

****No. 1**

*Chelsea, I know I usually get you a bouquet of flowers for your birthday, but this year I got you flowers in a pot.

*They're beautiful, Eddie. I've never seen this kind of flower before.

*The woman at the store said they're quite rare. They're called passion flowers.

*What a nice present!

**Question: What is one thing Eddie tells Chelsea?

****No. 2**

*Excuse me. Can you recommend some different foods to cook on a barbecue?

*Sure. Of course, hamburgers and hot dogs are the most popular. But some people also like to barbecue vegetables, potatoes, and even fish.

*Fish? That sounds pretty good. It is. You can just use salt and pepper for flavor, or try cooking it with some barbecue sauce.

**Question: What is the man asking the woman about?

****No. 3**

*I'm tired of being a regular worker, Jerry. I want to be a manager.

*Why do you want all that responsibility? It would be very stressful.

*I think I could make a lot of positive changes in this company.

*Well, good for you. I'm happy as long as I can get home by six o'clock.

**Question: What does the woman want to do?

****No. 4**

*Hello. Grandview City Hall.

*Hi. My family and I will be moving to Grandview this fall, and I want to get some information about the schools there.

*OK. Well, you can take a look at the city website, or I could send you some information in the mail.

*I didn't realize you had a website. I'll check there.

**Question: How will the woman get information about the schools in Grandview?

****No. 5**

*Gary, do you know how much our bonuses will be this year?

*Not exactly, Kate. But I know they'll be lower than last year.

*They will? But the company's sales were better this year.

*That's true. But the company hired a lot of new employees, so it can't afford to give large bonuses to everyone.

*Question: What is one thing Gary tells Kate?

****No. 6**

*Carol, my cell-phone battery is dead. Can I borrow your phone?

*Sorry, Bill. I left it at the office. Can't you wait until we finish lunch?

*I just remembered that I have to call a customer to change our appointment this afternoon.

*In that case, you'd better get back to the office as quickly as you can.

**Question: What does the woman suggest the man do?

****No. 7**

*Excuse me. This is the line to buy tickets for today's game, right?

*Yes, it is.

*Well, I reserved tickets on the Internet. Do you know where I can pick them up?

*You have to stand in the line on the left. There's a sign that says that line is for online reservations.

**Question: What does the man tell the woman to do?

****No. 8**

*I really need a break from work, Jenny. Let's plan a trip soon.

*I'd like to, Ken, but I'm really busy at work these days, so I don't think I can take much time off.

*How about a weekend trip? We could leave Friday evening and come back Sunday night.

*That sounds like a good idea.

**Question: What does Ken suggest to Jenny that they do?

****No. 9**

*Gregory, according to my computer, it's three thirty. But the wall clock says it's three fifteen.

*The clock on the wall is slow. I was almost late to a meeting this morning because of it. Has the battery been replaced?

*Yes, but it didn't help. That clock must be broken. We should just get rid of it.

**Question: What is the problem?

****No. 10**

*Carol, is there any milk in the refrigerator? I thought I'd have some coffee.

*Sorry, Jim. We're out of milk. I didn't have time to go to the store today.

*Well, I'm not going to have my coffee black. Do we have anything else to drink?

*Try the apple juice. It's really good.

*Question: What is one thing Carol says?

****No. 11**

*Welcome to Travel Hut, sir. Can I help you?

*Yes. I'd like to fly to New York. I saw in the newspaper that you have a special price.

*Yes, we do. That fare is for flights leaving on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

*Oh. That's no good. I just want to go for the weekend.

**Question: What does the man want to do?

****No. 12**

*Thank you for the box of snacks, Yumi.

*You're welcome. They're traditional snacks from Kyoto. They have sweet bean paste inside.

*I've never had anything like that before. I'll take them home and share them with my family. They love trying new things.

*I hope they like them.

**Question: What is one thing the man says about the snacks?

****No. 13**

*Hello?

*Hi, Heather. It's Alex. I know it's my turn to make dinner tonight, but I can't because I have to work overtime. Can you cook instead?

No problem. Shall I make curry?

*Well, I had curry for lunch. How about spaghetti?

*Sure. I'll stop by the supermarket after work and pick up some ingredients.

**Question: What does Alex tell Heather about tonight?

****No. 14**

*Thank you for coming to the job interview, Ms. Johnson. Do you have any questions you'd like to ask us?

*Yes. Does the company have childcare services for employees?

*We don't provide childcare at the company. But we help pay for childcare for children younger than six years old. We pay half the cost.

*I see. That would be very helpful.

**Question: What does the company do for employees with small children?

****No. 15**

*Why is the traffic so bad today? It's not a holiday or anything.

*Yeah. We're moving really slowly. I wonder if they're doing road construction today.

*I didn't hear about any construction. Oh, look. That sign says there's been an accident.

*You're right. I hope no one was hurt.

