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一般・スカラシップ入学試験問題（A 日程）

英語コミュニケーション I・II （2 月 1 日）

第 1 問

次の英文を読み、各問いの答えとして最も適切なものを①～④から 1 つ選んでマークしなさい。

Kusatsu City in Shiga Prefecture faces a unique problem. Many tourists confuse it with another city with the same name—Kusatsu in Gunma Prefecture—which is famous for its hot springs or *onsen*, visited by numerous travelers to enjoy relaxing baths.

However, Kusatsu in Shiga does not have “*Kusatsu Onsen*.” There is a popular joke that some tourists who mistakenly visit Kusatsu in Shiga end up disappointed when they discover it is not the famous hot spring resort they had expected.

To respond to this situation in a fun way, the city of Kusatsu in Shiga started selling a new sweet called “*Onsen Nai Manju*,” which means “*No-Onsen Steamed Bun*.” The name is funny and direct. This creative idea helped the city turn the mistake into something positive.

The *manju* is sold in local shops and at events. It has become popular not only among tourists, but also with local people. The city hopes that this new sweet will make people smile and help them cherish the memory of Kusatsu in Shiga.

1. What problem does Kusatsu City in Shiga face?

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- ① Too many tourists come to enjoy its hot springs.
- ② The city has no traditional sweet to sell.
- ③ People in Shiga don't like eating *manju*.
- ④ It is often confused with Kusatsu in Gunma.

2. What does the phrase “turn the mistake into something positive” mean?

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- ① Ignore the mistake completely.
- ② Use the confusion as an opportunity to get more attention.
- ③ Tell tourists not to visit again.
- ④ Apologize to Gunma for the misunderstanding.

3. How popular did “*Onsen Nai Manju*” become according to the article?

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- ① All the tourists liked it.
- ② Only local people bought it.
- ③ Both tourists and local people enjoyed it.
- ④ It was popular on the internet.

4. What can we learn about Kusatsu in Shiga from the article?

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- ① They use a fun and creative way to interpret the situation positively.
- ② The people there don't want any tourists.
- ③ They want to become the biggest hot spring town in Japan.
- ④ They are angry at tourists who come by mistake.

5. Which would be the best title for this article?

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- ① “The Famous Hot Springs in Gunma”
- ② “The History of Japanese *Manju*”
- ③ “Tourists Stop Visiting Shiga Prefecture”
- ④ “A City Turns a Mistake into a Sweet Idea”

第2問

次の英文を読み、各問いの答えとして最も適切なものを①～④から1つ選んでマークしなさい。

Saki: Hey, Kenta, have you ever heard of the history of Spa Resort Hawaiians?

Kenta: A little. Isn't it a hot spring theme park in Fukushima?

Saki: Yes, but it's much more than that. It was built in 1966 to help the town after the coal mines were closed. People were losing their jobs, and the town's future looked hopeless.

Kenta: So, how did it turn into a Hawaiian resort?

Saki: The company used the underground hot spring water to create a tropical paradise. They even started a special school, Joban Hawaiian Dance School. Many local girls joined, trained hard, and became professional hula dancers. They were called Hula Girls.

Kenta: That's amazing! Did they save the town?

Saki: Yes, those girls traveled all around Japan to promote the resort. It was like a miracle. Young girls from a small coal-mining town brought joy and light to people through dance.

Kenta: Wow! That sounds like a movie.

Saki: In fact, there is a movie! It is called *Hula Girls*, and tells their true story. It even won awards in Japan.

Kenta: Now I really want to see it.

Saki: And here's the most moving part! The resort was damaged in the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, and the area was in deep sorrow again. But guess what?

Kenta: What?

Saki: Once again, a new generation of Hula Girls who were trained at the same school, went on a tour. Like their predecessors, they traveled across Japan, dancing to give people hope and strength.

Kenta: This is really moving. It's like history repeating itself, but with even more meaning.

Saki: Exactly. This demonstrates how tradition, courage, and community

can survive even in the hardest times.

Kenta: Hula Girls are not only dancers. They are the symbols of hope.

1. Why was Spa Resort Hawaiians built in 1966?

It was built because _____. 6

- ① people wanted to enjoy hot springs for fun
- ② the coal mines needed more workers
- ③ the town needed jobs after the mines closed
- ④ the company wanted to open a school for dancing

2. Who joined Joban Hawaiian Dance School? 7

- ① Local girls from the town
- ② Professional dancers from Hawaii
- ③ Tourists visiting the resort
- ④ Girls from all over Japan

3. Why did Hula Girls travel around Japan when the resort first opened?

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- ① To earn money for themselves
- ② To learn new dance styles
- ③ To visit famous cities in Japan
- ④ To bring joy to people and promote the resort

4. What does the word predecessors most likely mean? 9

- ① The teacher at their school
- ② The Hula Girls who danced in the past
- ③ The people who watched their shows
- ④ The coal miners in the town

5. Which of the following best describe the role of Hula Girls? 10

- ① They are dancers who only perform at the resort.
- ② They are symbols of hope who bring joy and courage to people.
- ③ They are actors from the movie *Hula Girls*.
- ④ They are students who only study hula as a hobby.

