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高等学校 入学試験問題

英 語

注 意

- 1 合図があるまで、問題用紙を開いてはいけません。
- 2 始めの合図があったら、解答用紙の決められた欄に、受験番号、氏名を記入してから始めなさい。
- 3 声を出して読んではいけません。
- 4 解答は解答用紙の決められた欄に筆記具ではっきりと書き入れなさい。
- 5 試験時間は50分です。
- 6 計時機能以外の時計の使用は認めません。
- 7 試験中、体の具合や気分が悪くなったときは、静かに手をあげなさい。
- 8 終わりの合図があったら、すぐに筆記具を置きなさい。

1. Choose the option from A-D that best fits in the blank.

(1) You can borrow my racket ____ you promise to return it tomorrow.

- A. unless B. if C. although D. otherwise**

(2) Do you know ____ buy a birthday cake for my mother?

- A. where can I B. can I where C. I can where D. where I can**

(3) She was not only intelligent but also ____ enough to lead the team through difficult times.

- A. brave B. shy C. lazy D. quiet**

(4) We need to ____ a decision before the deadline.

- A. take B. do C. make D. get**

(5) She finally succeeded in passing the exam after months of hard work and ____.

- A. effort B. strength C. delay D. mistake**

(6) The teacher told us to hand in the assignment ____ Friday at the latest.

- A. at B. until C. by D. for**

(7) Despite his lack of experience, he was able to ____ the challenge and deliver impressive results.

- A. fall for B. rise to C. break into D. turn down**

(8) The new policy aims to ____ the gap between urban and rural education standards.

- A. bridge B. widen C. ignore D. highlight**

- (9) The novel explores themes of identity and belonging, making it highly ____ to young readers.
A. outdated **B.** controversial **C.** relatable **D.** irrelevant
- (10) The movie was so interesting that it really ____ my attention from beginning to end.
A. placed **B.** caught **C.** took **D.** held
- (11) I'm looking forward ____ my old friends at the reunion next month.
A. see **B.** seeing **C.** to see **D.** to seeing
- (12) The facilities in this school are better than ____ in most public schools.
A. that **B.** those **C.** them **D.** ones
- (13) If he ____ harder, Tom could have passed the exam.
A. studies **B.** studied **C.** had studied **D.** would study
- (14) She is the woman ____ car was stolen from the parking lot.
A. who **B.** which **C.** whom **D.** whose
- (15) The book ____ last week is already a bestseller. I wonder if there are still some copies left in the bookstore.
A. published **B.** publishing **C.** was published **D.** being published
- (16) The more you practice, ____ you will become.
A. more confident **B.** the more confident
C. most confident **D.** the most confident

(17) My brother couldn't help ____ when he heard the news.

- A. cry** **B. cried** **C. crying** **D. to cry**

(18) I wish I ____ more time to finish the project this weekend.

- A. have** **B. had** **C. will have** **D. have had**

(19) She managed to complete the task ____ all the difficulties.

- A. because** **B. due to** **C. although** **D. in spite of**

(20) You ____ have told me earlier that the meeting was canceled, so I wouldn't have come all the way here.

- A. must** **B. may** **C. should** **D. can**

(21) The politician's speech was full of promises, but lacked any ____ plan for implementation.

- A. temporary** **B. vague** **C. concrete** **D. flexible**

(22) She always tries to ____ her best, no matter how difficult the task is.

- A. do** **B. make** **C. give** **D. take**

2. Read the text below and answer the following questions.

(1) In recent years, renewable energy has become more important due to global concerns about climate change. Solar and wind power are two major sources that are gaining popularity. They produce electricity without emitting carbon dioxide, unlike fossil fuels. However, these sources are not always reliable because they depend on weather conditions. To solve this problem, scientists are developing better energy storage systems. Batteries and hydrogen fuel cells may help us store power for use when the sun isn't shining or the wind isn't blowing. If these technologies become more efficient, the world could shift away from coal and oil completely.

Q: Why are batteries and hydrogen fuel cells important in the context of renewable energy?

- A.** They reduce energy costs.
- B.** They help store energy for later use.
- C.** They replace solar panels.
- D.** They prevent climate change directly.

(2) Many people believe they can multitask effectively, such as studying while listening to music or checking their phone. However, research shows that the human brain is not designed for true multitasking. Instead, it switches rapidly between tasks, which can reduce both speed and accuracy. This constant switching uses more brain energy and can even lead to mental fatigue. Experts suggest that focusing on one task at a time improves performance. In a world full of distractions, training the brain to focus may be one of the most valuable skills.

Q: According to the passage, what is one effect of multitasking on the brain?

