

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.

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- No. 1 * Good morning. Can I help you?

 - ★: Have you been to this clinic before?
 - ☆: No, this is our first time.
 - ★ : OK, we have an opening at four this afternoon.
 - ☆: Is there anything earlier? I'd like the doctor to see her as soon as possible.
 - ★: Let me see what I can do. In the meantime, please fill out this form for her.

Question: What does the woman want to do?

- No. 2 ☆: I'm thinking of buying a new car. Any ideas, Pete?
 - ★: What's your price range?
 - ☆: Well, it'll have to be an economy model.
 - ★ : You've got a couple of small children, right?
 - ☆: Three, actually.

- ★: So you'll need something roomy for the kids and when you go shopping.
- ☆: And then there's all of Sam's fishing gear.
- ★: Well, a 4-door wagon might be good. Not too big, but with space for the whole family. I'll show you some car websites later, if you'd like.
- ☆: Great. Thanks.

Question: What does the man advise the woman to do?

- No. 3 ★ Karen, your project was due yesterday. Why are you turning it in now?
 - ☆ I'm really sorry, Professor Little. My roommate spilled coffee all over my desk, and I had to redo everything.
 - ★ I'm sorry, too, Karen. This is the third time it's happened, and that sort of excuse is really not acceptable.
 - Are you saying that you won't even look at my work?
 - ★ No, but you should have talked to me yesterday if there was a problem. I'll accept your project, but I'm going to drop you a full grade.

Question: Why is the professor angry?

- No. 4 ★: 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. 5 ☆: John, I need your advice.
 - ★: What's up?
 - ☆: Well, my son wants to join the rock-climbing club at school, but

I'm afraid he'll get hurt.

★: Marge, he's not a baby anymore. Don't treat him as if he were.

☆: But don't you think it's too dangerous?

★: Nah, it should be good fun for him. He'll make lots of friends, and it'll give him some confidence.

Question: What does the man advise the woman to do?

No. 6 A I think there's an error on our credit-card bill.

★ ! It did seem quite high this month, but I didn't look at it closely.

☆ Well, I see two identical charges from the same computer shop.

★ © On the same date?

Yes, but I only bought one printer, and I have the receipt.

★ Sometimes a purchase can get processed twice.

☆ § So what do you think I should do?

★ Start with the store. If they can't help you, try the card company.

Question: What does the man tell the woman to do first?

No. 7 ☆ Was Anna at the staff meeting this week?

★ No, she wasn't. That's the third one in a row.

☆ That's unacceptable. What was her excuse?

★ She said she was meeting a client, but when she came back to the office, I noticed she had gotten her hair cut.

She really needs to shape up. Her sales performance isn't bad, but if she doesn't change her attitude soon, she's going to be out of a job.

★: I'll speak with her today.

Question: What is the problem with Anna?

No. 8 ★ Are you running in the race on Saturday?

You mean the 10K run in the park? I'd like to, but I'm not in good enough shape. Plus I don't think I can find a babysitter.

★ Well, there's also a 2-kilometer walk for those who prefer a slower pace. You could push the baby stroller.

☆ That sounds about my level. Is the event a fund-raiser?

★ Yes, all proceeds go to a local organization that helps the homeless. I hope you can make it.

 $\mbox{\ensuremath{\upsigma}}\$: Sure, why not? I can get some exercise and donate to a worthy cause.

Question: What is the main purpose of the race?

No. 9 ★: Are you still working on your nursing school application, Claire? You've been at it all day!

☆: It's due tomorrow, Dad, and I don't want poor writing to hurt my chances.

★: What do writing skills have to do with being a good nurse?

★: Well, it's probably not necessary, but I'd be glad to read through your application for you.

☆: Thanks.

Question: Why is Claire concerned?

No. 10 ☆ We have so many things to throw away before we move!

★ Let's have another yard sale.

We only made a little money with the last one. The newspaper ad was expensive, and the sale took up so much time.

