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〈Part 1〉

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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, we will begin the Grade Pre-1 listening test.

- No. 1** ☆ : Hey, Callum. You're in early today.
 ★ : Yeah, my new apartment's much closer to work.
 ☆ : How is the new place?
 ★ : Very spacious, but the wallpaper and carpets are horrible. I really need to redecorate.
 ☆ : Did you know I was an interior decorator before I joined this advertising agency?
 ★ : Really? You wouldn't consider doing it, would you? I'd pay, of course.
 ☆ : Unfortunately, I'm just too busy. But I probably know someone who'd be interested. I'll ask around.
 ★ : Great, thanks.

Question: What does the woman offer to do?

- No. 2** ★ : I'm sure glad that meeting is finally over.
 ☆ : Me, too. The other parents didn't seem very friendly, did they?
 ★ : Yeah, I noticed. Well, we did hear that the kind of parents who

consider Cumberland High for their children are pretty snobbish. After all, it's an expensive private school.

- ☆ : Well, I guess their kids will be pretty much like they are. Plus, it'd be a struggle to keep up with that kind of tuition.
 ★ : We'd get by, but I am worried about the kind of friends our son would have.
 ☆ : I totally agree, Jon. Perhaps we should consider a public school after all.

Question: What will the couple most likely do?

- No. 3** ☆ : You didn't come to our barbecue yesterday, Wayne. What happened?
 ★ : I went to Nun's Park, but I couldn't find you guys anywhere. I looked around for over an hour.
 ☆ : Ah . . . it was actually at Vivian Park. We couldn't reserve a barbecue pit at Nun's Park. I e-mailed everyone about it.
 ★ : Really? I didn't check my e-mail.
 ☆ : Why didn't you call me?
 ★ : Sorry, I forgot to take my phone with me.
 ☆ : Well, we'll have another one again soon.

Question: Why did Wayne not go to the barbecue yesterday?

- No. 4** ★ : Man, that had to be the most stressful job interview I've ever done.
 ☆ : What happened? Did it go badly?
 ★ : Not really. But when I walked into the room, there were six guys sitting there.
 ☆ : You're kidding! Did they all ask you questions?
 ★ : Only two actually spoke. The others just sat there. They were all taking notes about what I said.
 ☆ : That does sound stressful. Were there many other candidates?
 ★ : I've no idea. I didn't see anyone else.

Question: Why did the man feel stressed?

- No. 5** ☆ : Can I help you with something, sir?
 ★ : Yes. I'm looking for a winter coat.
 ☆ : Well, this style here is popular this year.

- ★ : I like the design, but not the color. Does it come in dark green?
- ☆ : It does, but we only have brown and grey in stock.
- ★ : Well, thanks anyway. I'll try another store.
- ☆ : I can order one from our warehouse.
- ★ : How long will it take?
- ☆ : About a week.
- ★ : OK. That's fine.

Question: What will the man do?

- No. 6**
- ☆ : You've lost weight, Sergio. Have you been dieting?
 - ★ : No. I've just found a new way to exercise.
 - ☆ : I thought you went jogging regularly?
 - ★ : I do. But I always skip it when the weather's bad. Now I've started playing exercise video games.
 - ☆ : Really? I can't understand how anyone can use those to work out. I really need to be out in the fresh air.
 - ★ : I still get outdoors. But when it rains, I can exercise and stay dry!

Question: What do we learn about the man?

- No. 7**
- ☆ : Snider Insurance, Jan Meadows speaking.
 - ★ : Hi, Jan. Philip here. How did you manage to get to work with all the snow on the roads?
 - ☆ : My husband's car has four-wheel drive. It took twice as long as usual, though.
 - ★ : Well, my car won't start. I could walk down the hill to the bus, but I'm not sure it'll be running.
 - ☆ : Maybe you should skip work today. I can handle your calls.
 - ★ : Thanks, Jan. I'll do that.

Question: What does the man decide to do?

- No. 8**
- ★ : Hello. How can I help you?
 - ☆ : I'm moving to Chicago. I want to close my savings account and transfer the funds.
 - ★ : Is the new account also with our bank?
 - ☆ : No.
 - ★ : In that case, there'll be a small charge. Just fill out this transfer

request.

- ☆ : Sure. And how long will the transfer take?
- ★ : About 24 hours.
- ☆ : Oh, it says I need the bank's street address. I'll need to call to get that.
- ★ : You can use this phone.
- ☆ : Thanks.

Question: What will the woman do next?

- No. 9**
- ★ : Olivia, did you get a gift for Cheryl's baby yet?
 - ☆ : Yes, a nice blue blanket. But now I'm worried it's not such a great idea.
 - ★ : It sounds fine to me.
 - ☆ : What if it's a girl? I can't give a blue blanket to a baby girl.
 - ★ : Olivia, it's the twenty-first century. No one worries about those kinds of stereotypes anymore, do they?
 - ☆ : You'd be surprised how many people still hang on to tradition.
 - ★ : In that case, just keep the receipt so Cheryl can exchange it if necessary.

