

2024年度 一般選抜前期A方式 (2/3)

これから、2024年度一般選抜前期A方式2月3日の英語リスニングテストを始めます。

このテストでは、聞き取る英語は、1回だけ流れます。

選択肢は、音声ではなく、すべて問題冊子に印刷してあります。

解答は、指示された解答番号の解答欄に、正しくマークしてください。

あとからまとめてマークする時間はありませんので、1問ずつマークしてください。

それでは、4ページを開いてください。

問題は15問あります。

答えとして最も適当なものを、4つの選択肢のうちから一つ選んでください。解答時間中に問題冊子にメモを取ってもかまいません。始めにサンプル問題が1問ありますが、サンプル問題の解答を、解答用紙にマークしてはいけません。

では、始めます。

Hello. It's time for the Listening Comprehension Test.

We have 15 questions in all. Let's do a sample question.

Sample Question:

In front of you, right now, is something that has some sheets of paper on it. What is this thing with a flat surface on which the exam papers are placed? What is it called?

Well, the answer is "desk," which is No. 2. OK? Let's begin

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When you go to the children's section in city libraries in Japan, you see a lot of "Kamishibai." They use separate cards, so they are different from the regular picture books. Each card has illustrations on the front and the script on the back. As for the origin of Kamishibai, we can go back to the Nara period in the 8th century. Later, Kamishibai was very popular during the Depression from 1930 to 1935, since many jobless men turned to street Kamishibai performing for immediate income. Its golden age was after World War II from 1945 to 1955 with more than 50,000 performers. In the 21st century it is mainly used for preschoolers in public libraries, nursery schools, and kindergartens.

Question : According to the speaker, when was the golden age of Kamishibai?

2

Yesterday I stopped by at the shop as usual. But it was not there! It was not where it should be! The shop is a clothing and accessory shop. It is not a very big shop but it sells nice-looking items of good quality at reasonable prices. Among them, a blue coat attracted me. It was a bit expensive, but it wasn't beyond my reach. Day after day, I stopped by to look at the coat exhibited in the shop window, and then came home. I visited repeatedly for almost a month. When I went to buy it yesterday, I realized someone else had already bought it. I walked home slowly with a heavy heart.

Question : Why did the speaker go home with a heavy heart?

3	<p>Do you know what a roly-poly is? It's a small bug and when you touch it, it rolls into a ball. We can easily find it under flower pots in our gardens. It eats almost anything, such as paper, rocks, or even concrete. I think we humans are like roly-polies now. I don't mean we can eat anything like them. Nor do I mean our bodies are getting small or round. But several days ago, I read an article about a Japanese company that produces concrete from food waste, such as thrown-away vegetables or used tea leaves. To my surprise, not only does the company make houses from it but we can also eat it!</p>
	<p>Question : According to the speaker, why are we now like roly-polies?</p>
4	<p>Traveling is a tremendous privilege which we don't even think of. We go to school and we come home. We go to a drug store to buy things for daily use. We jog, we swim, and we play tennis. Yes, we are moving every day. We take this for granted and forget the philosophy of traveling. Think of a flower like a dandelion. After the flowering season, its seeds are blown by the wind. Where are the seeds going? Who knows? The seeds land somewhere, where they have to take root. The land may be dry or wet. The soil may be rich or poor. However, the dandelion seeds cannot choose where they land. They can do nothing but stay where they are.</p>
	<p>Question : According to the speaker, what is a tremendous privilege?</p>
5	<p>Seventeen years ago, there was a terrible house fire. It seemed all the family members had escaped, but firefighters went inside the burning house to check for survivors. One of the firefighters, called Mike, was surprised when he saw something moving under a blanket. It was a baby boy called Jack. This experience was really shocking for Mike, and he decided he could no longer continue his job as a firefighter. He thought about what would have happened if he hadn't done the house check, and the baby had died in the fire. For 17 years, Mike wondered about this, and the fate of the baby. This year, he was suddenly contacted by Jack who thanked Mike for rescuing him.</p>
	<p>Question : Why did Mike quit his job?</p>
6	<p>I had two exams yesterday. Math and English. Two tests on the same day! In addition, I had to finish a homework assignment for my Japanese history class, which was also due yesterday. I spent four days doing the exams and the assignment, including the weekend. Be kind to us, teachers! Today, my dad told me to do some outdoor exercise after such mental stress and strain. It seemed reasonable that after just sitting at a desk to study for such a long time, some physical exercise would be good to relieve stress. I went out for a jog, but I ended up being caught in a heavy shower. Well, I should have stayed in my room and read books.</p>
	<p>Question : What was the father's suggestion?</p>

