

## 英 語 問 題

I 次の 1 ～ 10 の英文の空欄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1つずつ選べ。

- 1 Nobody is better than Michael ( ) it comes to giving a presentation.  
<1> because            <2> so            <3> then            <4> when
- 2 I bought four dozen eggs yesterday, and we used two eggs this morning, so we should have ( ) left in the refrigerator.  
<1> two            <2> thirty-eight   <3> forty-six            <4> forty-two
- 3 Despite ( ) hard, John couldn't complete the project on time.  
<1> to work            <2> working            <3> work            <4> worked
- 4 I traveled with my family last weekend, ( ) I hadn't done for the last decade.  
<1> which            <2> when            <3> what            <4> who
- 5 The only way to ( ) ends meet will be to cut back on the cost of equipment.  
<1> make            <2> reach            <3> satisfy            <4> approach
- 6 Last night, the boy ( ) on his way home from cram school.  
<1> hurt            <2> got hurt            <3> get hurt            <4> had got hurt
- 7 ( ) get good seats, we should leave the office early.  
<1> In order that            <2> Whether to  
<3> On the way to            <4> In order to
- 8 The more we think about the mystery, ( ) we really know.  
<1> little            <2> much            <3> the less            <4> the fewer
- 9 My car isn't working well. I need ( ) before my long drive.  
<1> it to repaired            <2> to make repaired it  
<3> have repaired it            <4> to have it repaired
- 10 You have no idea ( ) since you left the apartment.  
<1> how discouraged she has been   <2> how discouraged has she been  
<3> how she has been discouraged   <4> how has she been discouraged

Ⅱ 次の 11 ～ 15 は二人の会話文である。設問に対して最も適当なものを、それぞれ下の  
① ～ ④ のうちから一つずつ選べ。

11 Alex: Hey, Hiro. You look a bit stressed. Is everything alright?

Hiro: Hi, Alex. Actually, I've been having a rough week at work.

Alex: I'm sorry to hear that. What happened?

Hiro: Well, I'm behind on a big project, and my boss isn't very happy about it. Plus,  
my computer broke down, so I can't really do much right now.

What seems to be making Hiro stressed?

① His boss is happy with his work performance.

② He has some problems related to his work.

③ Alex would not help him with his work.

④ He can't afford to buy a new computer.

12 May: Hi, Ryan, have you seen any good movies recently?

Ryan: Yeah, I saw the latest Disney Movie *Inside Out 2*. It's about a little girl who  
becomes a teenager and how she experiences brand new emotions.

May: That sounds interesting. I'll add it to my list.

Ryan: ( 12 )

Which of the following responses best fills in the blank ( 12 )?

① No, you shouldn't watch it. It's awful!

② The plot is okay. It's not as good as the third one.

③ You should check it out. I absolutely loved it.

④ Well, I don't actually like watching movies.

13 Jen: Kenji! Guess what?

Kenji: What?

Jen: I just heard that Mrs. Blue Apricot is planning a new tour. Have you seen the  
dates?

Kenji: No way! When are they starting the new tour? ( 13 )

Which of the following responses best fills in the blank ( 13 )?

① I am kind of busy at the moment.

② Are they a rock band?

③ How do you like them?

④ I am dying to go to their concert.

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Danny: Excuse me. Could you tell me where the city hall is? The map says it's near here...

Tommy: Yes, it's this way. You walk along 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue two blocks, then turn right. It's on the corner.

Danny: Thank you very much! I've only been in this big city a few weeks, so I have to register my new address at the city hall.

Tommy: Oh, I know what it's like. We moved here a couple of years ago, but I still don't know where everything is.

What is most likely correct about the conversation?

- <1> The big city is quite uncomfortable for Tommy to live.
- <2> Danny is not satisfied with the life in the new environment.
- <3> It is just a short time since Danny moved to the city.
- <4> It is less than a year ago that Tommy moved to the city.

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Pete: I'm so happy this week of term exams is finished! I can't wait for summer break!

Fred: Me neither! Pete, I'm planning to go on a road trip for a week or so. Will you join me on the trip?

Pete: Um... thanks for asking, Fred. But you know I'm more of an indoors type. I'm going to have a comfortable time in an air-conditioned room and play computer games through summer. Go and enjoy yourself, Fred.

Fred: ( 15 ) Let's go outside and get some fresh air!

Which of the following responses best fills in the blank ( 15 )?

- <1> Don't worry, Pete!
- <2> So long, Pete!
- <3> Come on, Pete!
- <4> Take care, Pete!

Ⅲ 次の会話を読み、下の問い (16 ~ 20) に答えるとき、最も適当なものを、それぞれ下の  
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Akira: We are considering having a night event this summer. Jason, have you ever heard of a traditional Japanese summer event called *kimodameshi*?

Jason: No, I've never heard of that. What is that all about?

Akira: *Kimodameshi* is often translated into English as “test of courage”, though, it's not an accurate translation.<sup>(17)</sup> The word *dameshi* means “test”, while *kimo* means “liver”. However, the liver is sometimes associated with courage in Japanese.

