

英 語

(解答番号 ~)

I Read the sentences and complete each one with the most appropriate vocabulary item.

次の文(問1～5)の空所に入れるのに最も適当なものを、それぞれ下の①～④のうちから一つずつ選べ。

問1 When you want to search about a certain topic, the internet is very useful. However, you are sometimes overwhelmed by the huge of information. You need to carefully choose what you think is important.

- ① amount ② quality ③ ability ④ exit

問2 Smanatha and her friends went camping at the beach. After the sunset, they enjoyed talking on a blanket on the sandy beach. It was a really cozy evening.

- ① held ② lied ③ laid ④ taken

問3 Kenji has been working on a project with a professor from a Canadian university. They had online meetings many times, but had not met in person. Finally, Kenji went to Canada last month and they had meeting.

- ① an ear-to-ear ② a face-to-face ③ a nose-to-nose ④ an eye-to-eye

問4 I came home late last night so I thought all my family members were asleep. I opened the door to the living room, and then, my wife and kids suddenly said "Happy Birthday, Dad!" in a loud voice. They me a bit but definitely made me happy.

- ① tired ② fascinated ③ scared ④ attacked

問5 The reason why people fall in love with someone is because of a unique combination of shared interests, genuine connection, and an understanding of each other on a deeper level.

- ① materially ② critically ③ quietly ④ basically

II

Read the dialogs and complete each one with the most appropriate choice.

次の対話文(問6～8)の空所に入れるのに最も適当なものを、それぞれ下の①～④のうちから一つずつ選べ。

問6 (In an office)

A: Hey, do you know where Jon is?

B: Yeah, he's in the conference room, talking with his client.

A: Then, , right?

B: Yeah, I think so. He doesn't like to be interrupted.

- ① I should talk to him now ② I should wait until he's done
 ③ I should call him as soon as possible ④ I should help him out

問7 (On a bus)

A: Are you OK? You look pale.

B: I'm not feeling well actually. Do you mind if I ask you to swap seats? The window seat may help me relax.

A:

B: Thanks. I appreciate it.

- ① Yeah, I do, of course.
 ② I don't think it'll help.
 ③ Yours looks better.
 ④ No, not at all.

問8 (At a café)

A: What should we do after this?

B: How about going to see a movie?

A: Why don't we check the shows and the schedule now?

B: Yeah, let's see if any fantasy movies are playing.

- ① Sounds like a plan. ② That rings a bell.
 ③ I'll take a rain check. ④ Easier said than done.

III Read the passages and select the most appropriate choice for each blank.

次の文章(問9～11)を読み、空所に入れるのに最も適当なものを、それぞれ下の①～④のうちから一つずつ選べ。

問9 Sailors have to navigate their ships safely. However, it is difficult for them to do so during low visibility conditions or at night. Therefore, a , which is a tall structure equipped with a light at the top, plays an important role to help them know where they are and avoid possible dangers.

- ① lighthouse ② torch ③ flashlight ④ lightweight

問10 Animals, including human beings, have organs in their bodies, and each one of them works differently. In order to live, they need to eat food and breathe to take in oxygen. When food is taken into the body, the plays a vital role in the digestion process, breaking down food. The heart functions as a pump to distribute oxygen to all parts of the body.

- ① liver ② intestine ③ stomach ④ kidney

問11 To promote inclusivity, sensitivity, and respect for diverse perspectives, especially in terms of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, and other characteristics, people have adopted language that is not offensive or disadvantageous. For instance, many now use terms like 'police officer' and 'firefighter' instead of 'policeman' and 'fireman,' respectively. This movement is commonly referred to as 'PC,' short for '.

- ① postal code ② personal computer
③ power control ④ political correctness

IV Read the passage and select the most appropriate choice for each blank.

次の文章の空所(問12～17)に入れるのに最も適当なものを、それぞれ下の①～④のうちから一つずつ選べ。

Is there anything that really annoys you? For me, it's sitting next to someone on a train who is constantly sniffing. I want to shout, "Please just blow your nose!" In my home country of New Zealand, it is considered rude to sit there sniffing, but the is true in Japan.

I asked some Japanese friends about this cultural difference in health etiquette. In general, they thought that it was to blow your nose in front of others. "I don't think it's polite in a crowded train," remarked one friend. "And then you have to stuff the dirty tissue in your pocket or bag. That's not very nice."

