# LISTENING COMPREHENSION

### PART 1: CONVERSATIONS

### SHORT CONVERSATIONS

### Conversation 35

- M: Have you seen my smartphone anywhere? I need to text Mom to let her know that I need a ride home from school today.
- W: Oh, I think I saw Dad put it in your bedroom earlier while he was cleaning the house. Let me go check for you.
- M: Thanks. I thought I packed it in my bookbag this morning, but I guess not.
- W: Sorry, it wasn't there. Why don't you use mine for now to contact Mom?
- M: Great, thank you.

Question 35. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman looked for the smartphone in the bookbag.
- b) The woman will allow the man to use her smartphone.
- c) The man forgot to bring his bookbag in the morning.
- d) The man wants to call his mom to take him to school.

### Conversation 36

W: Did you enjoy the camping trip with your co-workers?

- M: Yeah, it was amazing! The weather was perfect, and the scenery was breathtaking.
- W: What was your favorite part?

M: Sitting around the campfire at night, roasting marshmallows, and telling ghost stories.

Question 36. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man went on a camping trip with his family.
- b) The woman enjoyed telling ghost stories.
- c) The man was camping at night.
- d) The woman wants to go camping in the future.

### Conversation 37

W: Hey, did you finish our group history assignment yet?

- M: No, I have been so busy with my part-time job that I haven't even started yet. Can I give it to you sometime this weekend?
- W: Well, I already finished my part of the assignment, and the final deadline is in a couple of days. I just wanted to look for any errors before we submit it. Do you think you can finish it up by tomorrow?
- M: Sure, I will stay up a little bit later tonight to complete it. I'll give it to you before lunchtime tomorrow.

Question 37. Which one of the statements is correct about the group history assignment?

- a) The man has already started working on it.
- b) The woman will give the man her part tomorrow.
- c) The man will wake up early in the morning to complete it.
- d) The woman wants to check it before the final deadline.

### Conversation 38

M: Wow, that was a long flight!

W: Yes, it sure was. We need to get to our hotel. How long will it take us to travel to the city? M: One hour by train, but the fare is a little expensive.

W: Should we try the express bus? It's a little cheaper, and there is one leaving in 20 minutes.

M: I'm not sure. The bus will take twice as long as the train.

Question 38. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman is asking about the flight.
- b) The man prefers to take the bus to the city.
- c) The woman will ride an express bus for 20 minutes.
- d) The bus ride to the city takes about two hours.

### Conversation 39

M: Have you been to the new train station near campus?

- W: Yes, I have. Yesterday, I went to the mall and used that stop.
- M: What did you think of it? Does it have any special decorations?
- W: Not really. It looks like every other train station in Japan.

Question 39. Where did the woman go yesterday?

- a) The shopping mall
- b) The university campus
- c) A bus stop
- d) A gift shop

## Conversation 40

W: It's almost 8:30. Didn't you say you were going to the gym this morning?

M: Yes, but I had trouble sleeping last night, so I think I'll skip it today.

W: What time did you fall asleep? Did you stay up too late?

M: I went to bed at the usual time, but I woke up at 4:30 a.m.! I felt sleepy again at 7 and now I'm tired.

Question 40. Which one of the statements is correct about the man?

- a) He stayed up too late last night.
- b) His alarm clock didn't go off and he overslept.
- c) He has decided not to go to the gym today.
- d) His alarm clock was set for 4:30 a.m.

### Conversation 41

W: Our winter vacation is coming up. What shall we do this year?

M: Well, last year we went to Hokkaido, so why don't we go somewhere warmer?

W: But I really enjoyed snowboarding there last year. I want to go again.

M: Yeah, me too, but flights will be expensive for Hokkaido now. Let's try Niigata this year.

W: That sounds like a great idea.

Question 41. Which one of the statements is correct about the speakers?

- a) They will go to Hokkaido for the winter break.
- b) They went skiing in Niigata last year for vacation.
- c) They will enjoy winter sports two years in a row.
- d) They are planning to visit somewhere warm this winter.

