

◆ 答えはすべて解答用紙に記入してください。

- I. A. Mike と Jane の短い会話があり、続いて会話の内容についての質問があります。質問の答えとしてふさわしいものをA～Dの中から一つ選び、記号で答えてください。まずはじめに練習をします。

例 Mike: You know, Jane, our teacher's birthday is tomorrow. I think our class should give her a present.
Jane: Yes, I do too. I think some roses would be nice.
Question: What does Jane think the class should do for their teacher?
(以下の設問では会話と質問は書かれていません。)

そして問題用紙に、

- A. Give her a picture.
- B. Present her with a photograph.
- C. Give her some flowers.
- D. Have a party.

とあれば、会話の内容から考えて、質問の正しい答えとなるのはCですから、解答欄にCと書きます。朗読は1回、解答の時間も短いので、注意して聴いてください。それでは、始めます。

1. A. Who gave out the homework.
B. If Mr. Smith was here this morning.
C. What Jane did in class.
D. Which pages the homework is on.
2. A. She wants Mike to put plates on the shelf.
B. She wants Mike to put sugar on the shelf.
C. She wants Mike to get plates off the shelf.
D. She wants Mike to get plates and sugar off the shelf.
3. A. Mike and Jane will argue about why she spent his money.
B. Mike and Jane will argue about pizza toppings.
C. Mike and Jane will argue about his iPad.
D. Mike and Jane will argue about how much money was on the desk.
4. A. They both like the color but not the style.
B. They both like the style and the color.
C. They both dislike the style and the color.
D. They like the style but neither of them likes the color.
5. A. Because this is her final chance.
B. Because she loves peanuts.
C. Because ¥950 is cheap for this order.
D. Because cola is good for her.

6. A. Mike wants to meet Barack Obama and Jane wants to meet Shohei Otani.
B. Jane wants to meet Barack Obama and Mike wants to meet Shohei Otani.
C. Neither of them has a preference.
D. They'd both like to meet Shohei Otani.
7. A. She could buy the phone earlier if she works more.
B. She should wait till summer to get a new phone.
C. She should think about getting a new phone.
D. She would save time if she didn't have a phone.
8. A. Mike will get bread another time because he has no money.
B. Mike can't get bread because he has already been to the shop.
C. Mike will be able to get bread now that Jane has given him some cash.
D. It takes about half an hour to get to the shop from Mike and Jane's place.
9. A. Yes, if he won a million dollars.
B. Yes, and she's going to do it today.
C. No, because she doesn't care about money.
D. No, because she can't afford a lottery ticket.
10. A. She's planning to go for a run.
B. She's planning to do 20 minutes of window shopping.
C. She's planning to ask Mike to get milk.
D. She's planning to get milk from the shops.

- I. B. 英語の文が1回だけ読まれますから、よく注意して聴いてください。そして、その文に内容が最も近いものをA～Dの中から一つ選び、記号で答えてください。まずはじめに練習をします。

例 Jane went to the movies with her friend.

(以下の設問では問題文は書かれていません。)

そして問題用紙に、

- A. Jane went to the movies alone.
B. Jane's friend went to the movies without her.
C. Jane went to her friend's movie.
D. Jane and her friend went to the movies.

とあれば、今聴いた内容に最も近いのはDですから、解答欄にDと書きます。
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1. A. I like to jog before I start work in the morning.
B. I like to jog during the work day.
C. I like to jog once work is finished.
D. I like to jog once dinner is over.

2.
 - A. David works on the train.
 - B. David uses the train because his friends are on it.
 - C. David's messages are about training with his friends.
 - D. David uses his travel time to contact friends.

3.
 - A. To possibly meet the movie star, you need to line up.
 - B. To definitely meet the movie star, you need to line up.
 - C. You might meet the movie star even if you're not in the line.
 - D. Movie stars are happy to meet anyone in a line.

4.
 - A. The bank is opposite my house and the bakery.
 - B. The bakery is opposite my house and the bank.
 - C. My house is right next to the bank, and opposite the bakery.
 - D. The bakery and the bank are opposite my house.

5.
 - A. The guitar is a tough instrument from the beginning.
 - B. The guitar is easy at first and gets even easier as you go on.
 - C. The guitar is easy at first but gets gradually harder.
 - D. The guitar is easy to play so you don't need to worry about it.

