

5. Listening Comprehension Exercises

Unit 11, Part 1: Listening Comprehension Exercises

NAME _____ COURSE _____ DATE _____

Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. What is the woman doing right now?

- (A) Buying things
- (B) Conversing with a Chinese student
- (C) Taking a taxi

2. How long has the woman been learning Chinese?

- (A) Five years
- (B) Six years
- (C) Seven years

3. How long has the woman been in Beijing?

- (A) One month
- (B) Two months
- (C) Three months

4. What is the woman doing in Beijing?

- (A) Studying at a college
- (B) Working at a bank
- (C) Working at an embassy

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. Why is the one speaker hesitant about taking a taxi to the Summer Palace?

- (A) It could be unsafe.
- (B) It would be expensive.
- (C) It might not be so convenient.

2. Why is the other speaker hesitant about driving there themselves?

- (A) It could be unsafe.
- (B) Parking might be a problem.
- (C) He isn't sure about how to get there.

3. About how much does it cost to go to the Summer Palace by taxi?

- (A) 50 RMB
- (B) 70 RMB
- (C) 90 RMB

4. Where are the two speakers going to meet tomorrow?

- (A) In the dorm
- (B) At the entrance to the school
- (C) At the front gate of the Summer Palace

Unit 11, Part 2: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. Where does the woman want to go?

- (A) Downtown
- (B) College campus
- (C) Zoo

2. How much does it cost to go to Muzha?

- (A) 20 NT
- (B) 25 NT
- (C) 30 NT

3. How much did the female speaker spend on stored-value tickets?

- (A) 300 NT
- (B) 500 NT
- (C) 600 NT

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. In which city does this conversation take place?

- (A) Beijing
- (B) Guangzhou
- (C) Shanghai

2. What advantage does Bus 61 have?

- (A) It's cheaper.
- (B) It comes more often.
- (C) It's more comfortable.

3. How often does Bus 103 arrive?

- (A) About every 5 minutes
- (B) About every 10 minutes
- (C) About every 15 minutes

4. At which bus stop should the man get off?

- (A) Huayuancun
- (B) Kejiguan
- (C) Nanmen

Unit 11, Part 3: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. Where was the woman when this conversation took place?

- (A) In an alley
- (B) At a bus station
- (C) Next to a bank

2. In which direction is the speaker told to proceed?

- (A) Toward the south
- (B) Toward the east
- (C) Toward the west

3. How many more minutes will it take for the woman to reach her destination?

- (A) About 3 minutes
- (B) About 5 minutes
- (C) About 8 minutes

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. What is the basic problem?

- (A) Someone is late.
- (B) The male speaker made a mistake.
- (C) The female speaker misread a map.

2. Who is the guilty party?

- (A) Little Zhang
- (B) The male speaker
- (C) The female speaker

3. Besides the public restroom, what other landmark is mentioned?

- (A) Bank
- (B) Post office
- (C) Store

4. In the end, it turns out that after passing the public restroom, Little Zhang is supposed to go in what direction?

- (A) Right
- (B) Left
- (C) Straight ahead

Unit 11, Part 4: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. Starting when will the price of gasoline increase?

- (A) Later today
- (B) Tomorrow
- (C) The day after tomorrow

2. How much is 93-octane gasoline per liter?

- (A) 4.65 RMB
- (B) 4.96 RMB
- (C) 4.97 RMB

3. How many liters of gas does the man want?

- (A) 20
- (B) 25
- (C) 30

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. How much did the price of 93-octane gas increase per liter?

- (A) 0.31RMB
- (B) 0.40 RMB
- (C) 0.41 RMB

2. What kind of vehicle does the male speaker drive?

- (A) Small car
- (B) Large car
- (C) Motorcycle

3. Which kind of gasoline does the male speaker use?

- (A) 93-octane gas
- (B) 95-octane gas
- (C) 97-octane gas

Unit 12, Part 1: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. How much are backpacks?