- A.** It saves mental energy.
- B.** It increases accuracy.
- C.** It causes fatigue.
- D.** It improves concentration.

(3) Sleep is essential for physical and mental health. During sleep, the body repairs muscles, restores energy, and processes information from the day. Teenagers, in particular, need about eight to ten hours of sleep per night. However, many high school students sleep far less due to homework, social media, or late-night gaming. Lack of sleep can lead to poor concentration, mood swings, and even health problems. Experts recommend maintaining a regular sleep schedule and turning off electronic devices before bedtime.

Q: According to the passage, what is one benefit of getting enough sleep?

- A. Increased use of social media
- B. Improved muscle repair and memory
- C. More time for gaming
- D. Less need for studying

(4) Vaccines are one of the most powerful tools in modern medicine. They protect people from dangerous diseases by helping the body build immunity. When enough people in a community are vaccinated, the spread of disease slows down — a concept called “herd immunity.” This not only protects vaccinated individuals but also those who cannot be vaccinated, such as infants or people with certain illnesses. Thanks to vaccines, illnesses like smallpox have been eliminated, and others like measles are now rare in many countries.

Q: What is “herd immunity” as described in the passage?

- A. A way to cure diseases
- B. A condition when only children are vaccinated
- C. Community protection when many are immune
- D. An illness that spreads through animals

(5) The cocktail party effect is when you can focus on one voice in a noisy place. For example, at a party, many people are talking, but you can still listen to your friend speaking next to you. Even with loud music and other conversations, your brain helps you hear what's important. A good example is when you hear your name from across the room, even if you weren't paying attention. This shows how your brain can pick out special sounds. The cocktail party effect is useful in daily life, like in restaurants, train stations, or busy offices. Scientists study this effect to understand how we listen and pay attention. It also helps make better hearing aids and voice recognition systems. This effect shows how amazing our brain is at focusing on important sounds and ignoring background noise.

What does the "cocktail party effect" describe?

- A. Enjoying music while talking at a party
- B. Focusing on one voice in loud places
- C. Remembering chats from social events
- D. Hearing changes caused by drinking

(6) In the UK, some newt species have shown remarkable adaptability to urban environments. Traditionally, newts lay their eggs on aquatic plants, carefully wrapping each egg in a leaf. However, in cities where natural vegetation is scarce, newts have begun using artificial materials like plastic strips—often cut from trash bags—as substitutes for plants. This behavior has been observed in species such as *Cynops ensicauda*, which willingly lay eggs on plastic surfaces when live plants are unavailable. This plastic egg-laying adaptation highlights the species' behavioral flexibility and resilience in the face of habitat loss and urbanization. While this shift may help newts survive in degraded environments, it also raises concerns about pollution and long-term ecological impacts. Understanding these changes is crucial for conservation efforts, especially as amphibians face increasing threats from habitat fragmentation and climate change.

Why do some newts lay their eggs on plastic materials in urban environments?

- A. Because plastic helps keep the eggs warm
- B. Because plastic resembles aquatic predators
- C. Because natural vegetation is scarce in cities
- D. Because plastic contains nutrients for the eggs

3. Choose the most appropriate option A-F to fill in the blanks (1)-(6).

Why Japanese stationery continues to inspire the world

When my daughters were in elementary school, I bought them many cute stationery products like (1). I remember being surprised that there were so many cute products to choose from. I knew right away that they would be a hit with kids in U.S., so I often gave these cute stationery products to (2) when we visited.

Japan is known around the world as the Kingdom of Cuteness, and perhaps you will not see that cuteness expressed anywhere better than in its stationery products. But it is not just for its cuteness that Japanese stationery is lauded both at home and abroad. Products made for a more mature audience are seen as not only chic and fashionable, but also (3). One English language website says that Japanese stationery "stands apart in a league of its own" and says they are on the "cutting edge" of school and office supplies. In particular, (4). The Tombow 8900 pencil, which has been popular for over 70 years, has drawn much online praise, as do the breathtaking variety of mechanical pencils, ballpoint pens, gel pens, and highlighters. A couple of years ago, I interviewed a high school student who was a self-professed mechanical pencil junkie. He talked with (5) and why he loved them so much. I am sure that most people have a favorite brand of pencil or pen that suits them best. It's a great feeling when you finally find one that writes really smoothly!

The love and excitement around the world for Japanese stationery products and office supplies shows that, although we live in (6), people still value the simple act of writing something beautifully with their own hand.

