

This is the listening section of the Showa Women's University Junior High School Returnee Entrance Examination.

第 1 部 [Part1]

No. 1

Girl: Hey, are you still planning to go to the art museum this weekend?  
Boy: I was, but I heard it's closed for improvement work.  
Girl: Oh really? That's too bad.  
Boy: Yeah, but I found out there's a new science exhibition on downtown. Do you want to come with me?

Question: What will the boy do this weekend?

- A: Visit the art museum.
- B: Go to a science exhibition.
- C: Stay at home.
- D: Take an art class downtown.

No. 2

Man: Hi, I ordered a set of headphones online, but I received the wrong color.  
Woman: I'm sorry to hear that. Did you order black or white?  
Man: I ordered black, but some white ones arrived.  
Woman: No problem. We will send the right ones today, and you can keep the white ones, too.

Question: What will the man receive?

- A: Some white headphones.
- B: Money back for the headphones.
- C: Some black headphones.
- D: Nothing.

No. 3

Eric: Sue, you're back from your trip to Thailand. How was it?  
Sue: It was great, and the weather was hot, but look at this huge red mark on my leg! It's terrible!  
Eric: Ouch! That looks really painful! Did you get burned by the sun?  
Sue: No, I was bitten by an insect when I was hiking in the forest, and I had a really bad reaction.

Question: What caused the red mark on Sue's leg?

- A: Food poisoning.
- B: The sun.
- C: An insect bite.
- D: A plant in the forest.

No. 4

Woman: Welcome to Blue Lotus Diving Center. You must be Mr. Taylor.  
Man: That's right. I'm really excited to try the diving here!  
Woman: Thank you for choosing us. You're in Room 206. Why don't you put your bags in your room, then I'll show you the plan for tomorrow? We're going to go diving to an underwater cave in the morning.  
Man: That sounds perfect! I'll be back in a few minutes.

Question: What will Mr. Taylor do next?

- A: Learn about tomorrow's diving schedule.
- B: Go to Blue Lotus Diving Center.
- C: Visit a cave.
- D: Go to his room.

## 第 2 部 [Part2]

No. 5

Boy: Carla, how are you getting to the softball game on Sunday?  
Girl: I'm planning to take the train and bus. It's quite far from my house.  
Boy: My brother's giving me a ride there. He said we can come by your house and pick you up.

A: Oh wow, your brother is lending you his car!  
B: Thanks. That's very kind of your brother.  
C: OK. I'll meet you at the station.  
D: OK. Shall we meet at your house?

No. 6

Boy: Can I borrow your phone to call my mom?  
Girl: Sure, but where's yours?  
Boy: I think I left it on the bus.

A: You should call the bus company as soon as possible.  
B: Why don't you call your mom?  
C: Maybe your mom has it?  
D: You can use your phone to find it.

No. 7

Girl: Andy, could you feed our class's fish this afternoon?  
Boy: But today is Tuesday. It's your turn on Tuesdays.  
Girl: I know, but I have to see Mrs. Pine about my science project straight after our Spanish class. Please!

A: We don't feed the fish on Tuesdays.  
B: I'm sorry. I have to feed the fish.  
C: I'm sorry. I have to go to Spanish class.  
D: OK. But you have to cover my turn next week.

No. 8

Woman: Did you have a look at the printer?

Man: Yes. I couldn't see what the problem is. We'll have to take it to the computer store to have it fixed.

Woman: OK. We can drop it off on the way to the supermarket.

A: Good idea. I'll go and put it in the car.  
B: Shall we take it to the computer store?  
C: Yes, maybe we can buy one there.  
D: Good idea. I'll repair it when we get home.

## 第 3 部 [Part3]

<I> (3pt)

In the Netherlands, many people use bicycles instead of cars to get around. The country has over 35,000 kilometers of bike paths, and most cities are designed to be safe and easy for cyclists. In fact, in some towns, there are more bikes than people! The Netherlands is very flat, which makes getting to places easy for cyclists. Dutch children often learn how to ride a bike at a very young age, and they usually ride to school by themselves. It is also common for adults to use bikes to get to work or go shopping. Because of this, there are less traffic problems in the Netherlands and the air is less polluted than in other countries.

No. 9

Question: What is true about the Netherlands?

A: Most people ride bikes only for exercise.  
B: There are several features which help cyclists.  
C: Children are not allowed to ride alone.  
D: Cycling in the Netherlands can be hard and dangerous.

No. 10

Question: Why is traffic better in the Netherlands than in some other countries?

A: There are fewer bike paths.  
B: There is less air pollution.  
C: Many people use bikes instead of cars.  
D: It is a very flat country.

<II> (4pt)

Host: Welcome back to “Young Explorers”! Today, we’re talking with 15-year-old climber, Aya Thompson, who recently became one of the youngest people to climb Mt. Everest. Welcome to the show, Aya!

Aya: Thanks! I’m happy to be here.

Host: So first of all, how did you get interested in mountain climbing?

Aya: My parents love climbing, and they took me on a lot of shorter mountain hikes when I was little. I enjoyed being outside and seeing the fantastic views. When I was eight, we climbed a mountain in Canada together. That’s when I really fell in love with it.

Host: How did you end up climbing Mt. Everest?

Aya: My father’s friend is a professional climber, and his team were planning to attempt the Everest climb for the second time. He knew how enthusiastic I was about it, and he invited me to join their team.

Host: That’s amazing! What was the hardest part of the climb?

Aya: The last stage before reaching the top was really tough because of the strong winds and thin air. But when I saw the view from the top of the world, I forgot how tired I was.

Host: That sounds fantastic! What advice would you give to other kids who want to get into mountain climbing?

Aya: Start with easy hikes, and learn how to pack well. Make sure you take all the equipment and clothing that you might need, because the weather can change quickly in the mountains. Also, always go with someone experienced and listen to your body. If you feel too tired or cold, don’t push yourself.

Host: Good advice. Thanks so much for sharing your story, Aya!

Aya: Thank you for having me on the show!

No. 11

Question: Why did Aya decide to climb Mt. Everest?

- A: Because her father wanted her to do it.
- B: Because she had already climbed it once.
- C: Because she climbed a mountain in Canada.
- D: Because she was invited to join an organized team.

No. 12

Question: What advice does Aya have for young climbers?

- A: Take as little as possible, so your backpack is light.
- B: Don’t continue if you reach your limit.
- C: Climb alone to learn independence.
- D: Join a professional climbing team.