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一 般 選 抜 (I 期) 問 題

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英 語

試験開始までに下記の注意事項をよく読んでください。

注 意 事 項

- ① 試験開始の合図があるまで、問題冊子を開いてはいけません。
- ② 開始の合図後、解答用紙に「氏名」、「個人番号」を記入すること。
- ③ 受験票、筆記用具以外は、机の上に置かないこと。
- ④ 受験票は机の上に貼付してある「個人番号」の手前に置くこと。
- ⑤ 記述解答で、字数の指定がある問題では句読点は1字として数えること。
- ⑥ 試験中に問題冊子の印刷不鮮明、ページの落丁・乱丁及び解答用紙の汚れ等に気付いた場合は、手を挙げて監督者に知らせること。
- ⑦ 試験中は退席しないこと。(気分が悪くなった場合は、手を挙げて監督者に知らせること)
- ⑧ 試験終了後、この問題冊子は持ち帰ること。

I. 次の英文を読み、設問（1～9）に答えなさい。

Population trends are a major current issue, with some countries struggling with underpopulation and others with overpopulation. Countries such as South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Ukraine, and Japan are experiencing declining birth rates despite government efforts. The Total Fertility Rate (TFR)—the average number of children born to each woman—has remained very low in these countries. As of 2023, South Korea, (ア), had one of the lowest TFRs in the world. These declining birth rates are contributing to aging populations and shrinking workforces, which in turn create serious economic and social challenges.

In contrast, some countries—especially in Africa—face the opposite problem: very high fertility rates. In 2023, developing countries like Somalia, Chad, and Niger reported exceptionally high fertility rates, with Somalia recording the highest among them. While this may seem like a population advantage, such high fertility rates often place a heavy burden⁽¹⁾ on resources and can worsen poverty in developing these nations.

This leads to a key question: Why are some nations growing rapidly while others experience population decline? Several factors explain this trend⁽²⁾. In countries with high fertility rates, limited access to healthcare, lower levels of female education, and economic dependence on large families all contribute to population growth. In contrast, developed nations often experience the opposite trend due to the high cost of raising children, increased workforce participation by women, and shifting lifestyle priorities—factors that lead to smaller family sizes.

There is an ongoing debate over whether people from high-population countries should simply migrate^{*1} to those with labor shortages⁽³⁾ and declining populations. However, the answer is complex. Immigration involves challenges, including language and cultural barriers, and not all individuals or societies are equally prepared for such transitions. Some countries have established integration programs to address labor shortages and promote diversity. Others enforce strict immigration policies, instead focusing on domestic solutions, such as financial assistance, healthcare support, and

improved working conditions to increase their own birth rates.

Whatever approach is taken, managing population problems is a serious challenge for countries everywhere. It demands immediate action and long-term collaboration across cultures and nations.

(注) migrate^{*1}: 移住する

設問 1 文中の空欄 (ア) に入れるのに最も適切なものを、下の選択肢 (1 ~ 4) のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

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| 1. in contrast to | 2. in addition to |
| 3. for example | 4. for that |

設問 2 下線部(1)burden と最も近いものを、下の選択肢 (1 ~ 4) のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

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| 1. serious problem | 2. extra support |
| 3. energy use | 4. quick change |

設問 3 下線部(2)の表す内容を日本語で説明しなさい。

設問 4 下線部(3)shortages と最も近いものを、下の選択肢 (1 ~ 4) のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

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| 1. not expensive | 2. not enough |
| 3. not interested | 4. not trained |

設問5 以下の質問に対する解答として最も適切なものを、下の選択肢（1～4）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

According to the passage, what is one problem caused by low population?

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| 1. Lack of tourism | 2. Senior majority |
| 3. Increase in pollution | 4. Shortage of schools |

設問6 以下の質問に対する解答として最も適切なものを、下の選択肢（1～4）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

Why does the passage mention examples such as financial assistance, healthcare support, and improved working conditions?