**Question: Why is the traffic moving slowly?

****No. 16**

*Peter usually spends his free time playing the piano. But last week, he had an accident while he was riding his bicycle home from work. He fell off his bike and hurt his wrist. Peter is upset about the accident because it has kept him from playing the piano. Peter's girlfriend, Stacy, will take him to a concert this evening to try to cheer him up.

*Question: Why is Peter upset?

****No. 17**

*Sophie wants to become a dentist, so she is studying at a dental school in Chicago. The program is hard, and Sophie has to study a lot. However, she still finds time to do some volunteer work. Once every few weeks, she goes to different elementary schools to talk to the students. She teaches the students how to take care of their teeth.

*Question: Why does Sophie go to elementary schools?

****No. 18**

*Attention, passengers. This is your captain speaking. According to the latest weather reports, we will be flying into strong winds today. As a result, we will be landing in Paris about 30 minutes later than scheduled. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. In a few minutes, the cabin attendants will start serving drinks, so please sit back and enjoy the flight.

*Question: Why does the captain apologize? これは、英検2級 2009年度 第2回の3ページです。

****No. 19**

*Yesterday evening, Simon drove to a movie theater with his girlfriend. When they returned to his car after the movie, Simon realized he had left his car doors unlocked. Fortunately, nothing inside the car had been stolen. Simon will be more careful the next time he parks his car.

**Question: What did Simon forget to do yesterday evening?

****No. 20**

*Europe is made up of about 50 countries, from Turkey in the southeast to Iceland in the northwest. Europe got its name from an old Greek legend about a princess named Europa. At first, the princess's name was used to describe the land of Greece. But gradually it started to be used to refer to the whole continent of Europe.

*Question: What is one thing we learn about the name "Europe"?

****No. 21**

*Sachiko is taking a computer class at a community college. She joined the class because she thought it would help her at work. In the future, Sachiko wants to move to her company's marketing department. Her boss told her that she would have a better chance of being transferred there if she improved her computer skills.

*Question: Why is Sachiko taking a computer class?

****No. 22**

The cactus is a plant found in the deserts of Mexico and the southwestern United States. There are many different types of cactus plants, and many people collect them. One problem is that some people take rare cactus plants from the desert to sell them. Now, environmentalists want governments to do more to make sure these rare plants survive in the wild.

**Question: What do environmentalists want governments to do?

****No. 23**

*Stephanie works at a large art gallery in Springfield. Her job is to promote new exhibitions at the gallery. When the gallery is planning a new exhibition, Stephanie asks an advertising company to make posters with information about it. Next month, there will be an exhibition of drawings by Italian artists from the 17th century. Stephanie will arrange for posters to be put up in public buildings and parks in Springfield.

*Question: What does Stephanie do at the art gallery?

****No. 24**

*Edward Lloyd opened a coffee shop in London in 1687. This was a time when trade with other countries was

growing, and ships sailed to London from all around the world. Many of Lloyd's customers were involved in the shipping industry, and the coffee shop became very popular because it was a good place to hear news about shipping. Lloyd even started a newsletter with detailed information related to shipping.

**Question: What is one reason people went to Edward Lloyd's coffee shop?

****No. 25**

*Good morning, students. I hope you enjoyed our field trip last week. In today's class, I'll start by telling you the names of the rocks we collected during the trip. Then I'll show you pictures of other types of rocks. Finally, I'll explain how to identify different rocks. Today's lesson will be covered on the final exam, so be sure to take good notes.

**Question: What is one thing students will do in today's class?

****No. 26**

*Last year, Makoto went to Ireland on a working holiday. He studied at a language school for the first three months. Then he got a job at a golf course. He served food and drinks in the golf course's cafeteria. Makoto practiced his English a lot while he was working, and he was able to play golf for free on his days off.

**Question: What is one thing Makoto did in Ireland?

****No. 27**

*Roger started a publishing company 10 years ago. At first, the company only published science-fiction novels. But two years ago, it started publishing other types of fiction, too. Since then, the company has been selling more books and has hired 10 new employees. Roger says the company may soon need to move to a larger office.

*Question: What do we learn about Roger's company?

****No. 28**

*The country of Canada was created in 1867. Over the next 100 years, Canada had several different flags, but Britain's flag was always part of the design. However, many Canadians wanted a completely new flag. A contest was held, and a new design was chosen in 1964. Small changes were made in 1965, and this became the red-and-white maple-leaf flag we know today.

**Question: What happened in Canada in 1964?
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****No. 29**

*Patrick's house is near a lake. The lake is quite large, and Patrick has to drive around it to get to work. Yesterday, the city began building a bridge across the lake. Some of Patrick's neighbors are unhappy about the bridge, but Patrick is pleased. He thinks that once the bridge is completed, it will take him less time to drive to and from his house.

**Question: Why is Patrick pleased?

****No. 30**

*Attention, swimmers. Thank you for using Peachtree Sports Center. Next Saturday, two new swimming instructors will join the center. The instructors will be teaching classes at several different levels. If you think you might be interested in taking lessons, please see a staff member at the front desk for more information.

**Question: What will happen at the sports center next Saturday?