On the topic of blowing noses, my mother always gave me a clean handkerchief to take to school when I was small. Many Japanese carry a handkerchief even as adults. They use them for drying their hands, as a napkin when eating, drying off after being caught in the rain ... blowing their nose! That's what tissues are for.

Another common Japanese health habit is brushing your teeth in public. When I worked full-time in a Japanese company, most of my female colleagues kept a toothbrush in a cupboard in the restroom. They would crowd in there at the end of the lunch break, taking turns to brush, rinse and spit. It's true that dental experts tell us to brush after every meal. However, according to a U.S. study, toothbrushes used in shared bathrooms have a high chance of testing positive for harmful bacteria. Experts advise letting your toothbrush dry thoroughly to decrease the risk, but that may not be in a public restroom. I think I prefer to keep my toothbrush at home.

Finally, here's a story about a little girl from my son's kindergarten class came over to play. The children had been playing outside, so I called them in to wash their hands before having a snack. The little girl asked me for a cup. I thought she must be thirsty, so I offered to pour some juice into a plastic cup for her.

my surprise, the little girl said she didn't want juice. Instead, she carried the empty cup to the bathroom. She simply wanted to gargle! Her mother always told her to rinse her mouth after coming inside. Since we don't usually gargle in New Zealand, it was a new experience for me. Learning about health etiquette in other cultures can be quite fascinating!

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- 問12 ① left ② right ③ same ④ opposite
- 問13 ① pleasant ② unpleasant ③ satisfactory ④ unsatisfactory
- 問14 ① anything but ② nothing but ③ mostly ④ unlikely
- 問15 ① notable ② livable ③ possible ④ reasonable
- 問16 ① who ② which ③ where ④ what
- 問17 ① To ② For ③ At ④ In

V

Read the information and the passage, and answer the questions.

次の表と文章を読み、問い(問18～21)の空所に入れるのに最も適当なものを、①～④のうちから一つずつ選べ。

Discover Your Rhythm in Harmony Springs! Cultural Workshops Series - Choose Your Passion!		
Course	Day & Time	Instructor
Guitar for Beginners	Saturdays, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Emma
Culinary Delights	Sundays, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Chef Maria
Canvas & Colors	Wednesdays, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Artist Alex
Rhythmic Dance Fusion	Fridays, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Dance Maestro Sarah

What You'll Experience:

- Explore the basics of your chosen course
- Build lasting connections with fellow enthusiasts
- Expert guidance from our passionate instructors

How to Register:

- Visit our website: www.harmonyspringscommunityevents.com
- Call us at (555) 123-4567
- Drop by the Harmony Springs Community Center in person

Masato had recently moved to a new city called Harmony Springs. The reason for his relocation was because of his company's order to transfer. In this unfamiliar city, he found himself with the exciting but tiring task of building a life from scratch.

One day, as he wandered through the bustling streets of Harmony Springs, a colorful poster caught Masato's eye. It announced a series of cultural workshops organized by the local community center, inviting residents to explore various talents and hobbies.

Intrigued, Masato decided to attend one of the workshops to fill his time and connect with the community. After considering his work schedule and his interest, he settled on a beginner's guitar lesson. The idea of learning to play a new musical instrument had always intrigued him, and this seemed like the perfect opportunity.

As the first class began, Masato found himself surrounded by a diverse group of people, all eager to learn and share their passion for music. The instructor, a skilled guitarist named Emma, guided them through the basics with patience and enthusiasm. Masato, determined to make the most of this opportunity, practiced diligently both in class and at home.

As the weeks passed, Masato not only began to play the guitar well but also formed strong bonds with his fellow classmates. The small group evolved into a close-knit community, bonded by their shared love for music and the joy of learning together. His decision to take a chance on the cultural workshop had not only enriched his life but had also introduced him to a network of friends who made the city feel like home.

問18 The poster shows that .

- ① all the cultural courses are held on weekdays
- ② none of the courses is held on the same day of the week
- ③ the courses are mainly for advanced learners
- ④ you should use email to register

問19 Masato moved to Harmony Springs because .

- ① he loved the city more than anywhere else
- ② his parents were originally from there
- ③ his company told him to go there
- ④ he wanted to join a cultural work hopping

問20 After seeing the poster, Masato .