### Conversation 42

- M: Something smells good! What are you cooking?
- W: I'm not cooking anything. I'm just heating up curry and rice. Are you hungry?
- M: No, I've already eaten lunch. I went to that Indian restaurant by the station.
- W: Oh, did you have curry? I love the spicy chicken there.

Question 42. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man is helping the woman.
- b) The woman will eat spicy chicken.
- c) The man had Indian food.
- d) The woman is making curry for the man.

# Conversation 43

M: Emily? I'm sorry, but I can't make it to the meeting this afternoon.

- W: Why? Are you sick?
- M: Yeah, I'm not feeling well. I have to go to the doctor.
- W: Oh. I'm sorry to hear that. I hope you can make it to the meeting on Friday.
- M: I'll be there. Thanks.

Question 43. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman is a doctor.
- b) The woman should apologize to the man.
- c) The man will see the woman this afternoon.
- d) The man plans to attend a meeting on Friday.

### Conversation 44

- W: How did your math exam go this morning?
- M: Oh, it went well, thanks to you. Thank you so much for helping me with it.
- W: No problem. I'm glad it went well. So, would you help me with my chemistry exam that's scheduled for tomorrow?
- M: Sure. Shall we meet at the library after lunch? I'll be on the second floor.
- W: Sounds great! See you then.

Question 44. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman helped the man with the math exam.
- b) The man will meet the woman at lunch.
- c) The woman took a chemistry exam in the morning.
- d) The man did well on his chemistry exam.

### Conversation 45

- W: Hey, Tim. Here's the book I talked about at the party last month.
- M: Oh, great. I totally forgot about it. Thanks.
- W: It took me a while to locate it. I thought I had left it in my dormitory room but found it at my parents' house.
- M: No worries. I'll finish it by the end of this month and return it to you.
- W: Sure. Take your time.

Question 45. Which one of the statements is correct about the speakers?

- a) The man is borrowing a book from the woman.
- b) The man found the book in his dormitory room.
- c) The woman was worried about the man for a while.
- d) The woman forgot to talk to the man at the party.

# Conversation 46

W: Are you free this Friday afternoon?

- 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 cafeteria?
- W: Thanks. The cafeteria sounds good. I'll be sitting near the entrance.

Question 46. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The man is busy working at the cafeteria on Friday.
- b) The man is at the entrance of the cafeteria.
- c) The woman teaches history to the man.
- d) The woman will meet the man on Friday.

# Conversation 47

M: Did you go to Kathy's party last Sunday? I didn't see you there.

W: I did. But I felt sick soon after I got there.

M: Oh, that's too bad. Did you leave early then?

W: Yeah. My friend suggested I go home and she gave me a ride.

Question 47. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) Kathy was not feeling well on her birthday.
- b) The man couldn't meet Kathy last Sunday.
- c) The woman left the party early with her friend.
- d) The woman is on her way home right now.

# Conversation 48

- W: When you were young, what did you want to be in the future?
- M: I used to say that I wanted to be a pâtissier because I liked making sweets, though I didn't eat them very much.
- W: What did you like to make? Cake, cookies, or pudding?
- M: All of them. My mother was good at making sweets, and I learned from her how to make various kinds of desserts.

Question 48. Which one of the statements is correct about the man?

- a) His mother is a professional chef.
- b) He liked to eat cake, cookies, and pudding.
- c) He has his own shop selling various sweets.
- d) He knows how to make different kinds of sweets.

## Conversation 49

- W: I found myself falling asleep in front of my computer last night while working on my sociology report.
- M: I often end up falling asleep, too, especially after I take a shower. How late did you stay up last night, then?
- W: Until 2 a.m., and I completed my report. I need to go to sleep early tonight because I have to get up early tomorrow. Otherwise, I'll oversleep!
- M: You definitely should do so.

Question 49. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman overslept this morning.
- b) The woman finished writing a report.
- c) The man went to bed early last night.
- d) The man took a sociology class.

### Conversation 50

M: What is your class going to do at the school festival?

