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【1】 次の A と B の各問いに答えよ。

A：次の各組には、1つだけ下線部の発音が他と異なるものがある。その語を番号で答えよ。

- (1) ① blood      ② wool      ③ hook      ④ shook  
(2) ① disease      ② cease      ③ lose      ④ accuse  
(3) ① smooth      ② though      ③ northern      ④ thumb  
(4) ① possess      ② scissors      ③ despise      ④ precise  
(5) ① scheme      ② chemical      ③ chorus      ④ channel

B：次の語の中から、最も強いアクセントが(2)の音節にある語を5つ選び、番号で答えよ。なお、解答の順序は問わない。

- ① cal-en-dar      ② ca-reer      ③ vol-un-teer      ④ pat-tern  
(1) (2) (3)      (1) (2)      (1) (2) (3)      (1) (2)
- ⑤ mys-te-ri-ous      ⑥ of-fic-er      ⑦ mu-si-cian      ⑧ ac-cu-rate  
(1) (2)(3) (4)      (1) (2) (3)      (1) (2) (3)      (1) (2) (3)
- ⑨ par-tic-i-pate      ⑩ ec-o-nom-ics      ⑪ com-fort-a-ble      ⑫ in-ves-ti-gate  
(1) (2)(3) (4)      (1)(2) (3) (4)      (1) (2) (3) (4)      (1) (2) (3) (4)

【2】 次の空欄に入る最も適切な語（句）を、それぞれ①～④から1つ選び、番号で答えよ。

- (1) I went home to receive a package, but I realized the mailman had been there .
- ① before two hours                      ② ago two hours  
③ two hours before                      ④ two hours ago
- (2) My mother  play tennis twice a week, but now rarely ever plays.
- ① use to                      ② used to                      ③ was used to                      ④ used
- (3) She wouldn't have been late for the meeting,  the traffic jam.
- ① if it has not been                      ② if it has not for  
③ had it not been for                      ④ had it not for
- (4) Finish cleaning your room  tomorrow morning because we'll have guests in the afternoon.
- ① till                      ② until                      ③ in                      ④ by
- (5)  had he entered the room than he noticed the strange smell.
- ① No later                      ② No sooner                      ③ No matter                      ④ No longer
- (6) The bed  last night was so comfortable that I had the best night's sleep in ages.
- ① which I sleep                      ② which I slept                      ③ I slept in                      ④ in I slept
- (7) The plane  New York in the dim light of dusk.
- ① approaches to                      ② was approaching toward  
③ was approaching to                      ④ was approaching
- (8) "Do you have  about the upcoming school trip?"
- ① any informations                      ② any information  
③ an information                      ④ many informations
- (9) Her low grades result  a lack of consistent studying.
- ① on                      ② at                      ③ with                      ④ from
- (10) The renowned music festival will  in Tokyo next month, with top artists from around the world.
- ① take place                      ② take account                      ③ take after                      ④ take care

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- (11)  with James, Henry is much more punctual and reliable.  
① By comparing    ② By compared    ③ Comparing    ④ Compared
- (12)  did you borrow the car for if you're not going to use it today?  
① What    ② Why    ③ How    ④ Where
- (13) It was foolish  me to trust a person like him.  
① but    ② in    ③ with    ④ of
- (14) Traffic rules  every driver to maintain smooth traffic flow.  
① should keep    ② should be kept  
③ must be kept by    ④ must be keeping
- (15) Without  a greeting, she suddenly hung up the phone.  
① as much    ② so much    ③ as much as    ④ so much as

**【3】** 次の(1)と(2)の会話を読み、各問いに対する最も適切な答えを、それぞれ①～④から1つ選び、番号で答えよ。

(1)

Person A: Did you catch the new documentary on climate change that aired last night?

Person B: No, I missed it. Was it any good?

Person A: It was really eye-opening. It covered the latest scientific research and showed how climate change is impacting different parts of the world.

Person B: That sounds important. Who was the narrator?

Person A: It was narrated by David Attenborough. His famous voice always makes these kinds of documentaries more powerful.

