

2 月 13 日 英米学科

ただいまからリスニングテストを始めます。放送される英語を聞いて、それぞれについて最も適切な答えを一つ選び、**A 解答用紙のその 2**に記入しなさい。問題は **(A), (B), (C)** の 3 種類に分かれていて、全部で 26 問です。いずれの問題も一度しか聞くことができません。問題を聞き終えたら、ただちに解答を記入しなさい。一問の解答時間は約 10 秒です。問題冊子にメモを取るとよいでしょう。

Part A Listening 1~6 では、会話やアナウンスのあとに問題が続きますので、それに対する最も適切な答えを (A) ~ (D) のうちから一つ選びなさい。それでは例題を聞いてみましょう。

Example

- (A) Because she is always late.
- (B) Because the movie will start soon.
- (C) Because the busy roads may delay them.
- (D) Because the man will not wait any longer.

正解は(C)です。それではリスニングテストを始めます。

Listening 1

- M: Hi Ally, how was your trip to the beach? Hope it didn't rain throughout the whole weekend on the coast like it did here.
- W: Actually, I didn't go in the end. The weather would've been okay, but I couldn't find anyone to look after my dogs!
- M: That's too bad. Did the hotel give you your money back? That can always be a bit of a problem.
- W: No, I didn't get any of it back because I cancelled the reservation much too late, which is annoying as the room was very expensive.
- M: You didn't end up spending the weekend working, did you?
- W: Well, I had some work to do so I just stayed home and did that instead. Ah well, there'll be another long weekend next month so I'll try to get away for a trip then.

Question 49. Why did the woman cancel her weekend trip to the beach?

Listening 2

Welcome to Duff Stadium for tonight's match-up between Springfield and Burlington, we have a great game in store for you this evening. Food stands near the Station Gate are now open selling fried noodles, hot dogs, and French fries, and the servers will be coming around with drinks and ice cream for sale. If you are still hungry after the game, the food trucks outside the Central Park Gate will stay open until midnight. Official merchandise such as shirts and scarves are available in the club shop. It is located just inside the stadium by the East Gate. And don't forget to stop by the ticket office to pick up your tickets for the games against Bedrock and Boston next month. The office can be found alongside the food stands. Don't forget, the South Gate is entrance only, so exit from the East or Central Park Gate at the end of tonight's game. Let's play ball!

Question 50. Where is the ticket office?

Listening 3

W: Hi Gabriel. How's your reading going? Have you finished the book yet? I can't believe we have to finish the whole book before the next class. I just can't find the time.

M: Well, I've actually just finished it but I struggled with this one.

W: Well done! I tried reading it on the train, but it was hard to concentrate with all the people constantly getting on and off. You told me once you like to read in bed, before you go to sleep, right?

M: Yes, but winter is too cold for that. I don't want to put my arms out from under the blankets. My friend recommended that I read in the bath, and that worked great for this assignment.

W: In the end, I decided to read in the library between classes and that way, I can get an hour done every day. That should be enough.

M: Good luck!

Question 51. Where did the man read his book?

Listening 4

W: What time would you like to get to the concert tonight?

M: I wouldn't mind getting there a bit early to buy something. The show starts at seven, so how about five-thirty?

W: Yes, that works. I need to get a T-shirt, and it takes me a while to pick one out, so let's get there around then. I want to see which ones they have for sale.

M: Something to go with the hat you bought at the last show? I'd like to get a towel this time. I'll give it to my friend as he bought me a nice set of picture cards the last time he went. It shouldn't take too long.

W: Okay, let's start getting ready.

Question 52. What does the man want to buy at the concert?

Listening 5

- W: Are you going to be long, Chris? If we don't leave for the airport soon we might miss our flight. I think the taxi-driver is getting a little impatient ...
- M: Yes, sorry. I'm just checking a few things before we leave. So, the windows are all securely shut, the hot water has been turned off – thank you for reminding me about it earlier because I almost forgot – and the plants have got enough water.
- W: Yeah, Brad will be coming round once a week or so to check on the plants.
- M: Okay, oh, and I've cancelled the newspapers, right?
- W: No, actually I took care of that, remember?
- M: Ah, yes – thanks for that, and also for booking the taxi! Right, I think that's everything. Let's go!

Question 53. What did the woman remind the man to do?

