

2025年度 一般選抜前期A方式 (2/3)

これから、2025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.

1

People are spending more and more money on their pets. They buy their pets expensive food. They purchase cute outfits and jewelry for them to wear. They also spend a fortune on medical treatments for their dogs and cats. Recently, I saw a man advertising for someone to travel with his dog from one country to another.

The man was so worried about his pet traveling on a plane, he was willing to pay a large sum of money for someone to take the dog by car! I can't understand why an animal would need a private driver. But I see why people are willing to pay a lot of money to provide their pets with good food and medical treatment.

Question : What did the speaker find hard to understand about pet owners?

2

The French have contributed a number of dishes to the world of potato cooking. For example, a dish called pomme soufflees, is said to be one of the most famous potato dishes. However, you may be surprised to know that France was the last European nation to accept the potato. One soldier who had spent considerable time in Germany returned to his homeland and convinced fellow Frenchmen that the potato was both something you could eat and delicious, though many people in medicine at that time advised that the vegetable was poisonous and the cause of many illnesses. So, surprisingly, France was what can be called "late to the table" in potato cooking.

Question : According to the speaker, which statement is true?

3	<p>Folding fans are popular in many countries. In Spain, they are even used in traditional dances. In China, they were often designed with pictures of beautiful landscapes on them. It's also popular to have folding fans decorated with pictures of flowers or birds. My favorite folding fan is the one that I bought because the picture on it symbolizes the origin of the folding fan. As the story goes, a Japanese man saw the way the wings of a bat opened and closed, and that inspired him to make a fan that could be folded up the same way. He saw a bat folding its wings, and that was the inspiration for a folding fan instead of a flat one.</p>
	<p>Question : What is the picture on the speaker's favorite folding fan?</p>
4	<p>Every year more and more people are joining gyms or fitness clubs. I think it's wonderful that people decide to stay in shape or improve their physical condition. Joining a gym is relatively easy. In fact, gyms often offer special deals on the day of free trials to convince people to join them right away. However, what many people don't realize is that gyms can be extremely difficult to quit once you've joined. Once they start withdrawing money from your bank, it's almost impossible to get them to stop. People often worry about getting injured when they are at the gym, or not having enough time to go. However, not being able to quit is what I worry about.</p>
	<p>Question 4: What does the speaker worry about the most, regarding gyms?</p>
5	<p>I'm sure you are familiar with dictionaries and that for the past few years, dictionaries have been your faithful friend. But how are they made? There are some points which dictionary makers should keep in mind. First, they need to consider which words they exclude, not include. The space of dictionaries is very limited and technical terms should not be included. Second, and related to the first, old words, we no longer use in daily life, should also be excluded. Third, if an entry word has more than one meaning, the meaning should be listed according to its frequency. Finally, and most importantly, suitable sentences should be provided for the reader to understand how the word is used.</p>
	<p>Question : According to the speaker, which of the following should the dictionary include?</p>
6	<p>If you think of yourself jumping from a flying airplane, just the idea of you skydiving may horrify you. Even some professional skydivers feel scared. But on July 5th, 1952, Neil Stewart of Birmingham, Alabama, achieved an incredible record by jumping from a plane 124 times in a single day. On the first jump, Stewart's parachute failed to open and he had to use an extra emergency parachute. Looking from the ground, his wife fainted and fell down. But despite the unlucky beginning, he kept on jumping. Later knocked unconscious by a hard landing, Neil Stewart still managed to jump 124 times from the plane, including 19 jumps in total darkness.</p>
	<p>Question : Why was Stewart's first jump unlucky?</p>

7	<p>Laughing has an interesting characteristic. All of us in a passion of any kind cannot be made to laugh. If we laugh, it is proof that we have already overcome the passion. Laughter is an action only in a special sense. Many actions can cause laughter, but the only kind of action that laughter causes is more laughter. While we laugh, time stops and no other action can be thought of. In anger or panic, people sometimes are said to "laugh," but no one can confuse the noises they make with the sound of real laughter. Real laughter is absolutely far from aggressive. We cannot wish for people laughing to be other than they are. We do not want to change them.</p>
	<p>Question : According to the speaker, which statement is the real characteristic of laughter?</p>
8	<p>An experiment was carried out in the USA. A number of people acting as judges were asked to listen to recordings of two different groups of speakers. Many of the judges decided that speakers of the first group were black people and speakers in the second group were white people. However, the judges were completely wrong. It was the first group which consisted of white people, and the second of black people. But the judges were wrong in a very interesting way. The white people had lived all their lives in black communities. But, the black people were born and raised in white communities. The fact was that the white people sounded black and the black people sounded white.</p>
	<p>Question : What does this story tell us?</p>
9	<p>【A】 : Have you ever visited a desert? 【B】 : Yes, I have. I visited the Sahara Desert when I made a trip to Egypt. 【A】 : What was your impression of it? 【B】 : Well, as far as I could see, there was nothing but sand. And it was so dry! 【A】 : But, you know, there is a place drier than a desert. 【B】 : Really? I can't believe it. 【A】 : It is a town called Arica with a population of just 14,000. It's located on the border between Chile and Peru. 【B】 : How dry is it? 【A】 : Arica gets just half a centimeter of rain per year. 【B】 : That little! 【A】 : What's more amazing, Arica is on the Pacific Ocean.</p>
	<p>Question : What makes the town of Arica unique?</p>

