

1 次の(1)から(14)までの英文の()に入る最も適切なものを、①～⑥から各文に一つずつ選び、番号で答えなさい。

- (1) Your refrigerator is large () put the whole chicken in.
 (2) The weather was so cold () make our sightseeing less pleasurable.

[(1)と(2)の選択肢]

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| ① to | ② as to | ③ so to |
| ④ of to | ⑤ that to | ⑥ enough to |

- (3) The court handed down the decision () a total ban on foreign products.
 (4) The government made a decision that it () a total ban on using the medicine.

[(3)と(4)の選択肢]

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| ① is imposed | ② would impose | ③ would be imposed |
| ④ what imposes | ⑤ that imposes | ⑥ may have imposed |

- (5) The president announced a restructuring plan, () strong protests against it.
 (6) Many people couldn't use ATM machines due to power cuts () by the accident.

[(5)と(6)の選択肢]

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| ① cause | ② causes | ③ causing |
| ④ caused | ⑤ have caused | ⑥ to be caused |

- (7) Manuals of old appliances are sometimes () even on the Internet.
 (8) My father was getting () with the slow service at the restaurant.

[(7)と(8)の選択肢]

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| ① unavailable | ② unbreakable | ③ unbelievable |
| ④ impossible | ⑤ important | ⑥ impatient |

- (9) We have been waiting for her for 30 minutes, but there is no () of her.
 (10) She is my best friend. I know she will always be on my ().

[(9)と(10)の選択肢]

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| ① end | ② light | ③ foot |
| ④ sign | ⑤ side | ⑥ shape |

- (11) The shop had () of bacon, so I bought some sausages.
(12) Jack finally () how to use the new machine.

[(11)と(12)の選択肢]

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| ① run out | ② kept out | ③ made out |
| ④ figured out | ⑤ pulled out | ⑥ filled out |
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- (13) If he had been sensible, () he had no chance to win the game.
(14) He knows what to do, but () he would actually put it into action is a different story.

[(13)と(14)の選択肢]

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| ① whether | ② however | ③ whatsoever |
| ④ he will know | ⑤ he was known | ⑥ he would have known |
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次の(1)から(5)までの日本文とほぼ同じ意味になるように()に入る最も適切なものを、
①～⑮から一つずつ選び、番号で答えなさい。ただし、同じ語は一度しか使えません。

- (1) 就職は簡単にできるものと錯覚していた。

I was (a) the (b) that I would find (c) easily.

- (2) 交通渋滞がひどくて、帰宅するのに1時間かかった。

There was so much (a) that it (b) me an (c) to get home.

- (3) 向こうに見える家は、100年前に建てられたものだ。

The (a) you (b) over there was (c) 100 years ago.

- (4) 彼の報告書の内容によって、この国の将来が決まるかもしれない。

The (a) he writes (b) his report may (c) the future of this nation.

- (5) 屋外のイベントが安全で楽しいものになるように助言をいただいた。

We were (a) advice (b) outdoor events to (c) safe and enjoyable.

[(1)～(5)の選択肢]

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| ① hour | ⑦ be | ⑬ in |
| ② ideas | ⑧ see | ⑭ for |
| ③ house | ⑨ took | ⑮ under |
| ④ traffic | ⑩ given | |
| ⑤ illusion | ⑪ built | |
| ⑥ employment | ⑫ decide | |

- 3** 次のA、Bの英文の（ ）に入る最も適切なものを①～④から一つずつ選び、番号で答えなさい。

A

A bed is more convenient than a *futon*, because it is always ready for you to sleep in, but it takes up more space in the house. Getting into a bed is just as easy as getting into a *futon*, but getting out of bed is much easier than standing up after sleeping on the floor. As a result, a bed is recommended for (1) people, people who live in (2) houses, and people who don't want the (3) of putting it away in a closet every morning.

