

# 英 語

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**第1問** 次の英文を読み、解答番号 **1** ～ **6** に当てはまる最も適切なものを、それぞれ下段の①～④の中から一つ選び、その番号を所定の解答欄にマークしなさい。

When couples get married, they usually plan to have children. Sometimes, however, a couple cannot have a child of their own. In this case, they may decide to adopt a child. In fact, adoption is very common today. There are about 130,000 adoptions each year in the United States alone. Some people prefer to adopt infants; others adopt older children. Some couples adopt children from their own countries; others adopt children from foreign countries. Some people adopt children of their same race, i.e., white, black, Asian; others adopt children of different races. In any case, they all adopt children for the same reason: they care about children, and want to give their adopted child a happy life. This includes a comfortable home, a loving family, and a good education.

Most adopted children know that they are adopted. Psychologists and child care experts generally think this is a good idea. However, many adopted children, or adoptees, have very little information about their biological mother and father. As a matter of fact, it is often very difficult for adoptees to find out about their birth parents because the birth records of most adoptees are usually sealed. The information is confidential, so no one can see it. Sealed documents protect both adoptees and their natural parents.

Naturally, adopted children have different feelings about their birth parents. Many adoptees want to search for them, but others do not. Jake, who is thirteen, was adopted when he was only two and a half months old. He says, “I don’t think I’ll ever search out my birth mother. I might want to get some more facts, but I don’t feel I really want to go looking. Maybe she would be awful and I’d just be disappointed.” Carla, who is twelve, was adopted when she was four years old. Her adoptive parents also adopted another little girl. Carla says, “Sometimes my sister and I will talk. She says she doesn’t want to look for her birth mother when she gets older, but I have mixed feelings. Sometimes I feel that I want to look for her — and my mother says she’ll help me when I’m older — but sometimes I don’t want to look for her at all because I’m scared of finding out what her reactions would be. I worry that she’ll have a whole new life and I’ll just be interfering with that new life. She might not want

anyone to know about her past.” Sue, who is thirteen, was adopted when she was a baby. Her family helped her find her birth mother. Sue says, “I think adopted kids should be allowed to search whenever they’re ready. They need to know where they came from. And they need to know what their medical history is. As soon as I searched and found the information I was looking for, I felt more \*worthwhile in the world. Beforehand, a part of me had always been missing.”

The decision to search for birth parents is a difficult one to make. Most adoptees, like Carla, have mixed feelings about finding their biological parents. Even though adoptees do not know about their past or their natural parents, they do know that their adoptive parents want them, love them, and will care for them.

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\*worthwhile 価値がある

**問 1** According to the passage, why do some married couples decide to adopt children?

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- ① They are interested in giving presents to children from foreign countries.
- ② They are unable to have a child of their own.
- ③ They do not want to raise their own children.
- ④ They want to raise children of different races.

**問 2** Why do most adopted children have little information about their past?

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- ① Their childcare experts hide the information about their own past.
- ② They are not so keen to talk about it with their teachers.
- ③ They are told by their biological parents that they should not look for them.
- ④ They do not usually have access to their birth records.

**問 3** Which of the following statements is NOT true about Jake? 3

- ① He has been interested in meeting his birth mother someday.
- ② He is thirteen years old.
- ③ He may want to know more about his past.
- ④ He was adopted when he was a baby.

**問 4** Which of the following statements is correct about Carla? 4

- ① She believes that her birth mother would be happy to see her.
- ② She is getting to know her birth mother.
- ③ She has a sister.
- ④ She was six years old when she was adopted.

**問 5** What does Sue say about adopted children? 5

- ① They should be able to look for their biological parents without difficulty.
- ② They should not be allowed to look for their biological parents.
- ③ They should thank their natural parents a lot when they meet them.
- ④ They will not be able to get along with their natural parents because they are still angry at them.

**問 6** What is the best conclusion to be drawn from the passage? 6

- ① It is common for adopted children to know a lot about their natural parents because of the Internet.
- ② It may be true that most adoptees think about their biological parents, but they should realize that they are loved by their adoptive parents.
- ③ Psychologists are very happy that there are many adoptions in the United States.
- ④ Some couples are interested in adopting babies from foreign countries because they want to help them.

**第2問** 次の会話文を読み、解答番号 **7** ～ **10** に当てはまる最も適切なものを、それぞれ下段の①～④の中から一つ選び、その番号を所定の解答欄にマークしなさい。

Amy: Look at all the food in the garbage can. What a waste!

Ben: I think so, too. In fact, I read an article about wasting food this morning.

Amy: What did it say?

Ben: It said that people throw away a lot of food every day.

Amy: Really? How much food do they throw away?

Ben: Well, in Japan, more than 6 million tons of edible food is thrown away every year!

Amy: 6 million tons! That's a lot!

Ben: Yeah, Japan wastes a lot of food. And it's so terrible because in some countries, many people are starving. According to the article, 17 people die every minute because of hunger.

Amy: 17 people every minute? Wow, we are so lucky here in Japan... Well, is anything being done to help these people?

Ben: The article says that the World Food Programme, one of the United Nations organizations, is helping them. Every year they deliver about 4 million tons of food to people in 80 countries.

Amy: 4 million tons of food... Wow, we are throwing away about 1.5 times the amount they are giving to starving people.

Ben: It really is unbelievable. It's definitely a big problem.

Amy: You're right. I wonder if there's something we can do to help, too.

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問 1 Why did Amy say, “What a waste!”?

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- ① Because Amy saw a garbage bin had been wasted.
- ② Because Amy saw that food had been thrown away.
- ③ Because Ben agreed with Amy.
- ④ Because Ben found an article about food waste.

問 2 Which of the following statements is NOT mentioned in the article?