- (A) 65 RMB each
- (B) 70 RMB each
- (C) 130 RMB each

2. In what color are backpacks NOT available?

- (A) Black
- (B) Blue
- (C) Yellow

3. How much money did the customer hand the salesman?

- (A) 130 RMB
- (B) 150 RMB
- (C) 200 RMB

4. With how many backpacks did the customer walk home?

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. What does the one speaker's daughter do?

- (A) Have fun
- (B) Study
- (C) Work

2. What does the other speaker's son do?

- (A) Have fun
- (B) Study
- (C) Work

3. Which college major is mentioned?

- (A) Chinese
- (B) English
- (C) Japanese

Unit 12, Part 2: Listening Comprehension Exercises

NAME _____ COURSE _____ DATE _____

Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. What did the customer want to buy?

- (A) Ballpoint pens
- (B) Notebooks
- (C) Pencils

2. How much does the customer have to pay in all?

- (A) 6 RMB
- (B) 9.5 RMB
- (C) 12 RMB

3. What color did the customer choose?

- (A) Black
- (B) Blue
- (C) Red

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. Where did the male speaker go?

- (A) Bookstore
- (B) Newspaper kiosk
- (C) Post office

2. Where did the female speaker go?

- (A) Bookstore
- (B) Newspaper kiosk
- (C) Post office

3. What did the male speaker buy?

- (A) Dictionary
- (B) Newspaper
- (C) None of the above

4. What did the female speaker buy?

- (A) Dictionary
- (B) Magazine
- (C) None of the above

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. What is true about the celery?

- (A) It's crisp and looks nice.
- (B) It costs 5.70 per catty.
- (C) It's imported from Japan.

2. Name one item the woman bought yesterday.

- (A) Cabbage
- (B) Celery
- (C) Tomatoes

3. How much is the cabbage per catty?

- (A) 2 RMB
- (B) 3 RMB
- (C) 7.50 RMB

4. What is the total price the woman will pay for the cabbage?

- (A) 2 RMB
- (B) 4 RMB
- (C) 6 RMB

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. Which phrase would best describe the man?

- (A) He's a good father.
- (B) He's slightly annoyed.
- (C) He knows how to bargain.

2. What did the woman buy?

- (A) Celery
- (B) Lettuce
- (C) Tomatoes

3. When did this conversation take place?

- (A) 1:30 PM
- (B) 2:10 PM
- (C) 2:30 PM

4. What is the woman supposed to do in a little while?

- (A) Buy groceries
- (B) Call her child
- (C) Wait for the man

Unit 12, Part 4: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. What do the two speakers decide to buy?

- (A) Bananas
- (B) Grapes
- (C) Pears

2. According to the passage, how do bananas and grapes compare?

- (A) Bananas are cheaper than grapes.
- (B) Grapes are fresher than bananas.
- (C) The passage provides no information about this.

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. What kind of fruit did the woman look at first?

- (A) Apples
- (B) Peaches
- (C) Pears

2. How much were they per catty?

- (A) 2 RMB per catty
- (B) 2.5 RMB per catty
- (C) 4.5 RMB per catty

3. What kind of fruit did the woman look at later?

- (A) Apples
- (B) Peaches
- (C) Pears

4. How much did she pay for the second kind of fruit she looked at?

- (A) 2 RMB per catty
- (B) 2.5 RMB per catty
- (C) 4.5 RMB per catty

Unit 13, Part 1: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. What is the price of the apples the woman decided to buy?

- (A) 2.5 RMB per catty
- (B) 4 RMB per catty
- (C) 10 RMB per catty

2. What else did the female speaker want to buy?

- (A) Bananas
- (B) Beef
- (C) Bread

3. In what direction should the female speaker go in order to get to the grocery store?

- (A) Turn right
- (B) Turn left
- (C) Go straight

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. What does one of the speakers claim?

- (A) In China men eat meat.
- (B) In China there are many vegetarians.
- (C) In China many women are vegetarians.

2. What kind of meat is favored by the people from north China?

- (A) Mutton
- (B) Chicken
- (C) Duck

3. What can be inferred from the conversation?

- (A) One of the speakers seldom eats meat.
- (B) One of the speakers doesn't eat poultry.
- (C) One of the speakers is from north China.

