

Listening 2017

Part A

Dialogue 1

Student A: Wow, look at this picture. Your cousin has really grown since I last saw him.

Student B: Yes, I know. He is 10 in this other picture, but he will be 13 next month. He grew almost 30 cm between those two pictures.

Dialogue 2

Mike: Hey Jill, how much do the cultural festival T-shirts cost again?

Jill: Which ones did you order? The ones with the large fancy logo are \$15.99 and the ones with the simple logo are \$12.99.

Mike: Oh no! I ordered the wrong ones. I ordered the cheaper ones. When do they arrive?

Jill: On the 12th.

Mike: OK, I might still have time to change the order.

Dialogue 3

Officer: Hello, can I help you?

Tourist: Yes, I lost my camera in the park and I was wondering if anybody has turned it in.

Officer: We have several cameras. Where do you think you lost it?

Tourist: Well, I took some pictures of the ducks in the pond with my girlfriend. Then we bought hot dogs and I put it on the bench beside me after I took a picture of us eating. After that, we looked at the flowers and I thought I had it. But I guess I didn't because when I went to take a picture of us on the swings, I realized it was gone.

Part B

- Sakura:* Hi, John.
- John:* Oh, hi, Sakura. So, have you decided what you are bringing for my dinner party on Tuesday?
- Sakura:* No, not yet, but I still have five days until the party. It depends on what the other people are planning to bring.
- John:* Hmmmm, well, that is a good question. Dinner starts at 6:00, so Jim and Sarah are coming at 5:45 and they are bringing a salad and dessert. They just need to add dressing to the salad. But Lee is coming at 4:30 because he needs to prepare his Korean kimchi stew and some kimbap. Tony will arrive around 5 and he said he needs to prepare some pasta and toast his bread.
- Sakura:* OK, so what are you making?
- John:* I'm planning on making stir-fried vegetables and fried chicken. I will also have some pre-dinner snacks ready.
- Sakura:* Oh, hmmm. Ah, I know. Since it's getting cooler these days, I'll make a Japanese hotpot, which is called nabe in Japanese. That only takes 20 minutes to boil, so is a little before 5:30 OK?
- John:* Yeah, that sounds great!

Question 1 What day of the week is the conversation taking place on?

Question 2 What will Lee make? Choose the correct picture.

Question 3 What time will Sakura arrive?

Question 4 Among the guests, whose food will take the least amount of time to prepare at John's house?

Part C

Today, most cars on the road are gas- or diesel-powered, but this was not always the case. Steam-powered cars were one of the first types of vehicles developed. However, they were large and took a long time to start, as you had to light a fire to boil the water.

Also at the end of the 19th century, the other two competitors in the race for the automobile were the gas-powered cars and the electric cars. It might come as a surprise to hear that electric cars were actually preferred over gas-powered cars. At the time, gas-powered cars were loud and produced dirty smoke. But more importantly, they were difficult to start, as they had to be hand-cranked. This actually led to injuries and in a few cases some people died when the crank hit the person trying to start his or her car. Comparatively, electric cars had none of these problems, and with a turn of a key they would start. What changed in the 20th century was the invention of the starter engine and cleaner gas engine technology. In addition, gas-powered cars had the advantage that they took less time to fuel and could travel longer distances. But, of greater importance was the production line. One car company was able to make and sell more cars at far less the price of the existing electric cars. Today, the reappearance of electric cars, and the development of hybrid cars and hydrogen fuel cell cars have once again started this forgotten battle of who rules the road.