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| (1) ① bigger | ② older | ③ smaller | ④ younger |
| (2) ① bigger | ② newer | ③ older | ④ smaller |
| (3) ① help | ② pleasure | ③ sadness | ④ trouble |

B

Japanese people love to eat octopus. One famous dish using octopus is called *takoyaki*. It is made from flour, eggs, and broth, with (1) pieces of octopus inside. They are cooked into round balls about 3–5 cm in diameter on a special iron pan with round molds, called a *takoyaki maker*. When eating, people usually add *takoyaki* sauce, dried seaweed flakes, bonito flakes, and mayonnaise. *Takoyaki* is a popular (2) food that you can find at food stalls, restaurants, and even convenience stores across Japan. It is also often made at home, sometimes as the main dish for a home party. Nowadays, people even hold “*takoyaki* parties,” commonly (3) to “*Takopa*.”

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| (1) ① sharp | ② strong | ③ small | ④ simple |
| (2) ① casual | ② formal | ③ fashionable | ④ colorful |
| (3) ① frightened | ② shortened | ③ lightened | ④ lengthened |

- 4** 次のA、Bの会話文の（ ）に入る最も適切なものを①～⑥から一つずつ選び、番号で答えなさい。

A

Susan : Welcome to my house, Kelly.

Kelly : I've always wanted to visit your house.

Susan : Oh, really? You moved to our town almost a year ago. How do you like this neighborhood?

Kelly : (1) The people here are really nice.

Susan : I agree.

Kelly : You have an amazing garden. I enjoy seeing the flowers when I walk by.

Susan : Thank you. (2)

Kelly : I think a lot of people around here love gardening like you.

Susan : (3) We can't stop talking about plants! I have many potted ones inside.

(4) Please come in.

Kelly : Thank you.

- ① That's true.
- ② I'm afraid not.
- ③ Let me show you.
- ④ I like it very much.
- ⑤ I'm sorry to hear that.
- ⑥ Gardening is one of my favorite hobbies.

B

Kenta : Oh, you're here.

Satoshi : Yes, I'm here. (1)

Kenta : Well, I didn't see you on the bus this morning. I thought you were sick or something.

Satoshi : (2) In fact, I'm feeling pretty good this morning. I started a new exercise plan.

Kenta : Exercise plan? You? I thought you didn't like taking exercise.

Satoshi : I don't, but people keep telling me I am too fat. I decided to make some changes.

Kenta : (3)

Satoshi : Well, the main thing is... I've started to come to school by bicycle instead of taking the bus.

Kenta : I see now. I wish you had told me! (4)

Satoshi : No need to be concerned. I don't think my exercise plan will last long.

- ① No, I'm fine.
- ② You seem surprised.
- ③ Did you miss the bus?
- ④ I was worried about you.
- ⑤ Why did you change your plan?
- ⑥ What kind of exercise plan are you following?

5 次の英文を読み、各問に答えなさい。

Basketball Players and Height

Basketball was invented by James Naismith in the year 1891. Very little about the sport has changed since then. Naismith set the height of the basket at each end of the basketball court at 10 feet, which is just a little more than 3 meters high. That number, 3 meters, is very important for anybody who wants to play basketball.

Like most sports, to be a good basketball player, you need to have physical power and the skill to control and direct that power, but in basketball there is one other thing that makes a difference: your height. Since the goal is to throw the ball into a 3-meter high basket, how tall you are (and also how long your arms are) can make a big difference.

Sun Mingming is 236 cm tall. He is the tallest person ever to play basketball professionally. Clearly, his height gave him a big advantage over shorter players since it was much easier for him to reach the basket. He was born in a small town in China and started to play basketball when he was 15. In 2005, he moved to the United States to study and play basketball at a college in California. After only one year, he joined a professional basketball team in the US and seemed certain to have a successful career. Unfortunately, he had a medical problem. This problem was the reason why he was so tall; it also stopped him from developing the stamina and strength to play in the major leagues. He did play in several minor league teams in the US, Mexico, and Japan before returning to China. By the way, he married a lady who was also unusually tall.

Gheorghe Muresan, from Rumania, and Manute Bol, from Sudan, were just 4 cm shorter than Sun. They did play in the U.S. major league (the NBA) and were the tallest players ever to do so, Bol in the 80s and 90s and Muresan about ten years before that.

