

This is the listening comprehension section. There are three sections. Are you ready? Now let's begin.

Section 1 Listening Comprehension

Directions: In this section, there are four questions. You'll hear four possible statements for each picture. You will hear the statements just once. After you hear each statement, choose the best statement for the picture. Then, mark your answer on your answer sheet.

(間5秒)

- (1) a Both of the women are assembling a wheelchair.
b One of the women is crouching by a wheelchair.
c One of the women is taking a picture.
d Both of the women are standing by a wheelchair.

(間5秒)

- (2) a Some vehicles are in front of the buildings.
b Some buildings are under construction.
c The sidewalks are full of pedestrians.
d Some people are getting on a double-decker bus.

(間5秒)

- (3) a A person is taking notes on the whiteboard.
b They are seated at a round table.
c Laptops are being used by everyone.
d A meeting is taking place in a room.

(間5秒)

- (4) a Flowers have been arranged under the fountain.
b The fountain is out of sight from the building.
c The water is gushing out of the fountain.
d The statue of the fountain is being created.

(間10秒)

Section 2 Listening Comprehension

Directions: In this section, you will hear three short conversations between a man and a woman. You will hear the conversations just once. There is one question about each conversation. Beneath each question, you will see four possible answers. After you hear each conversation, read the question and choose the best answer for the question. Then, mark your answer on your answer sheet.

(間 5 秒)

(1) Woman: Wow, Morrie, you have a lot of photographs on your wall! Hey, that's a class photo. Who is sitting next to you?

Man: Oh, her? That's my friend Sandy. We have been friends since elementary school.

Woman: She looks interesting.

Man: Do you think so? She was more than interesting. She was really adventurous. She was the kind of girl who was never afraid, and she was always getting me to take risks.

Woman: Like what?

Man: Oh, like climbing trees. That's how I met her. I was sitting in a park, and I heard this voice over my head. I looked up, and there she was, in a tree! We started talking, and she invited me to climb up, so I did.

Woman: Wow!

(間 8 秒)

(2) Man: Excuse me, do all of your eyeglasses have UV protection?

Woman: Yes, they do. Some of the lenses that we sell also protect your eyes from the light of computer monitors and other digital screens.

Man: Really? That sounds good for me. I have to look at computer screens all day for work, and my eyes get really tired.

Woman: I've heard that from a lot of customers. Many of them have told me that their eyes stopped hurting after using lenses like these for only a few days.

Man: In that case, I'll take a look around your store. Hopefully I can find a pair that looks good on me.

(間 8 秒)

(3) Woman: Ken, I want to ask you to do something for us. I'd like for you to attend the Boston Career Forum this year. I know it's sudden, but we're in a pinch. We need for you to head out by this weekend.

Man: The Boston ... Career Forum? This weekend? Does this mean I get to visit the States? Do I need to prepare anything?

Woman: It's the largest recruitment forum for Japanese-English bilingual international students. We had arranged for someone else to go, but they had to go back to Japan due to a family emergency. That's why this seems a bit sudden. I'm sorry I couldn't have given you more notice.

Man: Oh wow, that sounds like a really huge event! I'm excited to go!

(間10秒)

Section 3 Listening Comprehension

Directions: In this section, you will hear three short passages. You will hear the passages once. There are two questions about each passage. Beneath each question you will see four possible answers. Choose the best answer for each question. Then, mark your answer on your answer sheet.

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- (1) If you take a train in Switzerland, you will probably see flocks of sheep in the lovely meadows. The Swiss Federal Railways has "hired" sheep to eat the grass along the rail tracks. The sheep work long hours, yet they never complain. They get along with each other, cost less than humans, and are environmentally friendly.

Sheep are not the only working animals. For centuries, horses have pulled carriages, carried riders on their backs, and even fought in wars. Today some police officers patrol city streets on horseback, so people are safe, and traffic is smooth.

Cattle pull heavy loads, but, in some areas of the world, they help plough the fields. Elephants and camels still carry people or heavy loads on their backs.

Throughout history, working animals have helped make our lives better and safer. Although these animals work long hours, they are happy as long as they are loved.

(間30秒)

- (2) In China all banknotes (although not coins) have carried the image of Chairman Mao since 1999. Since China has a population 20 times the size of the UK, we may assume that there are many images of Mao in circulation. But we have to keep in mind that China has recently switched to other means of payment, chiefly by smartphone.

Let's not forget India either. Mahatma Gandhi dominates the currency in this enormous country. Since 1996, all coins and notes have shown his face. And unlike China, India is still a cash-based economy. With its massive population of around 1.3 billion people, it's probably fair to assume that there are more images of Gandhi in circulation at the moment than of any other leader.

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- (3) Amsterdam is a global leader in sustainable energy management, transportation, urban design, and business innovation. In the last several years, a number of sustainability projects have been realized in Amsterdam. Furthermore, Amsterdam is the most bicycle-friendly city in the world. There are a total of 400 kilometers of bicycle tracks. Approximately 40% of all travel within the city takes place by bicycle. In addition, 225,000 parking places for bicycles have been provided by the city. Although residents own 1.9 bicycles per household, bicycle sharing programs have developed in order to reduce the use of cars and promote cycling.

Bicycle sharing is not a new concept in the Netherlands. The earliest bicycle program was started by the group Provo in the 1960s in Amsterdam, and was called the White Bicycle Plan. However, the plan was not successful because of poor management. Free bicycles were unlocked for everyone to use freely—and, unfortunately, most of the bicycles were stolen or eventually found in nearby canals.

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This is the end of the listening comprehension section.