* Well, even a little extra cash would help.

☆ It's not worth it, considering all the other stuff we need to do before we move.

★ Yeah, I guess you're right. Let's just give what we don't need to charity.

Question: What do we learn about the woman?

No. 11 ☆ Excuse me. Is there a hardware store around here?

★ Well, there are still two small, independently owned stores on Howard Street. But if you want one of the big chains, all their stores are north of town.

★ Yeah, and they don't offer the same range of goods, either. That's one reason why independent stores are closing down in many towns.

Question: What does the man say about the independent stores?

⟨Part 2⟩

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No. 12 ★ Hey, Abigail. Are you having as much trouble as I am with our sociology class?

A Big trouble! What's with the book the professor assigned?

★ ¶ I spent ages just trying to understand the introduction. It's all I can do to get through a single chapter!

☆: Yeah, the author just seems to go around in circles.

★: I agree. He never seems to make a point.

☆: Hey, maybe there's a study guide on the Internet...

★: That's an idea.

Question: Why are these students complaining?

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.

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(A) Dark Chocolate

People who enjoy eating chocolate may now have another reason to cheer. Research over the last decade shows that eating dark chocolate can decrease a person's chance of suffering a stroke or having heart problems. Researchers think this is because dark chocolate is rich in antioxidants, which protect cells from damage. In fact, the dark variety contains more antioxidants than many fruit juices.

Dr. Beatrice Golomb of the University of California, San Diego has recently done another interesting study. The study followed the eating and exercise habits of middle-aged men and women. Surprisingly, Golomb found that frequent dark-chocolate eaters were more likely to be slender. Although dark chocolate has more calories than many foods, Golomb believes its ingredients may prevent the body from absorbing fat.

Questions

No.13 What has research over the last decade shown?

No.14 What did research by Beatrice Golomb suggest about dark chocolate?

(B) Fish Farms in the Negev Desert

In an attempt to use previously unproductive land, Israeli businesspeople are now raising fish in the Negev Desert. These fish farms export thousands of kilograms of fish to Europe every year. The water they use is pumped from caves far beneath the ground and stored in aboveground pools. The water is slightly salty so it cannot be used for human consumption, but it is clean and perfect for raising fish. The wastewater from the pools, which is high in nutrients, is then used for agriculture.

The fish farms are not without problems. Critics point out that the

underground water is not a sustainable resource: it will run out in the not-toodistant future. Nevertheless, fish-farm supporters argue that there is enough water to allow the farmers to continue their businesses until seawater purification technology becomes cheap enough to replace it.

Questions

No.15 What is true of the fish farms in the Negev Desert?

No.16 What do critics of the fish farms say?

(C) Smart Meters

Electric power companies in the U.S. have recently been installing so-called smart meters in people's homes. These meters constantly send electronic data on electricity usage to the power companies. The data allows companies to set higher or lower rates depending on the demand at different times of day. The meters can also inform companies of problems as soon as power outages occur. This means repair work can begin more quickly.

The power companies are pushing all households to have the new meters installed. But some American consumers are concerned about companies gathering information about their consumption habits. These consumers think that the wireless data sent from smart meters, which includes personal information, may not be secure. Since consumers who refuse smart meters are being charged additional fees in some areas, this has led to numerous legal battles.

Questions

No.17 What is one thing we learn about smart meters?

No.18 What do some American consumers believe?

(D) The Science of Raindrops

Scientists have long been interested in the size of raindrops. Raindrops sometimes hit each other and form larger or smaller drops as they fall. However, this happens too infrequently to provide a complete explanation. Recently, French researcher Emmanuel Villermaux filmed large drops of water as they fell. He noticed that, first, the drops began to change shape. While still in midair, the drops then broke into droplets of various sizes, just like those found in nature.

