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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 dialogs, No. 1 through No. 12. Each dialog 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 dialog and the question will be given only once. Now, let's begin.

★ ! Thinking about taking early retirement?

☆ No, I plan to work here for a few years yet.

★ Still, you're smart to think ahead. I'm really looking forward to taking it easy when I quit working.

☆: Actually, I don't plan to just lounge around.

★: What do you mean?

☆: I'm looking into volunteering at a homeless shelter or something.

★: I'm impressed by your motivation.

Question: What is the woman planning to do?

No.2 A Hey, did you hear about Pete and Judy? They're moving to Houston.

★ Houston! How come?

Pete got a great offer from his company to manage the office there.

★ I imagine Judy isn't too happy about that.

☆ Why not? It sounds like a great opportunity to me.

★: Well, most of her family live here in San Francisco.

☆: That's true, but it'll only take a few hours for her to fly back for a visit.

Question: What does the man imply about Judy?

No.3 * Thank you for seeing me, Ms. Rodriguez. I wanted to talk to you about Donnie's poor test results.

Lit's worrying me, too. Your son's a good student otherwise. Does he make time to study?

★ He crams for hours, but panics on the day of the test. I think his mind goes blank.

☆ So the problem is anxiety, not lack of effort.

★ I think so. Do you have any suggestions?

A: He should visit the school psychologist. She's helped many students with similar problems.

★ Alright. I'll talk to Donnie about it.

Question: What will the man probably do?

No.4 ☆: I'm so annoyed, Tony. This new bag was a complete waste of money.

★: What do you mean?

☆: Look. It's starting to fall apart, and I've only had it a week!

★: Go back to the store and ask them to replace it.

☆: Do you really think they'll do that?

★: Having satisfied customers is pretty important, you know. It's in their best interests to make you happy.

☆: Maybe you're right. I suppose the worst they can say is "No."

Question: What does the man suggest the woman do?

No.5 A: Stan, long time no see. How's life?

★ Looking up, actually. I was laid off last month, but a few days later, I happened to bump into an old friend from college.

☆: And ...?

* We got talking and the next thing I know, I was being offered a high-paying job in a field I've always been interested in. And I get a company car.

☆: Seems too good to be true. Just to be on the safe side, you'd better check the details before you accept.

Question: What does the woman think about the man's job offer?

No.6 Remember, I'll be away from Tuesday to Thursday, honey. Are you sure you'll be OK?

★ Yeah, it's all under control. I need to pick up the dry cleaning on Tuesday and take Billy to basketball practice on Wednesday night, right?

Right. His summer training-camp fees are due then, too. The money's on the counter.

★: OK. Thanks.

☆: We have plenty of frozen dinners. And there's lots of pasta.

★: Stop worrying! I'm sure we won't starve.

Question: Why is the woman anxious?

No.7 A: How's your new dormitory, Greg?

★ Pretty nice, Mom. It's not as noisy as I expected. I'm not sure if I can get along with my roommate, though.

A: Oh? What's the problem?

★ He complains I'm too messy. I admit I do leave a few things lying around, but it's not that bad.

Well, he might have a point. After all, I always had to tell you to keep your bedroom at home tidy.

★: Maybe, but I wish he'd relax a bit.

Question: Why is Greg unhappy?

Really? I wondered what happened to her after she got fired.

* We didn't have much time to catch up, but she told me she'd started her own company and it's going well.

☆ I can't say I'm surprised. She's one of those people who always seem to land on their feet.

Question: What does the man say about Tina Wilkins?

No.9 ★ Hello?

☆ Hi, Kevin. It's Jade.

★ Hey, how's it going?

☆ Not bad. Listen, Aaron and I are moving at the end of the month. Could you lend a hand?

★ If it's the last weekend of the month, I have tickets to the baseball game on the Saturday.

How about the Sunday? We'll move the light stuff on Saturday, and you can help us do the rest on Sunday. We're going to borrow my dad's van.

★: OK. I'll be there bright and early.

Question: What does Kevin agree to do?

No.10 \bigstar : Honey, what do you think about doing some redecorating?

 $\mbox{$\not \simeq$}$: To be honest, I don't want to put any more money into this house.

