

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

PART 1: CONVERSATIONS

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M: Hi, Mina, how was your English class this morning?

W: Great! We mostly practiced listening and speaking again.

M: Don't you find it hard to speak in English to your classmates?

W: No, we support each other, so it's very easy, I think.

35. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man and the woman are in the same English class.
- b) The woman had difficulty in her English class today.
- c) The woman enjoyed her English class today.
- d) The woman finds it hard to speak in English.

36.

W: Okay, class, time's up. Please hand in your quizzes.

M: Oh, no. Excuse me, professor.

W: Is something wrong?

M: I forgot to write my name on my quiz paper.

36. What does the man want to do?

- a) Take the quiz later
- b) Leave the class early
- c) Have more time to finish the quiz
- d) Write his name on his quiz paper

37.

M: Let me repeat that. You want a large pepperoni, mushroom, and sausage pizza on regular crust.

Oh, did you want to order something else?

W: No, thank you. Could you have it ready in about 45 minutes from now?

M: That's about 6:45, correct? It's 30 dollars when you come to pick it up.

W: Fantastic. Thank you.

37. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The pizza will be delivered to the woman.
- b) The woman will pay 13 dollars for the order.
- c) The pizza will be ready before 7:00.
- d) There are four toppings on the pizza.

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W: Where are you planning to live after you graduate from university? I will probably live at home.

M: Me too. It's really expensive to live in the city. I want to save some money for a few years.

W: That's smart. But will you pay rent? You'll have a job, right?

M: I plan to have a job. My mom said I could live at home, but she wants me to pay money for food, water, and electricity.

38. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man and the woman will find an apartment in the city.
- b) The man will have to pay some money to his family.
- c) The woman will have a high paying job.
- d) The man's mother wants him to study for another year.

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M: It is so hot today. This can mean only one thing.

W: I completely agree. Global warming is true. I saw a TV program about that yesterday.

M: You are too serious. It means that we need to eat ice cream.

W: I completely agree with that, too. It also means that you're paying for mine, right?

M: O.K., I can do that.

39. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man likes hot weather.
- b) The man is afraid to be in the sun.
- c) The woman agrees with the man's opinion.
- d) The woman will pay for her own ice cream.

40.

W: It was so sunny today. I'm afraid I may have gotten a sunburn.

M: Oh that's too bad. You should put on some sunscreen next time.

W: Yes, I will next time. I just love long walks on the beach.

M: Me too. I love hunting for unusual shells.

40. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman loves hunting for shells on the beach.
- b) The woman should have used sunscreen.
- c) The man has sunscreen.
- d) The man got a sunburn.

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W: What did you do on the weekend?

M: I went to see a soccer game on Sunday.

W: How was it?

M: It was great. My favorite team won, two to one.

41. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man enjoyed watching a soccer game on Sunday.
- b) The team that the man supports did not score on Sunday.
- c) The man and the woman went to see a soccer game together.
- d) The man and the woman support the same soccer team.

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M: There's going to be a charity event at school this weekend. Are you coming?

W: I don't know. Are you?

M: Yes, I am. I'm selling hotdogs at one of the food stands. You should come.

W: Okay. I will if the weather is good.

42. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man bought a hotdog at a food stand this morning.
- b) The woman has a lot of things to do on the weekend.
- c) The man is involved in a charity event.
- d) The woman thinks the weather will be fine this weekend.

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M: We're planning to go to the new Vietnamese restaurant tomorrow night.

Would you like to join us?

W: Thanks, but I have a dentist appointment.

M: What time is your appointment?

W: Well, it's at four in the afternoon but I'm not sure if I can enjoy food after having a tooth taken out.

M: That sounds serious. Please take care.

43. Which one of the statements is correct about the woman?

- a) She will join the man for dinner tomorrow.
- b) She is going to cancel her dentist appointment.
- c) She is going to see her dentist tomorrow afternoon.
- d) She had dinner at the Vietnamese restaurant yesterday.

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W: Wow! What a beautiful sunset behind Mount Fuji!

M: Yes, this painting is often shown in books in Japan.

W: It makes me want to climb it.

M: We can do that next summer if you like.

44. Which one of the statements is correct about the man and the woman?

- a) They are climbing Mount Fuji now.
- b) They are taking photos of Mount Fuji.
- c) They are looking at a painting.
- d) They will paint pictures of Mount Fuji next summer.

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W: Excuse me. Is there an ATM near here?

M: An ATM? Yes, there's one behind the bakery over there.

W: Where?

M: There. Can you see the blue sign?

W: Oh, yes. Thank you very much.

M: You're welcome.

45. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman is looking for an ATM.
- b) The man is going to a bakery.
- c) The woman works for a bank.
- d) The man is painting a sign.

46.

M: I hear your son is going to Canada to study for a year.