Question: Why is Olivia worried?

- No. 10**
- ☆ : Honey, I'm glad I visited my father in the nursing home today. He seemed really excited to see me.
 - ★ : That's great. I know you don't have much time, but I think it's important for you to see him regularly. He's been depressed recently.
 - ☆ : Yeah, I know. He still complained about being there, though.
 - ★ : Well, that's understandable. He used to be very independent.
 - ☆ : Look, do you think we could go again this weekend?
 - ★ : I'll have to check my work schedule, but that should be fine.

Question: What does the man say?

- No. 11**
- ★ : That's the worst round of golf I've played in months.
 - ☆ : You didn't do that badly.
 - ★ : You're too nice. But I really struggled. My putting was terrible.
 - ☆ : Well, the wind was pretty strong.

- ★ : I'd like to blame my old clubs, but I feel like something is wrong with my form.
- ☆ : Working with an instructor might not be a bad idea.
- ★ : Maybe you're right. I seem to have developed some bad habits.
- ☆ : The professionals here at the club are reasonably priced.
- ★ : Really? I'll look into it.

Question: What does the woman suggest the man do?

No. 12 ☆ : Hey Antonio! What are you doing here? I thought you'd found a job overseas.

- ★ : I did, but I'm home visiting my parents.
- ☆ : They must be happy to see you. How long are you here for?
- ★ : I go back to Turkey in a couple of days. Listen, I've got a few hours to kill before going to a concert. Do you want to get some lunch?
- ☆ : I'd love to, if you don't mind me running a few quick errands first.
- ★ : Not a problem. I'll come along and keep you company.
- ☆ : Great. We have so much to catch up on.

Question: What is the man going to do next?

〈Part 2〉

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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) Placer Mining

Much of the world's gold was formed deep beneath the ground, but it's not always necessary to dig deep mines to find this valuable metal. A technique called placer mining is used to find gold in or near rivers. In this type of mining, machines are often used to collect water, sand, and small stones in huge containers. The materials are then shaken and the lighter substances fall out. Because gold is heavy, it will remain in the bottom of the containers.

Some spots are better for placer mining than others. For example, gold is slowly washed downriver, but because it is heavy, it tends to build up where there is a sudden drop, such as at waterfalls. The falling water creates pools at the bottom of the waterfall that can trap significant amounts of gold. These are the areas that are of most interest to mining companies.

Questions

No.13 What technique does placer mining rely on?

No.14 Where are the best areas to find gold when placer mining?

(B) Neanderthal Teeth

A recent study by researchers has revealed new information about the eating habits of Neanderthals. Using DNA analysis techniques, the researchers compared substances found on the teeth of Neanderthals that lived in northern Spain with substances found on the teeth of Neanderthals in Belgium. The results showed that the Neanderthals in Belgium consumed mainly wild sheep and other mammals, while the Neanderthals in Spain had a plant-based diet.

The researchers also found evidence that a Neanderthal in Spain was suffering from a stomach illness and an infected tooth. DNA from pain-relieving plants was found between his teeth. The researchers believe this indicates that Neanderthals knew that such plants could be used to help reduce

pain. If true, it seems that Neanderthals were both more sophisticated and better able to take advantage of their environment than previously thought.

Questions

No.15 How were the Neanderthals in Belgium different from those in Spain?

No.16 What is one thing the researchers believe about the Neanderthals in Spain?

(C) *Sisi—the Austrian Empress*

Elisabeth Amalie Eugenie, commonly known as “Sisi,” became the empress of Austria when she married the country’s emperor in 1854. However, Sisi had little interest in the duties of royalty, such as ceremonies and policy discussions. She began traveling to escape court life, but this angered her powerful mother-in-law, who considered Sisi’s behavior inappropriate for an empress.

On her travels, Sisi developed a strong relationship with the people of Hungary. At the time, Hungary was ruled by Austria, and Sisi felt that the Hungarians were treated unfairly. When she was back in Austria, she campaigned for Hungarians to have more legal rights and helped them achieve some level of independence from Austria. Sisi was also interested in mental health, and she campaigned for improved care for mentally ill patients. She even asked for the construction of a hospital as a present from her husband.

Questions

No.17 What is one thing we learn about Sisi?

No.18 What was one way Sisi helped the Hungarian people?

(D) *To Stand or to Sit?*

In recent years, standing meetings have become more popular at many companies. To study the effects of such meetings, researchers at the University of Missouri conducted an experiment in which participants did group problem-solving exercises while either standing or sitting down. The researchers had predicted that the standing groups would rush and make poor decisions. Although the standing groups did take less time to complete their tasks, their decisions were mostly the same as those of the sitting groups.