Jason: As in English-speaking countries? Like “do you have guts?” or “you have no guts?”

Akira: Exactly.

Jason: Well then, how can you prove your courage in *kimodameshi*?

Akira: *Kimodameshi* is a night-walk event mainly for teenagers, and it is a kind of ritual for them. Groups of boys and girls, usually paired, walk along a spooky and ghostly path towards the destination while carrying out given missions. They explore dark forests, graveyards, shrines, temples, empty old buildings or any other haunted and mysterious spots.

Jason: Oh! Ghosts must appear in such chilling and fearful places! I know the reason why you call it *kimodameshi*. But why is it held in summer?

Akira: Well, in Japan, summer is believed to be a season in which we can spiritually communicate with the dead coming back from *that* world. Especially in mid-summer, the ancestors visit our world and spend a couple of days with us during the *Obon* period.

Jason: Sounds more like Halloween in the West!

Akira: That's right! Actually, there are as many variations of *kimodameshi* as there are people who play it. Jason, you have so far learned what it is, so would you like to join us if I organize one for you?

Jason: Of course! But, Akira, don't disappoint me with cheap tricks, OK? I'm not a kid.

Akira: Alright, Jason. Oh, I forgot to tell you how we start *kimodameshi*. Before it starts, a good storyteller, mostly, a teacher or an adult person, provides a horror story that might scare the participants. Well, ... by the way, there is something that's bothering me while I'm talking to you, Jason. Who is... the old guy that is just behind you? Dressed like an old soldier... without legs. Look, Jason! Don't you see him?

Jason: Get out! Don't kid me like that!

16 What are Akira and Jason mainly talking about?

- ◁1▷ a ghost story
- ◁2▷ a Japanese joke
- ◁3▷ a favorite food
- ◁4▷ a summer event

17 According to the conversation, why does Akira say, “it’s not an accurate translation”?

- ◁1▷ “Courage” is not a literal translation of the word *kimo*.
- ◁2▷ The word *dameshi* sometimes refers to another Japanese word *tamashii*, meaning “soul”.
- ◁3▷ The word *dameshi* refers to a Japanese expression *damasu*, meaning “to trick or deceive”.
- ◁4▷ It is impossible for us to test whether we have guts or no guts.

18 According to the conversation, what is correct about *kimodameshi*?

- ◁1▷ It frequently takes place in the daytime in order to avoid accidents.
- ◁2▷ Teenage boys and girls travel around spaces that are supposed to be haunted.
- ◁3▷ In some cases, boys and girls are permitted to hunt ghosts during the event.
- ◁4▷ Some parents think it is so dangerous for teenagers that it should be banned.

19 According to the conversation, what is the most probable reason why *kimodameshi* is held in summer?

- ◁1▷ There are a wide variety of *kimodameshi* events in Japan as well as in the West.
- ◁2▷ Both *Obon* and Halloween are observed in almost the same season.
- ◁3▷ It is said that mid-summer is a special occasion to connect with the dead.
- ◁4▷ During the *Obon* period, we can confirm that our ancestors are still alive.

20 What does Jason imply when he says, “Get out!”?

- ◁1▷ He wants Akira to leave right now because a ghost is approaching.
- ◁2▷ He becomes so scared because Akira’s story has terrified him.
- ◁3▷ He is surprised that Akira has the ability to see ghosts.
- ◁4▷ He doesn’t seem to believe what Akira has said.

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21 Which of the following is closest in meaning to the underlined word excessive?

- Ⓐ a little too many
- Ⓑ a little strange
- Ⓒ far too many
- Ⓓ far too strange

22 Which of the following best fills in the blank ( 22 )?

- Ⓐ alternatively
- Ⓑ particularly
- Ⓒ commonly
- Ⓓ suitable

23 Which one of the issues is **NOT** caused by overtourism?

- Ⓐ water pollution
- Ⓑ overcrowding
- Ⓒ traffic congestion
- Ⓓ tourists getting lost

24 Which of the following best fills in the blank ( 24 )?

- Ⓐ pick up
- Ⓑ deal with
- Ⓒ take after
- Ⓓ look forward to

25 According to the passage, which of the following is true?

- Ⓐ Buses in Kyoto are crowded because there are too many local people who take them.
- Ⓑ The government in Venice turned the street into a theme park for the tourists.
- Ⓒ Governments are trying different ways to solve problems caused by overtourism.
- Ⓓ The Philippine government closed Boracay because water pipes were broken by visitors.

V 次の英文を読み、下の問い（26 ～ 35）に答えるとき、最も適当なものを、それぞれ下の  
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Just over an hour before the game begins, the gates outside the Johan Cruyff Stadium open and a thousand or so fans rush inside. Some wait patiently at the merchandise stalls, anxious to buy a jersey, a scarf, a souvenir. The busiest and longest line, ( 26 ), forms outside a booth offering fans the chance to have a photo taken with their heroes. Within a couple of minutes, it snakes all the way back to the entrance, populated by parents and spellbound preteens hoping they arrived in time. They have come to see the most dominant<sup>(27)</sup> women's soccer team on the planet. Barcelona Femení has been Spanish champion every year since 2019. It has not lost a league game since last May. On Saturday, the team can win its third Women's Champions League title in four seasons.

