

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: Hi, Liz. You went to California, right? How was it?

B: Our vacation was _____ 1 _____. I think I'd like to go somewhere closer to home next time.

A: Yeah, I know what you mean.

B: There are lots of great places to see in Japan. When I was younger, I preferred international travel more, but I don't feel that way anymore.

A: For sure. These days, domestic trips to places like Kyoto seem more appealing to me. And international travel has gotten quite expensive.

B: I know, but I honestly did enjoy California. The weather was great! We relaxed on the beach, did a little hiking, and ate lots. _____ 2 _____

A: The costs can accumulate quickly, so that's why I like domestic travel. I went to Nagano a while back. It only took two hours by car.

B: What did you do there?

A: We did some hiking in the mountains and visited a big lake. We stayed in tents, but they had lots of comforts like beds and electricity.

B: That sounds good. How was it?

A: It was _____ 3 _____. We really enjoyed it.

B: Oh, that sounds very cool. I want to try that. Can you give me the details?

A: Sure, I'll get them from my wife and let you know.

1. ア. great, as I really prefer faraway places
イ. terrible, so I just wanted to come home
ウ. very good, but the flight was very long

2. ア. Because it was so relaxing, we didn't do any walking at all.
イ. It was very expensive though, so I'm worried about my credit card bill.
ウ. We have no interest in domestic travel, so it was good for us.

3. ア. far less luxurious than camping in the wild, but quite interesting
イ. like staying in a hotel, but with the outdoor feeling of camping
ウ. relaxing, but I thought sleeping on the ground was uncomfortable

[B]

A: Professor Lee. May I talk to you about the assignment that's due on Friday? My laptop wouldn't start this morning, and my assignment is on it.

B: Oh! That's too bad. Have you had someone see what the problem is?

A: 4 I'll have no idea what the issue is until it's been checked. The warranty has expired, so it might take a bit longer.

B: I see. This assignment is a huge part of your overall grade for this class.

A: Yes, I know. I'm terribly sorry.

B: What would you like to do?

A: 5 My paper should only be a couple of days late, but I can't really say until the shop checks it and calls me. I only gave it to them two hours ago.

B: Sure, these things can take time. I hope they can get it working soon.

A: Thanks. As soon as I hear, I'll let you know.

B: If it looks like it's going to take a while, you might have to redo the whole thing in one of the computer rooms on campus.

A: 6 Hopefully, I won't have to do that, but I've used those rooms before. They were OK.

B: Yes, it'd be difficult to have to do the whole thing again. Please let me know when you have more information.

A: OK. Thank you.

4. ア. No, I looked at it myself to save money.

イ. Well, I'll take it to a repair shop after class.

ウ. Yes, I took it to a repair shop before class started.

5. ア. Actually, I'm hoping that you'll give me an extension.

イ. I have an extended warranty so I can get it fixed.

ウ. I'll definitely be able to submit it by Friday.

6. ア. I don't know those computer rooms at all.

イ. Students aren't allowed to use those rooms.

ウ. That should be fine, if necessary.

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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。

Many people believe that happy people are more grateful. However, the opposite is (7). If we are grateful, we become happy. Feeling gratitude cheers us up. Gratitude journals (8) people to appreciate the things for which they are grateful, and those who write them show an increase in happiness of more than 10 percent. People who practice gratitude daily are more cheerful, and they have improved physical and mental health. Physically, they exercise more, have lower blood pressure, and evidence (9) that they may even live longer. Mentally, they are happier, more stable, better able to achieve their goals, more social, emotionally stronger, and (10) less stress and depression. Simple (11) and expressions of gratitude are not only polite; but they can also result in our having more friends and better relationships. In contrast, those who feel ungrateful often end up disappointed, (12) to be materialistic, and have lower self-esteem. Gratitude helps to balance our negative emotions, because we cannot have negative emotions and feel gratitude at the same time. Gratitude actually cancels out negative feelings. Gratitude changes lives.