Such research may seem pointless to some, but it may have real-life uses. For example, it may help farmers when they spray chemicals on fields to feed

crops or kill insects. With current spraying methods, the wind often carries these chemicals into neighboring fields. To prevent this from happening, scientists are now working on spraying methods that are based on the natural process of raindrop formation.

Questions

No.19 What did Emmanuel Villermaux's research show?

No.20 How might the work of scientists help farmers in the future?

(E) The Last Tortoise of His Kind

In June 2012, Lonesome George died in a nature preserve on the Galápagos Islands. George was the last surviving member of a type of giant tortoise that was only found on Pinta Island. The other members had died out because of hunting by humans, and also because their natural habitat was destroyed by goats, which had been brought by humans. Scientists had hoped to preserve George's genetic line by breeding him with genetically similar females from nearby islands. Unfortunately, the females' eggs did not hatch.

George has come to symbolize fragile ecosystems. Environmentalists use his story to educate people about the problems invasive animals can cause. Invasive animals have killed many native species by destroying habitats and food sources those species need to survive. All too often, these invasive animals were carelessly introduced by humans.

Questions

No.21 What is one reason the giant tortoises on Pinta Island died out?

No.22 What are environmentalists trying to do?

(F) Police Interview Techniques

Recently, U.S. police have changed the way they interview criminal suspects. In the past, police officers usually looked for physical signs that a suspect was under stress. These signs included nervous gestures or a lack of eye contact. However, this sometimes prevented police officers from concentrating on what the person was actually saying. The new technique focuses on analyzing how people describe certain events.

Research has found that when people tell the truth, they provide 20 to 30 percent more detail than people who are lying. So, with the new technique, the suspect is first asked to share a memory unrelated to the crime. This allows the interviewer to become familiar with how the suspect expresses him

or herself. Then, the suspect is asked to describe events related to the crime. Police then analyze those descriptions to see if the suspect is lying.

Questions

- No.23 What does the new interview technique involve?
- No.24 What is the first step of the new technique?

⟨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. (CDでは、この指示文は割愛してあります)

(**G**)

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

Hi, this is Samantha. I'm really sorry, but I can't make it to my lesson tonight. I'd like to reschedule it, though. Things are really busy at work, so tomorrow evening would not be possible for me. And I have a lunch appointment on Saturday. But I could come first thing in the morning or later in the afternoon. Oh, and Sunday before noon would be OK, too. Could you let me know when you're available? Thanks, and sorry again.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

(H)

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

Hi Taro. It's Kelly here. I talked to the university for you. Unfortunately, they can only do direct deposits into U.S. bank accounts, so they cannot deposit your paycheck into your account in Japan. It's too bad that you closed your U.S. account. They did say, though, that you could mail them a signed letter allowing them to make the paycheck out to me. Then, I could send you an international money order for that amount.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

(I)

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

Thank you for calling Cellular City. This call may be recorded for quality assurance purposes. For inquiries about recent bills, payment issues, or to confirm your remaining monthly minutes, press 1. For questions about text messaging services and packages, press 2. To make changes to an existing account, press 3. For issues concerning phone repair, replacement, or the purchase of a new model, press 4. To hear these choices again, press the pound key.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

(J)

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

This one is the CR-Team road bike. It's designed for racing, though, rather than carrying heavy loads. A mountain bike would be great if you're looking for an off-road adventure—this Blue Venus is perfect. This one over here, the SL-8, is a hybrid so it's good for the mountains and the road. It's ideal for distance riding because it's comfortable and you can carry a lot of things. If you're just looking for something to use around town, utility bikes like this ZT-11 here will do the job.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

(**K**)

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

OK. There are two categories of graduation thesis: research papers and creative writing projects. The first is more common. Creative writing projects are generally restricted to students who have an A average. Without this average, your creative writing proposal may still be accepted. However, you will need to speak to your academic adviser and get permission before you hand in your proposal to the thesis committee. Without permission, you'll have to do a research paper. Once your thesis has been set, a doctoral student will be appointed to give you guidance with it.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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