

2024年度

英 語

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1 次の英文を読んで、あとの設問に答えなさい。(*印のある語は注を参考にしなさい)

“Mom! Is Uncle Albert really going to come to see us this summer? I heard it from Dad,” I said to my mother. In fact, I knew this news a few weeks ago but it *slipped my mind. It was before my first tennis match, and I was very busy with the club activity. However, I broke my leg on the way to school a couple of days ago and I was spending a boring weekend (①) of this cycling accident. Then, I suddenly remembered what he told me sometime before.

“Yes, Nina. I am happy to say ② he is. He has not been here since you were quite a little girl, eight years ago. You were just eight. Do you remember that when he came here last time, he liked my carrot cake? I’ll make it again! Oh, I cannot wait to see him!”

“Mom,” I continued, “why do you like him so much? He is just your *step-brother.”

“Just my step-brother!?” she said. “He has been more important to me than my own father.”

“Sounds interesting! Tell me more,” I asked.

I was ③ (lie) on the sofa in the living room and she was reading a gardening magazine next to me. Dinner was over and Dad was in his room to finish some work. It was a good chance to talk about Uncle Albert with her.

“Well, I think I will,” she said slowly.

My mother, Sophie, was forty years old and her soft, dark hair began to turn gray. However, her face was as fresh as (④). I loved to look at it.

“You should know what he did for your Mom, and how important he was to you.”

I got ⑤ (excite) because it was the first time for her to say such a thing. I wondered what kind of story she was going to tell me.

“When I was a child, my life was very bad,” she began. “For ⑥ that reason, I have almost never spoken about it to you. My mother died when I was just three. My father was disappointed at his life. He was a nice person who liked talking with others, but after her death, he shut himself off, ⑦ (grow) silent, and…” She added after some time, “began to drink from morning until night.”

When I looked up, she had tears in her eyes. I was surprised and said, “Don’t continue, Mom, if it hurts you.” However, she shook her (⑧) and kept talking.

"He damaged his health and died. Then, I was sent to an *orphanage at the age of thirteen. I stayed there for three years but I was lonely all the time. My only joy was playing the piano. I practiced it (⑨) hard every day that I won a prize in a contest. My name was on the local newspaper. Surprisingly, Albert read it and visited me at the orphanage. Uncle Albert was thirty-six then. He was a son of my father and his first wife. My mother married my father after his first wife died, so Albert was my step-brother. He suggested that he would live with me. At (⑩), I didn't expect it would go well, but actually he changed my life. He always said that it was important to make efforts to be happy and also to make others happy. So I have tried to make your life good, Nina."

注 slip : ~から抜け落ちる、滑り落ちる

step-brother : 自分とは両親のうちのどちらかが異なる兄弟 orphanage : 孤児院

問1 (①)、(④)、(⑧)、(⑩)に入る適切なものをア～エから選びなさい。

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|-------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| (①) | ア. because | イ. caused | ウ. reason | エ. result |
| (④) | ア. a girl | イ. girl | ウ. girls | エ. a girl's |
| (⑧) | ア. eyes | イ. hand | ウ. head | エ. legs |
| (⑩) | ア. all | イ. first | ウ. home | エ. last |

問2 下線部②の後に省略されているものを8語で文中から抜き出しなさい。

問3 ③、⑤、⑦の語を必要に応じて、それぞれ適切な形に直しなさい。

問4 下線部⑥が表す具体的な内容として最も適切なものをア～エから選びなさい。

- ア. 自分がまだ幼いこと
- イ. アルバートが自分にとって大切な人だということ
- ウ. 3歳の時に自分の母親が亡くなったこと
- エ. 自分の幼少期が辛いものであったこと

問5 (⑨)に入る語として最も適切なものをア～エから選びなさい。

- ア. enough
- イ. so
- ウ. too
- エ. very

問6 以下の英文に続く文として、本文の内容と一致するように最も適切なものをア～エから選びなさい。

(1) Nina couldn't join the tennis match because

- ア. she was waiting for her uncle.
- イ. she was injured.
- ウ. her mother told her to stay home.
- エ. her bike was broken.

(2) Nina asked Sophie to tell her the story of Uncle Albert because

- ア. Nina liked him very much.
- イ. Nina was curious to know about him.
- ウ. Nina was too bored.
- エ. Nina didn't want to do her homework.

2 次の英文を読んで、あとの設問に答えなさい。（*印のある語は注を参考にしなさい）

(3) Sophie first met her step-brother when

- ア. she was as old as Nina.
- イ. she read the local newspaper article.
- ウ. she cooked a carrot cake.
- エ. she was playing the piano.

(4) Sophie and Albert

- ア. have the same mother.
- イ. have the same father.
- ウ. have not seen each other for more than ten years.
- エ. were from the same orphanage.

(5) Sophie was kind to Nina because

- ア. Sophie's parents were also kind to her.
- イ. Sophie learned from Uncle Albert that she should make others happy.
- ウ. Sophie was happy herself when she was a child.
- エ. Uncle Albert was very important not only to Sophie but also to Nina.

