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(Make sure to read this guideline before the test begins)

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When you call the provided number, you will hear the following audio (audio = red text). Take the test according to the instructions given in the audio.

↓ JSST Audio 

This is JSST, the Japanese Standard Speaking Test.

First, say your name. → Say your name into the phone

Next, enter your eight-digit examinee number. → Enter your examinee number

The test will now begin. There are a total of ten questions. Some of the questions are based on a business setting. Even if you are not a businessperson, put yourself in the shoes of a businessperson as you answer those questions. You will be given 45 seconds each to respond to Questions 1 to 8, and 60 seconds each to respond to Questions 9 and 10. For Questions 9 and 10, you will also be given 15 seconds each to think about your response.

Make sure you are in a quiet place, and speak in a big, clear voice. Talk as much you can in Japanese in response to the questions. When your time for response is up, you will hear a sound. The audio will then move to the next question automatically. The test will now begin.

Question 1

Question 2

Question 3

Question 4

Question 5

Question 6

Question 7

Question 8

Question 9 Think about your response for 15 seconds. (ticking noise) Now give your response. (60 seconds of response time)

Question 10 Your response for Question 10 must be in honorific language. Think about your response for 15 seconds. (ticking noise) Now give your response. (60 seconds of response time)

Thank you very much. This concludes the JSST, the Japanese Standard Speaking Test. Please end the phone call.

○ Points to Remember When Taking the Test

1. The audio you record will be evaluated by multiple evaluators. Make sure you are in a quiet place during the test, and speak in a loud, clear voice.
2. The test is made of 10 questions, and should take about 14 minutes. If you are using your mobile phone or smartphone to take the test, make sure your phone's battery does not run out during the test.
3. Do not put your phone on speakerphone when taking the test. Doing so will make it easier for surrounding noises to make it into the recording, and make your voice harder to hear.
4. Do not put your phone on mute when taking the test, as this will prevent your voice from being recorded.
5. After you complete the test, the audio will prompt you to "please end the phone call." Only end the phone call after you hear that prompt. Your responses will not be saved if you end the phone call before the prompt.

○ Behaviors That Are Prohibited During the Test

The following behaviors are prohibited during the test.

- Asking other people for help (asking them for the answer, asking for advice, etc.)
- Using dictionaries and/or translation tools

- Searching for information using your computer, smartphone, etc.
- Reading up scripts that were prepared beforehand
- Saying lines that have been memorized beforehand

We will not evaluate your test if we believe you are guilty of any of the above behaviors.

○ Tips for Taking the Test

1. Not saying anything or giving up on answering may bring your score down. If you do not understand a question, rely on the words you did understand, and talk as much as you can about topics related to these words.
2. Try to get used to speaking Japanese before taking the test. Practice talking about your hobbies, your job, and your family, as well as other topics.
3. Try not to take the test when you do not feel well, or in places with noisy surroundings. Taking the test while healthy, and in a good environment, will allow you to perform to the best of your abilities.