ア. acts

イ. allow

ウ. falls

エ. honest

オ. suffer

カ. suggests

キ. tend

ク. true

19. There is now () of hope that Emma will recover soon because she is getting better every day.

- ア. a couple イ. a lot ウ. great deal エ. some

20. The professor says it is vital that each student () their assignment before the deadline.

- ア. is submitted イ. submit
ウ. submitting エ. to submit

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. After hearing the news, Olivia was at a loss.

- ア. Olivia got extremely angry after receiving the news.
- イ. Olivia had no idea what to do after receiving the news.
- ウ. The news that Olivia received made her feel disappointed.
- エ. The news that Olivia received made her feel frightened.

22. When Lucy spoke to her father last week, she asked for the moon.

- ア. Last week, Lucy asked for something impossible to get when talking to her dad.
- イ. Last week, when Lucy spoke to her father, she asked for his permission.
- ウ. When Lucy spoke to her father last week, she requested an apology from him.
- エ. When Lucy talked to her dad last week, she made a modest request to him.

23. Justin cannot really speak French, let alone Chinese.

- ア. Justin cannot speak much French and is even less able to speak Chinese.
- イ. Justin cannot speak much French, but he speaks a little more Chinese.
- ウ. Justin finds speaking French and Chinese to be equally difficult.
- エ. Justin finds speaking French difficult, but he is good at Chinese.

24. Bob is not as well off as his coworkers once thought.

ア. Bob is less healthy than his coworkers once considered him to be.

イ. Bob is not as polite as his colleagues used to consider him to be.

ウ. Bob's colleagues once thought he was more talented than they now do.

エ. Bob's coworkers consider him to be less rich than they once did.

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) a law or set of laws passed by a government

(b) () related to data privacy is evolving rapidly in the digital age.

ア. Legislation

イ. Speculation

ウ. Transformation

エ. Vaccination

26. (a) to support, uphold, or preserve something

(b) Universities try hard to () academic excellence.

ア. benefit

イ. diminish

ウ. judge

エ. sustain

27. (a) to put one thing inside another

(b) Todd needs to () quotations, ensuring they support the main argument in his essay.

ア. ignore

イ. illustrate

ウ. imitate

エ. insert

28. (a) large, impressive, or magnificent in appearance, style, or effect

(b) The cathedral's () design reflects spiritual and architectural mastery.

ア. functional

イ. grand

ウ. imaginative

エ. innovative

29. (a) to choose someone for a specific purpose or role

(b) The directors plan to () Ms. Smith to oversee their international collaboration initiatives.

ア. articulate

イ. declare

ウ. fabricate

エ. nominate

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] この小説は作者の実体験に基づいて書かれたに違いない。

This novel ()(30)()()(31)() the author's real-life experiences.

ア. based

イ. been

ウ. have

エ. must

オ. on

カ. written

[B] ポールに自信を与えたのは、大学で名誉賞を授与されたことだった。

()(32)()()(33)() he was presented with an honor prize at his university.

ア. confident

イ. made

ウ. Paul

エ. that

オ. was

カ. what

[C] マイクはあの時に私の助言を真剣に聞いていたら、今は健康を保っているだろう。

Mike would now ()(34)()()(35)() my advice seriously at that time.

ア. be

イ. had

ウ. he

エ. if

オ. in good shape

カ. taken

[D] ヒロシは海外に行くのを楽しみにしており、それがグローバルな視野を広げる助けになることを願っている。

Hiroshi is looking forward to traveling abroad, ()() (36)()(37)() global perspective.

ア. broaden

イ. help

ウ. his

エ. hoping

オ. it

カ. will

VII 次の英文を読み、あとの問いに答えよ。

The Greek philosopher Aristotle famously observed that humans are social animals. We enjoy being surrounded by friends and family. We notice small changes in people's facial expressions and body language that reveal how they are feeling. We can even indirectly feel the pain and happiness of others. Recent research in the biology of the human brain has found evidence of our social nature. According to biologists, the area of the brain responsible for socialization is much larger in humans than it is in other mammals. ⁽³⁸⁾ This has caused some scientists to say that humans have 'social brains', and that we are biologically 'hard-wired' for socialization. But having such sophisticated social brains also gives rise to several major challenges for the human species.