Interestingly, all three of these tall players also appeared in films and on TV shows, usually in roles that featured their height, just like their sports careers. They were each known as “Giants,” and Muresan started the “Giant Basketball Academy,” a school that aimed to train ordinary children (not only tall ones) to be basketball players.

At the other end of the scale, the shortest basketball player ever was the American Muggsy Bogues. He was only 160 cm tall. Being so short meant that he had to be an exceptional basketball player in order to make up for his great distance from the height of the basket. Playing in the 90s, he was famous for his skill at handling the ball and playing in defense.

The Harlem Globetrotters is a very interesting basketball team. It started in the US in 1926. They do not play in any of the professional leagues as their aim is not to win games but to entertain people. To do this, they add comedy and theater to the great athletic skill of their players. They perform in exhibition games all over the world. Their players are not only entertainers but also very skilled basketball players. In 2011, two new players joined the team: Paul Sturgess, who was 232 cm tall, and Jontie Hall, who was only 157 cm tall. The height gap between them was 75 cm! They were the tallest and the shortest players ever to play for this team. They entertained audiences both with their basketball skills and with the striking contrast between them.

Basketball is not the only option for unusually tall people. Being very tall and having long arms can also be an advantage in jobs in the building industry where workers may need to reach high up or deep inside a hole in order to do their jobs. As we have seen, it can also be an advantage in the entertainment industry. Many people also automatically think that tall people must be good leaders and psychologically strong, so they often get jobs as managers or leaders. For similar reasons, tall people are also likely to succeed in sales.

As for unusually short people, they do have advantages in jobs that require them to get into tight places, and we often see them performing as entertainers, gymnasts, or professional horse-riders. Some short people say they are also good at working with children because being short means they can see the world in a similar way to young children.

In basketball, though, what is most interesting about the tall players is that, although their height gives them an advantage in reaching up to put the ball into the basket, they are *not* the most successful basketball players. They may easily get jobs in professional teams, but there they will meet players who have physical strength and professional skills that make them better players. Seeing a player over 230 cm tall put a ball into the basket makes it look very easy but there is much more to being a good basketball player than just being tall.

問1 本文の内容に合うように、次の(1)～(5)の問いの答えとして最も適切なものを①～④から一つずつ選び、番号で答えなさい。

(1) Why is the height of 3 meters important for basketball players?

- ① This is how high they need to be able to throw the ball to score.
- ② This is how much power they need to put the ball into the basket.
- ③ This is how tall you needed to be to play in the first basketball game ever.
- ④ This is how big you need to be to play professionally.

(2) How tall were the tallest players ever to play in an NBA game?

- ① 157 cm
- ② 160 cm
- ③ 232 cm
- ④ 236 cm

(3) How did Muggsy Bogues succeed although he was shorter than other players?

- ① He grew taller.
- ② He played only in defense.
- ③ He was a great entertainer.
- ④ He was a very skillful player.

- (4) How did Sturgess and Hall benefit from their unusual height?
- ① They succeeded by striking other players.
 - ② They used the difference in their heights to win games.
 - ③ They used their skills in a team that focused on entertaining people.
 - ④ Together, they could easily put the ball into the basket during a game.
- (5) Apart from basketball, what kind of jobs are unusually tall people suited to?
- ① business management and sales
 - ② gymnastics and horse racing
 - ③ psychologists
 - ④ teachers in a basketball academy

問2 次の①から⑤までの英文のうち、本文の内容に合うものを二つ選び、番号で答えなさい。
ただし、解答の順序は問いません。

- ① Height is no more important in basketball than it is in other sports.
- ② Sun Mingming was tall because there was something wrong with his body.
- ③ Sun, Muresan, and Bol made money not only as basketball players but also as entertainers.
- ④ The Harlem Globetrotters tries to win basketball games by having the tallest and the shortest players.
- ⑤ Although being tall is an advantage in some jobs, there are no jobs where being short is useful.

問3 次の質問に日本語で答えなさい。英語で答えた場合は、採点の対象になりません。

Apart from height, what is important if you want to be a great basketball player?