

「2級リスニングテスト」 原稿

ただいまから、2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。

このテストには、第1部と第2部があります。英文はそれぞれ一度だけ読れます。放送の間メモをとってもかまいません。

では、第1部のテストから始めます。これは、対話を聞き、その質問に対して最も適切な答えを選ぶ形式です。対話と質問は一度だけ読れます。問題は、No. 1 から No. 15 まで 15 題で、解答時間はそれぞれ 10 秒です。

以上、説明が終わりましたので、今から 2 級の No. 1 を開始します。

(★=男性 A ☆=女性 A ☆☆=女性 B)

☆☆No. 1

★Hi, Fred, I thought you said you would finish work early tonight. Where are you? Dinner is getting cold.

★Well, I left early, but then I realized I forgot some important documents. I had to go back and get them. Now, I'm stuck in traffic. It's going to take another half an hour to get home.

☆Has there been an accident?

★No. It's just rush hour. Everyone is driving home now.

☆☆**Question:** Why does the man say he will be late?

☆☆No. 2

★Hello, Edwardsville Industries. Joe Johnson speaking.

☆Hi, Joe. This is Donna. I'm calling from the airport. Were you able to finish the sales report?

★Yeah. I have it here. Do you want me to e-mail it to you?

☆No. I'll be in the office later this afternoon. I'll get a copy from you then. I just wanted to make sure you were able to finish it.

☆☆**Question:** What does the woman plan to do this afternoon?

☆☆No. 3

★Hello?

☆Hi, honey. We're having a birthday party for the manager here at the office, so I'll be home late. Can you make dinner for yourself?

★No problem.

☆Oh, I just remembered. There's some lasagna in the refrigerator. Just put it in the oven for 20 minutes.

★OK. I'll see you when you get home.

☆☆**Question:** Why is the man going to make dinner tonight?

☆☆No. 4

☆Berkshire History Museum.

★Hello. What are the advantages of getting a year-long membership to the museum?

☆Well, you get free admission to the museum for one year and a discount at the gift shop.

★OK. That sounds pretty good. Can I buy a membership on the phone?

☆I'm sorry, but you'll need to come down to the museum office. We have to take your picture for the membership card.

☆☆**Question:** What is one advantage of becoming a member at the museum?

☆☆No. 5

☆You were right about traveling to California by train, honey. It's much more relaxing than flying.

★And the scenery's beautiful, isn't it? Look at those mountains in the distance.

☆They're lovely. And this is cheaper than flying. Let's think about taking the train more often.

★I agree. We almost always fly. We're in too much of a hurry to get where we're going.

☆☆**Question:** What is one thing we learn about the couple?

☆☆No. 6

★Dad, I found a job! I'll be working as a computer programmer at Eastwood Technologies.

★That's wonderful, Debbie. When do you start?

★Next week. The only problem is that the person who's going to be my boss isn't very friendly. I'm worried that I won't get along with him.

★That could be a problem. But remember, people are usually nicer than they first seem.

★★Question: What is one thing Debbie says about her new job?

☆☆No. 7

★Hi. This is Jim Davis in Room 702. The hot water in my room isn't working.

★I'm terribly sorry, sir. I'll send the repairman up.

★Well, please send him quickly. I've just gotten here after a 10-hour flight from Europe, and I'd really like to take a shower.

★Certainly, sir. We'll have the water fixed shortly.

★★Question: Why does the man make the phone call?

☆☆No. 8

★Hey, Beth. How's your garden this summer?

★Not so great, Frank. We haven't been getting much rain, so my tomatoes and peppers aren't growing well. It's gotten even worse this month.

★Yeah. My wife and I are having the same problem with our garden.

★It's a shame. I hope it rains soon.

★★Question: What is one thing the woman says to the man?

☆☆No. 9

★Honey, did you reserve a table for dinner tonight?

★Ah, I forgot. I'll call right away. I hope they still have a table.

★Don't worry about it. Let's have a nice meal delivered from the new Italian restaurant we talked about before.

