

I 次の対話文の空所に入れるのに最も適当なものを、それぞれア～ウから一つ選べ。

[A]

A: Hey, Mom, can we please get a pet? I really want a dog!

B: A dog? That's a big responsibility. Who's going to walk it every day?

A: I will! I promise. I'll feed it and take care of everything.

B: _____ 1 _____

A: I know. I kept forgetting to water them. But a dog will be a lot more fun!

B: They can definitely be fun, but also expensive and messy. How about a smaller animal?

A: Like what? A hamster? They just sleep all day.

B: Well, a cat might be easier than a dog. _____ 2 _____

A: I guess that's one less thing I'd need to worry about. But cats scratch the furniture, don't they?

B: Yes, sometimes. What about waiting a few months? _____ 3 _____

A: So, if I do more household chores, can we get a pet later?

B: Yes. If you're responsible, we can talk about it again.

A: Alright! I'll start with the dishes tonight!

1. ア. You also need to feed them, and they need baths sometimes.

イ. You said you'd take care of the houseplants too, and they all died.

ウ. You'll still need to do daily chores, like washing the dishes.

2. ア. And they also like to sleep a lot.

イ. They don't need to go for walks.

ウ. You'll still need to feed them every day.

3. ア. Let's see if you can help more around the house first.
- イ. We'll need time to know what type of pet is best for you.
- ウ. You can take better care of a pet when you're older.

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[B]

A: Hi, Susan. My name's Lisa. I'm the manager of Flex Gym. I'm really sorry to have kept you waiting.

B: No problem. I can see that _____ 4 _____.

A: Yes, two of our staff members are sick with the flu, so I'm covering for them.

B: That's too bad. I hope they recover quickly.

A: Thanks. So, you're interested in signing up for a membership, right?

B: Yes, I've been looking for a gym that offers classes to help me improve my endurance.

A: We offer three different types of classes. From most to least popular, they're yoga, competitive bodybuilding, and treadmill jogging challenges.

B: They all sound enjoyable, though your least popular class seems interesting, as I'd like to _____ 5 _____.

A: That sounds like a great goal. We have many runners on staff that can help you.

B: Oh, that's a relief! I want to finish within two hours. What are the membership options?

A: We offer monthly and yearly memberships. The monthly plan is \$50, and the yearly plan is \$500.

B: I see. So choosing the yearly option will _____ 6 _____?

A: That's right! Let me show you the rest of our facility before lunch.

4. ア. it's your first time exercising here this evening

イ. you have a light workload this afternoon

ウ. you're really busy around here this morning

5. ア. compete in a weightlifting event
イ. learn about breathing before my retreat to India
ウ. prepare for next year's half marathon
6. ア. cost me the same as paying monthly for a year
イ. give me a discount of more than \$100
ウ. save me the equivalent of two monthly payments

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Ⅱ 次の英文の空所に入れるのに最も適当な語を，ア～クから選べ。ただし，同じものを繰り返し用いてはならない。

Everyone deserves human rights. In particular, (7) include the freedoms of religion, thought, expression, and privacy. Respecting human rights would go a long way in creating more peaceful, fair, and inclusive societies. Unfortunately, there are many human rights abuses around the world. Since 2015, almost 2,000 human rights defenders and journalists have been killed in domestic or international (8). Many more have been put into prison for their political views or actions against human rights abuses. In many cases, they are not (9) access to lawyers or their embassies. There are likely more cases than reported, as victims are often too (10) to report the abuses.

The UN stresses that National Human Rights Institutions are essential in defending human rights in all countries. They should be (11) from governments, so their actions can't be controlled. One example is the National Human Rights Commission in India, established in 1993. It deals with a wide (12) of human rights complaints. The institution received more than 75,000 complaints in 2020. Their investigations cover cases of labor management, refugee rights, child labor, and violence by the police.

ア. afraid

イ. allowed

ウ. conflicts

エ. enforced

オ. independent

カ. justice

キ. range

ク. these

20. Marge discovered there was () any fuel left in the tank.

ア. hardly

イ. less

ウ. little

エ. no

Ⅳ 次の各英文の意味に最も近いものを，ア～エから一つ選べ。

21. Kelly should mind her own business.

- ア. Kelly should manage her own company.
- イ. Kelly should not interfere with other people's affairs.
- ウ. Kelly should share her career experience with others.
- エ. Kelly should think about creating a business.

