

Question No. 1

M: Can I have some more juice? I'm still thirsty,

Question No.2

M: Where can we go this weekend? Ah, I know. How about Sunset Beach?

Question No.3

M: To start working in Hiroshima next week, Yuji moved from Chiba the day after graduation.

Question No. 4

M: I won't give David any more ice cream today. I gave him some after lunch.

Question No.5

W: Almost everyone at the bus stop is wearing a hat.

Question No. 6

W: Nancy already has a lot of striped T-shirts and animal T-shirts. Now she's buying another design.

Question No.7

W: The girl's mother is painting a picture of herself.

Question No. 8

M: Maria, let me get your water bottle.

W: OK, mine has a cup on the top.

M: Does it have a big handle on the side?

W: No, but it has a strap.

Question: Which water bottle is Maria's?

Question No. 9

W: What about this animal one?

M: It's cute, but robots should be able to do more,

W: That's right. Like the one that can clean the house,

M: Exactly. That's the best,

Question: Which robot will the man most likely vote for?

Question No. 10

M: Don't you need garbage bags?

W: No, they'll be provided. But maybe I'll need these.

M: Right, you could get pretty dirty.

W: And it's sunny today, so I should take this, too.

Question: What will the daughter take?

Question No. 11

M: Excuse me, where's the elevator?

W: Down there, next to the lockers across from the restrooms.

M: Is it all the way at the end?

W: That's right, just before the stairs.

Question: Where is the elevator?

Question No. 12

M: Hello, Tina. What are you doing these days?

W: Hi, Mr. Corby. I'm busy rehearsing for a musical.

M: Really? When's the performance?

W: It's April 14th, at three. Please come!

M: I'd love to Oh... no, wait. There's a teachers' meeting that day, and I can't miss it. But good luck!

W: Thanks.

Question No. 13

M: Where do these boxes go?

W: Put them on the shelf, in the back, and then put the cans in front of them, because we'll use the cans first.

M: How about these bags of flour and sugar?

W: Oh, just leave them on the counter. I'll put them in the containers later.

Question No. 14

W: I didn't know the meeting was canceled. Why didn't you tell me?

M: Didn't you see my email?

W: No. Did you send me one?

M: I sure did. Can you check again?

W: Just a minute. . . . Um... there's definitely no email from you,

M: Uh-oh, I must have sent it to the wrong person.

Question No. 15

M: I've decided to visit you next March.

W: Great! That's a good time. The weather should be much warmer by then.

M: That's good to hear. I hope it's not too early for the cherry blossoms.

W: Well, you never know exactly when they will bloom, but the weather will be nice.

Question No. 16

W: Hey, did you get a ticket for tomorrow's baseball game?

M: Don't ask!

W: Oh no! You didn't? What happened?

M: Well... when I tried to buy one yesterday, they were already sold out. I knew I should've tried to get it earlier.

W: I see. Now I understand why you're upset.

Question No. 17

W: Look! That's the famous actor - the one who played the prime minister in that film last year. Hmm, I can't remember his name.

M: You mean Kenneth Miller?

W: Yes! Isn't that him over there?

M: I don't think so. Kenneth Miller would look a little older.

W: Oh, you're right. That's not him.

Questions No. 18 to 21

One hundred university students were asked this question: How do you spend most of your time outside of school? They were asked to select only one item from five choices: "going out with friends," "playing online games," "studying," "working part-time," and "other." The most popular selection was "going out with friends," with 30 percent choosing this category. Exactly half that percentage of students selected "working part-time," "playing online games" received a quarter of all the votes. The third most selected category was "studying," which came after "playing online games."

Questions No. 22 to 25

We've discounted some DVD titles. Basically, the discount rate depends on their release date. The price of any title released in the year 2000 and before is reduced 30%. Titles that were released between 2001 and 2010 are 20% off. Anything released more recently than that isn't discounted. Oh, there's one more thing! The titles with a star are only 10% off, regardless of their release date, because they are popular.

### Question No. 26

1 人目 : I love *It's Really Funny You Should Say That!* I don't know why it's not higher in the rankings. I've seen a lot of musicals, but none of them beats this one. It's pretty serious, but it does have one really funny part. It's performed only on weekdays.

2 人目 : You'll enjoy *My Darling, Don't Make Me Laugh*, I laughed the whole time. It's only been running for a month but already has very high ticket sales. Actually, that's why they started performing it on weekends, too.

