

PART I

[A] 空欄(1)～(15)に入れるのに最もふさわしい語を、それぞれ与えられた選択肢から選び、解答欄に番号で記しなさい。

I am a person who lives by the clock. I get up regularly, (1) rain or shine, and no matter when I went to bed the previous night. The (2) holds for meals. I like to have breakfast before eight. Any time after (3), and I start to feel hungry. Lunch must come some time between twelve and one, (4) my stomach starts to complain. Audibly. And dinner should be started at or (5) seven. If it goes much later, then it interferes with my digestion and (6) my chance at a good night's sleep.

Just as I am regular in my (7), I am regular in keeping appointments, in being where I need to be (8) I should be there. This sometimes leads me to arriving early for parties, and so, I have been (9) to have to walk around the block a couple of times to (10) being embarrassingly early instead of fashionably late. It is the same in the office where, when I (11), I insist on starting and ending meetings promptly. In fact, I find it hard to (12) with people who run late, either at beginning the meeting or by letting the meeting (13) on and on. It simply drives me crazy.

Some people might say (14) I am a bit crazy about time. I don't think so. Punctuality is the politeness (15) princes, and as such we should all try and follow them.

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| 1. | 1 be | 2 by | 3 come | 4 with |
| 2. | 1 equal | 2 exact | 3 identical | 4 same |
| 3. | 1 hour | 2 that | 3 time | 4 which |
| 4. | 1 but | 2 however | 3 or | 4 so |
| 5. | 1 before | 2 in | 3 on | 4 prior |
| 6. | 1 breaks | 2 cracks | 3 ruins | 4 wrecks |
| 7. | 1 general | 2 habits | 3 normal | 4 patterns |
| 8. | 1 as | 2 then | 3 when | 4 while |
| 9. | 1 knew | 2 know | 3 knowing | 4 known |
| 10. | 1 avoid | 2 end | 3 escape | 4 stop |

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| 11. | 1 can | 2 could | 3 should | 4 will |
| 12. | 1 create | 2 effect | 3 exert | 4 work |
| 13. | 1 flow | 2 link | 3 remain | 4 run |
| 14. | 1 for | 2 that | 3 then | 4 which |
| 15. | 1 by | 2 of | 3 on | 4 with |

[B] 与えられた語句から最もふさわしいものを選び、解答欄に番号で記しなさい。

16. Are you trying to find a way to the zoo? Can you see the yellow (1 bill 2 notice 3 sign 4 signal) across the street from here? It tells you how to get there.
17. I was late getting to the party and Ben wasn't there when I arrived as he (1 had already gone 2 had since gone 3 was already going 4 was yet to go) home.
18. I'm leaving on vacation on Thursday. By this time on Saturday I (1 am lying 2 expect to lie 3 have laid 4 will be lying) on the beach or swimming in the sea. Jealous?
19. We had to cancel our sailing trip since there was a (1 deep 2 dense 3 thin 4 wide) fog over the shore.
20. It was late and we were in a dangerous area when the police stopped us and asked us where we (1 are going 2 had been gone 3 went 4 were going).
21. It's easy enough to get along if you have a job and enough money, but life is really difficult for (1 a poor 2 poors 3 the poor 4 the poors).
22. In my presentation, I (1 discussed about 2 explained 3 said of 4 talked) what I did as a volunteer at the local hospital this summer.
23. Can you smell something (1 burn 2 burning 3 is burning 4 to burn)? Oh my goodness. It's our dinner!