★: If we do the painting ourselves, it wouldn't cost much. I could ask my brother to help.

☆: That's all we need! He breaks something every time he's here.

★: True. Still, it wouldn't take long with just the two of us.

 $\mbox{$\frac{1}{12}$}$: Sorry, honey. The last thing I want to do is spend the weekend painting!

Question: What does the woman want to do?

No.11 ☆ Sorry to interrupt you during your break, Travis, but I think some students were smoking in the boys' bathroom this morning.

★ : Which one?

 * On the third floor. I could smell cigarette smoke, but when I told whoever was in there to come out, they ignored me.

★: You should have just gone in and dragged them out.

☆: I can't just walk into the boys' bathroom!

★: Well, if it happens again, find me and I'll go in and get them.

☆: Thanks.

Question: What does the man offer to do?

No.12 ★ Jacobson Corporation, Gavin speaking.

☆ Hi, Gavin. It's Danielle. Listen, I'm snowed in here, so I'm not going to make it back in time for tomorrow's meeting.

★ Yeah. I saw the weather report and figured you'd be delayed. I have a copy of your presentation on my computer, so I'll cover for you.

☆: Thanks. I owe you one.

★: I'll let the boss know. When do you think you'll be back?

☆: With all the flight cancellations, probably not until Thursday.

Question: What will Gavin do?

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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) Chimpanzees on the Attack

Scientists have long suspected that chimpanzees attack and kill neighboring chimpanzees to gain resources. A 10-year study of the Ngogo chimpanzee group in Uganda now provides evidence to support this theory. Primate behavioral ecologist John Mitani and his research team observed 18 attacks by mostly male chimpanzees. The attacks appeared to be motivated by the desire to take over rival territory that would provide new food sources. A secondary benefit was probably that females from other groups joined the Ngogo group.

Some scientists suggest the study's findings can be used to make conclusions about why humans engage in wars. But Mitani believes his research will in fact help us understand why humans cooperate with each other. After all, the attacks succeeded only because the chimpanzees worked together. Mitani also points out that the Ngogo chimpanzees belong to the only chimpanzee subspecies that has been observed killing its neighbors.

Ouestions

No.13 What is one reason Ngogo chimpanzees attack their neighbors?

No.14 What does John Mitani believe we can learn from observing the Ngogo chimpanzees?

(B) Laser Comb

Many men are concerned about the effect aging has on their hair. Although studies show that most women in the U.S. find bald men attractive, many men hate losing their hair. Medical attempts to deal with baldness have included skin creams, hair transplants, and prescription pills. In 2007, however, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the sale of a new treatment: a laser comb.

The laser comb uses low-level laser therapy. Although lasers are often used

for hair removal, low-level laser has been shown to improve the health of hair by increasing blood flow to the skin on the top of the head. In one study, the majority of men who used the laser comb for six months lost less hair. Some even grew new hair. Although the comb costs around \$550, many men are eager to try it.

Questions

No.15 What do most women in the U.S. think?

No.16 What do we learn about the laser comb?

(C) Art in the Mission District

The neighborhood known as the Mission District in San Francisco has changed dramatically in recent years. It was once poor and neglected, but now has trendy cafés and art galleries. However, it remains most famous for the graffiti that can be seen painted on many of the buildings. While some residents see this as an art form that provides a way to express opinions about social issues, many property owners see it as simple criminal damage.

In an effort to give artists a legal outlet for their art, the San Francisco Arts Commission worked alongside the city's Department of Public Works to create a program called StreetSmARTS. Through this program, artists receive property owners' consent to create large-scale artworks that decorate the urban landscape.

Not all property owners welcome StreetSmARTS. While many accept that the difference between art and vandalism is having permission, others argue the program may encourage unauthorized graffiti.

Ouestions

No.17 What has been one outcome of the StreetSmARTS program?

No.18 What do some property owners think about the program?

(D) Studying Stress

Most people believe stress is harmful and should therefore be avoided. However, recent research suggests this may not always be true.