7	<p>At Cambridge University, students not only ‘study hard’ but also ‘play hard’. It means students not only study a lot, but they also enjoy themselves a lot, too. One of the most famous social events is the May Ball. Traditionally, the Ball was a formal social dance held in May. About a hundred years ago, the May Ball began to be held the following month. The reason for this was that the exams were held in May, and it was thought better that the May Ball be held later, when vacation started. Nowadays, when students are away on vacation, the university is open to the public for its summer schools in July and August.</p>
	<p>Question : When is the May Ball held?</p>
8	<p>The first passenger railway, connecting two cities—Liverpool and Manchester—opened in 1830. Ten years later, during a period of rapid development known as ‘Railway Mania’, most of the major cities in England were connected by railways. Railway building reached a peak in 1914, when there were 120 companies operating. In 1923, all these companies combined into just four big railway companies, one for each of the regions: north, east, south, and west. In 1939, when World War Two broke out, they were nationalised and brought together under one group: British Rail. Then in 1993, they were made private companies. So today there are about 25 private railway companies operating in Britain.</p>
	<p>Question : How many railway companies were operating between 1923 and 1939?</p>
9	<p><b>【A】</b> : I’m really full, Alex. I can’t eat any more.</p> <p><b>【B】</b> : What? You said you were hungry as a wolf and now look, Karter. You ate so little, like a bird! You have to have that for your breakfast tomorrow then.</p> <p><b>【A】</b> : Well, you know, I don’t want to eat curry and rice in the morning, but… all right. Oh, no, wait. I forgot that I have a breakfast meeting with my colleagues tomorrow. Sorry about that. Why don’t you have it yourself or just throw it away?</p> <p><b>【B】</b> : I’m not going to be one of those people who wastes food. Don’t worry. I’ll make something delicious with your curry and rice for our dinner tomorrow. How about curry soup?</p> <p><b>【A】</b> : Sounds great!</p>
	<p>Question : What is Alex most probably going to do with the curry and rice?</p>

10	<p>【A】 : Charlie, do you want to go to the Nagoya sumo tournament?</p> <p>【B】 : Are you kidding me? Sumo?</p> <p>【A】 : Oh, you're not a fan? It's great!</p> <p>【B】 : I don't understand the rules, and everything is always in Japanese.</p> <p>【A】 : Not anymore! You can get English program translations now.</p> <p>【B】 : Oh, really? I might be interested then.</p> <p>【A】 : I can get tickets if you want. They sell out quickly.</p> <p>【B】 : When is it?</p> <p>【A】 : In July.</p> <p>【B】 : I'm going to the U.S. in July, so I won't be here then. How much does it cost anyway?</p> <p>【A】 : You can get a box that seats 4 people for around ¥38,000 or a single seat at the back for about ¥3,800.</p> <p>【B】 : Wow, that's so expensive! Maybe if I start saving now we can go next year.</p>
	Question : What is the main reason why Charlie won't go to the sumo this year?
11	<p>【A】 : Hey Drew, did you have any luck shopping yesterday?</p> <p>【B】 : A little. I bought a pair of shoes that were on sale.</p> <p>【A】 : That sounds good, but you don't seem that excited. Are they uncomfortable or did you see them on sale somewhere else for even less?</p> <p>【B】 : No. They're comfortable.</p> <p>【A】 : Did you buy the wrong size?</p> <p>【B】 : That's not it either. It's just that they're noisy.</p> <p>【A】 : Noisy? What do you mean?</p> <p>【B】 : I mean, they make a sound with every step I take.</p> <p>【A】 : That's terrible! I think that would drive me crazy!</p> <p>【B】 : Yeah, I'm hoping that things will change after I wear them for a while.</p> <p>【A】 : Me too. At least you don't have to walk around in shoes that hurt your feet.</p>
	Question : Why isn't Drew excited about her new shoes?
12	<p>【A】 : Miki, could you tell me again when were you born?</p> <p>【B】 : You forgot my birthday?</p> <p>【A】 : No, I remember your birthday, it is the year I can't remember. I need to write it on this form.</p> <p>【B】 : Well, I am four years older than you, remember?</p> <p>【A】 : Right, so that means you were born in 1984?</p> <p>【B】 : Um... no. Don't tell me you can't remember the year you were born?!</p> <p>【A】 : Oh, whoops, I made a mistake. Of course I can remember my own birthday. I was born in 1987.</p> <p>【B】 : Yes, so you should be able to figure out my birth year now.</p> <p>【A】 : I've got it now, thanks.</p>
	Question : What year was Miki born in?

