

英語

1 次の問1～7の英文の空所に入れるのに最も適切なものを、それぞれ①～④のうちから1つずつ選び、その番号をマークしなさい。

問1

We ask that you remain () and keep your seat belts fastened.

- ① seat ② seated ③ seating ④ seats

問2

She wanted to () going to the dentist's, but her toothache became too painful.

- ① put on ② put off ③ put in ④ put out

問3

Not () the instructions, she wasn't sure where to go or what to do.

- ① giving ② having given
③ having been giving ④ having been given

問4

I'm not used () in front of a large audience, so I feel nervous.

- ① to speak ② to speaking ③ speak ④ speaking

問5

There were two movies showing at the theater, but () of them caught my interest.
So I didn't go in.

- ① either ② neither ③ both ④ none

問6

Who is it () you always go to when you need advice?

- ① that ② which ③ what ④ where

問7

() we realized our mistake, it was too late to fix it.

- ① As long as ② As soon as ③ By the time ④ Until

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次の会話を読んで空所 ～ に入れるのに最も適切なものを、それぞれ下の①～⑥のうちから1つずつ選び、その番号をマークしなさい。

Receptionist : Good evening. Welcome to Hotel DeLune.

Mr. Ramiro : Yes, our name is Ramiro.

Receptionist : Yes, I see your reservation here for Mr. and Mrs. Ramiro.

Mr. Ramiro : Yes, that's correct.

Mrs. Ramiro : Is that a non-smoking room?

Receptionist : All our rooms are non-smoking. You'll be in room 608.

Mr. Ramiro : Yes, here you go.

Receptionist : Sir, could you check that this information is correct and sign it?

Mr. Ramiro : Yes, of course.

Receptionist : Breakfast is served from 7:00 to 10:00 in the restaurant.

Mr. Ramiro : Unfortunately, no. The airline lost our bags. We have to buy everything we need.

Receptionist : Oh, no! The stores are closed now, but I can send up two toothbrushes.

Mr. Ramiro : Oh, thank you. That would be great.

- ① We're so upset.
- ② We'd like a receipt, please.
- ③ A double room for six nights?
- ④ Do you need any help with your luggage?
- ⑤ Do you have a reservation?
- ⑥ Could I have a credit card please?

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次の問1～4について、それぞれの日本語と合うように()内の語を並べかえた場合、
[]内で3番目に来るものを選び、その番号をマークしなさい。ただし、文頭に来る文字
も小文字で示してあります。

問1 寒い夜には暖かい毛布が何よりも心地よい。

[] a warm blanket on a chilly night.

(① is ② than ③ comforting ④ more ⑤ nothing)

問2 困っている人々に助けの手を差し伸べるとは、彼女はなんとやさしい人なんだろう。

How [] a helping hand to those in need!

(① she ② kind ③ extend ④ to ⑤ is)

問3 先週あなたがコンピューターを修理してあげた人は、とても感謝していますよ。

The [] last week is full of gratitude.

(① whose ② fixed ③ you ④ computer ⑤ man)

問4 私より上手なダンサーはいるかもしれないが、教えることに関しては私は誰にも負けない。

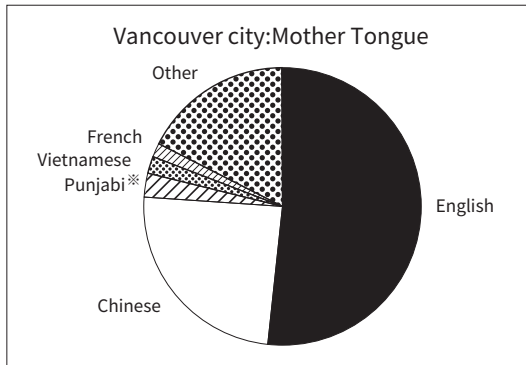
There may be dancers who are more skilled than I, but [], no one can beat me.

(① it ② teaching ③ to ④ comes ⑤ when)

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次のグラフと会話を読み、それぞれの問いの答えとして最も適切なものを選び、その番号をマークしなさい。

Welcome to Vancouver — Canada's Coolest City!