Person B: I agree. What were some of the key points they discussed?

Person A: They talked about rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and the decreasing number of animals and plants. They also highlighted some solutions, like renewable energy and conservation efforts.

Person B: I really need to watch it. Do I need to pay? Or is it available online?

Person A: You can stream it for free on the network's website or on their app. It's the only way.

Person B: Great, I'll check it out tonight. Thanks for the recommendation!

Person A: No problem. Let me know what you think after you watch it.

Question A: What is David Attenborough known for?

- ① His research on climate change.
- ② His voice.
- ③ Conservation efforts.
- ④ Online recommendations.

Question B: What were some key things discussed in the documentary?

- ① Urban development.
- ② Pollution and recycling.
- ③ Environmental problems.
- ④ Space exploration.

Question C: How can Person B watch the documentary if they missed it when it aired?

- ① They must buy a DVD.
- ② They must watch it on the same day at night.
- ③ By streaming it online.
- ④ By subscribing to a paid TV channel.

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(2)

Person A: Have you heard about the new café that opened near the park?

Person B: Yes, I have. It's called "Sunny Brew," right?

Person A: Exactly. I went there yesterday. The place has such a comfortable atmosphere.

Person B: That's good to hear. What did you try?

Person A: I had their coffee blend and a slice of blueberry cheesecake. Both were excellent.

Person B: I'm always looking for a good cheesecake. Was it busy when you went?

Person A: Not too bad. It was mid-afternoon, so it was relatively quiet. But I heard it gets pretty crowded in the mornings.

Person B: I'll probably visit in the afternoon then. How are the prices?

Person A: Quite reasonable for the quality. Plus, they have free Wi-Fi, which is a nice bonus.

Person B: Free Wi-Fi is definitely a plus. Did you notice if they have any outdoor seating?

Person A: Yes, they do. There are a few tables outside from morning till the evening, perfect for nice weather.

Person B: Sounds like a great spot. Thanks for the tip!

Person A: No problem. Let me know if you want to have a coffee there together sometime.

Question D: When did Person A visit "Sunny Brew"?

- ① In the morning.
- ② At noon.
- ③ In the afternoon.
- ④ In the evening.

Question E: Why might Person B prefer to visit the café in the afternoon?

- ① Because it's quieter and less crowded than in the morning.
- ② Because they only serve their coffee blend in the afternoon.
- ③ Because the Wi-Fi is only available in the afternoon.
- ④ Because the outdoor seating is not available in the morning.

## 【4】 次の英文を読み、後の問いに答えよ。

Good role models are hard to find. Do you have one? Maybe your role model is a parent or grandparent. Maybe it is your boss at work or a teacher at your school. Maybe your role model is a historical figure from long ago.

When I was a child, I didn't look forward to growing up. I thought becoming an adult would be boring and stressful. I didn't know any adults who seemed to really enjoy life. Of course, I knew that I could not remain a child forever, and that made me sad.

I was 15 years old when I found a role model that made me eager to become an adult. I was no longer a child, but I was not quite\* grown up. It happened in a small town in southern Hokkaido called Setana. I went to Setana to work as a volunteer laborer for a group of young and struggling dairy farmers. It was an interesting and useful way to spend part of my summer vacation.

The young dairy farmers in Setana worked harder than anyone I  A . Back then, they were too poor to have many farm machines. From raising dairy cows to burning fields\* in preparation for planting\*, harvesting and storing hay\* and alfalfa\*, they did all the work by hand. It was the hardest physical labor I have ever experienced.

At the end of one exhausting day, I was told to patch\* the holes in my rubber work boots\*. They had been slashed\* by the sharp stems of bamboo grass\* when we were clearing the fields. I began cutting round or square patches\* from spare\* pieces of rubber. The farmer, who must have been even more exhausted than I, was cutting patches for his own boots into crescent moons\*, stars and hearts.

I suddenly realized that becoming an adult with adult responsibilities didn't have to mean a life of drudgery\*. On the contrary, it was possible to be playful and joyful even during the most difficult times. That day I found a role model for the kind of adult I wanted to become. I began to look forward to the challenges of adult life with humor, curiosity and a creative mind.