Unit 13, Part 2: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. Is there a Costco in Taipei?

- (A) No, there isn't.
- (B) Yes, there is one.
- (C) Yes, there are several.

2. What does the male speaker want to buy at Costco?

- (A) Beef
- (B) Bread
- (C) Vegetables

3. What does the female speaker want to buy at Costco?

- (A) Beef
- (B) Bread
- (C) Vegetables

4. When will the two speakers meet again?

- (A) In about 15 minutes
- (B) In about 30 minutes
- (C) In about an hour

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. At what age did the male speaker learn how to drive?

- (A) 16
- (B) 17
- (C) 18

2. According to the passage, how does the younger generation in China differ from the older generation?

- (A) They're better educated.
- (B) They're more willing to spend money.
- (C) They're more influenced by Western culture.

3. Which of the following statements is NOT true?

- (A) Nowadays there are many cars in Beijing.
- (B) American cars are bigger than Chinese cars.
- (C) There are fewer buses in the U.S. than in China.

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. What should the shoes the customer wants be like?

- (A) They should be grey in color.
- (B) They should be high-heeled shoes.
- (C) They should be made of leather.

2. What is the customer's Chinese shoe size?

- (A) 7
- (B) 36
- (C) 37

3. How much is the pair of shoes she looks at?

- (A) 920 RMB
- (B) 1200 RMB
- (C) 2100 RMB

4. In the end, why doesn't the customer buy the shoes?

- (A) They don't fit right.
- (B) They're priced too high.
- (C) They're imported from America.

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. About how long has Professor Li been in the U.S.?

- (A) About five months
- (B) About ten months
- (C) About a year

2. What does Professor Li like about the U.S.?

- (A) America is clean.
- (B) America has many cars.
- (C) Transportation in America is convenient.

3. What about the U.S. does Professor Li not like so much?

- (A) Crime is rather high.
- (B) America has too many cars.
- (C) America has few buses.

Unit 13, Part 4: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS**1. For whom is the skirt?**

- (A) For the female speaker
- (B) For the female speaker's daughter
- (C) For someone else

2. How much of a discount is she offered?

- (A) 30% off
- (B) 50% off
- (C) 70% off

3. In the end, does the woman purchase the skirt?

- (A) Yes, she pays for it with cash.
- (B) Yes, she pays for it with a credit card.
- (C) No, she doesn't, because it's too short.

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS**1. What did the male speaker buy?**

- (A) A shirt
- (B) A pair of pants
- (C) A pair of shoes

2. What color did he end up deciding on?

- (A) Black
- (B) Blue
- (C) Green

3. What was the male speaker most concerned about?

- (A) Whether the size would fit him
- (B) Whether his brother would like the color
- (C) Whether he could use a credit card for the purchase

4. Does the store accept returns for exchange?

- (A) Within one week
- (B) Within two weeks
- (C) Within a month

Unit 14, Part 1: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. Which meal of the day are the two speakers about to have?

- (A) Breakfast
- (B) Lunch
- (C) Dinner

2. What kind of restaurant does the man want to go to?

- (A) Sichuan
- (B) Vegetarian
- (C) It doesn't matter.

3. What kind of meat does the female speaker prefer?

- (A) Chicken
- (B) Mutton
- (C) Pork

4. How many dishes do they order?

- (A) Two
- (B) Three
- (C) Four

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. Not including the soup, how many dishes are the two speakers having?

- (A) Two
- (B) Three
- (C) Four

2. How many bowls of rice did they order in all?

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three

3. Where is the restroom?

- (A) At the end of the hallway
- (B) On the right-hand side of the hallway
- (C) On the left-hand side of the hallway

Unit 14, Part 2: Listening Comprehension Exercises

NAME _____ COURSE _____ DATE _____

Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. What will the two men order as their staple food?