One study found that hospital nurses who face a heavy workload but can cope with the challenge may actually be healthier as a result. A separate study may explain why this should be so. Researchers asked subjects to complete a task that was judged to be stressful. Subjects were given a limited time to memorize a list of words and then given a test. Researchers then measured the

level of disease-fighting antibodies in subjects' blood. Results showed an increase in antibodies in subjects who scored well on the test. Successfully dealing with stress appeared to give subjects' bodies a boost.

The conclusion seems to be that stress can have a positive effect, as long as people are careful not to take on more than they can handle.

Questions

No.19 What happened when subjects completed a stressful task?

No.20 What is the speaker's main point?

(E) Super Snake

In 2009, scientists announced they had uncovered the fossil remains of the largest snake ever found. The creature, called the Titanoboa, grew to about 45 feet long. Its jaws are thought to have been wide enough to swallow crocodiles. This giant snake lived approximately 60 million years ago in and around water in the rainforests of South America. The Titanoboa, like all snakes, was cold-blooded, so it relied on heat from its environment. For such a large snake to have survived, the climate when it lived must have been warmer than today.

At first, scientists thought the fossil they had discovered was a giant crocodile with the legs missing. With only the spine and ribs as evidence, it took two years to realize the bones actually belonged to a snake. Researchers hope to find an entire skeleton of this giant snake in the future.

Questions

No.21 What does the speaker say about the Titanoboa?

No.22 What did it take scientists two years to do?

(F) VIP Treatment

When fans go to rock concerts nowadays, they can buy a lot more than T-shirts and albums. Some choose to pay extra for VIP treatment. This includes a range of services, such as priority entrance into the concert venue and face-to-face meetings with the singers and musicians. A number of packages are available that target devoted fans, but they come at a high price: as much as \$2,000 per fan.

The packages are largely the music industry's response to reduced revenue caused by illegal music downloads. But many people complain that charging high prices to become a VIP is simply taking advantage of loyal fans. Officials

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in charge of regulating the music industry also worry that this could have a negative effect. Fans may increasingly see performers as greedy and, as a result, stop going to concerts.

Questions

No.23 What can some fans do at rock concerts?

No.24 Why are officials concerned about VIP treatment?

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.

Minor pain is normal, especially at first. If it becomes severe and the medication isn't helping, get in touch with us right away. We may need to adjust your prescription. When you bathe, cover the cast with two layers of plastic to keep it dry. Plastic bags work well for this. Also, to stop the arm from swelling, try to keep it above heart level as much as you can. It'll take six to eight weeks for the bone to heal completely. At that time, we'll remove the cast and start your physical therapy.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

(H)

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

If you aren't concerned about cost, taxis leave from the stand outside. Alternatively, the bus goes to all central areas of the city. See the attendant in Aisle 4 for information. If you're staying at one of the major hotels, free shuttles depart from Aisle 3. Since it's rush hour, though, going by road will take longer than usual. Even by taxi, it'll take at least an hour. You could take the train, which leaves every 10 minutes from the underground station on the lower level. This will get you downtown in 20 minutes.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

(I)

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

Please remember the deadline for choosing a program is June 21st. All the programs are 15 weeks long. In Australia, Queensland University starts August 15th, and Sunshine Coast University starts August 23rd. This is just before the beginning of spring in Australia, and both schools are fairly close to beaches. In the U.S., Idaho State University has two fall programs, starting August 15th and September 10th. The weather is generally cool and dry during this season. Vancouver Island University in Canada has an August 1st start date. It can be quite rainy there during that time.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

(J)

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

This is Tracy from human resources. We're still waiting for your department's cost analysis report. We need to have it tomorrow morning at the very latest. Otherwise we can't guarantee it'll be considered in tomorrow afternoon's budget meeting, which could affect your funding for the coming year. I have to leave by 6 this eyening. If you can't get it done by then, bring it to me on the third floor first thing tomorrow morning. If you think you won't be able to submit it before the meeting, please call me tomorrow. Thanks.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

(K)

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

Thank you for coming to celebrate Brenda and Anthony's marriage. Be sure to sign the register—it's just inside the entrance. Any cards should be left with the groom's sister, who's sitting at the table next to the cake. Leave any other items on the table at the back of the room. If you need a drink at any time, please take advantage of the open bar beside the bandstand. I'll be making a toast to the bride and groom in about five minutes, so have your champagne ready.

Now mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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