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- ① An international organization helps people who are suffering from hunger.
- ② Every year, a lot of food that can still be eaten is discarded.
- ③ In some countries, people die because of food shortage.
- ④ Many people in some countries are fighting to obtain food.

問 3 According to the dialogue, who delivers 4 million tons of food to people in 80 countries every year?

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- ① Many organizations
- ② The article
- ③ The United States
- ④ The World Food Programme

問 4 What does Ben most probably consider to be “a big problem”?

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- ① That Japan is failing to provide 4 million tons of food aid.
- ② That Japan wastes more food than the 80 countries receive as aid.
- ③ That people in 80 countries require food aid.
- ④ That the world wastes 1.5 times as much food as Japan.

**第3問** 次の各会話文の空所 **11** ~ **15** に入る最も適切なものを、それぞれ下段の①~④の中から一つ選び、その番号を所定の解答欄にマークしなさい。

**問1** A: Is there anything I can do?

B: Great. Can you move that chair?

A: No problem. Anything else?

B: ( **11** ).

- ① Help yourself.
- ② I don't mind at all.
- ③ That'll be all for today.
- ④ What's the role of the chairperson?

**問2** A: Can you keep a secret?

B: Sure. What's that?

A: I lost Shelley's favorite gold ring.

B: Oh, no... ( **12** ) You did that last year, didn't you?

- ① Certainly.
- ② It's a pleasure.
- ③ Never mind
- ④ Not again!

**問3** A: It's freezing outside!

B: Yeah, it is!

A: Can we go inside and have a cup of coffee?

B: ( **13** )

- ① His shirt is inside out.
- ② How about another cup of coffee?
- ③ My computer freezes too.
- ④ That's a great idea.

**問 4** A: May I help you?

B: Yes. I need to mail this package to my friend in Singapore.

A: I'm afraid that you are in the wrong place. This is the pick-up counter.

B: ( **14** )

- ① I don't have much money today.
- ② Have you seen my friend?
- ③ Where should I go?
- ④ Why do you want to go to Singapore?

**問 5** A: Would you mind playing a board game with my younger sister?

B: No, I don't mind at all.

A: She has been very excited about that game since yesterday.

B: Okay. ( **15** )

- ① A video game is so popular.
- ② Does she know the rules?
- ③ Not at all.
- ④ Thanks a lot.



**第4問** 次の各英文の空所 **16** ~ **25** に入る最も適切なものを、それぞれ下段の①~④の中から一つ選び、その番号を所定の解答欄にマークしなさい。

**問1** The population of India is much larger than ( **16** ) of Japan.

- ① that                      ② these                      ③ this                      ④ those

**問2** One night, I was so surprised because my brother was asleep with his eyes ( **17** ).

- ① open                      ② opened                      ③ opening                      ④ to open

**問3** Meg doesn't like to eat spicy foods. ( **18** ) do I.

- ① Either                      ② Neither                      ③ So                      ④ Too

**問4** Although I doubted what Jose was saying, his story turned out ( **19** ) true.

- ① be                      ② being                      ③ to be                      ④ to being

**問5** The book, ( **20** ) author is actually my next-door neighbor, is very interesting.

- ① that                      ② what                      ③ which                      ④ whose

**問6** Take your umbrella with you. ( **21** ), you might get wet this afternoon.

- ① However                      ② Instead                      ③ Otherwise                      ④ Therefore

**問7** Could you please lend me this book when you ( **22** ) reading it?

- ① finished                      ② have finished  
③ to finish                      ④ will finish

**問8** ( **23** ) Monday, the library was closed. We were so disappointed to know that.

- ① Be                      ② Being  
③ It be                      ④ It being

問9 He belongs to the track and field club, but he ( **24** ) goes to practice.

- ① always                      ② often                      ③ rarely                      ④ usually

問10 ( **25** ) anyone visit the office while I'm out, would you have them call me?

- ① But                      ② Should                      ③ Will                      ④ With

**第5問** 次の各日本文とほぼ同じ意味になるように、それぞれ下段の①～⑤の語または語群を正しく並べかえ、**2番目**と**4番目**にくるものの番号を選び、その番号を **26** ～ **35** の解答欄にマークしなさい。なお、文頭にくる語も小文字で表記しています。

**問1** その不正を見過ごすことは不当であると私は考えました。

I \_\_\_\_\_ **26** \_\_\_\_\_ **27** \_\_\_\_\_ speak up when I saw the injustice.

- ① found            ② it                ③ not              ④ to                ⑤ wrong

**問2** データを集めれば集めるほど、私は自分の仮説が正しいと一層確信しました。

The more data I gathered, \_\_\_\_\_ **28** \_\_\_\_\_ **29** \_\_\_\_\_ that my hypothesis was correct.

- ① became           ② certain           ③ I                 ④ more              ⑤ the

**問3** ピクニックの計画は天候に翻弄され、公園に着いたとたん雨が降り始めました。

Our picnic plan \_\_\_\_\_ **30** \_\_\_\_\_ **31** \_\_\_\_\_ the weather, and it started raining just as we arrived at the park.

- ① at                 ② mercy            ③ of                 ④ the                ⑤ was

**問4** 今のところ私は長期的な約束をすることができないので、当分は短期目標に焦点を当てます。

I can't make any long-term commitments right now, so let's just focus on our short-term \_\_\_\_\_ **32** \_\_\_\_\_ **33** \_\_\_\_\_.

- ① being            ② for                ③ goals             ④ the                ⑤ time

**問5** 鉄は熱いうちに打て。

\_\_\_\_\_ **34** \_\_\_\_\_ **35** \_\_\_\_\_ hot.

- ① is                 ② iron              ③ strike            ④ the                ⑤ while

以上で問題は終わりです。