

[I] 次の対話文の空所 (A)~(J) を補うのに最も適切なものを、1)~10) の中から 1 つずつ選び、番号で答えなさい。(同一の選択肢を複数回用いてはなりません。)

Amy: Hey Peter, are you going out?

Peter: Yes.

Amy: (A)

Peter: Oh, don't worry. I haven't. It's tomorrow night, isn't it?

Amy: (B)

Peter: I was just joking.

Amy: It's not funny.

Peter: Sorry.

Amy: We're going to have *sukiyaki* dinner tonight. *Sukiyaki*, *tempura*, and *shabu-shabu* are among the most popular Japanese dishes. Tanika hasn't had *sukiyaki* before. (C)
Luckily, mom hasn't had *sukiyaki* before, either.

Peter: I think *ramen* is becoming a favorite too, because it's easier, cheaper, and faster. (D)

Amy: *Ramen* is also a good option, but we want to enjoy eating as a group. (E) I'll get some good Japanese Kobe beef. It'll be good.

Peter: (F) Do you think mom would try the raw egg? She's never had raw egg before. (G)

Amy: But mom is quite adventurous. (H)

(Later) Amy beats the egg and tells mom to dip it in the egg before eating it.

Amy: Mom, at least you could try.

Mom: (I)

(After a while)

Peter: Look, Amy! (J)

Amy: Surprise, surprise!

- 1) And, you can eat it on your own.
- 2) But we might have a problem.
- 3) Don't tell me you've forgotten about tonight's dinner.
- 4) Let's stick with *sukiyaki* for tonight.
- 5) Maybe that's why she hasn't had *sukiyaki* so far.
- 6) Mom's going for her second helping of raw egg.
- 7) No, I told you it's tonight.
- 8) Okay, I'll give it a try.
- 9) She might try if we persuade her.
- 10) So, I've chosen *sukiyaki* for tonight.

[II] 次の英文を読み、設問 1、2 に答えなさい。

There are lots of great mums in the animal kingdom! Orangutan mums are perhaps the most hard-working (apart from human mums!). They carry their babies constantly for the first few months and then continue to care for them for seven years! Elephant mums take turns looking after the baby elephants in their group. Alligator mums carry their newly hatched babies around inside their jaws, to keep them safe until they can learn to defend themselves. Octopus mums can lay up to 200,000 eggs, which they protect for a very long time, sometimes for as long as four years, until the eggs hatch. Sometimes, they eat their own tentacles rather than leave their babies unprotected!

1. 次の1)、2) の意味を表す語を、本文中から抜き出し、解答欄に書きなさい。

- 1) to produce (an egg) from inside the body
- 2) to protect from harm or danger

2. 本文の内容に合うように、空所(A)～(H)を補うのに最も適切な言葉を解答欄に書きなさい。

- (A)の母親は、最初の(B)は自分の赤ちゃんを絶えず運び、7年間も世話をし続ける。
- (C)の母親たちは、(D)で群れの赤ちゃんたちの世話をする。
- (E)の母親は、赤ちゃんたちが自分の身の守り方を身につけるまで安全に保つため、ふ化した赤ちゃんたちを(F)の中に入れて運ぶ。
- (G)の母親たちは、赤ちゃんたちを無防備の状態にするぐらいならむしろ自分の触手を(H)ことがある。

[III] 次の英文を読み、設問 1 に答えなさい。

Sumo has roots in rituals performed at Shinto shrines. (A) Sumo takes place inside a straw circle of pounded earth called the *dohyo*. (B) The wrestlers have four minutes to prepare themselves for their match.

When both wrestlers are ready to go, they rush at each other fiercely. (C) If you make the opponent touch outside the ring, you win. Or if you make him touch inside the *dohyo* with any part of the body except the bottom of his feet, you win.

The lead-up to each bout builds tension. The tension is usually released in a few seconds when the winner is quickly decided.

(D) The professional Ozumo tournaments are held in Tokyo in January, May and September, and then in Osaka in March, in Nagoya in July and in Fukuoka in November. Bouts start early each day.

1. 空所(A)～(D) を補うのに最も適切なものを、1)～4) の中から 1 つずつ選び、番号で答えなさい。(同一の選択肢を複数回用いてはなりません。)

- 1) Before entering the ring, wrestlers throw salt into the ring to drive away evil spirits.
- 2) There are six official tournaments each year and each lasts 15 days.
- 3) There are two ways to win.
- 4) The rituals show appreciation to the gods.

[IV] 次の英文を読み、設問 1～6 に答えなさい。

If it [1. exactly 365 days 2. for 3. the Earth 4. to 5. took] go (A) the Sun, we would have the same calendar every year. However, it takes slightly longer – 365.25 days. Because (B) this, every year we have around (C) extra hours left over. This means that every (D) years the calendar is behind by one day, so we add an extra day to even it out. February usually has 28 days, but every (D) years we add 29th and call that year a leap year!

