a few markets every month. From there, I started getting a bit more serious about it as a source of income.

I: And that led to opening your shops?

A: Yeah, kind of. One of my regular customers from the markets became my husband, and to cut a long story short, his parents used to run a small furniture store, but they closed it because they wanted to retire. My husband didn't want to take over the furniture store, so he suggested I use it to sell records and other things. His parents agreed, so I was very lucky to get that opportunity.

I: It sounds like it was a big success.

A: Not at first. Business was slow, and I was still working as a teacher for about a year so that we could afford to pay our rent. I'd teach during the week, then run to the shop on weekends. I was still going to fairs and spending countless hours combing the Internet for things to resell. I focus on rare goods, so, slowly but surely, word got out that my shop was the only place in town to get some very hard-to-find items. For example, I had records signed by people like David Bowie, Bob Dylan, and John Lennon. When business really picked up, I thought about moving to a bigger space, but the shop had a lot of sentimental value because my husband's parents had owned it. Instead, I decided to open a second shop, which is also doing great.

I: Well, Aisha, that's all the time we have today. Thanks so much for coming in, and I wish you continued success.

A: Thank you. I had a great time.

☆☆ Questions

☆☆ **No. 26** How did Aisha first become interested in selling vintage records and merchandise?

☆☆ **No. 27** What is one reason Aisha decided to open a second shop?

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。