3 人目 : If you like comedies, I recommend *Sam and Keith's Laugh Out Loud Adventure*. My friend said it was very good. I've seen some good reviews about it, too, but plan carefully because it's only on at the weekend.

4 人目 : Since you're visiting New York, don't miss *You Put the 'Fun' in Funny*. It's a romance with a few comedy scenes. For some reason, it hasn't had very good ticket sales. It's staged every day of the week.

### Questions No. 27 to 32

What is happiness? Can we be happy and promote sustainable development? Since 2012, the World Happiness Report has been issued by a United Nations organization to develop new approaches to economic sustainability for the sake of happiness and well-being. The reports show that Scandinavian countries are consistently ranked as the happiest societies on earth. But what makes them so happy? In Denmark, for example, leisure time is often spent with others. That kind of environment makes Danish people happy thanks to a tradition called "hygge," spelled H-Y-G-G-E. Hygge means coziness or comfort and describes the feeling of being loved.

This word became well-known worldwide in 2016 as an interpretation of mindfulness or wellness. Now, hygge is at risk of being commercialized. But hygge is not about the material things we see in popular images like candlelit rooms and cozy bedrooms with hand-knit blankets. Real hygge happens anywhere - in public or in private, indoors or outdoors, with or without candles. The main point of hygge is to live a life connected with loved ones while making ordinary essential tasks meaningful and joyful.

Perhaps Danish people are better at appreciating the small, "hygge" things in life because they have no worries about basic necessities, Danish people willingly pay from 30 to 50 percent of their income in tax. These high taxes pay for a good welfare system that provides free healthcare and education. Once basic needs are met, more money doesn't guarantee more happiness. While money and material goods seem to be highly valued in some countries like the US, people in Denmark place more value on socializing. Nevertheless, Denmark has above-average productivity according to the OECD.

### Question No. 33

Here's a graph based on OECD data. People in Denmark value private life over work, but it doesn't mean they produce less. The OECD found that beyond a certain number of hours, working more overtime led to lower productivity. What do you think?

### Questions No. 34 and 35

Jane Are you all right, Sho? What's wrong?

Sho Hey, Jane. It turns out a native French-speaking host family was not available... for my study abroad program in France.

Jane So you chose a host family instead of the dormitory, huh?

Sho Not yet. I was hoping for a native French-speaking family.

Jane Why?

Sho Well, I wanted to experience real spoken French.

Jane Sho, there are many varieties of French.

Sho I guess. But with a native French-speaking host family, I thought I could experience real language and real French culture.

Jane What's "real," anyway? France is diverse. Staying with a multilingual family could give you a genuine feel of what France actually is.

Sho Hmm, You're right. But I still have the option of having a native speaker as a roommate,

Jane In the dormitory? That might work. But I heard one student got a roommate who was a native French speaker, and they never talked,

Sho Oh, no,

Jane Yes, and another student got a non-native French-speaking roommate who was really friendly.

Sho Maybe it doesn't matter if my roommate is a native speaker or not,

Jane The same applies to a host family.

Questions No. 36 and 37 (Yasuko→Yasu、 Michael→Mich)

Yasu Hey, Kate! You dropped your receipt, Here.

Kate Thanks, Yasuko. It's so huge for a bag of chips. What a waste of paper!

Luke Yeah, but look at all the discount coupons. You can use them next time you're in the store, Kate.

Kate Seriously, Luke? Do you actually use those? It's so wasteful. Also, receipts might contain harmful chemicals, right Michael?

Mich Yeah, and that could mean they aren't recyclable.

Kate See? We should prohibit paper receipts.

Yasu I recently heard one city in the US might ban paper receipts by 2022.

Luke Really, Yasuko? But how would that work? I need paper receipts as proof of purchase.

Mich Right. I agree. What if I want to return something for a refund?

Yasu If this becomes law, Michael, shops will issue digital receipts via email instead of paper ones.

Kate Great.

Mich Really? Are you OK with giving your private email address to strangers?

Kate Well... yes.

Luke Anyway, paper receipts are safer, and more people would rather have them.

Yasu I don't know what to think, Luke. You could request a paper receipt, I guess,

Kate No way! There should be NO paper option.

Mich Luke's right. I still prefer paper receipts.