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一般・スカラシップ入学試験問題（B 日程）

英語コミュニケーション I・II （3 月 9 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。

The Ig Nobel Prize is a special award for research that makes people laugh first and then think. The ceremony began in 1991 and is held annually, mainly at Harvard University. The prize is not a joke. It has demonstrated that even strange ideas can lead to useful science.

The Ig Nobel Prize has also benefited society. It has encouraged scientists to be creative and to approach problems in new ways. In fact, some studies that seem funny at first glance have revealed that they can improve our health and daily lives.

For example, in 1992, a team of Japanese researchers from Shiseido won the prize for the first time in Japan. They studied why feet smell bad and discovered the main chemical, called isovaleric acid*. This acid is produced by bacteria that live on sweaty feet. Their research has helped the company develop better deodorants and foot care products.

Another example is from 2023. Japanese scientists developed electric chopsticks that deliver a mild electric current to the tongue. This makes food taste saltier without adding more salt. These chopsticks can help people consume less salt and remain healthy.

The Ig Nobel Prize demonstrates that science can be fun and useful at the same time.

* イソ吉草酸（天然の脂肪酸の一種）

1. Why does the author mention Harvard University in the passage? 1
- ① To show where the Ig Nobel Prize started
 - ② To explain where the ceremony is mainly held
 - ③ To compare Harvard University with Shiseido
 - ④ To describe the history of the Nobel Prize
2. What does the phrase “approach problems in new ways” most likely mean in the passage? 2
- ① To ignore problems
 - ② To think creatively
 - ③ To ask other people for help
 - ④ To use old methods
3. Why does the author mention the 1992 research about foot smell? 3
- ① To show that Japanese scientists like cosmetics
 - ② To explain why feet sweat
 - ③ To compare it with the Nobel Prize
 - ④ To give an example of a funny but useful study
4. Why do the electric chopsticks help people stay healthy? 4
- ① They make food taste sweet.
 - ② They kill bacteria on food.
 - ③ They reduce the need for salt.
 - ④ They make food smell better.
5. Which would be the best title for this passage? 5
- ① “The History of Harvard University”
 - ② “How to Make Electric Chopsticks”
 - ③ “The Nobel Prize and Its Winners”
 - ④ “Funny Ideas That Change the World”

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。

Hina and Asa are talking about their plans for the 2025 winter break.

Hina: Hey Asa, winter break is coming up. Do you have any plans?

Asa: I am planning to go to Tokyo and visit Ueno Zoo. I have never been there before.

Hina: Oh, speaking of Ueno Zoo, do you know that pandas have been sent to other countries as a symbol of friendship?

Asa: Yes. After Japan and China normalized their relations in 1972, China sent two pandas, Kang Kang and Lan Lan, to Japan. My grandparents saw them!

Hina: Really? My grandparents saw them, too! I have heard that the people of Japan were so excited at the time. More than seven million people visited Ueno Zoo to see them in the first year.

Asa: That is amazing! Does Ueno Zoo still have pandas?

Hina: Yes, but the pandas have been replaced several times. For example, Ri Ri and Shin Shin came from China in 2011. They had a baby, Xiang Xiang, in 2017.

Asa: I watched Xiang Xiang on TV! She was very popular.

Hina: Yes, but she returned to China in February 2023 to find a partner. And Ri Ri and Shin Shin went back in September 2024.

Asa: Oh, so who is in Ueno Zoo now?

Hina: Only the twins, Xiao Xiao and Lei Lei. They were born in Japan in June 2021. But their loan ends in 2026, so they may go back, too.

Asa: That is sad. Does Japan have pandas in other locations as well?

Hina: Adventure World in Wakayama had a few. But in June 2025, four pandas—Rauhin and her daughters Yuihin, Saihin, and Fuhin—returned to China.

Asa: So, will Japan have no pandas soon?

Hina: Maybe, but I hope new pandas will come again.

1. For what purpose have pandas been sent to other countries? 6
- ① As rewards for scientific achievements
 - ② As a symbol of friendship
 - ③ As gifts for children
 - ④ As a pet
2. What were the names of the first pandas sent to Japan in 1972? 7
- ① Ri Ri and Shin Shin
 - ② Xiao Xiao and Lei Lei
 - ③ Kang Kang and Lan Lan
 - ④ Xiang Xiang and Fuhin
3. Why did Xiang Xiang return to China in 2023? 8
- ① Because she was sick.
 - ② Because her parents went back to China.
 - ③ Because Ueno Zoo had no space.
 - ④ Because she needed to find a partner.
4. What happened in June 2025? 9
- ① Four pandas from Wakayama returned to China.
 - ② Ri Ri and Shin Shin returned to China.
 - ③ Xiao Xiao and Lei Lei were born.
 - ④ Xiang Xiang came back to Japan.
5. Which of the following is TRUE according to the conversation? 10
- ① Ri Ri and Shin Shin are the parents of Xiang Xiang.
 - ② Rauhini is the mother of Xiao Xiao and Lei Lei.
 - ③ Xiang Xiang is the mother of Ri Ri.
 - ④ Xiao Xiao and Lei Lei were born in China and sent to Japan.