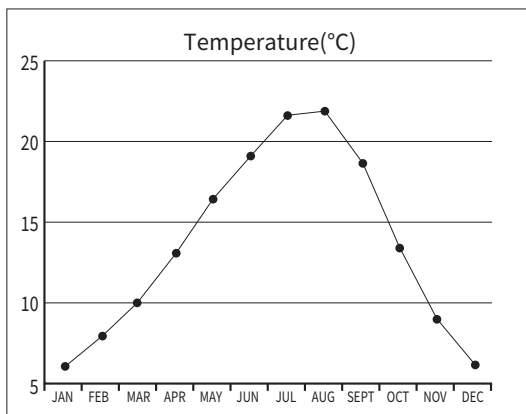


Location

Vancouver is located in the south-west corner of Canada, just to the north of the border with the United States. Vancouver is a busy port and tourist center. It is situated on a peninsula and is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean on three sides. On the other side of the city are mountains, which rise to over 1500 meters.

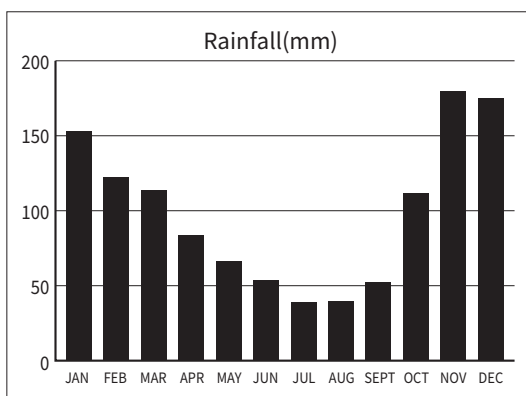
Population

The population of Vancouver City is estimated to be about 630,000. However, there are more than two and a half million people living in the Greater Vancouver area, which includes the city and its surrounding suburbs. The population is ethnically mixed. The largest ethnic group is Chinese, although there are many Indians, Vietnamese, and Filipinos. Nearly a quarter of the population say that Chinese is their mother tongue. Only about half of the population speak English as their mother tongue.



Climate

It has one of the mildest climates in Canada. The summers are usually sunny and dry. The hottest months are July and August. However, the temperatures rarely go above 22° C. The winter is mild. It is also the wettest season. There is some snow in the winter, but usually just on the mountains near the city.



(注) Punjabi: パンジャブ語 (インドとパキスタンの国境に位置するパンジャブ地方で使用されている言語)

問1 According to the text, which of the following is NOT true about the city of Vancouver?

- ① It is located on the west coast of Canada, just to the north of the US border.
- ② The population of Vancouver City is over 2.5 million.
- ③ The population consists of people from various ethnic backgrounds.
- ④ Compared to other parts of Canada, it has a very mild climate.

問2 What goes in the blank in the following sentence?

English is the leading mother tongue among Vancouver residents, and () is the second most common.

- ① Chinese
- ② Punjabi
- ③ Vietnamese
- ④ French

問3 What goes in the blanks in the following sentence?

While (a) are the coldest months, (b) have the highest amount of rainfall.

(a)

(b)

- ① November and December ----- November and December
- ② January and February ----- October and November
- ③ January and December ----- November and December
- ④ July and August ----- July and August

問4 According to the graphs and text, which of the following is NOT true?

- ① Besides the five languages shown on the first chart, there are various other languages spoken as mother tongues by residents.
- ② The monthly average temperatures never go below 0° C.
- ③ From January to July, temperatures generally rise while the amount of rainfall tends to decrease.
- ④ It never snows in Vancouver or in the surrounding area.

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次の英文はある新聞の社説です。これを読んで、下の設問に答えなさい。

It is the opinion of the editorial board* that the social safety net, the services provided by the government for people in need, is in urgent need of repair. Millions of citizens are not receiving the assistance they need, and the problem is getting worse as the economy struggles to provide enough high-quality jobs. A few important programs are severely underfunded or in need of large-scale reform. We urge the government to act ⁽¹⁾ immediately to reform the following two programs: unemployment insurance and social security.

Currently, ⁽²⁾ unemployed people who are looking for a job are entitled to receive ⁽³⁾ only \$300 per week, for up to 26 weeks. That is insufficient. ⁽⁴⁾ Rent in this city averages \$1,200 per month. Current benefits* may be enough to pay the rent, but not enough to pay for other necessities, like food, healthcare, and transportation. Moreover, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has found that unemployed workers need much more than 26 weeks to find a new job in the current employment environment. Workers are unemployed for an average of 38 weeks before they are able to find work. We urge the government to increase benefits to \$500 per week, and extend eligibility* to 42 weeks.