★If that's OK with you. I promise I'll take you out next week to make up for this.

★★Question: What are the speakers going to do tonight?

☆☆No. 10

★Ah, it's too hot in the classroom, even though it's only June. I wonder what will happen when the real summer comes.

★Hey, the school hasn't turned on the air-conditioning yet. They say it's to save electricity.

★But it's good that we can come to school in our summer uniforms starting tomorrow. It's impossible to wear a jacket in this heat.

★That's true. Finally, we can breathe!

★★Question: What are the speakers glad about?

☆☆No. 11

☆Wow, this teahouse has a lot of types of tea to choose from. I don't know which one to buy.

★This is the one I bought for you last time. You have tried it, right?

☆Oh, the tea that I could taste some fruits in! It was almost like eating dessert. I loved it.

★OK, then we should get some of this one again.

☆☆**Question:** What did the woman say about the tea?

☆☆No. 12

★Welcome back, Ms. Yamada. How was the business trip to Kyoto?

☆Everything went well until the last minute. I just missed my flight back.

★Oh, that's too bad. You should have called your secretary's team. What happened?

☆Well, the airline gave my seat to somebody else by accident. So they put me on the next flight for free.

☆☆**Question:** Why did the woman miss her flight?

☆☆No. 13

★Hi, Lauren. I'm running late. I think I'll take the next train.

☆OK. I'm on the train right now. I'll let others know that you're going to be a little late.

★That will be great. Tell them to wait in the restaurant and order first.

☆Sure. I'll order your steak for you then.

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

☆☆No. 14

☆Hi, Kevin. This is Felicia. I left my apron and cap on the kitchen counter when I was closing the café. Can you put them in the washing machine?

★Oh, I already did that. You have another pair, right?

☆Yes, I only work two days this week, so that should be enough.

★OK, I'll see you next time you work, which I think is Friday. See you then.

☆☆**Question:** What did the man do for the woman?

☆☆No. 15

☆How did the presentation go today? I'm sorry that I couldn't make it.

★I believe our client liked it. Don't worry about missing it. We heard your car broke down.

☆Yes. I have to go to the repair shop and get my car after work. Taylor will give me a ride.

★I hope they have fixed it. You need your car to see your clients tomorrow.

☆☆**Question:** Why did the woman miss the presentation today?

続いて、第2部です。これは英文を聞き、その質問に対して最も適切な答えを選ぶ形式です。

英文と質問は一度だけ読まれます。問題はNo. 16からNo. 30まで15題で、解答時間はそれぞれ10秒です。

では、始めます。

☆☆No. 16

★Some bacteria, or tiny living things, can create light. When many of those bacteria in water produce light at the same time, the water appears to shine with the soft white light. Some sailors have described this effect in the ocean as milky seas. The shining areas can be huge, sometimes as large as one-third of Kyushu island.

★★Question: What do some bacteria in milky seas do?

☆☆No. 17

★Kumquat trees are known as valuable trees in Vietnam for their bright yellow fruits. During the Lunar New Year festival, people decorate their homes with kumquat trees. It is believed that the more fruits on these trees, the more luck will come to the house. During the festival season, the northern part of the country is especially cold, but these bright yellow fruits bring warmth.

★★Question: What does the kumquat tree mean in Vietnam during the festival?

☆☆No. 18

★Scientists are trying an innovative approach to bring back coral reefs by playing the sounds of healthy reefs. By doing so, they can attract different types of fish because the fish believe that there are other living things there. Once fish and other living things are gathered around the reefs, their life activities increase, which is important for the healthy growth of coral reefs.

★★Question: How are scientists trying to bring back coral reefs?

☆☆No. 19

★Lisa's grandmother left her a big house. Lisa decided to clean it up, so she asked some of her friends to help her. On the day of the cleanup, Lisa focused on the first floor, and her friends did the upstairs. Several hours later, Lisa found a secret door to a hidden room. There was a box on a bookshelf in that room. It was filled with many old coins.

★★Question: Where did Lisa discover the coins?