- W: We are going to do a dance performance. One of my classmates found a really cool one on the Internet, and we wanted to give it a try.
- M: You mean all the students in your class? There must be some who are not willing to do it.
- W: Yeah, there were some in fact, but we convinced them to join us because it'll be the last school festival for us!

Question 50. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) All of the students in the woman's class will dance at the school festival.
- b) The man refuses to join the dance performance at the festival.
- c) The woman thinks her class should do something other than dance.
- d) Some students in the woman's class uploaded their performance online.

## LONG CONVERSATIONS

### Long Conversation 1

M: What are your plans for summer vacation?

- W: I plan to work at an international company. I have a job interview next Tuesday.
- M: Sounds great. Is it an online interview or a face-to-face interview?
- W: Face-to-face. But I prefer online.
- M: Why? Face-to-face interviews are better because you can see the reaction of the interviewers very clearly.
- W: I see what you mean, but I get too nervous. Also, online interviews are more convenient. I don't have to travel to the company office. I can stay home!
- M: That's a good point.
- W: What about you? Do you have plans to work this summer?

Question 51. Which one of the statements is correct about the woman?

- a) She asked the man about his online interview.
- b) She gets nervous during face-to-face interviews.
- c) She is a job interviewer for an international company.
- d) She wants to meet the man face-to-face.

Question 52. Which one of the statements is correct about the man?

- a) He is interested in the woman's summer plans.
- b) He prefers online interviews to face-to-face interviews.
- c) He is helping the woman find a job for the summer.
- d) He wants to interview the woman for a job abroad.

# Long Conversation 2

- M: I heard that you will be doing a homestay visit in the U.S. That sounds fun!
- W: I am really looking forward to it.
- M: Have you contacted your homestay family yet?
- W: Yeah, I sent them an email introducing myself about a week ago. My homestay mother replied two days later.
- M: What is she like?
- W: She seems nice. She was born in the U.S., but her parents originally came from the Philippines. She has been to over 20 countries. Also, her daughter and I both enjoy the same hobbies she is a big fan of painting and drawing.
- M: How nice! It seems like you all will become friends in no time.
- W: I am sure that we will.

Question 53. Which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The woman's daughter will do a homestay visit in the U.S.
- b) The man's homestay family is originally from the Philippines.
- c) The woman thinks that she will like her homestay family.
- d) The man is sure that he will enjoy his homestay visit to the U.S.

Question 54. Which one of the statements is correct about the homestay family?

- a) The mother has traveled to many other countries.
- b) The daughter and the woman do not like to paint.
- c) The father's favorite hobbies are painting and drawing.
- d) The father first contacted the woman about visiting the U.S.

# Long Conversation 3

M: My father showed me his old camera that he bought when I was a child.

W: Does he still take pictures with it?

M: No, not anymore. He said that times have changed.

W: What do you mean? We take pictures all the time.

M: Yes, but we don't use cameras, and we don't use film.

W: Oh, I see. We use our smartphones to take pictures, not cameras.

M: Exactly, and we get digital photos instantly for free. We don't have to wait and pay for film to be developed like our parents did.

W: Yeah, I don't think we'll use smartphones to take pictures 20 years from now.

Question 55. What are the speakers mainly talking about?

- a) An old smartphone camera
- b) The man's childhood memories
- c) The woman's father's camera
- d) The effects of technology on photography

Question 56. What does the woman think about taking photos in the future?

- a) Pictures will be free.
- b) Using an old camera will be interesting.
- c) Pictures will not be taken on smartphones.
- d) It will not take a long time to develop photos.

# Long Conversation 4

M: I feel like ordering a pizza tonight.

- W: Me too. So what do you want to get?
- M: Something that we haven't tried before.
- W: There are some new pizza places that look good.

M: Let's order from Pizza Hut again. Their pizza's really good.

- W: OK. How about a Hawaiian? We haven't had that yet.
- M: Good idea. Do you have the Pizza Hut app?

W: No, but I can call their delivery service, and they can bring the pizza here to our home.

Question 57. Where are the speakers?

- a) At home
- b) At a restaurant
- c) At a pizza place
- d) At a Hawaiian store

Question 58. What do the speakers plan to do?