W: Yes. He'll be going on an exchange program. His university has a student exchange agreement with the University of Quebec in Montreal.

M: Isn't that a French-language university?

W: It is, but they have a good English language program as well.

46. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man's son will go to Canada to study.
- b) The woman will sign an agreement for student exchange.
- c) The woman's son will study French in Canada.
- d) The University of Quebec in Montreal is a French-language university.

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W: Dan plays the piano so well.

M: I know. He's really talented, isn't he?

W: Yes. Is he going to attend a music school?

M: Maybe not. His father wants him to be a doctor, not a pianist.

47. Which one of the statements is correct about Dan?

- a) He is a doctor.
- b) He goes to a music school.
- c) He is good at playing the piano.
- d) His father wants him to become a musician.

48

W: Are you free this Friday?

M: I should be. Why do you ask?

W: I'm wondering if you could help me with my history report.

M: Sure. Where shall we meet? At the library?

W: The library sounds good. Thanks.

48. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man is busy on Friday.
- b) The woman teaches history to the man.
- c) The man is looking for the library.
- d) The woman will meet the man on Friday.

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M: I heard Tomomi was taken to a hospital this morning. Did you know that?

W: No. Is she ok?

M: I'm not sure. We had dinner together last night, and she was OK then.

W: Hope it's nothing serious. If you see her, wish her well.

M: Yes, I will.

49. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man had a stomachache yesterday.
- b) The woman wants to see a doctor.
- c) The man met with Tomomi yesterday.
- d) The woman knows Tomomi is well.

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M: Where did you say your hometown was?

W: I don't think I told you. But it's a small town just north of Morioka.

M: Is that near Hokkaido?

W: Well it is in northeast Japan, but still very far from Hokkaido.

At least two or three hours on the Shinkansen.

50. Which one of the statements is correct about the man?

- a) He lives in a small town just north of Morioka.
- b) He grew up with the woman in northern Japan.
- c) He knows about Japan in detail.
- d) He wants to know about the woman's hometown.

51

W: I read that sleeping well makes us smarter because our brains repeat learning in our sleep.

M: That sounds logical. They say a healthy body makes a healthy mind. And sleep is important.

W: I had always thought that sleep was a waste of time, but I guess I was wrong.

I'll try to sleep more.

M: Well, now you can enjoy making up for lost sleep and sleep longer and become smarter!

51. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man says he read that sleep was good for health.
- b) The man does not want to sleep longer.
- c) The woman thinks that sleeping is a waste of time.
- d) The woman will try to sleep more.

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W: Did you say you were going to Tokyo this weekend?

M: No, I'm going to Tottori to see the sand dunes and the beautiful coastline.

W: Cool! You have friends in Tottori, don't you?

M: Yes, a few, but I also have some business to do there.

52. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman and the man are going to Tottori this weekend.
- b) The woman will go to Tottori to see friends.
- c) The man will do some business this weekend.
- d) The man is going to Tokyo this weekend.

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W: You looked a little tired in class, Alan. Is everything going okay?

M: Well, I had to work until late last night and I couldn't get enough sleep.

W: Oh, again? You can't keep doing this. I'd look for a new job if I were you.

M: You're right. I guess I should.

53. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man went to bed early last night because he was tired.
- b) The man thinks that the woman should start a new career.
- c) The woman thinks that the man should find a different job.
- d) The woman knows that the man rarely works overtime.

54

M: It's so hot today!

W: According to the weather report, this is only the beginning.

M: What! I guess it's time to buy an air conditioner.

W: Oh, I can't believe you don't have one yet!

54. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) It will be cool tomorrow.
- b) The man needs to buy an air conditioner.
- c) The woman has more than two air conditioners at home.
- d) It's time for the man to watch a weather report on TV.

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M: I need to get a new notebook for English vocabulary.

W: Wow! Did you already fill up the last one?

M: I write in it everyday. There are so many new words to learn.

W: Well, we could stop by the mall, or there's a shop at the station.

M: The mall has more choices. Do you have time to go there with me?

W: Let me call my mom and see if it's okay. She's at home making dinner now.

M: Okay, I'll wait over there by the bus stop.

[pause]

W: Thanks for waiting. She said she'd save me something for later.

M: Okay, let's go!

55. What will the man and the woman do next?

- a) Eat dinner with the woman's family
- b) Go shopping at the station
- c) Call the woman's mother
- d) Go shopping at the mall

56. Where will the woman eat dinner?

- a) At home
- b) At the mall
- c) At the station
- d) At the man's house

W: What club activities are you doing next year at your university?

M: I'll tutor first-year students in English and help with the school festival. I wish I could do more.

W: Well, what do you like to do? How about soccer? You played in high school.

M: I'm tired of it. I had a lot of fun cycling this summer.