- ① started a new job
- ② attended one of the cultural workshops
- ③ explored the city's parks
- ④ joined a sports team

問21 The cultural workshop experience .

- ① made Masato realize that it was tedious and a waste of time
- ② led Masato to become one of the most popular musicians
- ③ helped Masato to realize the importance of responsibility
- ④ enriched Masato's life and introduced him to new friends

VI

Read the passage and answer the questions.

次の文章を読み、問い(問22～25)の答えとして最も適当なものを、①～④のうちから一つずつ選べ。

Shinji was an elementary school student who loved cute animals, especially cats. Being an only child, he had been wanting a companion that he could share his days with. Some of his friends at school had cats or dogs as pets. Therefore, it was natural that he became interested in having a cat as a pet at home. He talked about it with his parents, and they also thought it might be a good idea to welcome a new furry member to their family.

One day, Shinji and his family went to a pet shop near their house. There were many cute puppies and kittens in the pet shop. Each of the animals was housed in a small room with glass walls and bright lights so that customers could see them. Many people asked the salesclerks to take the puppies or kittens out of their rooms and let them touch them. Shinji joined the line to have the same opportunity, but he realized that most of these animals in the small glass-wall rooms did not seem to be enjoying being there. Most of the animals were asleep, but they were forced to wake up and taken out of their rooms so that people could touch them. Shinji wondered how he would feel if he were one of the animals in the pet shop. Then, he quietly stepped out of the line and said to his parents that he would like to go home.

As Shinji and his family walked out of the pet shop, a sense of disappointment lingered in the air. "Are you alright, Shinji?" his father asked, noticing the sad look on his son's face. Shinji hesitated, then nodded slowly. "I think so, Dad. But I don't want to get a pet from a place like that. It just didn't feel right." His mother smiled and said, "I'm proud of you for thinking about the animals, Shinji. Maybe we can find another way to bring a furry friend into our family." Shinji's heart lifted at his mother's words. Maybe there was another way, a better way. Suddenly, he remembered something he had heard about—the local animal shelter. "Can we go to the animal shelter, Mom? Dad?" Shinji asked eagerly. His parents exchanged a glance, then nodded in agreement. "Of course, Shinji. Let's go see if we can find a cat who needs a loving home," his father said with enthusiasm.

With renewed excitement, Shinji and his family made their way to the animal shelter. As they entered, they were greeted by the sight of cats of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Shinji's heart swelled with joy as he wandered among the cages, taking in the sight of so many cats in need of homes. Each one seemed to have its own unique personality and charm. Then, his eyes fell on a small tiger striped cat curled up in the corner. Its fur was matted and a bit untidy, and its eyes held a hint of sadness. But there was something about the way it gazed back at Shinji—a sign of hope, perhaps—that tugged at his heart. "I want to meet that one," Shinji said, pointing to the cat. The shelter staff smiled warmly and opened the cage, allowing Shinji to approach the cat. As he reached out to pet it, the cat nuzzled against his hand, purring softly. "I think this is the one," Shinji said, his eyes shining with joy. His parents exchanged a smile, knowing that they had found their newest family member.

As they filled out the adoption papers and prepared to take their new cat home, Shinji couldn't help but feel a sense of fulfillment. They hadn't just found a pet — they had given a loving home to a cat in need, making a difference in its life. As they walked out of the animal shelter, Shinji hugged his new furry friend close, knowing that they were embarking on a new journey together — one filled with love, companionship, and endless adventures.

問22 What prompted Shinji's desire to have a pet? 22

- ① His parents' loneliness
- ② His friends at school having pets
- ③ His parents' love for animals
- ④ His comfortableness as an only child

問23 Why did Shinji feel disappointed at the pet shop? 23

- ① He didn't find any cute animals.
- ② He saw the animals that did not look happy.
- ③ He couldn't convince his parents to get him a pet.
- ④ He realized he was allergic to cats.

問24 What made Shinji choose the cat at the animal shelter? 24

- ① Its beautiful fur and playful demeanor
- ② Its sad eyes showing the hope to be saved
- ③ Its energetic behavior and loud purring
- ④ Its resemblance to a tiger and its size

問25 How did Shinji feel as he left the animal shelter with his new cat? 25

- ① Disappointed
- ② Anxious
- ③ Fulfilled
- ④ Encouraged