

## 英語

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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 1

You have so much talent for music. You should ( ) use of it.

- ① get                      ② make                      ③ take                      ④ put

問2 2

Can you ( ) me come up with a name for our dog?

- ① tell                      ② show                      ③ help                      ④ give

問3 3

Mt. Fuji, ( ) with snow on its peak, looks incredibly beautiful.

- ① cover                      ② covered                      ③ covering                      ④ to cover

問4 4

Helen always thinks of others before herself. That's ( ) we all like her.

- ① because                      ② how                      ③ what                      ④ why

問5 5

You can stay here ( ) you don't cause trouble.

- ① as soon as                      ② as much as                      ③ as long as                      ④ as far as

問6 6

They needed 60 votes to pass the law, but they fell ( ) by 12 votes.

- ① short                      ② small                      ③ little                      ④ thin

問7 7

I must finish this job ( ) the time my boss returns here.

- ① by                      ② since                      ③ as                      ④ till

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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。

*Kanako is shopping in a clothing store.*

Assistant : Hello. May I help you?

Kanako : No, thanks. I'm just looking.

Assistant : Well, let me know if you need my help.

Kanako : Will do, thanks. Actually, do you have this T-shirt in any different colors?

Assistant : Yes, we do. The plain ones come in red, pink, purple, and blue.  Those are on this rack here.

Kanako : Oh, I see. I like this flower pattern. May I try it on?

Assistant : Yes, certainly.

Kanako : OK, thanks.

*Later.*

Assistant : How was it?

Kanako : I like it. Fits perfect. I'll take it.

Assistant : Great! By the way, we have a "Buy 2 Get 1 Free" deal on this week.

Kanako :

Assistant : Well, if you buy two of these T-shirts, we'll give you another one free.

Kanako : In that case, I'll take two plain ones as well.

Assistant : All right.

- ① I'm afraid I don't know what that means.
- ② The pink one and the blue one.
- ③ Take your time.
- ④ Thanks for asking, but I'm not interested in that.
- ⑤ We also have them in different patterns.
- ⑥ The fitting rooms are over there.

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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（句）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。

問1 ポケットの中のものを見せなさい。

Show [    1   ] your pockets.

( ① you    ② in    ③ what    ④ me    ⑤ have )

問2 活動的な生活は身体だけではなく脳にも好ましい影響を与えるものです。

An active life can have a [    2   ] well as on the body.

( ① as    ② the brain    ③ favorable    ④ on    ⑤ effect )

問3 私には一緒に釣りに行く友達がいらない。

I have no [    3   ].

( ① go    ② to    ③ friends    ④ with    ⑤ fishing )

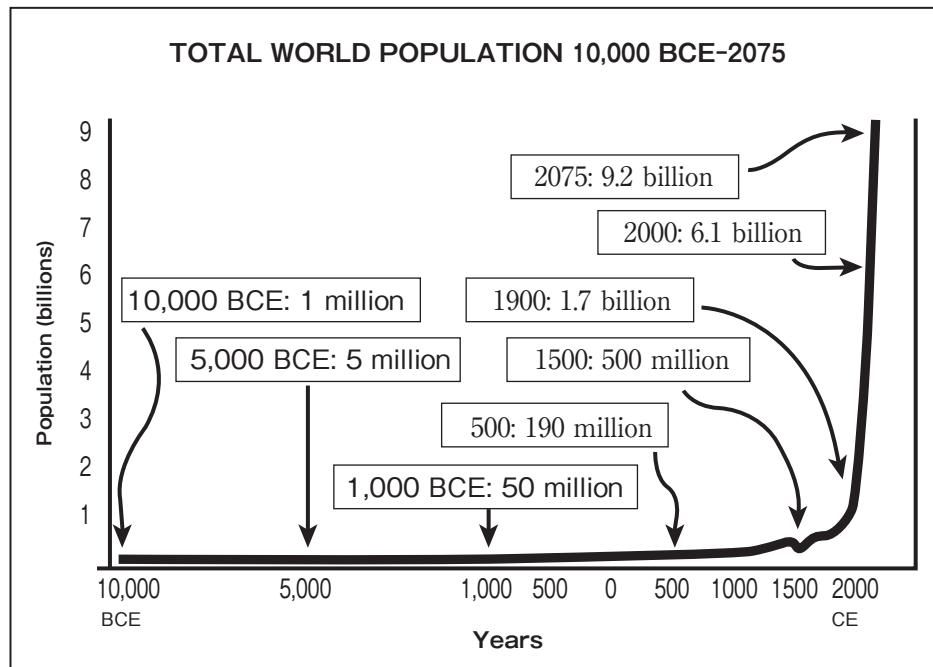
問4 いったん悪い習慣が身につくと、それを治すのは難しい。

Once you have gotten into a bad habit, you will find [    4   ] of it.

( ① it    ② get    ③ difficult    ④ rid    ⑤ to )

4

次の英文と図表を読み、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。



(注) BCE : 紀元前 (= BC)

CE : 紀元後 (= AD)

The world population reached one billion in 1804, after many thousands of years of slow increase. Over the next two centuries, it increased by a factor of\* six, reaching six billion in 1999. And after just 12 more years, it stood at seven billion.

