

◆ 答えはすべて解答用紙に記入してください。

- I. John と Yoko 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 John: You know, Yoko, our teacher's birthday is tomorrow. I
 think our class should give her a present.
 Yoko: Yes, I do too. I think some roses would be nice.
Question: What does Yoko think the class should do for their teacher?
 (以下の設問では会話文と質問文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. She thinks YouTube is better than Instagram.
 B. She thinks Instagram is better than YouTube.
 C. She thinks Instagram and YouTube are equally good.
 D. She thinks Instagram and YouTube are equally bad.
2. A. None.
 B. One.
 C. Two.
 D. Three.
3. A. She's worried that it isn't smart enough for the party.
 B. She's worried that it is too casual.
 C. She thinks the color isn't appropriate for a party.
 D. She thinks the color might mean John is uncomfortable at the party.
4. A. She ate it at elementary, junior high and high school.
 B. She ate it, but only at junior high school.
 C. She ate it at high school, but not before that.
 D. She ate it at elementary and junior high school.
5. A. She's worried, but then hopeful.
 B. She's hungry and then tired.
 C. She's given up hope.
 D. She's excited and then happy.
6. A. John is taking Yoko to the shops.
 B. John is taking the cat to the animal doctor.
 C. Yoko is taking John to the animal doctor and the cat into town.
 D. Yoko is taking the cat to the animal doctor and John into town.

7. A. He hasn't been to Osaka yet this month.
B. He has been to Osaka one time this month.
C. He has been to Osaka two times this month.
D. He has been to Osaka three times this month.
8. A. His new phone cost more, but he thinks it's a good phone.
B. His new phone cost more, but he doesn't like it.
C. His old phone was better than the new one, and cheaper.
D. His old phone was better than the new one, but dearer.
9. A. John said Hawaii, and Yoko said New Caledonia.
B. John said New Caledonia, and Yoko said Hawaii.
C. Yoko said Hawaii, and John said New Zealand.
D. Yoko and John both said Hawaii and New Zealand.
10. A. Instagram for video and YouTube for pictures.
B. Instagram for pictures and video.
C. YouTube for pictures and video.
D. YouTube for video and Instagram for pictures.

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

1. If I had known your car was broken, I would () you a ride.
A. give B. gave C. given D. have given
2. Hello. I'm Lisa, your guide today. () me explain the main points of the tour first.
A. Make B. Let C. Have D. Excuse
3. Walking is an () way to strengthen bones.
A. effective B. attractive C. sensitive D. objective
4. Nara is famous () its old temples.
A. from B. of C. for D. as
5. The song always () us of our trip to Okinawa.
A. recognizes B. remembers C. reminds D. returns
6. "() is your new teacher like?" "He is funny and friendly."
A. What B. How C. What kind D. How about

7. I have more free time because I don't have () homework to do this week.
A. little B. few C. much D. many
8. The magician's tricks kept the children () throughout the show.
A. excite B. to excite C. exciting D. excited
9. The science teacher suggested () the museum to find out more about dolphins.
A. visiting B. visiting to C. to visit D. to visit to
10. What do you have in your hand? Show ().
A. it me B. it to me C. me to it D. to me it

III. 次の文章を読んで、質問に答えてください。

Almost everyone in the world has taken a ride on a bus at least once in their lives. Buses are a common mode of public transportation, and millions of people all around the world use them every day. They are an essential part of modern society, providing a cheap, safe, and reliable means of transportation for people of all ages. From school buses, city buses, shuttle buses to long distance highway buses, we could not live without the bus!

Buses have been around for over a century with the first bus appearing in the early 1900s in the big cities of Europe, such as London and Paris. They (1) replaced the old, horse-drawn carriages that had been used to carry people around and became popular because they were more flexible and easier to ride than a train. However, these early buses were very noisy and uncomfortable. They had very hard, wooden seats and almost no suspension*. They also had open tops, so the passengers had no cover from bad weather like wind, rain, or snow. However, over time, buses have evolved, becoming faster, more comfortable, and more reliable.