Listening 6

- M: Melanie, we need to decide who should be our class president.
- W: How about Charlie? He's very organized and always comes on time.
- M: That's true. But I'm not sure if he'd do a good job getting the others to join in.
- W: That might be right. Tessa would be good at that.
- M: She would, but she's not great at remembering important dates.
- W: I didn't know that. There's also Allan, he might be an effective leader. He did a great job planning our fall festival.
- M: He really did. But I heard he's busy working at the dog shelter.
- W: Jasmine is well-liked and reliable. She also has plenty of free time.
- M: That's a good point. Let's nominate her.

Question 54. Who planned the fall festival?

Part B Listening 7～8 では、英語を聞いて、印刷された問題に対する最も適切な答えを (A)～(D)、または (A)～(C) のうちから一つ選びなさい。なお、**Listening 7** には問題が三つ、**Listening 8** には問題が四つあります。例題はありません。

Listening 7

- W: Hello listeners, this is Joan Shilough, with our *Friday Tea-time Podcast*. Today Kris Pikrem, our food editor is with us again. Hi, Kris!
- M: Hello, Joan. It's great to be back here with you. Actually, I've just come back from a trip to Sweden, and I want to tell you all about their Cinnamon Roll Day.
- W: Sounds sweet! But first, tell our listeners when cinnamon rolls became popular there.
- M: Well, cinnamon has been used in Swedish cooking since Viking times, and features heavily in twelfth century recipes. However, during the First World War, many of the basic ingredients used in home cooking had become very expensive. It wasn't until the 1920's that Swedish households could easily buy basic food items like sugar, butter, flour, and spices such as cinnamon. It was around then that cinnamon-spiced rolls became a popular treat in Stockholm, later spreading to the rest of the country in the 1950's.
- W: So, when was Cinnamon Roll Day established?
- M: Well, a government committee known as the *Swedish Home Baking Council* was established with the aim of inspiring everyone in Sweden to bake more pastries and cakes. They asked Swedes to share cake and pastry recipes, and they also asked them to vote for their favourite cake or bakery product. And the cinnamon roll was by far the most popular choice. So, the council decided to acknowledge the cinnamon roll's importance as a symbol of the nation's cultural identity by starting the tradition of Cinnamon Roll Day. And, it's celebrated every year on October 4th.
- W: I'm curious. Are the Swedish rolls like the ones we get in the US?
- M: Well actually, although cinnamon rolls in the US were originally introduced by Swedish immigrants, there are some differences. The Swedish version is smaller, softer, and much, much less sticky and sweet than the usual American ones. Another essential difference is that the Swedes add some extra spices when making them, which gives the rolls a richer, more intense flavour. There's less fat and sugar in them. And also, unlike the American version, the Swedish rolls do not have a cream cheese filling.
- W: Well thanks, Kris! Cinnamon rolls – the Swedes bake them, eat them, and love them.

Listening 8

- M: Hello, listeners. Today on our program we have the popular American YouTuber Emily Sim. On her YouTube channel, Emily shares stories about her life here in Japan, and she now has more than three million YouTube subscribers. Emily, thanks for coming in today.
- W: It's a pleasure to be here, Kenji.
- M: So Emily, what brought you to Japan?
- W: Well, I started uploading videos about my everyday life in the US in 2017,

while trying to figure out my career path. But as my videos became more popular, I realized that I could become a professional YouTuber. In the search for some new, interesting stories to tell, I thought it would be good to travel, I just wasn't sure where. Then I ended up moving here in 2022 to work with a company called GX+. They were looking for creators who could make content in Japan to connect with an international audience and I was one of the ones they hired. Though I wasn't sure what to expect upon arrival, I've since come to know and love Japanese culture, and this is evident in my videos.

M: You must have had some culture shock living here in Japan, right?

W: Some, that's true. But I'm a New Yorker. In New York, you see all kinds of surprising stuff. Living here in a different culture hasn't been too hard to adjust to, and it has turned out to be really fulfilling. In a way, it's given me too many ideas for my videos to keep up with! I had imagined that Japanese working culture would be much more formal than in the US. But in fact, working for a young social media company, it's pretty relaxed, similar to back home.

M: So, tell me about your new series, your *Collaboration Café* videos. What is a collaboration café? And how did your series on them start?

W: Collaboration cafés are designed for fans who want to support a famous artist or their work. The cafés sell merchandise and food themed around their work, like anime or manga. When I first moved to Japan, I was invited to visit one and make a video about it. I've been to over 40 of them since! They're really popular here, but unfortunately, many of the cafés are only open temporarily so my international viewers have no real chance to visit them. That definitely gives my viewers a reason to watch.

M: Your videos sometimes touch on deeper emotions and personal experiences. How do you balance sharing these details with your audience while maintaining your privacy and well-being?