☆☆No. 20

★Adam is a passionate painter. Although it is just his hobby, he takes it seriously. After so many years of painting, he has finally decided to sell his paintings. Adam rented a place for a display and sale. He invited people from his neighborhood to the event. At the end of the day, he found that he had sold two paintings. Both of them were painted by his five-year-old grandson.

★★Question: What happened to Adam's paintings?

☆☆No. 21

★Minako has been looking for a new job because she is not satisfied with her current one. She finally received a job offer, but the company was far from where she lived. Although the job itself is what she has been looking for, Minako is not sure if she really wants to leave her current job. Now, she realizes that she loves the people and the city.

☆☆Question: What has Minako realized after receiving the job offer?

☆☆No. 22

★Tom was forty-five years old and worked at a big company. His salary was good, but he felt unhappy and started to question his life choices. One day, he decided to make a big change. He quit his job in search of more fulfilling work. He joined several of his friends who had left their jobs for the same reason. Then, they started a business taking care of dogs.

☆☆Question: What did Tom and his friends do?

☆☆No. 23

★Mike was a professional baseball player. But a bad injury ended his career. Mike felt lost. He did not know who he was anymore. One day, several mothers in his neighborhood asked him if he could teach baseball to their children. He accepted the offer. That turned out to be the best decision he had made in his life. He now coaches more than fifty children on the team.

☆☆Question: What is one thing we know about Mike?

☆☆No. 24

★Sarah worked hard at two jobs to support her family. But she also dreamed of becoming a nurse. As a child, she loved seeing the smiling faces of the nurses in the hospital when she was sick. She wanted to be like them. After years of effort, she finally graduated and got a job as a nurse. Sarah cannot wait to start helping children in her community.

☆☆Question: Why did Sarah want to become a nurse?

☆☆No. 25

★John was an elderly man who lived alone. The world around him was changing quickly with new technologies. He did not understand how to use smartphones or computers. John felt left behind and isolated from his family and friends. One day, his grandson, concerned about his situation, visited him. He taught his grandfather how to use a tablet computer. Learning this new skill helped John feel more connected again.

☆☆Question: What helped John feel less alone?

☆☆No. 26

★Emily is not good at speaking in front of people. She is afraid of public speaking and has always avoided such situations. This made her school life difficult, so she joined an online group where people with similar problems gathered. As she shared her experiences and thoughts with them, Emily slowly built confidence. Her first challenge was to give a presentation to them online, which she is now practicing for.

★★Question: What helped Emily gain confidence in public speaking?

☆☆No. 27

★Attention, talent show performers! Because we are having some trouble on the stage, we are changing the show's start time from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. We have prepared waiting rooms for all of you. You will be divided into three different rooms. Those in the singing section, please go to room 201. Those in the dance section, room 203. All others, room 205.

★★Question: What happened to the talent show?

☆☆No. 28

★Students and teachers, please welcome our guest, Dr. Hillary Okamoto. She is a famous scientist in the field of green energy. She will be sharing her ideas with us today. After graduating from our school, she has been working on environmentally friendly energy sources. Dr. Okamoto served as the scientific advisor, providing data for the popular film *Never Too Late*, which many of you may have seen.

★★Question: What has Dr. Hillary Okamoto been mainly doing after graduation?

☆☆No. 29

★Dear passengers, the next stop on this sightseeing bus is Appleville Castle in about fifteen minutes. Once you get off the bus, please enjoy the fresh air. You may want to take photos with the castle against the beautiful green in the background. We will also have time to enjoy a picnic lunch in the gardens behind the castle. Sandwiches are available at five dollars each.

★★Question: What activity is mentioned?

☆☆No. 30

★May we have your attention, please? At this baseball stadium, the safety of the players and all of you is very important during the games. If balls come into the seating area, please do not throw them back or fight over them. If you find a ball that has entered the seating area, please report it to the nearest staff member. We will exchange it for a special baseball item.

★★Question: What should people do if they find a ball?

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。

受験者の皆さんには、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。

受験者の皆さんのが退室するときは、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。