6.
 - A. Kagoshima is about as close to Kitakyushu as it is to Amami.
 - B. Kagoshima is closer to Kitakyushu than it is to Amami.
 - C. Kagoshima is closer to Amami than it is to Kitakyushu.
 - D. Amami is as close to Kitakyushu as it is to Kagoshima.

7.
 - A. Newer cars have better gasoline engines than older ones.
 - B. Most newer cars will be electric, while older ones run on gasoline.
 - C. Newer cars run on gasoline, but older cars don't.
 - D. Gasoline engines will replace electric cars.

8.
 - A. Japan is no longer commonly called Nippon.
 - B. Japan is no longer commonly called Nihon.
 - C. Japan is no longer commonly called Yamato.
 - D. Yamato is no longer commonly called Japan.

9.
 - A. DNA and culture both have an effect on character.
 - B. Neither DNA nor culture has an effect on character.
 - C. DNA has an effect on character, but culture doesn't.
 - D. Culture has an effect on character but DNA doesn't.

10.
 - A. You have never met my hardworking grandmother.
 - B. You have once met my hardworking grandmother.
 - C. You have often met my hardworking grandmother.
 - D. You have frequently met my hardworking grandmother.

II. 次の各文の（ ）に入れるのに最もふさわしい語をA～Dの中から一つ選び、記号で答えてください。

1. I will give my brother your message when he () home.
A. return B. returns C. returning D. will return
2. She got her brother () her bicycle.
A. fix B. fixing C. fixed D. to fix
3. "How was the concert last night?" "It was so exciting. You ()."
A. should come B. have come
C. came D. should have come
4. He has () 1000 books. He is what is called a bookworm.
A. not more than B. no more than
C. any less than D. not less than
5. His composition is () from satisfactory.
A. far B. free C. different D. difficult
6. My sister is considering () abroad next year.
A. study B. studying C. to study D. studied
7. The Louvre Museum is the place () my mother has always wanted to visit.
A. where B. which C. to which D. what
8. Today a lot of people took part in the demonstration march with posters () "No more War."
A. read B. reading C. to read D. is reading
9. I think the two countries should have an international () immediately.
A. misunderstanding B. relation
C. negotiation D. construction
10. The teacher kindly () her students to achieve their goals.
A. complained B. dreamed
C. encouraged D. threatened

III. 次の文章を読んで、質問に答えてください。（*印は後ろに注があることを示しています。）

Do you play video games? What about games on your phone? Many people play video games as a hobby. Recently, e-sports have become very popular, with many games available on the Sony PS4, Xbox, and many other *consoles. Recently, PC games have also improved, with gaming *laptops becoming more powerful and cheaper, with better images. Not everyone plays video games as a hobby, but probably everyone you know has played a game using their phone or other hand-held consoles. We will focus on hand-held gaming for now. This device definitely increased the popularity of gaming anywhere, and for everyone – I am talking about the Game Boy.

The first Game Boy was released in Japan by the Nintendo company on April 21, 1989. It was released in the USA later that year, but Europe had to wait until late 1990. The Game Boy used features from older Nintendo consoles. This was called the Nintendo Entertainment System, or NES. It was a small box, with a screen, two circle buttons (the A and B buttons), two narrow buttons (SELECT and START), and a direction pad (d-pad). At the top and sides of the Game Boy, there was an on/off switch and a volume slider. There was also a place to use a cable to connect with friends, and a hole where players could use headphones.

Sometimes the Game Boy was sold alone, or in a package with some games. For example, customers could get a Game Boy with *Tetris* or *Mario* included. This was called a 'bundle'. When the original Game Boy became popular, Nintendo also started to make accessories, such as a carry *pouch, a camera and a printer. The first color was light grey, but other colors soon became available. A popular version was (1)_____. It had no color at all and users could see the inside of the Game Boy. The original Game Boy was battery powered, and many people praised how long the batteries lasted. This meant users could play games anywhere, for a long time. The first batteries were not re-chargeable, so when the batteries

ran out, users had to get new ones. Soon, Nintendo added a battery charger, and now all Nintendo battery products use rechargeable batteries. The Game Boy became very popular in the 1990s, and was one of many things that helped bring Japanese game culture to other countries. Nintendo still made the original Game Boys until the early 2000s, even though the next version had already been made. The first version of the Game Boy stopped being made in 2003. The original Game Boy began a series, which Nintendo now calls the 'Game Boy family'.