That success has turned the team's standouts into global stars. It has also transformed Barcelona, and the broader region of Catalonia, into the global heartbeat of women's soccer, a case study in what happens when the women's game wins the same prominence as the men's. On the city's streets, jerseys bearing the name of Alexia Putellas or Aitana Bonmatí, Barça Femení's biggest stars, are just as common as those with the names of an icon of the men's team. And on the region's soccer fields, what was once a male-dominated space is now full of women and girls. The number of registered female soccer players in Catalonia has doubled in the past six years, and it is expected to grow further in the next decade. There are more coaches, more clubs, more teams, more games, more leagues. The young fans queuing for a photo were not hoping for a picture with a distant hero. Instead, they<sup>(30)</sup> were hoping to be close enough to touch the women who have helped make all of that real.

Over the past three years, Barcelona's women's team has tripled the money it brings in through sponsorships, merchandise and ticketing. It now earns<sup>(31)</sup> \$8.5 million a season from its sponsors alone. Its stadium is packed. In 2023, the year that brought the World Cup title for Spain, the club's online sales of women's apparel increased roughly 275 percent. Far more significant, though, are the opportunities<sup>(32)</sup> the success of the women's team has created. In 2019, Sant Pere de Ribes, a club on the city's fringes, had a single girls' team, and it had only nine players. Now there are 10 girls' teams, as well as a senior women's side. That growth has been mirrored elsewhere, forcing the body that oversees soccer in Catalonia — the Catalan Football Federation — to modernize, and quickly, to make sure all of the girls who want to play have a place to do so.

The Sabadell Sports Center has seen a surge of girls wanting to play: 206 players this year, up from the 84 who registered in 2020, according to Bruno Batlle, its president. That is



a challenge — there are only four fields, and many more teams demanding to use them — and it leads to certain problems that are a reminder that soccer remains a more challenging place for girls than for boys. At Sabadell, for example, it is the girls' teams that often must make do with the worst training slots and while talented players on the boys' teams might get help with their registration ( 34 ) or travel costs, the girls all have to pay their own way. The revolution is not yet complete.

The fact that there are battles still to be fought, though, does not mean that the war is not being won. No one is sure what percentage of that can be attributed to Barça Femení — there has been a broader social change that has all but extinguished the idea that soccer is not for girls. There is no doubt, though, that girls have been inspired by seeing what is possible.

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- 26 Which of the following best fills in the blank ( 26 )?
- ◁1▷ despite      ▷2 meanwhle      ▷3 surely      ▷4 though
- 27 Which of the following is closest in meaning to the underlined phrase most dominant?
- ◁1▷ final      ▷2 increasing      ▷3 leading      ▷4 rudest
- 28 According to the passage, which of the following sentences is true for people in Catalonia?
- ◁1▷ Barcelona's men's team is much more well-known than its women's team.  
▷2 Barcelona's women's team is much more well-known than its men's team.  
▷3 Both the men's and women's teams are equally well-known.  
▷4 Neither the men's nor the women's teams are very well-known.
- 29 According to the passage, the number of women and girls playing soccer \_\_\_\_
- ◁1▷ has reached its peak.  
▷2 will continue to increase.  
▷3 has overtaken the number of male players.  
▷4 will require a new registration system.

- 30 What does the underlined word they refer to?
- ◁1▷ Barcelona players                      ▷2 coaches  
◁3▷ photographers                      ▷4 young fans
- 31 Which of the following is closest in meaning to the underlined word earns?
- ◁1▷ loses              ▷2 makes              ▷3 pays              ▷4 steals
- 32 According to the passage, what is one of the opportunities created by Barcelona Femení's success?
- ◁1▷ creating jobs at the Catalan Football Federation  
◁2▷ expanding the number of teams in Catalonia  
◁3▷ filling Barcelona Femení's stadium to capacity  
▷4 selling Barcelona Femení goods online
- 33 According to the passage, which of the following sentences is true?
- ◁1▷ The number of girls wanting to play at Sabadell has more than doubled.  
▷2 The president of Sabadell thinks the number of girls is a problem.  
◁3 There are not enough players to train on all the soccer fields.  
▷4 It is easier for girls to play at Sabadell than for boys.
- 34 Which of the following best fills in the blank ( 34 )?
- ◁1▷ codes              ▷2 equipment              ▷3 fees              ▷4 taxes
- 35 According to the passage, which of the following sentences is true?
- ◁1▷ The writer believes that Barcelona's women's team will struggle to win more championships.  
▷2 Barcelona Femení's success has had the greatest impact on women's soccer in Catalonia.  
◁3 Changing attitudes in society combined with Barcelona Femení's success have boosted women's soccer in Catalonia.  
▷4 Young women in Catalonia no longer have as much interest in soccer as they did when Barcelona Femení were successful.