Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 270

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?
Today, I have a letter from Amy to her friend, Kelly. Let's begin.

Dear Kelly,
I am sorry. We cannot go shopping today. I don't feel well. I am sick. My head hurts. My body shakes because I have the chills. I have to stay in bed. I can't go outside. You should stay home and keep warm, too. We can go shopping and play tomorrow.
Your friend, Amy.

Well, that's all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 270

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?
Today, I have a text about the first woman who went to medical school in America. Let's begin.

In the 1800s, some women wanted to study to become doctors, but they couldn't. People didn't think that women could become doctors. The first woman in the United States to graduate from medical school was Elizabeth Blackwell. She was born in England in 1821. She didn't go to school when she was a child, but she was homeschooled. At home, the teacher showed her how to read and write. The family moved to the US in 1832, and Blackwell decided to become a doctor. She started studying medicine by herself and worked as a music teacher to save money.

Well, that's all for today, and I'll see you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 270

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?
Let's begin today's PR2:

One of the most noticeable and irritating signs of aging which confront us as we grow older is the graying of our hair. Although it is possible to conceal loss of hair colour, nobody is exempt from this process. Just when it begins, though, varies widely from person to person. Some begin to go grey in their 20s, while others sustain an abundance of hair colour into old age. Many people believe that graying is caused, or hastened, by stress. The question of what actually activates the process of graying remains a biological mystery. Recent research, however, has made great progress in understanding how graying happens.
Hair colour is produced by a substance called melanin and graying occurs when the production of melanin in the hair cells is disrupted. Although the timing of this may not be wholly genetic, there is plenty of evidence of the large part played by heredity. One thing that baffles scientists is the phenomenon of 'salt and pepper' hair, where coloured hair lingers and mingles with the gray. The question of why some cells leave off producing colour, but others go on doing so in this way remains unanswered.

Well, that's all for today, and I'll see you next time. Bye-bye!