The first Game Boy was released with six games. Four games were available in Japan (2)_____. These games were *Alleyway*, *Baseball*, *Yakuman* and *Super Mario Land*. So, Mario has been with the Game Boy Family since the very beginning. But the original Game Boy didn't stay the same. The Game Boy Color was released in Japan in 1998. This was the first Game Boy where the games had color. However, the design of the Game Boy was the same as the original. (3)_____ was the Game Boy Advance, which was released in Japan in 2001. Now, the design started to change. Even though Mario was still the most famous Nintendo character, the best-selling games for the Game Boy Color and Game Boy Advance were the Pokémon games (*Pocket Monsters* in Japan). *Pokémon Gold* and *Silver* were the most popular games for the Game Boy Color and *Pokémon Ruby* and *Sapphire* were the most popular games for the Game Boy Advance. Then, Nintendo changed direction and introduced the first Nintendo DS in 2004. From the original DS came the 3DS, and, finally, the Nintendo Switch, which is being played by many people now.

And so, the Switch you see now, came from a history which started with the Game Boy. Many people nowadays don't realize how original the first Game Boy was 30 years ago. They also may not realize the influence these old games have had on their mobile phone games now. Even if you are not a gamer, you definitely have seen these games and their characters. Mario is 43 years old on July 9th, 2023. Let's wish him a happy birthday together!

*console – ゲーム機 / コンソール *laptops – ノートパソコン

*pouch – 小物入れ

1. Which of these sentences best describes the first paragraph?

- A. Recently, PC games have improved.
- B. Nobody likes playing video games.
- C. Recently, computer graphics are more powerful.
- D. Console games are better than PC games.

2. Choose the correct missing words for (1) in the third paragraph.

- A. see-in
- B. see-through
- C. too expensive
- D. very cheap

3. What does the original Game Boy mean in the third paragraph?

- A. the most recent product from Nintendo
- B. a series from Nintendo
- C. the first model and design of the Game Boy
- D. the Game Boy that has rechargeable batteries

4. What effects did the Game boy's popularity have?

- A. It made people care about the environment more.
- B. It made video games as a hobby less popular.
- C. It helped Japanese game culture become more popular in different countries.
- D. After some time, only bundles were sold by Nintendo.

5. Choose the best phrase for (2) to complete the sentence.

- A. at last
- B. at all
- C. at random
- D. at first

6. What can you tell from the fourth paragraph?
- A. The Game boy was a complete failure which cost Nintendo a lot of money.
 - B. The Game Boy changed over the years, added more features, and directly led to today's Nintendo Switch.
 - C. Each Mario game is the most popular game sold with each Game Boy version.
 - D. The *Pokémon* games are less popular than the *Pokémon* anime on TV.
7. Choose the best word for (3) to start the sentence.
- A. Next
 - B. First
 - C. Immediately
 - D. Finally
8. Which is the true sentence here?
- A. The first Game Boy was released with ten games, but only in Japan.
 - B. People use smart phone games, only because of the Game Boy.
 - C. While the original Game Boy was available for a long time, it updated and changed its design over many years.
 - D. Sony and Nintendo often cooperate and make games for the Game Boy together.
9. Choose the best summary for this article.
- A. The original Game boy started the gaming hobby, and was the first device to do this.
 - B. The original Game Boy was so popular that it spread Japanese culture to other countries and created a game system that people still use today.
 - C. Nintendo is the biggest games company in the world. This is because of the Game Boy.
 - D. The Game Boy added more features but got more expensive and complicated over time.

10. What is the best title for this article?

- A. Let's Play Outside!
- B. The History of the Game Boy
- C. The History of Mario
- D. Why You Should Never Buy From Nintendo

IV. 以下の Topic について、あなたの意見とその理由を英語で書いてください。

- POINTS は理由を書く際の参考となる観点を示したものです。
ただし、これら以外の観点から理由を書いてもかまいません。
- 語数の目安は 80～100 語です。最後に語数を数えて記入してください。

TOPIC

Recently it is getting dangerously hot and humid during summer. Should schools have sports club activities during the summer? (80–100 words)

POINTS

- Safety, heatstroke
- Rest and refresh
- Face-to-face communication, friendships
- School tournaments