

【Ⅰ】次の問1～問4について、各日本文の意味を表すように、(1) ～ (8) の空所に入る語句として最も適切なものを、(A) ～ (D) より選び、解答欄1～8にマークしなさい。

問1. 彼はもういい年なのに、物事を先延ばしにする癖が直らない。

He's old (1) to know better, but he can't seem to (2) his habit of putting things off.

1. (A) enough (B) in order (C) so as (D) too
2. (A) break (B) heal (C) recover (D) repair

問2. 数多の先人たちがその謎を解こうと奮闘したが、実を結ぶことはなかった。

A great (3) of predecessors struggled to solve the mystery, but in (4) .

3. (A) lot (B) much (C) number (D) quantity
4. (A) badness (B) no fruits (C) no result (D) vain

問3. 彼は帰宅中に熊と遭遇したといったが、その話はどうも胡散臭い。

He said he encountered a bear (5) , but his story is (6) to believe.

5. (A) in his way to home (B) on his way home
(C) on his way to home (D) to his way from home
6. (A) doubt (B) hard (C) smelled (D) stink

問4. 電気代が下がる気配がないので、当面の間、節約を心掛けて生活をしなければ。

The electricity bill shows no (7) of going down, so for the time being, we must try to live (8) .

7. (A) air (B) circumstance (C) sign (D) situation
8. (A) a less money life (B) a little life
(C) a more economical life (D) a small life

【Ⅱ】次の9～14の下線部の用法のうち誤っているものを、(A) ～ (D) より選び、解答欄9～14にマークしなさい。

9. Although she repeatedly asked him to stay away from her, he kept on sending her

(A) (B) (C)

a lot of text messages in his cell phone.

(D)

10. Isaac Newton discovered that the Earth had gravity that pulls things down when he
(A) (B) (C)
saw an apple falling from a tree.
(D)
11. If you could send me an information about admission to this university, I would be
(A) (B) (C)
grateful.
(D)
12. The weather forecast said that it would be rainy, but hardly Takumi had left
(A) (B) (C)
the house when it started raining.
(D)
13. The board members objected to make an expensive investment in the business,
(A) (B) (C)
but the president said it was necessary.
(D)
14. Considering the increasing risks to households, ensuring children's access to safely
(A) (B) (C)
online services has become increasingly crucial.
(D)

【Ⅲ】次の15～20の空欄に入る語として最も適切なものを、(A)～(D)より選び、解答欄15～20にマークしなさい。

15. Our professor is going to () a new book on the history of Greek philosophy.
(A) abolish (B) adapt (C) publish (D) suppress
16. Due to the recent system upgrade, the company experienced a temporary ()
in online services.
(A) donation (B) failure (C) leisure (D) permission

17. Before Sara went on vacation, she left () instructions to her staff for the remaining tasks. They were very instructive to the staff.
(A) ancient (B) clear (C) indifferent (D) medieval
18. In this competition, the students in ABC high school have been () . We must learn from them.
(A) abstract (B) annual (C) delicious (D) outstanding
19. I () various difficulties in order to accomplish my goal.
(A) overcame (B) overlapped (C) overran (D) overtook
20. In ordinary schools, when the () teacher is absent, another teacher teaches the class instead.
(A) common (B) different (C) rare (D) regular

【IV】 次の問 1～問 3 の対話について、4 つの空所にそれぞれ最もふさわしい発話を (A)～(D) より一つずつ選んで入れるとき、(21)～(26)に入る最も適切なものを、解答欄 21～26 にマークしなさい。

問 1. 将来住みたい国について

Anthony: Have you ever thought about where you'd like to live in the future?

Tracy: () I think I'd like to live in Canada.

A: Canada? That's interesting. (21)

T: Well, I've heard it has a great quality of life, beautiful natural landscapes, and it seems like a peaceful place to raise a family.

A: Those are some valid points. Personally, I've always dreamed of living in Japan. The culture and history there really fascinate me.

T: () It'd be a unique experience.

A: Definitely. (22)

- (A) It's interesting how we have such different preferences for our future homes.
(B) Japan sounds amazing too, with its rich traditions and technology.
(C) What attracts you to Canada?
(D) Yeah, I've considered it.

問2. 大学の成績について

Mother: Hi, sweetheart. How are your college classes going? ()

Daughter: They're going okay, Mom. Nothing to worry about.

M: That's good to hear, but I haven't seen your grades lately. ()

D: Well, Mom, to be honest, my chemistry grades haven't been great. I'm having a tough time with some of the concepts.

M: (23) Remember, if you ever need help or want to talk about it, I'm here for you.

D: Thanks, Mom. I'll try my best to improve. (24)

M: That's all I ask. Your effort means the world to me.