第3問

次の英文中の空所に入るもっとも適切なものをそれぞれ①～④から選びマ
ークしなさい。

1. The number of students joining the club is expected to next semester.

- ① increasing
- ② increased
- ③ increase
- ④ incident

2. The total of the school trip was higher than expected.

- ① costed
- ② coins
- ③ coast
- ④ cost

3. She wants to be more and make her own decisions.

- ① independence
- ② dependent
- ③ independent
- ④ dependence

4. Let's these two laptops before buying one.

- ① comparison
- ② compare
- ③ comparing
- ④ compete

5. People should old things instead of throwing them away.
- ① recycle
 - ② raise
 - ③ repeat
 - ④ agree
6. I just the music club, so I'm going to buy a ukulele this week.
- ① learned
 - ② kept
 - ③ put
 - ④ joined
7. She will from high school next spring and hopes to study abroad.
- ① graduate
 - ② create
 - ③ imitate
 - ④ situate
8. I before raising my hand because I wasn't sure if my answer was correct.
- ① participated
 - ② delivered
 - ③ distinguished
 - ④ hesitated
9. James is a . He often travels abroad to report on the people, cultures, and places he encounters.
- ① designer
 - ② coach
 - ③ journalist
 - ④ guard

10. We need to be when waiting for important news.

- ① heavy
- ② delicious
- ③ patient
- ④ traditional

11. do you say this word in Chinese?

- ① When
- ② Which
- ③ How
- ④ What

12. The station was full people who were waiting for the delayed trains.

- ① of
- ② by
- ③ on
- ④ for

13. Don't worry about making when you speak English.

- ① miss
- ② models
- ③ mistakes
- ④ mails

14. You should not use your smart phone class.

- ① through
- ② along
- ③ since
- ④ during

15. Can you come

 with a good idea for the project?

- ① on
- ② up
- ③ into
- ④ in

第4問

次の英文を読み、空所に入るもっとも適切な語(句)をそれぞれ①～④から選びマークしなさい。

1. Eiichi Shibusawa was a pioneering Japanese businessman who played a key role in modernizing Japan's economy. He was involved in the founding of numerous organizations, such as banks, schools, and hospitals. He strongly believed that businesses should not only generate profits, but also contribute to society. A, he dedicated a considerable part of his life to improving the lives of others through education, social reform, and the promotion of ethical business practices.

B, his portrait was selected for the new 10,000-yen bill, honoring his lasting impact on the Japanese society.

A 26

- ① In contrast
- ② Finally
- ③ On the other hand
- ④ Therefore

B 27

- ① For example
- ② Consequently
- ③ Otherwise
- ④ However

2. Shohei Otani is a well-known professional baseball player from Japan. He became extremely popular in Japan for his outstanding talent as both a pitcher and hitter, making him one of the most impressive players in the Nippon Professional Baseball.

he signed with the Los Angeles Angels and received a prestigious award during his first season. he occasionally experienced injuries, he continued to perform consistently. In 2021, he hit a significant number of home runs and was selected as one of the league's top players. , during the 2024 season, he moved to the Los Angeles Dodgers. He hit 54 home runs and contributed greatly to the team's championship victory.

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- ① After his success in Japan
- ② As long as he knew
- ③ Without any experience
- ④ Even though he was nervous

B

- ① Therefore,
- ② However,
- ③ Although
- ④ Because

C

- ① In contrast
- ② For example
- ③ Thus
- ④ Eventually

第5問

次の英文には間違いが含まれます。それぞれ①～④から間違っている箇所を選びマークしなさい。

1. ①Have you finished ②to clean your study room ③downstairs ④yet?

誤り =

2. ①Writing in simple English, this book is ②suitable ③for ④beginners.

誤り =

3. ①The more ②the challenge is difficult, ③the more ④rewarding the success is.

誤り =

4. If it ①was not ②for your help, I ③could not ④finish this homework.

誤り =

5. I ①can't hardly ②remember ③what ④he said.

誤り =

6. Don't worry! Your rabbit will be ①taking care ②of ③while you're ④on your trip.

誤り =

7. I am ①going to ②live in a house ③which windows ④offer a beautiful view of the ocean.

誤り =

8. Shota is ①much ②good ③at baseball ④as Kenta.

誤り =

9. I ①wish I ②have had ③more time ④to spend with my girlfriend.

誤り =

10. Ms. Shimizu ①found that she ②was leaving her PC at home, so she was ③unable ④to do anything at the office.

誤り =

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解答番号	正解
1	4
2	2
3	3
4	1
5	4
6	3
7	1
8	4
9	2
10	2
11	3
12	4
13	3
14	2
15	1
16	4
17	1
18	4
19	3
20	3
21	3
22	1
23	3
24	4
25	2

解答番号	正解
26	4
27	2
28	1
29	3
30	4
31	2
32	1
33	2
34	1
35	1
36	1
37	3
38	1
39	2
40	2