10	<p>【A】 : Hi, Nicky. How are you doing?</p> <p>【Nicky】 : Not, bad. You know, I went to an internet cafe last week for the first time.</p> <p>【A】 : Really? I've never been to one. How was it?</p> <p>【Nicky】 : Actually, it was much more comfortable than I had imagined. All non-alcoholic drinks were free, and there were lots of comics and DVDs.</p> <p>【A】 : Wow. How long were you there?</p> <p>【Nicky】 : Four hours. I didn't read or watch anything, though. I was working all four hours. My computer broke down, but I had to prepare for my presentation. That's why I went there to use their computer. Thanks to that, the presentation went well.</p> <p>【A】 : Oh, that's good.</p> <p>【Nicky】 : Anyway, they also have karaoke, so we should go together next time.</p>
	Question : What did Nicky do at the internet cafe?
11	<p>【A】 : I'd like to buy a smartphone case for my son.</p> <p>【B】 : Transparent cases are the most popular among boys so that they can put their favorite stickers on their smartphones. A frame-only type won't hide the stickers, either.</p> <p>【A】 : I don't think my son would do that.</p> <p>【B】 : How about the one with a ring? The ring can be pulled out, so it's convenient when he uses his smartphone for a long time.</p> <p>【A】 : I'd rather not have my son use his smartphone for too long.</p> <p>【B】 : Well, we have a notebook type, too. It protects smartphones really well.</p> <p>【A】 : This seems more suitable for business professionals. But, since it protects the phone best, I will go with that one.</p>
	Question : Which type of smartphone case is the customer most likely to buy?
12	<p>【A】 : Wow. A Japanese novelist has won the Andersen Award.</p> <p>【B】 : What is the Andersen Award?</p> <p>【A】 : It is an international award for authors and illustrators of children's literature, named after Andersen, the famous author of children's books in Denmark.</p> <p>【B】 : What other awards are there?</p> <p>【A】 : The Caldecott Medal, for example, is awarded to the most distinguished American picture books. The Newbery is another well-known award. It is given for the most outstanding American children's literature.</p> <p>【B】 : Are there any awards for children's literature in the UK?</p> <p>【A】 : Yes. The Carnegie Medal is awarded to authors and illustrators of children's books. However, it's not limited to books published in the UK, but open to all children's books written in English.</p>
	Question : What is the international award given for children's literature in any language?

13	<p>【A】 : What shall we cook for next weekend's party? One of our American guests is a vegetarian.</p> <p>【B】 : How about sushi rolls?</p> <p>【A】 : Sushi? I don't think she eats fish either.</p> <p>【B】 : We can also prepare ones without seafood, such as kappa rolls.</p> <p>【A】 : Kappa rolls? "Kappa" is the tenth letter of the Greek alphabet, isn't it?</p> <p>【B】 : And, also the name of an Italian sports brand. But Kappa rolls have nothing to do with Greece or Italy. It's the name of cucumber rolls.</p> <p>【A】 : I love cucumber rolls! Then, why are they called "kappa rolls"?</p> <p>【B】 : I heard that in Japan, "Kappa" is the name of a monster or a god in water, and it loves cucumbers.</p> <p>【A】 : So, Kappa must be a vegetarian too!</p> <p>Question : According to one of the speakers, what does "kappa" mean in "kappa rolls"?</p>
14	<p>【A】 : I was just reading some news on the Internet, and I don't know if it's real or fake.</p> <p>【B】 : Oh, there's a lot of fake news around. Sometimes it's humorous, just for fun. The problem is when people start to believe it.</p> <p>【A】 : I guess a lot of people don't want to believe the truth if it makes them feel better.</p> <p>【B】 : That's called 'Truth Decay'. It splits opinion. People become more extreme. Hearing the same fake news makes people unsure of what to believe.</p> <p>【A】 : Yeah. There are too many facts available through social media.</p> <p>【B】 : True.</p> <p>【A】 : When I was young, we got all our news from TV. There were higher standards and everything was strictly controlled.</p> <p>【B】 : Well, I think news should be informative, important, and truthful.</p> <p>Question : What can be said of 'truth decay'?</p>

15	<p>【A】 : Thank you for doing this interview today. Could you tell me a bit about your work as a tornado survivor turned businessperson?</p> <p>【B】 : Well, after a huge tornado hit us, and destroyed our home, I decided to make something better.</p> <p>【A】 : How do you mean?</p> <p>【B】 : My primary goal was to protect me and my family. I needed a stronger house with stronger materials, so I did some research.</p> <p>【A】 : You used M2 construction, right? What is that exactly?</p> <p>【B】 : It's plastic and wire mesh that's then covered with concrete. It's totally waterproof and can handle 400 kph winds.</p> <p>【A】 : Amazing! And how's business now?</p> <p>【B】 : Business is fantastic! And I'm donating 10% of my profits to disaster relief charities.</p>
	Question : What was the main reason for the woman getting into construction?
This is the end of the listening test.	
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