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問7 本文の内容と一致している文を下のア～キから3つ選びなさい。

- ア. Nina is an elementary school student and goes to school by bike.
- イ. Nina has never seen Uncle Albert.
- ウ. Nina enjoyed talking about her uncle with her parents.
- エ. Nina's grandfather lost his wife when their daughter was little.
- オ. It was very hard for Sophie to talk about her early life.
- カ. Uncle Albert visited some orphanages to look for Sophie.
- キ. Uncle Albert is about sixty years old now.

3 次の1～2において、下線部の発音が、3つとも同じ場合はア、2つが同じ場合はイ、3つとも異なる場合はウと答えなさい。

1. I'm planning to buy both of the old books about ocean species.

2. Last night, a loud voice was heard in a small building on the eastern side of the island, and the police quickly arrived.

4 次の1～3において、第一アクセント（第一強勢）の位置が、3つとも同じ場合はア、2つが同じ場合はイ、3つとも異なる場合はウと答えなさい。

1. ex-pen-sive pas-sen-ger rec-om-mend

2. cam-e-ra cor-re-spond of-fi-cial

3. cer-e-mo-ny de-ve-lop-ment me-mo-ri-al

5 次の1～3において、それぞれ下に与えられた語（句）を、意味が通る文に並べかえたとき、a・b・cに入るものを記号で答えなさい。ただし文頭に来る語も小文字にしてあります。

1. Some people say _____ a _____ b _____ c _____ in the future.

ア. are イ. disappear ウ. doing エ. humans オ. most
カ. of キ. the jobs ク. will

2. _____ a _____ b _____ c _____ at that time.

ア. enjoy イ. he ウ. the movie エ. tired オ. to
カ. too キ. was ク. watching

3. _____ a _____ _____ b _____ c _____ hometown.

ア. a doctor イ. everyone ウ. he エ. in オ. is
カ. known キ. my ク. to

6 次の1～5の日本語の内容と同じになるように、()に入る適切な単語を答えなさい。

1. その時、手持ちのお金を持っていた人はほとんどいなかった。
() people had money () them at that time.
2. 彼女は誰にもさよならを告げずに、家を出た。
She left home () () goodbye () anyone.
3. Emilyはその国について全然知らない。
Emily () know about the country () ().
4. 私は背が低いですが、一方で、兄は背がとても高い。
I am short. On () () (), my brother is very tall.
5. 私達は自分達でその庭の世話をしています。
We () () of the garden by ().

7 次の1～4の会話文において、それぞれ下線部①～④のいずれか1つに誤りがあります。会話文をよく読み、その番号を答えなさい。

1. Emma : Hey, Mark. ① Do you think it is difficult to make nice spaghetti?
Mark : Not at all, Emma. ② You can do it easy, but you need the right recipe.
Emma : ③ Can you share an easy spaghetti recipe with me?
Mark : ④ Sure, I'll send you a simple one. You'll love it!
2. Eliza : Hi, Sarah. ① I heard you often go to hiking. ② Can you give me some advice about hiking?
Sarah : Of course. You should use a light backpack, take enough water, and wear good shoes.
Eliza : Thanks for the advice. Can I borrow your hiking shoes? ③ Mine are too small to wear.
Sarah : Sure. ④ I'll lend them to you before I go this weekend.
3. Chris : ① Technology like smartphones have greatly improved our life.
Jane : I disagree. ② A lot of people depend too much on it.
Chris : ③ But last week you bought the latest smartphone.
Jane : I use it only when I need it. ④ I'm worried people are losing real human communication.
4. MOTHER : ① How many books is she going to take to her school camping trip? She said she bought four books yesterday for it. I'm afraid she doesn't know the meaning of the word camping.
FATHER : ② How long will it be?
MOTHER : She'll be there for a week. ③ How do you think?
FATHER : The camp site is a quiet place, so ④ she should take more than five books.

8 次の1～2の空白に入る適切な英文を、2語～7語で答えなさい。

1.

A : On Sunday, we are going to the jazz concert in Flower Hall, right?

B : That's right.

A : You suggested we should meet around one twenty at Sakura Station, but I'm worried that we may be late if the weather is bad.

B : Then, what's your idea, Ken?

A : Let's see.... The concert will start at two o'clock. According to the website, it takes thirty minutes by bus from Sakura Station. So, one ten? Then we can get there twenty minutes before the concert.

B : Sounds good. See you then. Bye.

2.

What is the half of eight? I'm sure you will answer it is four. But another answer is also possible. Some people may answer, "." Why? Many people think, "That's impossible!" Do you think so, too? Look at the number "8" carefully and cut it into two. You see there are two numbers. From this, we can learn it is possible for us to think in a different way.

1 問1

問2

問3

問4 問5

問6

問7

2 問1

問2 問3

問4 問5 問6 問7

問8

3 **4**

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6 1

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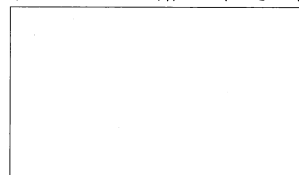
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