One challenge for humans is that our complex social brains take a very long time to fully develop. Unlike the offspring of other mammals, human children need to be nurtured by adults for many years. This process does not stop after childhood. Some social skills are only acquired by interacting with peers during adolescence. Throughout this period, parents have to provide a safe and protective environment for these skills to develop.

Another challenge that humans face is providing the right circumstances for children to develop. ⁽⁴¹⁾ Research on human relationships has shown that the interactions children have with their parents strongly affect how their brains develop. Children who are raised in a caring and loving home tend to have healthier relationships later in life. However, if a child does not receive enough love and attention, he or she may show insecure, or anxious behavior in future relationships. Human parents, therefore, not only need to take care of their children

for a very long time but have to provide the appropriate social context for them to develop.

Finally, our complex social brains do not necessarily bring about more peaceful societies. As history shows, humans are capable of extreme violence and cruelty. Ironically, our social brains may actually make us more likely to take part in such antisocial behavior. This is because our sensitivity to the feelings of others can lead us to fight with people outside of our groups in order to protect the ones we love.

To sum up, the highly sophisticated ‘social brains’ of humans present unique challenges for our species. Fortunately, however, we have also shown ourselves to be quite good at dealing with the challenges we face!

問1 下線部(38)の内容として最も適切なものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。

- ア. In humans, there is wide variability in the relative size of the brain area associated with social interaction, compared to other mammals.
- イ. In other mammals, the part of the brain involved in social behavior is much bigger than it is in humans.
- ウ. The brain region related to socialization in humans is of a comparable size to that of other mammals.
- エ. The region of the brain that governs social behavior is much bigger in humans than in other mammals.

問2 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。(39)

ア. It is recognized that people feel discomfort when they find themselves with friends and family.

イ. The Greek philosopher Aristotle claimed that humans are solitary creatures.

ウ. We are capable of sensing the pain and joy of others, even without them expressing it verbally.

エ. We do not notice small changes in people's faces and body language that reflect their feelings.

問3 本文の第2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。(40)

ア. Even if adolescents do not interact with peers, this does not make any difference to the development of their social skills.

イ. For humans, the need for adult care extends beyond childhood because their brains require support over a long period to fully develop.

ウ. Human children, unlike the young of other mammals, do not require years of adult care.

エ. Parents do not need to provide a safe and supportive environment throughout adolescence for children to develop social skills.

問4 下線部(41)の説明として最も適当なものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。

- ア. Investigation has found that children's interactions with their parents have little impact on their brain development.
- イ. Investigation has not yet shown how the brains of children are impacted by their interaction with their parents.
- ウ. Research has revealed that the way in which children engage with their parents greatly influences the development of their brains.
- エ. Research has shown no relationship between children's brain development and their interactions with their parents.

問5 本文の第3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. A child raised in a caring and loving environment tends to struggle to form healthy relationships as an adult.
- イ. Children who lack sufficient love and attention are less likely to show signs of insecurity or anxiety in relationships later in life.
- ウ. To assist in the emotional development of their children, the nature of the social environment parents provide matters greatly.
- エ. To support their children's emotional development, all human parents need to do is to spend a long period caring for them.

問6 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。(43)

- ア. As expected, the fact that humans have social brains leads us to engage in antisocial behavior.
- イ. Our understanding and care for others' feelings can drive us to fight for people we love.
- ウ. Owing to the social nature of the human brain, the chance of us engaging in socially disruptive behavior is greatly reduced.
- エ. The inevitable consequence of humans having complex social brains is that our societies are more harmonious.

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. Recent investigation into the human brain has revealed biological evidence that we are inherently social beings.
- イ. Our highly developed social brains create several significant challenges for us.
- ウ. A major issue for humans is that it takes a long time for our complex social brains to reach full maturity.
- エ. One issue humans face is ensuring that children grow up in an environment that supports their social development.
- オ. Children who grow up in harsh and neglectful environments are more likely to build healthy relationships as adults.
- カ. The remarkable complexity of the human social brain creates issues unique to our kind.
- キ. Humans have demonstrated an inability to effectively tackle the issues we confront.

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