

Question No. 1

M : We need an idea for a new cartoon character.

W : I agree. How about a vegetable?

M : That sounds OK. But, for a stronger impact, give it wings to fly.

W : Good idea.

Question No. 2

W : What's the plan for our trip?

M : Rome for five days, and two or three days in either Vienna or Istanbul.

W : I'd prefer Vienna. Let's stay there for three days.

M : Sure.

Question No. 3

M : I went surfing and fishing over the summer.

W : I wish I had. I went hiking, though.

M : I also played golf with some friends.

W : Really? So did I.

Question No. 4

W : Where's the salt we took on the picnic?

M : Maybe on the kitchen table, or by the toaster?

W : I checked there. By the sink, too.

M : Oh! I didn't put it back.

Question No. 5

W : We'd like to reserve this tennis court.

M : The hourly rate is 1,000 yen before 12 and 2,000 yen in the afternoon.

W : We'll need it from noon till 2 pm.

M : OK.

Question No. 6

M : More members are against our proposal than for it.

W : But many haven't decided yet.

M : Right. There's still some hope of getting a majority.

W : Let's try to persuade them.

Question No. 7

W : Hey, are you OK? You seem depressed.

M : I dropped my smartphone at the station and the screen cracked.

W : Oh no. Didn't you drop your phone a few months ago?

Question No. 8

M : I'm thinking about asking the boss for 10 days off from next week.

W : We're quite busy now. I think it might be difficult.

M : My wife really wants to go abroad.

Question No. 9

W : We have a chance to hear a talk by a diplomat from Germany next week.

M : Right here in our school auditorium?

W : Yes. It's free. There are still some seats left.

Question No. 10

M : Hey! You're walking so slowly! We'll be late for the game!

W : But the traffic light has started to flash.

M : Come on! We can make it if we run.

Question No. 11

W : Remember, tonight is the surprise party for Shota at my house.

M : OK, I'm planning to study at the library until 7, so—.

W : Actually . . . , the party starts at 6.

Question No. 12

M : Hello, ABC Pizza. Can I take your order?

W : I'd like a large seafood pizza delivered.

M : OK. By the way, customers who pick up their order receive 20% off.

Question No. 13

W : Sir, where can I get the night bus?

M : Continue on this train to the final station. The bus stop is right above it.

W : Thanks. Is it easy to find?

Question No. 14

W : There you are. Have you been waiting long?

M : Yes, for 30 minutes! Where've you been?

W : Well, I was waiting on the other side. I didn't see you so I came around here.

M : I've been calling your phone, but I couldn't get through.

W : Sorry, my battery died. Anyway, I'm here now.

Question No. 15

M : How do you like this traditional fabric I bought in India?

W : It's beautiful! I love the design. What are you going to do with it?

M : I want to have a skirt made for my wife.

W : Oh, I have a friend who could help you.

M : Really? That sounds great.

Question No. 16

M : Shall we take a break?

W : Good idea.

M : Do you want coffee or tea?

W : What kind of tea do you have?

M : I have green tea and lemon ginger.

W : Lemon ginger sounds good.

M : Well, actually, I think I need some coffee.

W : You know, on second thought, I'll have the same.

Questions No. 17 to 19

M : Morning. One adult, please.

W : That'll be 20 dollars for the permanent exhibitions, and—.

M : Ah, what are the permanent ones?

W : One is Greek and Roman Art, and the other is the Age of Dinosaurs. The two special exhibitions cost extra.

M : What are they?

W : Butterflies of the Amazon and East Asian Pottery.

M : Maybe I'll go to both of them.

W : Oh, sorry. I forgot to mention that the butterfly exhibition is closed today.

M : Too bad. Then, I guess I'll check out the Greek sculptures first.

W : They're in the Greek and Roman Art section, but it's not open yet. However, you might enjoy the dinosaur exhibition. There's a lecture in 15 minutes.

M : Good. I'll do that.

W : You can see the sculptures after the dinosaurs. The special exhibition on East Asian Pottery is nice, too.

M : OK, I'll go there before the sculptures. Can I pay by credit card?

W : Sure.

Questions No. 20 to 22

I sat nervously on my bicycle. My brothers Brad and Marc were holding on to the handlebars and seat on both sides. I gripped the handles. This was my first time riding without the training wheels. I was scared but ready. My friends could no longer tease me for not being able to ride a bicycle. My brothers assured me that they would not let go. They both shouted, "Ready, set . . ." and smiled at each other. At that moment, I realized that they had a plan. They shouted, "Go!" and pushed me forward. Then suddenly, they let go of the bicycle. I screamed. I was pedaling hard but had no control. In horror, I saw our neighbor's garage up ahead and closed my eyes tightly. Crash! I hit the garage. I found myself on the ground with my head spinning. I was confused but unhurt. My brothers ran to me and helped me up, but they were laughing so hard that they were in tears. I was also in tears, but not because I thought it was funny. Growing up as the only girl with two older brothers was hard, but this experience taught me to be strong and not to give up.

Questions No. 23 to 25 (Nicholas→Nic と表記)

Ken Hi, Nicholas. How are you?

Nic Hey, Ken, I'm good. I was just telling Janet that I'm thinking about getting a new pet—a dog— and she was giving me some advice. She thinks I should go to the animal shelter . . . , you know, the place where they take animals that are wild or are not wanted. Right, Janet?

Janet Yeah. I think Nicholas should adopt one of the dogs from the shelter. They are usually given away. And most importantly, all the dogs need a new home and family to love them. But I'm not sure that Nicholas thinks it's a good idea.

Nic Well, Janet, I think it's a kind thing to do, but if I get one from the pet store I can be sure that it's healthy. I also worry that shelter dogs might have some kind of problem. They might bite people or bark too much. What do you think, Ken?

Ken Yeah, I agree. That might be why they were abandoned.

Janet Not necessarily, guys. I think many dogs in shelters are well-trained, but unfortunately had to be given up because their families had to move to places that don't allow pets.

Nic Right. But many of the dogs at the shelter are older, and I want a puppy. They're really cute when they're young.

Ken Well, you might have a better chance of getting a puppy at a pet store, but sometimes there are unwanted puppies taken to shelters as well. And the shelter will make sure that the dogs they give away are in good health.

Janet Yeah, and dogs can also be quite expensive in pet shops. Why don't we all go to the shelter downtown after school today and take a look? What do you think, guys?

Ken Yeah!

Nic Sure, I guess we could.