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. This photo 11 me of the trip to Kyoto last year.
① reminds
② remembers
③ recalls
④ recognizes

2. You should 12 to her for being late to the meeting.
① excuse
② forgive
③ apologize
④ regret

3. I can't 13 this noise any longer. It's unbearable!
① stand
② sit
③ jump
④ run

4. We couldn't 14 her at first because she had changed her hairstyle.
① drive
② recognize
③ open
④ build

5. The main 15 of this meeting is to discuss the new project plan.
① courage
② weather
③ position
④ purpose

6. The lawyer presented strong 16 to support her client's innocence during the trial.
- ① evidence
 - ② evident
 - ③ evidently
 - ④ clearly
7. Children can easily 17 new languages when they are young.
- ① require
 - ② acquire
 - ③ inquire
 - ④ admire
8. Regular exercise can help 18 many health problems in the future.
- ① permit
 - ② present
 - ③ prevent
 - ④ invent
9. The recipe calls for a large 19 of sugar to make the cake sweet enough.
- ① quality
 - ② quantity
 - ③ equality
 - ④ reality
10. The elevator is currently 20, so please use the stairs.
- ① under control
 - ② out of order
 - ③ in time
 - ④ on sale

11. When she heard the bad news, she suddenly into tears.

- ① burst
- ② took
- ③ fall
- ④ made

12. I need to these old clothes because I don't wear them anymore.

- ① put on
- ② look for
- ③ take after
- ④ throw away

13. The Olympic Games will in Los Angeles in 2028.

- ① take part
- ② take place
- ③ take off
- ④ take out

14. She had to the job offer because it was too far from her home.

- ① turn into
- ② turn up
- ③ turn down
- ④ turn on

15. I met my old friend in the city completely chance.

- ① at
- ② by
- ③ to
- 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. Tsuda Umeko was one of the first Japanese women to study abroad. She was sent to the United States when she was only six years old.

During her stay, she learned about English and Western culture. After returning to Japan, she began to recognize that the education for women in Japan was very limited. , she decided to improve the situation by establishing a female school. Her efforts have greatly influenced women's education in Japan. , she is remembered as a pioneer who opened the doors to many Japanese women.

A

- ① Therefore
- ② Frequently
- ③ Although
- ④ For instance

B

- ① Instead
- ② On the other hand
- ③ As a result
- ④ Suddenly

2. Many people in rich countries send their old clothes to South America for recycling. The idea was good because it could help the environment and provide clothes to those in need. However, many of these clothes do not always match the needs of the locals. Some clothes are too large or unsuitable for the local climate. A, a huge amount of clothing cannot be sold or used. These clothes are discarded in places such as the Atacama Desert in Chile. This area has become a “clothing graveyard.” The clothes remain there for a long time because they are made of materials that do not break down easily. B, some clothes are burned, polluting the air and harming people’s health. This problem is connected to fast fashion. Fast fashion produces cheap clothes quickly, and people buy and discard clothing more often. C, more and more waste is being sent to countries such as Chile.

A 28

- ① Because
- ② Although
- ③ Unlike
- ④ Consequently

B 29

- ① Conversely
- ② Politically
- ③ Despite
- ④ Even worse

C 30

- ① Generally
- ② For this reason
- ③ Still
- ④ First

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. I ①will ②start my homework as soon as I ③will ④finish dinner.

誤り = 31

2. If many photos ①are ②shared on social media, personal information ③can ④see by many people.

誤り = 32

3. She ①spoke quietly ②so ③as not to ④waking the baby.

誤り = 33

4. Our teacher asked us ①to ②discuss about ③whether ④raising interest rates is good for the economy.

誤り = 34

5. I called the dentist to have my tooth ①pull out, but the dentist ②had ③been fully ④booked.

誤り = 35

6. ①How he used ②to be ③is completely different from what he ④is now as a university student.

誤り = 36

7. ①Being a university student is ②one thing, ③managing your time is ④other.

誤り = 37

8. ①Economics is not easy, but it is useful ②for people ③which want to know ④how society works.

誤り = 38

9. ①No ②other ③mountains in Japan is higher ④than Mt. Fuji.

誤り =

39

10. ①If I ②were you, I ③will have applied ④for that university.

誤り =

40

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

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