

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

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問 1 Tom got promoted to manager of the sales department of this company last month. He is now  for overseeing how much profit this company makes.

- ① forbidden    ② declined    ③ grateful    ④ responsible

解答 1 \_\_\_\_\_

問 2 One of the popular sightseeing spots in Japan is Kyoto. People can enjoy the  between beautiful traditional buildings such as temples or shrines and very modern buildings that are often taller than fifty meters.

- ① correlation    ② formula    ③ contrast    ④ boarder

解答 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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

次の対話文（問 3～4）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んで解答欄にその番号を書け。（解答番号 3～4）

問 3 (In the classroom)

A: Mike, wake up. It's not time to take a nap.

B: Oh, I'm sorry! I am so tired.

A:  last night?

B: Yes. I was studying for today's exam.

- ① Did you sleep well    ② Did you stay up late  
③ Did you have dinner    ④ Did you work out

解答 3 \_\_\_\_\_

問 4 (On a street)

A: Excuse me. Could you tell me the way to Gransville Museum?

B: Oh, I'm sorry but .

A: Oh really? OK. Thanks anyway.

B: Sorry I wasn't of any help.

- ① I'm a stranger here      ② I don't have a watch  
③ I don't work there      ④ I've been there before

解答 4 \_\_\_\_\_

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

次の文章（問 5～6）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んで解答欄にその番号を書け。（解答番号 5～6）

問 5 People often worry about their finances after they reach retirement age and stop working. One of the things that these people can count on is a , which is a financial arrangement that helps people receive regular income after retirement from employment.

- ① loan   ② tuition   ③ pension   ④ patent

解答 5 \_\_\_\_\_

問 6 The Japanese language has borrowed many words from English. Sometimes, they help people learn the language because some words are the same in both Japanese and English, for example, "party" or "computer". However, they sometimes become obstacles for language learners. Some words sound the same both in Japanese and English but have different meanings. One of the examples is "consent". In English, the word "consent" means to agree, while "*konsento*" means  in Japanese.

- ① green-light   ② agreement   ③ electricity   ④ outlet

解答 6 \_\_\_\_\_

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

次の表と文章を読み、問い（問7～10）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んで解答欄にその番号を書け。（解答番号7～10）

**Number of Books Read in a Month**

Number of Books	Percentage of Students
0	55%
1	18%
2	13%
3	9%
4 or more	5%

**Reasons for Not Reading Books**

Reasons	Percentage of Students
Lack of Time	26%
Prefer Other Activities (e.g., TV, Games)	23%
School Assignments	18%
Not Interested in Reading	18%
Difficulty Finding Interesting Books	8%
Others	7%

Mikako teaches Japanese at a high school in an urban area. She has been a high school teacher for more than 20 years, and she thinks teaching is her calling. One of the reasons why she became a Japanese teacher is because she wanted to tell as many students as possible about how wonderful it is to read. Reading not only helps people boost their intellectual levels but also allows them to relax by immersing themselves in the world of books.

However, Mikako has noticed that students these days do not read as much as students in the past did. Since she wanted to know how many books students at her high school actually read in a month and reasons why they do not read, she decided to conduct a survey. She made a questionnaire asking her students how many books they read in a month and the reasons behind not reading many books.

Mikako hoped most of the students would read at least one book in a month. However, she was shocked to find that more than half of the students do not read at all in a month. The top reason for not reading books was they do not have time. Some students are busy practicing in clubs after school, and others go to cram schools to prepare for university entrance exams.

Mikako wanted her students to spend even a little time reading books, so she came up with one idea, which was to use the first ten minutes of her class for students to read whichever book they would like to read. She recommended some good books to read when her students did not know what to read. Mikako asked her students what they think about this 10-minute reading time a couple of months later. Mikako was quite happy that all the students appreciate the time given to read books and they enjoy reading books now.

問 7 The table shows that .

- ① the percentage of students who read two books in a month is five percent
- ② the second biggest reason for not reading books is a huge load of homework
- ③ there were some students who read four or more books within a month
- ④ lack of access to good books is the biggest reason for students' not reading

解答 7 \_\_\_\_\_

問 8 Mikako .

- ① is a teacher who teaches Japanese at a high school
- ② does not like her job very much because it keeps her very busy
- ③ believes reading helps people be more independent
- ④ knows that students these days like to read books

解答 8 \_\_\_\_\_

問 9 The survey conducted by Mikako .

- ① was used to examine the effectiveness of school club activities
- ② surprised her because the result was worse than she had expected
- ③ taught her how she should teach Japanese to her students
- ④ proved that her teaching method is liked by many students

解答 9 \_\_\_\_\_

問 10 Mikako .

- ① decided to talk to her coworkers about how to promote reading in school
- ② made up her mind to give her students some time to read in her class
- ③ came up with an idea regarding how to teach Japanese more efficiently
- ④ appreciated all students' constant effort to find time to read books

解答 10 \_\_\_\_\_