22. Christopher came across a park while exploring the city.

- ア. Christopher accidentally got lost in a park while exploring the city.
- イ. Christopher intentionally avoided a park while exploring the city.
- ウ. While exploring the city, Christopher slowly walked through a park.
- エ. While exploring the city, Christopher unexpectedly discovered a park.

23. Jerome is all thumbs when it comes to wrapping presents.

- ア. Jerome has a strong dislike of wrapping presents.
- イ. Jerome is clumsy and awkward when wrapping gifts.
- ウ. Jerome is especially careful and skilled in wrapping gifts.
- エ. Jerome particularly enjoys wrapping presents.

24. Mickey took it for granted that the restaurant would accept credit cards.

- ア. Mickey assumed that the restaurant would accept credit cards.
- イ. Mickey checked with the restaurant to ensure it would accept credit cards.
- ウ. Mickey forgot that the restaurant would allow credit card payments.
- エ. Mickey knew for sure that the restaurant would allow credit card payments.

V 次の(a)に示される意味を持ち、かつ(b)の英文の空所に入れるのに最も適した語を、それぞれア～エから一つ選べ。

25. (a) the act of expressing or feeling opposition to something

(b) Despite the boss's (), the budget was approved by the committee.

ア. celebration イ. objection ウ. request エ. solution

26. (a) usually or in most cases

(b) Japanese summers are () hot and humid, particularly in August.

ア. abruptly イ. entirely ウ. occasionally エ. typically

27. (a) to give a short version of the main points

(b) The chart helps to () the results of the whole study.

ア. decrease イ. repeat
ウ. summarize エ. translate

28. (a) the process of becoming known or coming into existence

(b) Jane's sudden () as a leader surprised everyone on the team.

ア. adoption イ. appointment
ウ. collapse エ. emergence

29. (a) a secret plan by a group to do something damaging or illegal

(b) A lot of people believed the accident was part of a larger ().

ア. conspiracy イ. journey ウ. routine エ. strategy

Ⅵ 次の [A]～[D] の日本文に合うように、空所にそれぞれア～カの適当な語句を入れ、英文を完成させよ。解答は番号で指定された空所に入れるもののみをマークせよ。なお、文頭に来る語も小文字にしてある。

[A] その夏の終わりになって初めて、彼は少年の時から夢見た人生について僕に話してくれた。

()()(30)()()(31) summer that he told me of the life he had dreamed for himself since he was a boy.

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| ア. it | イ. of | ウ. that |
| エ. the end | オ. until | カ. was not |

[B] 二つの製品の間には、品質に大きな差はないようだ。

(32)()()()(33)() difference in quality between the two products.

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| ア. appears | イ. be | ウ. no |
| エ. significant | オ. there | カ. to |

[C] 父は兄に、そのような若い時に多額の借金をするなと強く言った。

My father ()(34)()()(35)() large amounts of money at such a young age.

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| ア. borrow | イ. brother | ウ. insisted |
| エ. my | オ. not | カ. that |

[D] あなたの時間は貴重であることを承知の上で、できるだけご迷惑をおかけしないようにしたいと思います。

Knowing that your time is valuable, I hope ()()(36)
()(37) () as possible.

ア. as

イ. cause

ウ. inconvenience

エ. little

オ. to

カ. you

VII 次の英文を読み、あとの問いに答えよ。

No matter how much we may disapprove of lying, it is impossible to deny that everyone does it sometimes. Sometimes our motive for telling a lie can be understandable. Parents, for example, may tell a so-called “white lie” to their children to protect them from an unpleasant truth. In this case, most people regard lying as an unfortunate but inevitable fact of life. On other occasions, people lie to gain an advantage over others. In the public estimation, some politicians are regarded as notorious liars, who use deliberate untruths to bolster their own power or cover up their bad actions.

Fortunately, most people do not regularly tell lies. A study conducted in the United States found that most adults reported not telling any lies in a 24-hour period. Of the lies that were reported, almost half were told by a small group—just 5 percent of the participants—with most people being dishonest only when telling the truth would create problems.

