

# Year 2022

# Otsuma Nakano Junior High School

# Entrance Exam

October 24, 2021

## English

Attention:

1. This test has two reading tasks and one essay writing task.
2. Write your name and your application ID number on the booklet and your answer sheet.
3. The test duration time is 40 minutes.
4. Write your answers on your answer sheet.
5. The full score scale of this test is 100 points.

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1-A. Read the passage and then circle the best possible answer to each question.

### Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was born in 1807 in Kentucky to Thomas and Nancy Lincoln. When Abe was just nine years old, his mother died and his sister Sarah took care of him until his father remarried. Lincoln had less than a year of schooling. The family owned a Bible and he spent many hours reading it. By the time he was 17, he knew that he wanted to be a lawyer. When he was 21 years old he moved to Illinois and spent a year laboring on a farm. When he was a shopkeeper he tried to be honest and fair. He still wanted to be a lawyer. It was during this time he was elected to the Illinois legislature by the Whig party. He became good at debating and public speaking. Lincoln was Inaugurated president in March of 1861. Five weeks later the Civil War began. Lincoln wanted the United States to remain one nation. Two years later, President Lincoln wrote: "My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and it is not either to save or to destroy slavery." He was able to realize both of his goals. In 1863 he issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves in the Southern states, and the country was able to remain a united nation. Eventually all the slaves in the United States became free. On April 14, 1865 President Lincoln and Mrs. Lincoln were attending a play at Ford's Theater in Washington D.C. While attending a performance he was assassinated, thus dying nine hours after being shot. The events that occurred during the time that Abraham Lincoln was president included the attack on Fort Sumter and the start of the Civil War (1861 – 1863), the Emancipation Proclamation (1863), the Conscription Act (1863) and the Gettysburg Address (1863).

1. Who can we assume took care of Abraham Lincoln after his father got married again?  
a. his birth mother                      b. his sister                      c. his step-mother                      d. his father
  
2. What does the word laboring mean?  
a. working                      b. building                      c. free time                      d. looking for
  
3. When did Abraham Lincoln become the president of the United States?  
a. 1865                      b. 1861                      c. 1863                      d. when he was 17 years old
  
4. What was his main priority after he became president?  
a. to finally become a lawyer                      b. to be a better public debater and speaker  
c. to make shopkeeper more honest and fair                      d. to retain the Union
  
5. How did President Lincoln's presidency end?  
a. with the Emancipation Proclamation                      b. the attack on Fort Sumter  
c. he was assassinated                      d. he attended Ford's Theater for a performance

1-B. Read the passage and then circle the best possible answer to each question.

### They See with Their Ears

Bats have an interesting way of looking at their world. Bats are nocturnal, which means they are most active at night. They don't use their eyes to find their way around in the dark. They use their ears instead! Bats are among a very select group of animals. The animals in this group also include whales, porpoises and dolphins. They all use ultrasound, which is a special noise, to do what other animals do with their eyes. This skill is known as echolocation. Echolocation allows bats to hunt for food. It also helps them avoid obstacles in their path as they fly in the dark. It even lets them communicate with other bats. So, how does echolocation work? It's just like echoes in a large, empty room or at the edge of a canyon. Bats move air across their vocal chords just like people do when they speak or yell. Some bats make the sound come out of their mouths. Others make the sound come out of their noses. The sound they make has a very high pitch. This means the sound waves move very quickly. The energy from the sound waves goes out in front of the bat and bounces off any objects there. It creates an echo that returns back to the bat. A bat's ears often appear quite large compared to the size of its head. Depending on where the sound hits on the folds of the bat's ear, the bat can tell very precisely where an object is. The strength of the echo can even tell the bat how large the object is. The echo from a moving object has a different sound than one that is still. It is either softer or louder. The sound is louder if the object is coming closer and softer if it's going away. This is important because it helps the bat find insects to eat. The process of echolocation is very natural for the bat. The bat does not have to think about listening, or what to do next. It works so well that the bat doesn't care that he is "as blind as a bat." He can see with his ears!

1. What kind of sound does a bat use for echolocation?

- a. echolocation    b. ultrasound    c. sound waves    d. louder, not softer

2. What kind of echo does a bat hear from an object moving away from it?

- a. a softer echo    b. a louder echo    c. a high pitch echo    d. a strong echo

3. When do bats typically sleep?

- a. at night    b. they take naps    c. during the day    d. during the evening hours

4. What might cause echolocation to work differently for whales than it does for bats?

- a. whales live in water, they don't have ears    b. whales don't have wings, they can't fly  
c. whales hunt for fish, not insects    d. whales are in a select group

5. What is the main idea of this reading passage?

- a. bats are in a select group of animals    b. bats can fly at night  
c. the strength of the echo helps bats catch insects    d. bats can see with their ears

2. Writing Task: Write an essay on the following subject.

What benefits do trees give to life on planet earth? Be sure to write your opinion and three clear reasons why you think so.

( 100 - 150 words )

The blank space below is available for you to brainstorm.