- (A) And I'll definitely seek help if needed.
- (B) How are you doing in your chemistry courses?
- (C) I appreciate your honesty.
- (D) I'm curious about your grades.

問3. 騒音について

Jason: Hi there. () It's been quite troublesome lately.

Freddy: Noise? (25) I'm just living my life.

J: Well, it's the loud music and late-night parties that are causing disturbances. It's been difficult for me to sleep and concentrate on my work.

F: Oh, come on. ()

J: I understand that, but you also need to be considerate of your neighbors. (26)

F: Nah, I'll do what I want. Deal with it.

- (A) Can we find a middle ground, like keeping it down after a certain hour?
- (B) I don't know what you're talking about.
- (C) I have a right to enjoy my place.
- (D) I wanted to talk to you about the noise from your apartment.

【V】 次の文章をよく読んで、27～30 の設問に答えなさい。

Mountain climbing has always been interesting for people who like adventures, and K2, the second-tallest peak in the Karakoram Range, is thought to be one of the most difficult climbs in the world. Located in Pakistan, this faraway and risky mountain has gotten the nickname “The Savage*¹ Mountain.”

There are (エ) many things that make K2 so tough. First, its great height is a big problem. At 28,251 feet (8,611 meters) above the sea, climbers have to deal with thin air, low oxygen, and very cold weather. These tough conditions can quickly become deadly*², and even the most experienced mountain climbers must be ready for the worst.

Another problem is K2’s unpredictable*³ weather. The mountain is known for its sudden storms, (ア) can bring very strong winds and heavy snow. These sudden weather changes can make it hard to move on the mountain and have caused many accidents and deaths.

The steep and icy slopes of K2 are also a big challenge. Climbers have to carefully move on this tricky terrain*⁴, (イ) is often covered in loose rocks and ice. The Bottleneck*⁵, a narrow path that leads to a tricky ice slope, is especially dangerous. Many climbers have died here, and it’s seen as one of the most dangerous spots on the mountain.

Perhaps the scariest part of K2 is its high death rate. About one in three climbers who try to reach the top of the mountain die, (ウ) is much higher than other big peaks like Mount Everest. This is because of a mix of things, including the mountain’s great height, unpredictable weather, and technical problems including instrument failure.

Despite the dangers, K2 keeps attracting climbers from around the world. For many, reaching the top of this mountain is a test of their physical and mental limits. It’s a journey that takes years of training and preparation, and even then, there’s no promise of success.

Those who do make it to the top of K2 get a truly unforgettable experience. Standing on this big mountain shows how people can keep going and how strong they are inside.

K2 reminds us that nature is very powerful. It’s a mountain that needs respect, and people who don’t take its power seriously can be in danger. But it’s also a mountain that makes us feel awe and wonder. It’s a place of beauty and danger, and (オ) it keeps bringing climbers from around the world looking for adventure.

【注】 Savage*¹ 「野蛮な」 deadly*² 「命取りになるような」

unpredictable*³ 「予測できない」 tricky terrain*⁴ 「厄介な地形」

the Bottleneck*⁵ 「ボトルネック (と呼ばれる山の一部分)」

27. (ア) ～ (ウ) に共通して入る語句として、最も適切なものを次の (A) ～ (D) より選び、解答欄 27 にマークしなさい。

- (A) that (B) which (C) who (D) whose

28. 下線部 (エ) の内容として誤っているものを、次の (A) ～ (D) より選び、解答欄 28 にマークしなさい。

- (A) 最悪の事態を想定しない登山家
(B) 突然生じる予測不可能な風や大雪
(C) 山の高さから生じる極寒の気候
(D) 山の高さから生じる低酸素な環境

29. 下線部 (オ) の指す内容として最も適切なものを、次の (A) ～ (D) より選び、解答欄 29 にマークしなさい。

- (A) K2 は、世界中から物を持ち込む登山者に冒険を与え続けている。
(B) K2 は、冒険を求める世界中の登山家たちを魅了し続けているのだ。
(C) 山の危険性こそが、冒険を求める登山家たちを世界中に留まらせているのだ。
(D) 山は冒険から目を背ける登山者を生み続けているのだ。

30. 本文の内容に関して誤っているものを、次の (A) ～ (D) より選び、解答欄 30 にマークしなさい。

- (A) K2 の頂上に到達することによって、人は忘れられない体験をし、自分がいかに弱い存在なのかを知ることができる。
(B) K2 では嵐や大雪などが突然生じたりするなど、天候が予測不可能なため、移動が不可能になり、多くの事故や死者がでてしまっている。
(C) K2 の中でも、ボトルネックと呼ばれる氷の斜面に続く細い道で多くの登山者がなくなっており、最も危険な場所のひとつである。
(D) パキスタンにある K2 は、世界で最も困難な登山のひとつと考えられており、“野蛮な山”というニックネームがつけられている。