13	<p><b>【A】</b> : You ever heard of Bertrand Piccard?</p> <p><b>【B】</b> : The Swiss explorer? Who flew around the world?</p> <p><b>【A】</b> : Yeah, first in a hot air balloon.</p> <p><b>【B】</b> : Right, then in a solar-powered plane. So, what's he gonna do next?</p> <p><b>【A】</b> : He loves nature, so he wants businesses to produce eco-friendly products and technologies.</p> <p><b>【B】</b> : How?</p> <p><b>【A】</b> : Well, he's set up a company to register a thousand products and technologies that will help nature.</p> <p><b>【B】</b> : Impossible! A thousand?</p> <p><b>【A】</b> : Yeah, he told the story of a thousand piranha fish. If one fish bites, you feel nothing. If a thousand fish bite, you'll die in a second. It's like that. One solution won't change anything, but a thousand solutions will.</p> <p><b>【B】</b> : Oh, I'd hate to be eaten alive by piranha fish, gross!</p>
	<p>Question : What is Piccard planning for the future?</p>
14	<p><b>【A】</b> : Do you know how bees survive the cold winter?</p> <p><b>【B】</b> : Like most insects, they hibernate, right?</p> <p><b>【A】</b> : Hibernate? What's that?</p> <p><b>【B】</b> : You know. Sleep all winter in their nests. Like bears.</p> <p><b>【A】</b> : Well, that's true for most bees. But not for honey bees.</p> <p><b>【B】</b> : Oh. Then, I guess they eat lots of honey for energy.</p> <p><b>【A】</b> : That's one way.</p> <p><b>【B】</b> : Then, I guess they move their wings, and fly around.</p> <p><b>【A】</b> : Actually, they vibrate their flight muscles.</p> <p><b>【B】</b> : So, flapping their wings?</p> <p><b>【A】</b> : No, but they must keep the queen bee warm. If you look closely, you can see them moving or shaking.</p> <p><b>【B】</b> : Sometimes only the queen survives, and all the other bees die, right?</p> <p><b>【A】</b> : True, but not with honey bees.</p>
	<p>Question : How do honey bees survive cold winters?</p>

15	<p>【A】 : Hey Jamie, how was your trip?</p> <p>【B】 : Good, but I did something really stupid.</p> <p>【A】 : Really? What?</p> <p>【B】 : Well, when I was changing trains, I got stopped because I only had one ticket, and everyone needs two.</p> <p>【A】 : Then what happened?</p> <p>【B】 : I explained to the man at the station that the last machine must have failed to return my ticket, but he said that I would have to buy a new ticket.</p> <p>【A】 : That's terrible, so did you buy a new ticket?</p> <p>【B】 : No. I was angry. I said that if the machine failed to return my ticket it wasn't my fault. So, I waited forty minutes for him to call and have them check the other machine.</p> <p>【A】 : And?</p> <p>【B】 : The second ticket was in my pocket!</p>
	Question : How was the second ticket problem solved?
This is the end of the listening test.	
これで、問題を聞く部分はすべて終わりです。 解答終了のアナウンスがあるまで、解答が続けられます。 解答をやめてください。鉛筆を置いて、問題冊子を閉じてください。	