W: Yeah, that can be hard sometimes. I share only what I'm comfortable with, which is honestly mostly everything, but sometimes it takes a while. Back when I was scripting my video about my Asian-American background, it took well over a year to complete because it was hard to talk about, and I was worried about how it'd be received. I can't completely ignore negative comments, but if I don't feel ready to see them then I'll wait until I am.

M: Well, we certainly enjoy watching your videos and can't wait to see more of your work. Thanks you for visiting, Emily. And to all our listeners out there, make sure you visit Emily's YouTube channel to learn more about how interesting life in Japan can be!

Part C Listening 9~10 では、英語を聞いて、それに対して、印刷された各文の内容が正しければ (A) **TRUE** を、正しくなければ (B) **FALSE** を選びなさい。なお、**Listening 9** には問題が六つ、**Listening 10** には問題が七つあります。例題はありません。まずリスニング問題について英語の指示文が流れます。その 20 秒後にリスニング問題が始まるので、印刷されている問題に目を通しておいってください。

Listening 9

You will hear a man talking about the Japanese martial art aikido. Look at the 6 sentences below. Decide if each sentence is **TRUE** or **FALSE**. If it is **TRUE**, choose (A). If it is **FALSE**, choose (B). You now have 20 seconds to preview the questions.

Listening 9 will now begin.

As many people know, aikido is a martial art from Japan, like judo and karate. Today on our show, *Believe It or Not*, we have an interesting story about a woman named Mary Worton who started taking aikido lessons when she was in her sixties and is now an aikido instructor. When Mary was 59 years old, she resigned from her position as an art teacher and began spending her free time painting and reading books. She wanted to get more exercise, so her friend suggested she take up aikido. In fact, many of the books Mary had read mentioned aikido as a great way to connect the mind, body, and spirit. Inspired by this, Mary found a local class where she could take a beginners' aikido session, although it was a year before she got the courage to actually attend. Even then, she didn't go back for three weeks after the first lesson.

Despite her shyness, Mary kept returning. She expected her classmates would be uncomfortable practicing with an older woman, but they were the opposite, very patient and encouraging. She started attending classes two or three times a week to pick up the moves faster. Mary carried on like this for two years and began moving up the graded system of belt rankings. Mary was determined to achieve her black belt and in January, 2019, began receiving training from the only other person in her class who was qualified: a police officer with a black belt in aikido. In December 2021, Mary, at the age of 66, took her black belt test. For 20 minutes, she had to defend herself against a number of opponents which she was able to do. This made her nearly the oldest person to achieve an aikido black belt in the UK. Now 68, Mary is helping to teach beginners, one of whom has taken her place as the oldest in the group.

Listening 10

You will hear a man called Erik and a woman called Felicity discussing the speeches they will deliver at their friend's upcoming wedding. Look at the 7 sentences below. Decide if each sentence is **TRUE** or **FALSE**. If it is **TRUE**, choose (A). If it is **FALSE**, choose (B). You now have 20 seconds to preview the questions.

Listening 10 will now begin.

- W: Hi Erik, I'm just calling to see how the speech writing is going. Finished yet?
I've finished writing mine.
- M: Not even close. I didn't start writing it until last night.
- W: The wedding is in a few days! How are you going to write a good speech and memorize it by then?
- M: I know. You'll have to help me. Here's what I have so far. Do you think it's okay to start with a joke? Or should I just do a formal greeting, like everyone else does?
- W: It's going to be a pretty casual wedding, so jokes are fine, I think, although later in the speech is better. You don't want to start off by trying to make people laugh and then it doesn't work.
- M: Yeah, you're probably right. I do have an embarrassing story to tell about Darren, so that should make people laugh. Do you think he'll mind me telling everyone about that time at the lake in summer camp when we were in high school?
- W: No, I don't think he'd mind. Don't forget the formal parts of the speech, though, like thanking the bride's parents. I'm not going to say anything about that in my speech, so you'd better cover it. Speaking of formal, are you going to walk around the stage during your speech or just stand at the front and do it the old-fashioned way?
- M: I'll be too nervous to walk around. Are you going to stand at the front, too?
- W: Yes, I'll be staying there during my whole speech. It's pretty short. Just under five minutes, so there's no need to walk around. How long is yours going to be?
- M: Not that short, but certainly not too long. What're you going to say at the end?
- W: I'll just wish them a happy life together and then raise a glass of champagne. How about you?
- M: Oh. I was planning to do that, too. I suppose it's still okay though. That's kind of the point of the speech. No need to change it.
- W: Well, let me know when you're finished with the rest of it, and we can practice together.

This is the end of the listening test.