There are now many different kinds of buses too. We have double-decker buses that have both an upstairs and a downstairs area to carry more passengers. The mini bus for transporting small groups of people. Also, the coach, which is used for travelling long distances or for tour groups. Coaches have much more space than a regular city bus, with comfortable seats and even a toilet. Many companies are also now introducing driverless buses that are controlled by remote or A.I.

Today, buses play an important role in public transportation. They are safe and convenient, with regular schedules that make it easy for passengers to plan their journeys. Bus travel can also be very flexible, as they have many different routes that cover a wide range of destinations from urban areas to country areas. They are also an affordable option for commuters, students, and tourists who need to get from one place to another.

When travelling a long distance, buses are much slower than a plane or express train, however, a ticket for them costs much less. Also, buses usually have more space, more comfort and can travel to the center of a town or city making them more (____ 2 ____) for travellers. Buses are also an eco-friendly option, with many modern buses running on clean energy sources such as electricity, and hydrogen fuel cells*. This helps to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gases, making buses a sustainable alternative to personal cars.

Despite their many good points, buses also face many challenges in modern society. One of the biggest problems is congestion, this means there are too many cars, trucks and buses on the road, which leads to traffic jams. These traffic jams can mean the buses are late and travel times increase, which is a real problem for people who have to get to school, work or an appointment on time. Unreliable timetables are the biggest complaint people have about city buses. They can also be very crowded and uncomfortable during rush hours. This has led to the (____ 3 ____) of ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft. While these services may be more expensive than buses, they provide more comfort and the ability to order a ride whenever you want.

In conclusion, buses are an essential part of public transportation, providing an affordable, safe, and eco-friendly means of transportation for millions of people. While they face several challenges, such as congestion and competition from ride-sharing services, buses are still very important for modern society. As we continue to look for ways to improve public transportation, it's clear that buses will continue to play a vital role in meeting the needs of passengers for years to come.

* suspension サスペンション (バネなどの) * hydrogen fuel cells 水素エネルギー

1. Where did the first buses appear in the early 1900s?
 - A. American cities like New York and L.A.
 - B. European cities like Moscow and Berlin.
 - C. European cities like London and Paris.
 - D. Japanese cities like Tokyo and Osaka.

2. Which word would be most appropriate in (____ 1 ____)?
- A. really
 - B. lately
 - C. surely
 - D. quickly
3. What problems might someone riding an early open top bus have experienced?
- A. Being hungry
 - B. Being hot or cold
 - C. Being poor
 - D. Being comfortable and happy
4. Why are coaches a good choice for tour groups?
- A. Because they are less comfortable and you do not have to worry about toilet stops.
 - B. Because they are more comfortable and you have to worry about toilet stops.
 - C. Because they are less comfortable and you have to worry about toilet stops.
 - D. Because they are more comfortable and you do not have to worry about toilet stops.
5. What things might change about bus travel in the future?
- A. There will be no human drivers.
 - B. There will be no AI drivers.
 - C. There will be more human passengers.
 - D. There will be more AI passengers.
6. Why are buses useful for students and tourists?
- A. Because there are many buses all around and they are very expensive.
 - B. Because they only go to difficult-to-reach country areas.
 - C. Because they only go to nearby urban areas.
 - D. Because there are many buses all around and they are not very expensive.
7. Which word would be most appropriate in (____ 2 ____)?
- A. creative
 - B. confident
 - C. convenient
 - D. careful

8. Why have ride sharing services become popular?
- A. Because they are cheaper than bus services.
 - B. Because passengers can go anywhere they want at any time.
 - C. Because they are faster than bus services.
 - D. Because buses are always late and overcrowded.
9. Which word would be most appropriate in (____ 3 ____)?
- A. population
 - B. popularity
 - C. properties
 - D. poverty
10. What is the best title for this article?
- A. Why Bus Tickets are too Cheap
 - B. Why the British People Love Double Decker Buses
 - C. Why the Bus is so Important
 - D. Why No-one Rides Buses Anymore

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。

- 以下 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

Some people say that companies should allow their workers to wear casual clothes like jeans or T-shirts. Do you agree with this idea? (80 ~ 100 words)

POINTS

- Comfort
- Freedom
- Cost
- Image
- Situation