24. Paula, you promised you wouldn't be late again, and here you are, coming into class ten minutes after the bell rang. Really, you (1 don't have to 2 have to 3 must 4 must not) be late. It interrupts the class and annoys the other students.
25. Pat is such a friendly person. She always (1 enjoys meeting 2 enjoys to meet 3 has enjoyed to meet 4 is enjoying meeting) new people.
26. For her birthday, Nikki's boyfriend (1 baked 2 burned 3 fired 4 toasted) some cookies for her.
27. I didn't tell people I was coming, so they were totally surprised (1 by seeing 2 see 3 seeing 4 to see) me.
28. (1 It's 2 So 3 Some 4 There's) too bad that Alice can't come to the party.
29. To make pasta, we first need to boil plenty of water (1 by 2 for 3 in 4 with) a pot.
30. Since I'm moving, I want to sell my stereo, but nobody is interested (1 buy 2 buying 3 in buying 4 to buy) it.
31. A little girl has been missing since last Thursday and the police are looking for her. (1 It is reported 2 It is supposed to be 3 Reports are supposed 4 There are reportings) that she is wearing a white t-shirt and a pink skirt.
32. Liz has the most unusual eye color I have ever seen. She has (1 some violet eyes 2 the violet eye 3 the violet eyes 4 violet eyes), and they're gorgeous.
33. My friends tell me that they admire me for always (1 challenging 2 testing 3 trialing 4 trying) new things.
34. The evidence is clear, seatbelts save lives. I think all drivers and passengers (1 could better 2 ought 3 should 4 would better) wear them.
35. It's already 8:30. There's (1 no point in waiting 2 no point to wait 3 not a waiting point 4 not to wait point) for Paul any longer. Let's start without him.

[C] 下線をつけた箇所から不適切な表現を選び、解答欄に番号で記しなさい。

36. Every Italian 1) seems to believe that 2) his or her mother makes 3) the best spaghetti 4) source in the world.
37. I 1) am agreeing with the idea 2) that doctors and nurses 3) should do everything they can do 4) to help patients.
38. My host family 1) in England told me that I 2) should put enough 3) tea leaf into the pot 4) in order to make good tea.
39. My sister 1) was thinking aloud about 2) what to buy for dinner. Then she asked me 3) to memo those items 4) lest she forget some of them.
40. When our teachers 1) give us homework, I always make it a rule 2) to go to the library to 3) learn there after school. It is so quiet 4) that I can really concentrate on my work.
41. When I was 1) in kindergarten, I really 2) enjoyed the story time. Our teacher 3) often read us very 4) excited adventure stories.
42. My 1) youngest brother, Chris, is 2) always asking 3) me to show him 4) the way of playing soccer.
43. Excuse me, 1) but I seem to 2) have lost my wallet. I must go 3) now and start 4) searching it right away.
44. Wouldn't you 1) like to know 2) how to build a fire? Well, 3) today I'm going to 4) teach just that in my speech.
45. Of 1) all the types of cakes 2) in that pastry shop, I like 3) more cheesecake than 4) any other kind.
46. My father is 1) not very good with computers. He 2) thought his computer was broken when 3) in fact he only forgot to 4) turn on it.

47. I'm ¹⁾ throwing a party tomorrow night. Would you like ²⁾ to come? You live only a mile ³⁾ away, so you will ⁴⁾ get my home from yours in minutes.
48. I ¹⁾ know you ²⁾ like cold pizza, but ³⁾ as far as I am concerned, I prefer ⁴⁾ it is hot.
49. The ¹⁾ secret to delicious pancakes is ²⁾ that you ³⁾ together flour and milk ⁴⁾ quickly.
50. I'm ¹⁾ in trouble reading this article on the effects ²⁾ of second-hand smoke on health. If you ³⁾ have the time, ⁴⁾ could you help me with it?

PART II

[A] 次の文は、米国人の牧師が書いたエッセイである。これを読み、設問に答えなさい。

For some time I have had a person provide me with a rose boutonniere* to pin on the lapel** of my suit every Sunday. Because I always got a flower on Sunday morning, I really did not think much of it. It was a nice gesture that I appreciated, but it became routine. ⁽¹⁾ One Sunday, however, what I considered ordinary became very special.

As I was leaving the Sunday service a young man approached me. He walked right up to me and said, "Sir, what are you going to do with your flower?" At first I did not know what he was talking about, but then I understood.

I said, "Do you mean this?" as I pointed to the rose pinned to my coat.

He said, "Yes, sir. ⁽²⁾ I would like it if you are just going to throw it away." At this point I smiled and gladly told him that he could have my flower, casually asking him what he was going to do with it. The little boy, who was probably less than 10 years old, looked up at me and said, "Sir, I'm going to give it to my granny***. My mother and father got divorced last year. I was living with my mother, but when she married again, she wanted me to live with my father. I lived with him for a while, but he said I could not stay, so he sent me to live with my grandmother. She is so good to me. She cooks for me and takes care of me. She has been so good to me that I want to give that pretty flower to her for loving me."