Many decades have passed since that day. I found new role models for the different stages of my life, including models for how to raise children, how to grow old and how to prepare for death. I found role models  B  the living and I found role models from the ancient past. Someday, somewhere, maybe I can become a role model for the people who come after me.

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(注) was not quite ~ : ~というほどではなかった      burning fields : 野焼きをする  
 planting : 植え付け      hay : 干草      alfalfa : アルファルファ (牧草の一種)  
 patch ~ : ~をふさぐ      rubber work boots : 作業用のゴム長靴  
 had been slashed : 切り裂かれていた      bamboo grass : 笹      patches : 継ぎ当て用のゴム  
 spare : 余っている      crescent moons : 三日月形      drudgery : 単調でつまらない仕事

問1 下線部 (あ) ~ (お) の英文中の意味として最も適切なものをそれぞれ ① ~ ④ から1つ選び、番号で答えよ。

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|----------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| (あ) <u>struggling</u>      | ① 優秀な | ② 成功している | ③ 奮闘している | ④ 経験豊かな  |
| (い) <u>dairy</u>           | ① 酪農業 | ② 漁業     | ③ 林業     | ④ 土木業    |
| (う) <u>physical</u>        | ① 頭脳の | ② 身体の    | ③ 困難な    | ④ 退屈な    |
| (え) <u>On the contrary</u> | ① 同様に | ② それに加えて | ③ なぜなら   | ④ それどころか |
| (お) <u>curiosity</u>       | ① 向上心 | ② 克己心    | ③ 反骨心    | ④ 好奇心    |

問2 二重下線部 (㉗) ~ (㉚) の英文中の意味として最も近いものを、それぞれ ① ~ ④ から1つ選び、番号で答えよ。

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|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| ㉗ remain      | ① avoid to be        | ② choose to be         | ③ decide to be          | ④ continue to be |
| ㉘ eager       | ① uncomfortable      | ② cross                | ③ very keen and excited | ④ wonder         |
| ㉙ exhausting  | ① productive         | ② fatiguing            | ③ memorable             | ④ thrilling      |
| ㉚ prepare for | ① feel anxious about | ② suppress thoughts of | ③ keep away from        | ④ get ready for  |

問3 空欄 A ~ B に入る最も適切な語 (句) を、それぞれ ① ~ ④ から1つ選び、番号で答えよ。

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|---|-------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">A</span> | ① know ever | ② ever known | ③ had ever known | ④ was ever known |
| <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">B</span> | ① at        | ② on         | ③ among          | ④ along          |

問4 波線部 (1) に関して、具体的にどのような行動が “playful and joyful” であると筆者は感じたのか。その行動を示している一文を本文からそのまま抜き出して答えよ。

問5 次の①～⑧のそれぞれにおいて、本文の内容と合うものにはTと答え、本文の内容と合わないもの、または記載のないものにはFと答えよ。なお、T/F以外の解答はすべて誤答とみなすため注意すること。

- ① Becoming an adult was something the author was excited about in his/her childhood.
- ② While the author was a child, it made him/her sorrowful to know that childhood couldn't last forever.
- ③ At the age of fifteen, the author headed to Setana to work as a volunteer laborer and assist a group of young dairy farmers.
- ④ The author hardly believed that spending part of the summer vacation in Setana was intriguing and beneficial.
- ⑤ Setana's dairy farmers employed a lot of mechanical devices for the harvesting and storage of hay and alfalfa.
- ⑥ Setana's dairy farmers undertook all aspects of raising dairy cows manually.
- ⑦ Learning from Setana's dairy farmers, the author realized that even in times of hardship, one could still experience playfulness and joy.
- ⑧ Despite the experience in Setana, the author failed to find new figures to admire for different phases of his/her life.

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**【5】** Write about an electronic item (gadget) that you use often. Think about these questions:  
What is a gadget you often use? When did you get it? What do you use it for? Write 50-70 words in English.