Cognitively speaking, it seems that lying puts a greater burden on the brain than telling the truth. A Harvard University scientist conducted an experiment in which he gave participants the chance to deceive others to gain money. While they were making the decision, he used an fMRI machine to analyze blood flow in their brains. Most participants told the truth automatically. Those that did not, exhibited more activity in the brain area that is involved in difficult or complex thinking.

A significant study was conducted at Duke University in the United States, led by the well-known neuroscientist Dan Ariely. The researchers found that when people told a lie, there was a burst of activity in their

amygdala. This is a part of the brain responsible for producing emotional responses such as fear and anxiety. However, ⁽⁴¹⁾the really interesting part of the experiment followed. The scientists had the subjects play a game in which they could win money by deceiving their partner. The researchers discovered that during this activity, the negative signals sent by the amygdala began to decrease. What is more, when people discovered that their dishonesty had no negative consequences, their lies became more complex and elaborate. The conclusion seems to be that if we find that lying is successful, we are likely to do it more often. In other words, it creates a feedback loop in which thinking a thought or performing an action makes it easier to do the same thing again in the future.

問1 本文の第1段落の内容に合うものとして最も適当なものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。(38)

ア. Most people believe parents can avoid telling white lies to their children.

イ. Parents may tell white lies to gain advantage over their children.

ウ. Politicians who are regarded as notorious liars are thought to speak untruths unknowingly.

エ. The public may regard politicians as liars who seek greater power.

問2 本文の第2段落の内容に合わないものを, ア～エから一つ選べ。(39)

- ア. More than half of adults said they told some lies in a 24-hour period.
- イ. Most people are truthful except when honesty would cause difficulties.
- ウ. One study found that almost 50 percent of lies were told by about 5 percent of people.
- エ. The majority of people avoid telling lies on a regular basis.

問3 本文の第3段落の内容に合わないものを, ア～エから一つ選べ。(40)

- ア. A scientist used a machine to examine blood flow in the brains of study participants.
- イ. For a majority of the study participants, being truthful was an automatic action.
- ウ. Participants in a Harvard scientist's study had an opportunity to gain money by being dishonest.
- エ. Participants that displayed more brain activity related to complex thinking tended to tell the truth.

問4 下線部(41)の内容として最も適当なものを, ア～エから一つ選べ。

- ア. concluding that lies decrease in complexity when playing games
- イ. discovering that increased amygdala activity is associated with lying
- ウ. finding that the amygdala is inactive when lies are being told
- エ. playing a game in which subjects could lie in order to receive money

問5 本文の第4段落の内容に合うものとして最も適当なものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。(42)

- ア. In the games played during Ariely's study at Duke, participants could win money if they avoided being dishonest.
- イ. Researchers led by Ariely found that people showed more activity in their amygdala when being truthful.
- ウ. The amygdala is a part of the brain related to the production of certain emotional responses, like fear.
- エ. The experiment showed that lying participants showed no change in their amygdala activity during the game.

問6 本文の第4段落の内容に合わないものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。(43)

- ア. A successful act of lying may make it easier for people to lie again in the future.
- イ. Because of a feedback loop, successful lying may make truthful behavior more appealing in the future.
- ウ. Seemingly, if lying is successful, it is probable that we may do it more frequently.
- エ. The act of thinking a thought followed by that action becoming easier is a kind of feedback loop.

問7 本文の内容と合わないものを, ア～キから二つ選び, (44)と(45)に一つずつマークせよ。ただし,マークする記号(ア, イ, ウ,...)の順序は問わない。

ア. The motivations of individuals who tell lies can sometimes be understood.

イ. Certain politicians are believed to hide misconduct through the use of intentional falsehoods.

ウ. More than 50 percent of adults in an American study said they told no lies during a 24-hour period.

エ. Compared to being truthful, dishonest behavior seems to place a greater cognitive burden on the brain.

オ. Blood flow in the brains of participants in a Harvard study was examined through the use of an fMRI machine.

カ. In Ariely's study at Duke, negative signals in the brain increased during the deception game.

キ. The negative results of lying led study participants to increase the complexity of the lies that they told.

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