- a) Go out and eat pizza
- b) Install the Pizza Hut app
- c) Try a new pizza place
- d) Make a phone call

### PART 2: MONOLOGUES

### Monologue 1

Scientists have recently discovered a new species of dinosaur. The species is called the Bajadasaurus, and its bones were discovered in South America. What makes this dinosaur so special is its incredibly long neck with long sharp spikes. Many scientists believe it was used to defend itself against other creatures that wanted to eat it. By swinging its neck around, and using it as a weapon, it could easily injure other animals, and then safely run away. It only did this in self-defense, since the Bajadasaurus was an herbivore, which means it only ate plants.

Furthermore, it was also a relatively small dinosaur, standing at only about three meters tall and weighing around 1,000 kilograms. This makes it much smaller than some of the more famous dinosaurs, like the Tyrannosaurus rex or Triceratops. But despite its size, the Bajadasaurus was a fascinating creature that existed millions of years ago.

Question 59. Which one of the statements is correct about the Bajadasaurus?

- a) It weighed about 10,000 kilograms.
- b) It was smaller than the Triceratops.
- c) Its bones were discovered in North America.
- d) It was similar in size to the Tyrannosaurus rex.

Question 60. Which one of the statements is correct about the Bajadasaurus's neck?

- a) It was around three meters long.
- b) It helped the dinosaur escape from other animals.
- c) It was used to hunt and eat other creatures.
- d) It was relatively short, but extremely sharp.

### Monologue 2

A cartoon character, internationally known as Hello Kitty, appears in hundreds of products for children and adults throughout the world. Created in 1974 by the Japanese company Sanrio, the character is a small, round-faced, cartoon cat-like girl with black eyes, a yellow nose, no mouth, and a red bow perched on her left ear. According to Sanrio, Hello Kitty is a girl and not a cat, and the biography created by the company says that she was born in suburban London, where she lives with her parents and her twin sister. She enjoys baking cookies, playing the piano, and, above all, making friends.

Sanrio created Hello Kitty as part of a line of cartoon characters for its products. She first appeared on children's items such as coin purses and, by the mid-1980s, she had gained worldwide fame. In 2008, Hello Kitty was named Japan's official tourism ambassador to China.

Question 61. What is this monologue mainly about?

- a) A history of ambassadors to China
- b) A pet cat that currently lives in London
- c) A cartoon character which comes from Japan
- d) A person who made popular items for girls

Question 62. According to the monologue, which one of the statements is correct?

- a) Hello Kitty was well-known around the world by the mid-1980s.
- b) Twin sisters in London are good at making new characters.
- c) Sanrio items began to be sold officially in China in 2008.
- d) Hello Kitty first appeared on adults' items like coin purses.

## Monologue 3

*The Phantom of the Opera* closed last Sunday after 35 years on New York City's famous Broadway. The musical show opened on January 26, 1988. It completed nearly 14,000 performances.

The show is the story of the phantom, a composer with a misshapen face who wears a mask and haunts the Paris Opera House. He falls in love with Christine, a young singer.

New York theater experts say that many shows had difficulties coming back after Broadway closed for 18 months during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some, such as the musical "Hamilton", returned to full audiences. But other shows, including *the Phantom of the Opera*, depend heavily on out-of-town visitors. Many tourists have yet to come back to New York City.

There are still theaters where you can see this show around the world. It is in its 37th year in London. You can also see Phantom in Japan, Greece, Australia, Sweden, Italy, South Korea, and the Czech Republic.

Question 63. What is this monologue mainly about?

- a) The closure of a famous musical
- b) The history of Broadway musicals
- c) The storyline of the Phantom of the Opera
- d) Scheduled musical performances outside the U.S.

Question 64. According to the monologue, which one of the statements is correct?

- a) The London theater that has shown *the Phantom of the Opera* is closing soon.
- b) *The Phantom of the Opera* was the most popular musical during the pandemic.
- c) Many of *the Phantom of the Opera*'s audience were from outside New York City.
- d) The number of visitors to New York City has continued to increase in recent years.