Our social security system was designed to provide a stable ⁽⁵⁾ income for retired people. These people have paid into the system throughout their careers. When they retire, they deserve to receive benefits sufficient to ensure their economic well-being for the rest of their lives. But the current system is ⁽⁶⁾ coming up short in two important ways. First, people are living longer than they did 70 years ago when the program began. At that time, a person was expected to live 10 to 15 years after they retire. But now, because of medical and technological improvements, most people can expect to live 20 to 25 years after they retire. The government needs to increase funding to the system to keep up with ⁽⁷⁾ this change. Second, benefits have not kept up with the cost of living. The average retiree* receives only \$1,500 per month in cash benefits, but the Social Security Administration* has found that most retirees cannot live on that amount. (8), many retirees are forced to return to the workforce, often accepting low-wage jobs that are too physically demanding for people their age. We believe that the government should increase average monthly benefits to \$2,000, ensuring a better quality of life for all retirees.

These solutions will be expensive, but we believe the benefits to society ⁽⁹⁾ outweigh the costs.

(注) editorial board: (新聞などの) 編集局 benefits: 給付金 eligibility: (受給) 資格
retiree: 定年退職者 Social Security Administration: (米国の) 社会保障庁

問1 下線部(1)の意味として最も適切なものを、次の①～④のうちから1つ選び、その番号をマークしなさい。

- ① in advance ② for the first time ③ at the same time ④ at once

問2 下線部(2)に関する本文の記述と合致するものを、次の①～④のうちから1つ選び、その番号をマークしなさい。

- ① 最長 26 週間で、総額 300 ドルの失業保険を受け取ることができる。
② 最長 26 週間で、総額 7,800 ドルの失業保険を受け取ることができる。
③ 最長 42 週間で、総額 500 ドルの失業保険を受け取ることができる。
④ 最長 42 週間で、総額 21,000 ドルの失業保険を受け取ることができる。

問3 下線部(3)の語と下線を引いた部分の発音が同じものを、次の①～④のうちから1つ選び、その番号をマークしなさい。

- only ① problem ② government ③ most ④ economy

問4 下線部(4)の意味として最も適切なものを、次の①～④のうちから1つ選び、その番号をマークしなさい。

- ① 保険料 ② 食費 ③ 家賃 ④ 収入

問5 下線部(5)の語と最も強く発音する音節の位置が異なるものを、次の①～④のうちから1つ選び、その番号をマークしなさい。

- in-come ① safe-ty ② ur-gent ③ de-serve ④ pro-gram

問6 下線部(6)の意味として最も適切なものを、次の①～④のうちから1つ選び、その番号をマークしなさい。

- ① 急場しのぎである
② シンプルで分かりやすい
③ 信頼度が低い
④ 足りない点がある

問7 下線部(7)の具体的内容として最も適切なものを、次の①～④のうちから1つ選び、その番号をマークしなさい。

- ① 退職年齢が引き上げられたこと
- ② 退職後に長生きするようになったこと
- ③ 年金の給付額が増額されたこと
- ④ 必要最低限の生活費が上昇したこと

問8 空欄 (8) に入る語句として最も適当なものを、次の①～④のうちから1つ選び、その番号をマークしなさい。

- ① Nevertheless
- ② In addition
- ③ As a result
- ④ On the contrary

問9 下線部(9)の意味として最も適切なものを、次の①～④のうちから1つ選び、その番号をマークしなさい。

- ① are greater than
- ② are smaller than
- ③ are equal to
- ④ are similar to

問10 本文の内容と合致するものを、次の①～⑥のうちから2つ選び、その番号をマークしなさい。(解答の順序は問いません。) ・

- ① On average, unemployed workers find new jobs within 26 weeks, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- ② Medical and technological progress has added 10 years to retirees' life expectancy over the last 70 years.
- ③ The current social security program ensures a high standard of living for retirees.
- ④ Reforming unemployment insurance won't be a financial burden on the government.
- ⑤ Inadequate social security benefits often push retirees into low-paying jobs.
- ⑥ Most retirees can live comfortably on a \$1,500 monthly benefit, says the Social Security Administration.