(Anne Crescini, "Why Japanese stationery continues to inspire the world" The Japan Times Alpha J, July 25, 2025)

- A.** writing utensils are widely praised
- B.** excitement about his favorite pencils
- C.** character erasers, pencils, pencil cases, pencil caps, and notebooks
- D.** an increasingly digital society
- E.** friends and family
- F.** highly practical and functional

4. Read the text below and answer the following questions.

In today's digital world, online shopping and service subscriptions have become part of everyday life. While these platforms offer great convenience, they also come with hidden risks. One of the most concerning is the use of "dark patterns" — design techniques that subtly manipulate users into making decisions they might not otherwise choose. These patterns are built into websites and apps to influence behavior, often leading people to spend more money, share more personal information, or agree to terms they didn't fully understand.

Dark patterns are effective because they take advantage of natural human psychology. For example, many people feel pressure when they see messages like "Only 2 left in stock!" or "Offer ends in 5 minutes!" These phrases create a sense of urgency and scarcity, making users feel they must act quickly or miss out. Others may be influenced by fake reviews or misleading claims such as "Best seller" or "Top-rated," which play on our tendency to trust what seems popular. In some cases, websites automatically add extra items to your cart or pre-select options like insurance or newsletter subscriptions, hoping you won't notice before clicking "Buy."

Another common trick is making it difficult to cancel a subscription or delete an account. The process may be hidden behind multiple steps or confusing instructions, discouraging users from following through. Some sites also ask for more personal information than necessary, such as your phone number or birthdate, without clearly explaining why it's needed. These tactics are designed not to help the user, but to benefit the company — often at the user's expense.

To protect yourself from dark patterns, it's important to stay alert and think critically. When shopping online, take your time and don't let countdown timers or flashy messages rush your decision. Always read the fine print before agreeing to a subscription or contract, and double-check what's in your cart before making a purchase. If a site makes it hard to cancel or seems to be hiding important information, that's a red flag. Try to use websites with clear policies and good reputations, and be cautious about giving out personal data unless it's absolutely necessary.

It's also helpful to compare reviews across different platforms and look for signs of fake or overly positive feedback. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is. Some organizations now certify websites that avoid using dark patterns, helping users find safer and more transparent online experiences. As technology continues to evolve, especially with the rise of artificial intelligence, these manipulative designs may become even more personalized and harder to detect. That's why awareness and digital literacy are more important than ever.

By understanding how dark patterns work and learning to recognize them, you can make smarter choices online. The internet offers many benefits, but staying informed and cautious is key to protecting your time, money, and personal information.

(1) What is the main purpose of dark patterns in digital design?

- A. To improve user experience and simplify navigation
- B. To help users make informed decisions
- C. To subtly influence users into actions they might not intend
- D. To protect users from online scams

(2) Why might someone feel pressured to buy a product online?

- A. Because of messages suggesting limited time or stock
- B. Because the website offers detailed product reviews
- C. Because buying the product is selected by default
- D. Because the product is always available

(3) What should users do before agreeing to an online subscription?

- A. Trust the website's reputation without checking
- B. Skip reading the terms to save time
- C. Carefully review the conditions and cancellation policy
- D.. Accept all preselected options for convenience

(4) How can users spot fake reviews on a website?

- A. By checking if the reviews are written in multiple languages
- B. By comparing reviews across different platforms
- C. By trusting reviews with five-star ratings only
- D. By ignoring all user feedback

(5) What is a growing concern about the use of AI in digital marketing?

- A. AI could personalize manipulative tactics based on user behavior
- B. AI might make websites slower to load
- C. AI may reduce the number of online stores
- D. AI will eliminate all dark patterns

5. Put the words in parentheses in the most natural order to make a sentence.

Use capital letters where needed.

(1) I [your phone / it / to / dangerous / think / while / use] crossing the street.

(2) What a [your / made / advice / my / in / difference / has] life!

(3) It was after [surprising / I / a / heard / that / the / month] news.

(4) [believe / what / do / the information / to / you / extent] on the Internet?

(5) [son / go / may / no / where / his / matter], he will be given a warm welcome.

6. Read the statement below and write a short essay of approximately 120 words.

You are the leader of a group of international students with different personalities. To facilitate effective teamwork, identify **TWO** important things a leader should keep in mind. For each point, explain why it is important.

Entrance Exam for Returnee Students (Senior High School): Answer Sheet

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(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)	
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(1)	I _____ crossing the street.
(2)	What a _____ life!
(3)	It was after _____ news.
(4)	_____ on the Internet?
(5)	_____, he will ...

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5	(1)	I think it dangerous to use your phone while crossing the street.
	(2)	What a difference your advice has made in my life!
	(3)	It was after a month that I heard the surprising news.
	(4)	To what extent do you believe the information on the Internet?
	(5)	No matter where his son may go, he will...

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