

平成19年度 熊本県立保育大学校 一般入学試験問題
英語(平成19年2月2日)60分

I. 次の英文を読んで、設問に答えなさい。

① Summer time is a system by which clocks are set one hour ahead in the spring, then turned back in the fall. With this adjustment, people have an extra hour of daylight in the evening all summer. The system was first introduced in Europe during the First World War. The aim was to save energy by (ア) consumption of electricity. Today 72 countries practice this system. Japan introduced summer time in 1948, but abolished it four years later. Recently, the reintroduction of summer time has been discussed. However, I am of the opinion that Japan should not adopt this system.

The first reason is that summer time would affect our health. Japanese people tend to keep regular hours. (イ) time were shifted by one hour, it would confuse us and affect our well-being. We have a sort of body clock, and live according to it. If our body clock were changed, it could cause health problems.

Secondly, it would cost too much time and money to alter the time. Our society is controlled by computers. ② This makes the situation worse. If the new system were to go into effect, all facilities and machines would have to be adjusted to it. ③ In medical centers, in particular, a small mistake might cause a big problem which could affect our lives and health.

Third, the location of Japan should be considered. For countries located at high latitudes, this system might have more merit, because the daylight gap between summer and winter is bigger. (ウ), in Japan, this gap is not so significant.

Before introducing any foreign system, we should first think (エ) it really fits our society or not. Considering the many problems involved in changing the time, summer time would offer little merit for Japan, and this is why I am opposed to it.

問1. 下線部①の説明として最も適切なものを1～4の中から1つ選び、その番号を書きなさい。

1. 夏に時計を1時間早め、夏中夕方日照時間を1時間短縮することができる制度。
2. 秋に時計を1時間戻し、春中夕方日照時間を1時間長くすることができる制度。
3. 春に時計を1時間早め、それを夏に戻し秋中夕方の時間を1時間長くすることができる制度。
4. 春に時計を1時間早め、それを秋に戻し、夏中夕方日照時間を1時間長くすることができる制度。

問 2. 下線部 ② の指す具体的な内容を本文中から抜き出して英語で書きなさい。

問 3. 下線部 ③ を日本語に訳しなさい。

問 4. 次の 1~4 の中から本文で述べられている筆者の意見と一致しないものを 1 つ選んで、その番号で答えなさい。

1. Changing the time would cost time and money.
2. Summer time would destroy many old Japanese customs and traditions.
3. Changing the time might affect people's well-being.
4. The daylight gap is insignificant in Japan.

問 5. 空所 (ア) ~ (エ) に入る最も適切な語を 1~4 の中から 1 つ選び、その番号で答えなさい。

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|-----|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| (ア) | 1. increasing | 2. reducing | 3. producing | 4. adjusting |
| (イ) | 1. If | 2. Although | 3. And | 4. When |
| (ウ) | 1. However | 2. For example | 3. Although | 4. Sometimes |
| (エ) | 1. of which | 2. that | 3. whether | 4. before |

II. 次の各組の文が同じ意味を表すように、() に適切な語を書きなさい。

ア. As she did not know what to do, she asked me for advice.

(①) (②) what to do, she asked me for advice.

イ. I couldn't understand why he did such a thing.

I couldn't understand (③) (④) him do such a thing.

ウ. I left early so that I might catch the first train.

I left early in (⑤) (⑥) catch the first train.

エ. Work harder, or you won't finish the homework.

(⑦) you work hard, you won't finish the homework.

オ. As soon as she read the letter she burst out crying.

(⑧) (⑨) the letter, she burst out crying.

III. 各文中の空所に入れるのに最も適切な語(句)をそれぞれ1~4から選び、その番号で答えなさい。

- 1 Remember () off the light before you go to bed.
1. turning 2. to turn 3. turns 4. turned
- 2 Please help () to some sandwiches.
1. of yours 2. on 3. yourself 4. myself
- 3 A: I don't feel like studying on such a beautiful sunny day.
B: ()
1. Me too. 2. So do I. 3. So I do. 4. Neither do I.
- 4 She says she is a famous fashion model, () is not true.
1. what 2. that 3. which 4. who
- 5 A: Excuse me. Do you mind if I sit here?
B: ()
1. Yes, go ahead 2. No, go right ahead.
3. Yes, I don't. 4. Neither do I.
- 6 You () read a book in such a dark place.
1. had not better 2. had better not
3. had better not to 4. not
- 7 The machine is very expensive and must be handled with ().
1. caring 2. carefully 3. care 4. careful
- 8 The student () wrote this essay has a talent for writing.
1. who 2. whose 3. whom 4. she
- 9 I have two brothers. One is a doctor and () is an English teacher.
1. another 2. second 3. other 4. the other
- 10 The Amazon is the second () river in the world.
1. the largest 2. longest 3. longer 4. larger

IV. 次の(a) (b)の日本語を英訳しなさい。

(a) このバスに乗れば空港へ行けます。

(b) あなたの助けがなければ、私はそれを諦めているでしょう。

解答例

I. 問 1. 4

問 2. to alter the time

問 3. 特に医療センター (病院) では, 小さな誤りが私たちの生命と県警に及ぼす重大な問題を引き起こすかもしれない.

問 4. 2

問 5. (ア) 2 (イ) 1 (ウ) 1 (エ) 3

II. ① Not ② Knowing ③ what ④ made ⑤ order ⑥ to
⑦ Unless ⑧ On ⑨ reading

III.

問題	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
解答	2	3	4	3	2	2	3	1	4	2

IV. (a) This bus will take you to the airport.

(If you take this bus, you will get to the airport.)

(b) Without your help(assistance), I would give it up.

(If it were not for your help, I would give it up.)