- (A) Dumplings
- (B) Rice
- (C) Steamed buns

2. What kind of foods can Li Tong not eat?

- (A) Hot spicy foods
- (B) Sweet foods
- (C) Foods containing meat

3. Which of the following foods was NOT ordered?

- (A) Tofu
- (B) Pork
- (C) Green vegetables

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. Where is the male speaker from?

- (A) Mainland China
- (B) Taiwan
- (C) Overseas

2. Where is the foreigner who is mentioned from?

- (A) England
- (B) Japan
- (C) U.S.

3. The man requests that the food not be too what?

- (A) Hot spicy
- (B) Salty
- (C) Sweet

4. How many bottles of beer does the man order for himself and his friend?

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. On which date will the banquet be held?

- (A) The 25th
- (B) The 27th
- (C) The 28th

2. How many people will attend the banquet?

- (A) About 50
- (B) About 80
- (C) About 100

3. What price level did the male speaker book?

- (A) 80 RMB per person
- (B) 100 RMB per person
- (C) 150 RMB per person

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. For what time is the dinner reservation?

- (A) 5:30 PM
- (B) 6:30 PM
- (C) 7:30 PM

2. What type of cuisine will be served?

- (A) Chinese
- (B) Japanese
- (C) Western

3. About how many persons will be attending?

- (A) Six people
- (B) Eight people
- (C) Ten people

Unit 14, Part 4: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. Who is going to arrange the menu?

- (A) Mr. Li
- (B) Mr. Li's secretary
- (C) The restaurant

2. How many warm dishes will there be at the dinner?

- (A) Two
- (B) Six
- (C) Eight

3. What else will there be at the dinner?

- (A) Cold dishes
- (B) Desserts
- (C) Fruit

4. What will be the overall flavor of the dishes?

- (A) Salty
- (B) Spicy
- (C) Sweet

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. Where does this conversation occur?

- (A) In an office
- (B) On the telephone
- (C) In a person's home

2. What is the surname of the person being sought?

- (A) Zhān
- (B) Zhāng
- (C) Zhuāng

3. When will this person be back?

- (A) Around 2:30 PM
- (B) Around 3:00 PM
- (C) Around 4:00 PM

4. What does the woman want?

- (A) To ask questions
- (B) To sell products
- (C) To visit her old classmate

Unit 15, Part 1: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. How long has the man been learning English?

- (A) Two months
- (B) Two years
- (C) Five and one-half years

2. How long has the woman been in China?

- (A) Two months
- (B) Two years
- (C) Five and one-half years

3. Why is the woman at first hesitant about speaking?

- (A) She doesn't like to speak in public.
- (B) She lacks confidence in her Chinese.
- (C) She doesn't know what she should say.

4. What was the main reason for this occasion?

- (A) It was the woman's birthday.
- (B) The woman wanted to express her appreciation.
- (C) The man and the woman wanted to discuss language learning.

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. How many times has Professor He been to China before?

- (A) One time
- (B) Two times
- (C) Three times

2. How long does Professor He plan to stay this time?

- (A) Two months
- (B) Three months
- (C) Four months

3. How long has Professor He been here already?

- (A) Two months
- (B) Three months
- (C) Four months

4. Where does this conversation most likely take place?

- (A) Classroom
- (B) Office
- (C) Restaurant

Unit 15, Part 2: Listening Comprehension Exercises

NAME _____ COURSE _____ DATE _____

Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

1. What is the Chinese man's surname?

- (A) Zhāng
- (B) Zhōng
- (C) Zhèng

2. What kind of meat are they eating?

- (A) Duck
- (B) Mutton
- (C) Pork

3. Where did Mr. Smith have this dish before?

- (A) Beijing
- (B) New York City
- (C) Shanghai

4. How many glasses of alcohol has Mr. Smith already had?

- (A) One
- (B) Four
- (C) Seven

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

1. How many bottles of beer has the male speaker drunk?

- (A) Four
- (B) Five
- (C) Six

2. What is the most likely relationship between the two speakers?

- (A) Classmates
- (B) Colleagues
- (C) Spouses



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