1. [] 内の語句を意味が通るように並べ替えたとき、2 番目にくる語(句)と 4 番目にくる語(句)の番号を答えなさい。

2. 空所(A) を補うのに最も適切なものを、1)～4) の中から 1 つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1) around 2) for 3) to 4) up

3. 空所(B) を補うのに最も適切なものを、1)～4) の中から 1 つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1) by 2) in 3) of 4) to

4. 空所(C) を補うのに最も適切な数字を解答欄に書きなさい。

5. 空所(D) を補うのに最も適切な数字を解答欄に書きなさい。

6. 次の意味を表す語を、本文中から抜き出し、解答欄に書きなさい。

a chart of series of pages showing the days, weeks, and months of a particular year,
or giving particular seasonal information

[V] 次の英文を読み、設問 1～8 に答えなさい。

The Doll Festival on (A) 3rd is a special day for girls. A family with young (B) celebrates this day and wishes for their health and growth (C) setting up a display of special dolls.

The dolls are placed on a stepped shelf. They are dressed in beautiful *kimono* of the style worn about 1,000 years ago in the Kyoto court. The (D) sit on the top shelf.

Doll sets are often passed [1. from 2. generation 3. generation 4. on 5. to]. On the day of the Doll Festival, we also celebrate (E) blossoms and eat special rice (F) and drink sweet rice wine.

1. 空所(A) を補うのに最も適切なものを、1)～4) の中から 1 つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

- 1) February 2) March 3) May 4) November

2. 空所(B) を補うのに最も適切なものを、1)～4) の中から 1 つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

- 1) brothers 2) daughters 3) grandparents 4) sons

3. 空所(C) を補うのに最も適切なものを、1)～4) の中から 1 つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

- 1) at 2) by 3) from 4) to

4. 空所(D) を補うのに最も適切なものを、1)～4) の中から 1 つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

- 1) Empress and Emperor 2) Mother and Father
3) Princess and Prince 4) Queen and King

5. [] 内の語句を意味が通るように並べ替えたとき、2 番目にくる語と 4 番目にくる語の番号を答えなさい。

6. 空所(E) を補うのに最も適切なものを、1)～4) の中から 1 つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

- 1) apple 2) cherry 3) peach 4) plum

7. 空所(F) を補うのに最も適切なものを、1)～4) の中から 1 つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

- 1) balls 2) cakes 3) crackers 4) noodles

8. 次の1)、2) の意味を表す語を、本文中から抜き出し、解答欄に書きなさい。

1) a group of people related by blood or marriage

2) flowers, especially on a tree or bush

[VI] 次の英文を読み、設問 1～4 に答えなさい。

Climate change can affect our ability to grow food and our access to fresh water. It can increase the spread of disease, and high temperatures can cause illness. (A) a result, climate change can affect our physical and mental health.

Much of the food we buy at supermarkets starts its life in a field or on a farm. But crops need the right conditions to grow properly. Droughts and floods have a very damaging effect on how much food we can grow.

When plants struggle to grow, this can increase the price of food, which means poorer people are unable to buy it, forcing some people to go hungry. Some plants will grow better in a different climate, but scientists think that the effects of climate change will make it (B) to grow enough food for everyone in the future.

Across South Asia and China, water for drinking and farming comes from large rivers. The water in these rivers comes from rain, snow and ice melting in the Himalayan mountains. Climate change can have an effect on all of these things. This might mean less fresh water in the rivers and less water for people to drink and use.

When people do not have the food and water they need, it can cause problems in our communities. Sometimes, people move from their homes to try to find a better place to live or to find enough food and water.

1. 空所(A)を補うのに最も適切なものを、1)～4)の中から1つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

- 1) As 2) Be 3) For 4) To

2. 空所(B)を補うのに最も適切なものを、1)～4)の中から1つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

- 1) better 2) easier 3) harder 4) well

3. 次の1)～5)のうち、本文の内容と一致しているものにはT (True)、一致していないものにはF (False)を、解答欄に書きなさい。

- 1) 高温だと食物はよく育つ。
- 2) 気候変動は我々の身体的な健康にのみ影響を与えることがある。
- 3) 異なる気候でより成長する植物がある。
- 4) 気候変動により我々が飲める水が増えている。
- 5) 人間は必要な食糧や水がないと、コミュニティに問題が生じることがある。

4. 次の1)、2)の意味を表す語を、本文中から抜き出し、解答欄に書きなさい。

- 1) large shops selling a wide range of foods and household goods
- 2) relating to the mind

[VII] 次の表は、「観光客数ランキング」における、2019年と2023年の上位10ヶ国を記したものです。この表に関する設問1～3について、内容が合っていればT、間違っていればFで答えなさい。また、設問4～6について、数字または日本語で答えなさい。

2019		2023	
Country	Number of Tourists (millions)	Country	Number of Tourists (millions)
France	91	France	100
Spain	84	Spain	85
United States	79	United States	66
China	66	Italy	57
Italy	65	Turkey	55
Turkey	51	Mexico	42
Mexico	45	United Kingdom	37
Thailand	40	Germany	35
Germany	40	Greece	33
United Kingdom	39	Austria	31

1. There are no Asian countries in 2019.
2. There are three countries which rank the same place in 2019 and 2023, and all of them increased the number of tourist.
3. In 2023, Greece received half as many tourists as the United States.
4. As for Spain, what is the difference in the number of tourists between 2019 and 2023?
5. Name the two countries that rank the same place in 2019.
6. Name the two countries that rank in only 2023.