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【1】次の英文を読んで以下の設問に答えなさい。

Death and aging constitute a mystery that we often ask about as children, deny in youth, and reluctantly come to accept as adults. Life expectancy among U.S. white adults is presently about seventy-eight years for men, eighty-three for women. But few of us will (1) survive to one hundred. Why is it so easy to live eighty, so hard to live to one hundred? Even with access to the best medical care, (2) why do humans and animals kept in a cage inevitably grow weak and die? It's the most (3) feature of our life cycle, but there's nothing obvious about what causes it.

In the bare fact of our aging and dying, we resemble all other animals. In the details, however, we've improved considerably over the course of our evolutionary history. Not a single individual of any ape species has been recorded as achieving the current life expectancy of U.S. whites. Evidently, we age more slowly than do (4) our closest relatives.

Slow aging is as crucial to the human lifestyle as are marriage and the other life-cycle features. That's because our lifestyle depends on transmitted information. As language evolved, far more information became available to us to pass on than previously. Until the invention of writing, old people acted as the *repositories of that information and experience, just as they continue to do (5) primitive societies today. Our long life span was important for our rise from animal to human status.

Obviously, our ability to survive to a ripe old age depended ultimately upon advances in culture and technology. It's easier to defend yourself against a lion if you're carrying a spear than just a hand-held stone, and (6) easier yet with a high powered rifle. However, advances in culture and technology alone would not have been enough, (7) our bodies had also become redesigned to last longer. Our biology became remolded to the increased life expectancy that our culture advances made possible. Our biology must have changed so that we aged more slowly.

*repository: (情報の) 蓄積庫

問1 下線部(1)の意味に最も近い語を次から選び、マークしなさい。

- ① help ② live ③ protect ④ save

問2 下線部(2)の意味として適当なものを次から選び、マークしなさい。

- ① 人間に家畜化された動物が野生動物よりも長生きするのはなぜだろうか。
 ② どうすれば全ての人間と家畜が長生きするようにできるのだろうか。
 ③ なぜ人間は長寿を保つのに、動物はみな弱って死んでしまうのだろうか。
 ④ 人間も檻の中の動物も、必ず年をとって身体が弱くなり、死んでしまうのはなぜだろうか。

問3 空所(3)に入れるべき最も適当な語を次から選び、マークしなさい。

- ① obvious ② ambiguous ③ mysterious ④ unimaginable

問4 下線部(4)の意味に最も近い語を次から選び、マークしなさい。

- ① cousins ② monkeys ③ apes ④ parents

問5 空所(5)に入れるべき最も適当な語を次から選び、マークしなさい。

- ① by ② in ③ on ④ as

問6 下線部(6)の意味として最も適当なものを次から選び、マークしなさい。

- ① 強力なライフルがあればもっと簡単である。
 ② まだ強力なライフルがなかった頃でも簡単だった。
 ③ まだ強力なライフルが発明されない頃は簡単ではなかった。
 ④ 強力なライフルがあれば簡単だっただろうに、実際は昔はそうではなかった。

問7 空所(7)に入れるべき最も適当な語を次から選び、マークしなさい。

- ① therefore ② though ③ if ④ unless

問8~問11 次の文が本文の内容と一致する場合は①を、一致しない場合は②を、本文の内容からはどちらともいえない場合は③をマークしなさい。

問8 The reasons why humans die are unknown.

問9 The more information humans had, the more they wrote.

問10 Only the development of technology and culture has played an important role in extending humans' life span.

問11 Humans's bodies slowed down their speed in growing old.

【2】 次の問い (A・B) に答えなさい。

A 次の英文中の空所に入る最も適当なものを，それぞれ下の ①～④ のうちから一つずつ選び，マークしなさい。

問 1 His mother to be more careful in his choice of words.

- ① advised him ② said him ③ suggested him ④ warned to him

問 2 Please lock all the doors and windows when you the house.

- ① leave ② will be leaving ③ will have left ④ will leave

問 3 “Could you teach me swim? I hear you are a fairly good swimmer.” “Sure, my pleasure.”

- ① the way for ② the way how I can
③ how to ④ how can I

問 4 “How do you like my new hairstyle?”

“Well, , I don't think it suits you.”

- ① telling of the truth ② frankly speaking
③ to speak correctly ④ I regret saying

問 5 The artist works have made the greatest impressions on me was Monet.

- ① who ② whose ③ which ④ whom

B 次の問いの会話の空所に入る最も適当なものを，それぞれ下の ①～④ のうちから一つずつ選び，マークしなさい。

問 1 A: Hi, Jack. I haven't seen you for ages. How are things going?

B: I was in hospital for a few days last week, though.

A: Were you? What's wrong?

B: Oh, it's nothing serious. Just for minor checkups.

- ① Unfortunately, not.
② Not too bad.
③ What's up?
④ Please don't ask me.

問 2 A: Do you think our daughter will be all right living by herself?

B: Don't worry.

A: You may be right. I always forget how time flies.

- ① We'd better teach small children how to take care of themselves.
- ② It's about time she stood on her own feet.
- ③ She's not leaving home soon.
- ④ No one can tell whether it's too early or too late to do something.

問 3 A: How long will you be down in Florida?

B: Well, But I'll try my best to finish all the work there as quickly as possible.

A: Please don't stay too long. Remember, it's my birthday next Tuesday.

- ① that depends.
- ② it's up to you.
- ③ I have hot summer weather.
- ④ I'll be right back.

問 4 A: Look at all these bills! How can we ever pay them?

B: I'll tell you something. We are spending too much.

A: OK, but what?

B: How about selling the car and using the train instead?

- ① We must try to earn a little more money.
- ② We should be more economical from now on.
- ③ We'll have to do without something.
- ④ We are not saving enough money.

【3】 次の1~4の各文について，与えられた日本文の意味になるように，下の語句を並べかえた時，(a)と(b)にくる語の番号をマークしなさい。ただし，文頭にくる語もすべて小文字にしてある。

問1 彼は子供の頃に野球をすることに多くの時間を費やし，運動が得意になった。 ・

He (a) () () () (b) baseball and became a good athlete.

① in ② spent ③ a lot of time ④ playing ⑤ his childhood

問2 友情の大切さはいくら強調してもしすぎることはない。 ・

We cannot emphasize () (a) () () (b) friendship.

① too ② of ③ importance ④ the ⑤ much

問3 下の指示に従って申し込み書に記入してください。 ・

(a) () the application form (b) () ().

① the instructions ② out ③ following ④ fill ⑤ below

問4 一郎と僕は時々けんかするが仲は良い。 ・

Ichiro and I are () () (a) () (b) we sometimes quarrel.

① even ② terms ③ on ④ though ⑤ good

解答例

【1】

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
②	④	①	③	②	①	④	②	③	②	①

【2】 A

12	13	14	15	16
①	①	③	②	②

B

17	18	19	20
②	②	①	③

【3】

21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
②	④	⑤	②	④	③	②	④

問1 He spent a lot of time in his childhood playing baseball and became a good athlete.

問2 We cannot emphasize too much the importance of friendship.

問3 Fill out the application form following the instructions below.

問4 Ichiro and I are on good terms even though we sometimes quarrel.