When the little boy finished I could hardly speak. My eyes filled with tears and I knew I had been touched in the depths of my soul. I reached up and unpinned my flower. With the flower in my hand, I looked at the boy and said, "Son, ⁽³⁾ that is the nicest thing I have ever heard, but you can't have this flower because it's not enough. If you'll look in front of the pulpit****, you'll see a big bouquet of flowers. Different families buy them for the church each week. Please take those flowers to your granny because she deserves the very best."

⁽⁴⁾ If I hadn't been touched enough already, he made one last statement and I will always cherish it. He said, "What a wonderful day! I asked for one flower but got a beautiful bouquet!"

注 *boutonniere = 男性が服の襟につける花

**lapel = 服の襟

***granny = おばあちゃん

****pulpit = 説教壇

設問

- (1) 下線部 (1) を, 日本語に訳しなさい。
- (2) 下線部 (2) と最も近い意味になるものを選択肢の中から選び, その番号を解答欄に記入しなさい。
 1. I think it is the same as mine.
 2. I want to wear the flower myself.
 3. Please give me the flower.
 4. The flower is admirable.
- (3) 下線部 (3) を日本語に訳しなさい
- (4) 下線部 (4) を日本語に訳しなさい。

[B] 以下は “As you read this” と題する， 5 段落で構成される文である。次の出だしの段落に段落 (A) ～ (C) を続ける場合，全体の論旨の展開から考えてどのような順で並べると最も適切か。下記の各問の答えを選択式解答用紙に番号で記しなさい。

出だしの段落 I have the television tuned to a news channel as I write this, the messages on my answering machine are playing in the background, and I pause, occasionally to change screens on my computer to check e-mail messages. What else could I be doing? I suppose I could put an exercise bike near my computer so I could keep fit as I work.

(A) But we have moved way beyond dead time. With computers, mobile phones, and other wireless technologies, the possible tasks have multiplied. Studies show that some people may pack as many as 31 hours of activities into a 24-hour day by doing several things at once. That’s impressive.

(B) It seems like not just me but everyone is multi-tasking, doing more than one thing at a time. Taxi drivers chat away on the mobile phone, even though it may be against the law. People on the sidewalk punch messages into their mobile phones as they walk, leaving it to others to weave around them.

(C) Of course, multi-tasking began long ago. Way before computers, there were radios in cars and kitchens to fill the “dead” time of driving and cooking. People moved the TV into the dining room so they could eat and watch the news or be entertained while they ate, instead of thinking and talking with each other.

最後の段落 But I wonder, what are the costs of this? There are the physical costs that come of going without sleep. There are the mental costs of never fully engaging in any one task. This means that we are never fully satisfied with the task when it is completed. And there are the social costs of never really paying attention to the people we are with—friends, family, acquaintances, and schoolmates. Are we multi-tasking ourselves into a corner?

設問

1. 出だしの段落にすぐ続く段落
 1. (A)
 2. (B)
 3. (C)
2. 段落 (A) にすぐ続く段落
 1. (B)
 2. (C)
 3. 最後の段落
3. 段落 (B) にすぐ続く段落
 1. (A)
 2. (C)
 3. 最後の段落

[C] 次の文を読み、設問に答えなさい。

I come from a small town in Canada. I loved living and growing up there. There was a post office, a general store that stocked just about everything, and a small grocery store. Everything my family and I needed was close at hand. The town was surrounded by fields and forests that my friends and I explored on long summer afternoons. It was great.

Now I live in Tokyo and I can't imagine not living in a big city: the bookstores, the theaters, the music, and the general convenience of everything. I have come to like the freedom trains and subways give me. I enjoy watching people hurrying along as I sit and sip a coffee in a sidewalk café.

Maybe you have to be from the country to really learn to love city life.

設問

In an English essay of 100 to 150 words, answer the question below.

“Which do you prefer—living in the city or in the country?”

【出典】

PART II

[A] John R. Ramsey, “The Flower” in *A second helping of chicken soup for the soul* (Health Communications), 1995.

[B] Based on: Carolyn Curiel, “Let’s I.M. as you read this” in *The New York Times Weekly Review*, May 21, 2006.