W: I remember. Is there a cycling club at school that you could join?

M: Not that I know of. A few of my friends go on bike rides.

W: Well, why not try to start a new club with them?

M: That sounds like a great idea!

57. What does the man say about soccer?

- a) He wants to continue as a soccer player.
- b) He is tired of playing it.
- c) His university does not have a club.
- d) His friends play it all the time.

58. What will the man probably do?

- a) Talk to his friends about starting a cycling club
- b) Try out for the university soccer club
- c) Tutor exchange students in Japanese
- d) Teach English at his old high school

PART 2: MONOLOGUES

Monologue 1

Recently a major travel agency opened its second hotel with robots as staff. The new location is near the Tokyo Disney Resort in Urayasu, Chiba Prefecture. The name of the hotel translates into English as “The Strange Hotel.”

It is the company’s first opening of a hotel staffed by robots in the Tokyo area. There are plans to launch 100 more robot hotels in the next five years in Japan and overseas.

The chairman said that the aim of the hotel is not about being strange. It’s about changing and improving. He also said that by having robots in charge of the reception and placing robots everywhere, they are aiming to make it the most efficient hotel in the world.

They decided on the location for the new hotel because it’s near the Disney resort. He said the entertainment aspect of the robot hotel matches the tastes of the people who visit the theme park.

The original Strange Hotel opened in July 2015 near the Dutch theme park Huis Ten Bosch in Nagasaki Prefecture. The reception desk there is handled by robots that speak Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean. There are also porter robots that carry guests' luggage to their rooms.

Adapted from: ‘Strange’ hotel, run by robots, opens near Tokyo more to come by Daisuke Kikuchi, The Japan Times, March 15, 2017

59. What is the main topic of this monologue?

- a) A new hotel staffed by robots
- b) The way robots work at resort hotels
- c) A newly opened robot hotel in
- d) 100 new robot hotels in Japan and overseas

60. According to the monologue, which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The purpose of the hotel is to be strange.
- b) Some of hotel robots can speak more than one language.
- c) Porter robots carry the guests to their hotel rooms.
- d) The first robot hotel is located in Chiba prefecture.

Monologue 2

Kuju Highland is located in the heart of Kyushu. It is where you find Kuju Flower Park which is 220,000 square meters in area. From spring to fall, over 500 kinds of plants bloom there. Walking through the park, you can enjoy a range of breathtaking scenery and feel relaxed and refreshed.

The park is divided into five areas: the forest area, the country garden area, the flower fields area, the greenhouse and the fruit field. The forest area is a wonderful place to take a walk and enjoy bird watching. The country garden area includes the rose garden which has over 350 different types of roses. The flower fields area shows different kinds of flowers according to the season – for example, tulips in the spring, sunflowers in the summer and cosmos in the fall. In the greenhouse, you can enjoy flowers all year round. In the fruit field, you can enjoy blueberry picking in August and September.

If you become an online member of Kuju Flower Park, they will send you all sorts of information about the park every Wednesday. You can learn not only about what kinds of flowers you can see, but also how the flowers are planted and what the staff members do during the winter season.

Adapted from: Kuju Hanekoen Map

61. Which area is the rose garden located in?

- a) The forest area
- b) The country garden area
- c) The flower fields area
- d) The greenhouse

62. According to the monologue, which one of the statements is correct about Kuju Flower Park?

- a) From spring to fall, 220,000 kinds of plants bloom.
- b) The flower fields area has 350 different kinds of tulips.
- c) In the fruit field, you can pick blueberries.
- d) The staff members plant flowers every Wednesday.

Monologue 3

How do you study English? There are a lot of people who find studying just one foreign language hard, but how about learning 23 languages? Timothy Doner, a 17-year-old high school student living in New York City has become quite famous at his high school these days. Why has he become so famous? He can speak French, German, Japanese, Chinese, Swahili...and 18 other languages! So how did he go about learning 23 languages? Timothy says it wasn't language that he was interested in at first. He was more interested in the history and the politics of other countries. He says the first foreign language he studied was French. As he listened to songs in that language, memorized their lyrics, and imitated their singing, he could start having conversations with people in French. He also says using the Internet to communicate by email has been a big help to his language studies. But he says probably living in a multicultural city like New York has helped his language studies the most. Even if you don't live in New York, don't worry. There are still many ways you can enjoy learning foreign languages, so keep on trying. Who knows? Someday, you may become like Timothy!

Adapted from: News in Easy English(newsineasyenglish.com)

63. What is this monologue mainly about?

- a) How useful the Internet is to learn English
- b) How Timothy Doner became able to speak foreign languages
- c) Why it's difficult to learn foreign languages
- d) Why Timothy Doner likes to live in New York

64. Which foreign language did Timothy Doner first study?

- a) French
- b) German
- c) Japanese
- d) Chinese