Standing meetings have their critics, however. Business consultant Bob Frisch argues that when people are standing, the physical differences between them become more important. This can lead to shorter people feeling nervous

and therefore being less likely to share their thoughts. Additionally, young people’s greater physical stamina could give them an advantage if a negotiation during a standing meeting becomes lengthy.

Questions

No.19 What did the University of Missouri study reveal?

No.20 What is one criticism Bob Frisch has of standing meetings?

(E) *The Mule and the American West*

When most people think about the settling of the American West, they imagine people crossing the country in wagons pulled by horses. However, the mule, an animal created by breeding a female horse with a male donkey, was preferred by pioneers. Mules are strong but weigh less and eat less than horses. They also suffer fewer leg injuries, and they can see things to the side more easily. Pioneers found that these characteristics made mules more suitable for traveling over ground that was steep, uneven, or rocky.

One disadvantage, however, was that, unlike horses, which follow almost any command given to them, mules generally do what they want. For example, wagon drivers often experienced great difficulties in getting mules to cross rivers that the animals thought might be dangerous. Despite this disadvantage, westward journeys would have been nearly impossible without them.

Questions

No.21 What is one thing we learn about mules?

No.22 Why was using mules problematic?

(F) *Steve Jobs and His Role Model*

Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple Inc., had a role model named Edwin Land. Land founded a camera company called Polaroid that was well-known when Jobs was growing up. Jobs agreed with many of Land’s ideas. For example, Jobs often said, “Customers don’t know what they want until we’ve shown them.” This was a concept he learned from Land. Both Jobs and Land thought that conducting market research on consumer preferences was pointless. They believed companies should make totally new and interesting products their customers had never dreamed of.

Both Jobs and Land were also famous for trying to make even minor design details of their products perfect. Land, for example, spent so much money on

product development that financial experts warned against investing in Polaroid's stock. However, his products were thought to be beautifully designed and his company became highly profitable.

Questions

- No.23** What was one belief held by Steve Jobs and Edwin Land?
No.24 What were both Jobs and Land famous for?

<Part 3>

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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.

Hi, it's Sylvester from Sunset. I'm calling about the advanced grammar course you're scheduled to teach on Mondays from next month. Unfortunately, only three students have signed up, and our minimum class size is five. So we have a couple of options. We could reschedule the advanced class for Thursdays, since two more students could attend then. The other option is to make your class an intermediate one. Most of the students available on Mondays are intermediate students. Finding another teacher at this point is not possible, so we appreciate your cooperation.

Now, mark your answer on your answer sheet.

(H)

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

We offer several subscription options. The Net Special Plan provides unlimited access to daily news on our website for just \$10 a month. Our Premium Plan adds access to online daily puzzles and leisure magazines. That's just \$14 a month. Next, the Informed Plan includes the Net Special Plan and home delivery of the printed weekend edition for \$20 a month. Finally, if you prefer reading all your news on paper, choose our Comprehensive Plan. You'll get delivery of our newspapers every day, plus unlimited access to our digital content for \$30 a month.

Now, mark your answer on your answer sheet.

(I)

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

OK, we'll now divide you into groups to receive academic guidance from the teaching staff in your specific department. Those in humanities and language departments should head to Vernal Hall. That's near the main building where you first checked in. Those studying for science degrees should go to Baxter Auditorium, located directly across from the entrance to this building. Engineering students can stay in this hall. Students who have still not received their student ID card should go back to the main building after their academic guidance meeting. You all have maps in your orientation packet if you need to check locations.

Now, mark your answer on your answer sheet.

(J)

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

Let me tell you about our seasonal special. It's Peach Paradise Pie, which uses fresh peaches and authentic dairy custard—it's very creamy and absolutely heavenly! On the regular menu, the Stars-and-Stripes Apple Cake is a popular dessert this time of year, and it contains no dairy or nuts. Our biggest seller this month is Turtle Clusters. They're packed with caramel, hazelnuts, and pecan nuts. Last but not least, we have the Carrot Cake Delight, which has walnuts and raisins. It uses locally made butter, and our customers love it.

Now, mark your answer on your answer sheet.

(K)

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

There's an opening at MasterTech. The job is similar to what you do now. It's a successful, well-run business, but they cannot match your current pay. Next up, Blau Industrial is looking for a senior engineer. Your experience definitely qualifies you, and you'd get a pay raise, too. Finally, QCS Systems has an opening. The salary at QCS can vary a lot based on bonuses. It's likely you'll earn less than you do now some years. I thought there'd be a job coming up with Redwin, but they've decided not to replace the engineer who's leaving.

Now, mark your answer on your answer sheet.

【解答】

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