1. To compare policies in different countries
2. To describe how people can earn more money
3. To show how healthcare improves job performance
4. To explain how governments try to increase birth rates

設問7 本文中に書かれていない人口関連問題を、下の選択肢（1～4）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1. Overcrowding in big cities
2. Heavy pressure on national resources
3. Smaller number of working-age people
4. Problems for the economy and society

設問8 本文中に書かれていることを、下の選択肢（1～4）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1. Most governments ignore population issues.
2. Education is the only reason for population decline.
3. Some developing nations struggle with high birth rates.
4. All countries with low birth rates have increasing immigration.

設問9 この文章の主題として最も適切なものを、下の選択肢（1～4）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1. Migration is the best solution to population changes.
2. Only low birth rates are a threat to future generations.
3. Modern technology will solve all population problems.
4. Different population trends are creating challenges in various countries.

Ⅱ. 次の設問（1～2）に、それぞれ算用数字で答えなさい。

設問 1 A soccer team has won 20 games this season, which is double the number they won last season. How many games did the team win in total over both seasons?

設問 2 Minato has visited 25 of the 100 countries he plans to visit. What percentage of the countries does he still need to visit?

Ⅲ. 次の会話文を読み、設問（１～５）に答えなさい。

Ethan : Hey Olivia, did you hear about Sophia? She went to the hospital yesterday and has been there since!

Olivia : Really? I didn't know. What happened?

Ethan : I'm not sure, but I think she had heatstroke. She was at the beach all afternoon, and it was much hotter than usual.

Olivia : Yeah, I heard it reached 35 degrees—10 degrees higher than normal, and 5 more than last weekend. So, should we go visit her at the hospital?

Ethan : I'm thinking of going tomorrow afternoon at 2:00, an hour after the visiting hours start. Do you want to come?

Olivia : Yes, but I have something at 2:00 p.m. Can we go an hour later?

Ethan : Sure! (ア)

設問 1 なぜ Sophia は病院へ行ったか。下の選択肢（１～４）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

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| 1. She got sick from the sun. | 2. She was bitten by an insect. |
| 3. She hurt her leg while running. | 4. She got sick after eating bad food. |

設問 2 Oliviaによると、先週末の気温は何度か。下の選択肢（１～４）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

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| 1. Around 35 degrees | 2. Around 30 degrees |
| 3. Around 25 degrees | 4. Around 20 degrees |

設問 3 病院の面会時間の開始時刻は何時か。下の選択肢（１～４）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

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| 1. At 1:00 p.m. | 2. At 2:00 p.m. | 3. At 3:00 p.m. | 4. Not mentioned |
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設問4 明日 Olivia と Ethan が Sophia のお見舞いに行く予定の時刻は何時か。下の選択肢（1～4）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1. At 1:00 p.m. 2. At 2:00 p.m. 3. At 3:00 p.m. 4. Not mentioned

設問5 空欄（ア）に入れるのに最も適切なものを、下の選択肢（1～4）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1. Tastes good. 2. Feels great. 3. Looks nice. 4. Sounds good.

IV. 次の各文の空欄に入れるのに最も適切なものを、それぞれ下の選択肢（1～4）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

A. () you can think of a better plan, I suggest we use Peter's idea.

1. Because 2. Since 3. Unless 4. Beyond

B. Kyoto is () visiting to enjoy cherry blossoms in spring.

1. valuable 2. useful 3. expensive 4. worth

C. His office is three doors down the hall () your right.

1. at 2. in 3. on 4. to

D. I was wondering () way to go.

1. which 2. whether 3. where 4. who

E. Did you expect () to be the winner?

1. hers 2. her 3. she 4. herself

V. 次の日本語の意味を英語で表すのに適切な語を、空欄にそれぞれ一語入れなさい。

1. カエルは水の中でも陸の上でも生きられる。

Frogs can live () in water and on land.

2. 彼は誰にも必ず笑顔で挨拶する。

He never () to greet everyone with a smile.

3. あなたの到着時間を教えてください。

Please let me know your () time.

4. 開店までしばらく待たざるを得なかった。

We () to wait for a while until the shop opened.

5. お金を借りられる人のあてがない。

I don't know anyone I could borrow money ().

以下余白