This rapid increase in the number of people was made possible first by farming itself, and then, much more recently, by scientific advances in farming. According to one researcher, the world population probably never went over 15 million before the development of farming. Farming made possible settlements\* and reliable food supplies. Staying in one place with the guarantee of food meant more babies survived. This led to a population increase. Much later, in the middle of the last century, the “green revolution” applied scientific methods to farming and greatly increased yields. The result is the population increase we have seen over the last six decades.

(注) by a factor of ~ : ~倍に

settlement : 定住 (地)

問1 According to the graph, which of the following is NOT true? 1

- ① The population grew very slowly for most of history.
- ② The population remained below 500 million until around 1500 CE.
- ③ The population increased by about 4.4 billion in the 20th century.
- ④ The population is expected to start declining by 2075.

問2 Read the following statement based on the graph. What fills in the blank? 2

The population grew from 5 million to 50 million over 4,000 years, then from 50 million to 500 million in just (     ) years. In both cases, the population increased by ten times, but the second increase was faster.

- ① 500
- ② 1,000
- ③ 1,500
- ④ 2,500

問3 According to the text, in what year did the world population reach seven billion? 3

- ① In 2009.
- ② In 2010.
- ③ In 2011.
- ④ In 2012.

問4 The following is the summary of the second paragraph of the text. What is the common word that fills in both blanks? 4

The development of (     ) and later scientific advances in (     ) led to a significant population increase, especially after the mid-20th century with the ‘green revolution’ significantly increasing food production.

- ① agriculture
- ② industry
- ③ medicine
- ④ technology

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次の英文を読んで、下の設問に答えなさい。

In 2010, the city of Laredo in the American state of Texas <sup>(1)</sup> achieved a curious fame. It became known as the largest city in the United States without a bookstore. Since 2010, some small bookstores have opened in Laredo, but today, Laredo still has no major bookstores. Previously, like in most cities, there were a lot of bookstores in Laredo. Some bookstores had many different kinds of books, while others had a specialty like art or history. Bookstores owned by individuals who loved books competed with <sup>(2)</sup> modern bookstores found in malls that only sold bestsellers. In Laredo, most of these bookstores are now gone. <sup>(3)</sup> This is of course less of a disadvantage now than in the past because of the internet. The internet has changed the book business in two <sup>(4)</sup> basic ways. First, we can buy books online and have them delivered to our doors. Second, we can buy books in digital formats, which allows us to read the same book on different devices, such as our computers, smartphones, or tablets.

<sup>(5)</sup> Books have been around for a long time, and booksellers have long been affected by the economic environment and technological developments. The internet was not the first technology to <sup>(6)</sup> transform the bookselling business. Around 1450, Gutenberg invented a printing press that changed the business in a radical way. Before Gutenberg, very few people could read. After Gutenberg, the availability of books <sup>(7)</sup> brought about behavioral changes in society. People began to read for knowledge and entertainment. The bookstore was born.

The new way in which we can buy books is one example of the many changes that began in the 1990s with the growing use of the internet. Many newspapers and magazines changed their business models in order to survive this change. They saw the potential of the internet and created <sup>(8)</sup> strategies to adapt their businesses. Other companies, however, questioned the utility of the internet for their business and ( 9 ) the new marketplace\*. They made the wrong choice, and most disappeared. These examples show that businesses that fail to plan for new technology will suffer, while those that make strategic plans based on new technologies are likely to grow. The latest candidate for a new technology that will require businesses to adapt is artificial intelligence. This technology will cause changes in business strategies that are as revolutionary as those caused by the internet.

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(注) marketplace : (物品を売り買いする) 市場 (しじょう)

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問1 下線部(1)の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 書店が一軒もない最大の都市として有名になった。
- ② 人口比で書店の数が最も多い都市として有名になった。
- ③ 大型書店の進出を阻んだ都市として有名になった。
- ④ 多種多様な書店がある都市として有名になった。

問2 下線部(2)の語と最も強く発音する音節が同じものを、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。

- mod-ern      ① al-low      ② in-vent      ③ mod-el      ④ sur-vive

問3 下線部(3)を以下のように言い換えた時、空欄に入る最も適切な語を、下の①～④のうちから1つ選び、その番号をマークしなさい。

This is of course not as big a (      ) today as it used to be

- ① market      ② secret      ③ mistake      ④ problem

問4 下線部(4)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。

- basic      ① small      ② many      ③ past      ④ create

問5 下線部(5)の言い換え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 Books have been prohibited
- ② Books have been unpopular
- ③ Books have existed
- ④ Books have been changing

問6 下線部(6)の言い換え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 understand the bookselling business correctly
- ② change the bookselling business completely
- ③ take the bookselling business seriously
- ④ view the bookselling business differently

問7 下線部(7)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 社会の構造に変化をもたらした
- ② 社会の価値観に変化をもたらした
- ③ 人々の行動に変化をもたらした
- ④ 人々の思考に変化をもたらした

問8 下線部(8)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 体制                      ② 規制                      ③ 部門                      ④ 戦略

問9 空欄（ 9 ）に入る語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 paid no attention to
- ② were ready to make use of
- ③ made a lot of money from
- ④ tried to learn more about

問10 本文の内容と合致しないものを、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 Some small bookstores have opened in Laredo since 2010, but the city still lacks major bookstores.
- ② Digital books can be read on various devices.
- ③ The internet has made it much harder to access books than before.
- ④ Before Gutenberg's printing press, only a few people could read.
- ⑤ Newspapers and magazines failed to adapt to the growth of the internet in the 1990s.
- ⑥ Artificial intelligence is the next big technology for businesses to adapt to.